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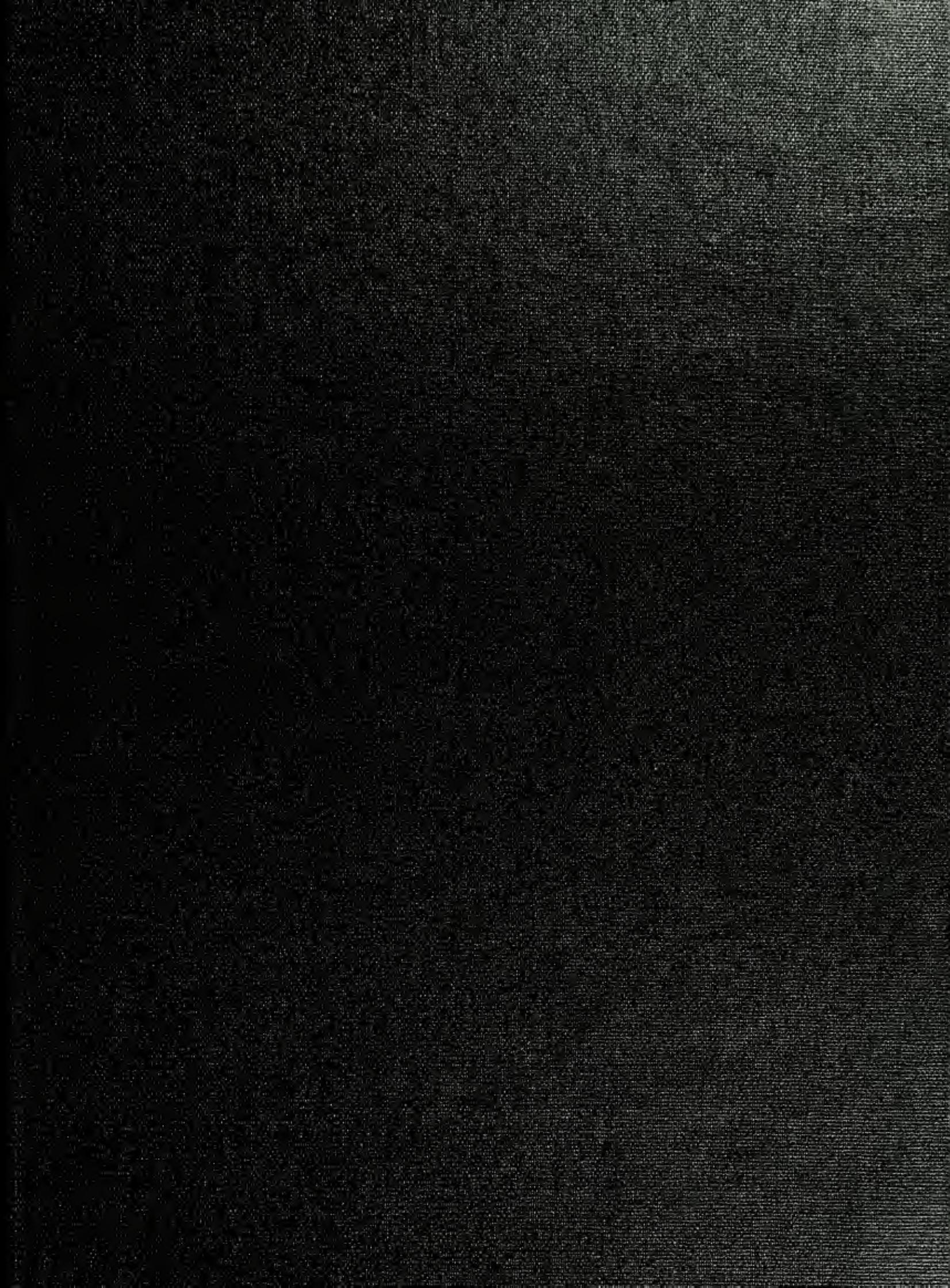
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# COLUMNS



The Journal of the Southern Baptist University

**Internet links  
Southern  
to the world**

**The blend between  
church and university**

**Inside Story:  
Students  
live history**

Spring 1998

# Hearing from you

Editors love to hear from readers. Letters let us know you're really out there. You see what we've written. You're reading. We're reaching you. You're thinking. We've tapped you on the shoulder. You're responding.

It's been some time since we published letters in this space. Typical correspondence provides grist for *Those Who Walked These Halls* where you read of friends and acquaintances. (For many, that's a favorite section of this magazine.) Now we have two specific requests:

- If you attended Southern, complete the following in 50 words or less:

*The most unique thing that happened to me at Southern was . . .*

- or • If you browse WWW and have read "Net Gains" (pp. 7-9), complete the following:

*One of my favorite websites is . . . because . . .*

For the summer issue of COLUMNS we would like to select and publish the cream of the crop. Deadline for these is April 25. Comments on articles or issues (whether of the magazine or of the day) are also welcome at any time. Short, specific letters are the most likely to be chosen for publication. We may edit for space or clarity.

- Send letters via the postal service to

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# Letters

When I saw the title "Our Man in Cambodia," [Fall 1997 COLUMNS] I thought "a story about our grandson, Chris Sorensen," but it was an interesting story about someone else's grandson, and I am sure they were proud of their "man." Just thought I'd tell you you have "two men" in Cambodia. I'm not a Southern graduate, but we've had two children, their spouses, three grandkids, and multiple relatives attend Southern.

Patricia Sorensen  
Grandmother of Kim and Kevin Sorensen, now at Southern,  
plus Chris in Cambodia

Having my daughter at Southern has been a blessing. However, I had no idea how great the blessings were until I was able to have the opportunity to visit her for a weekend and actually spend the Sabbath with her, her friends, and roommate. . . .

My cup overflows with thankfulness to God for making it possible for my daughter, so precious to me and even more precious to Him, to attend a school where it is obvious the staff have dedicated their lives to the service of our Lord and Saviour. Their prayers, hard work, and personal sacrifice were truly evident in the lives of the students I met that memorable weekend.

Sarah M. Wurstle

COVER: Joe Blunt, "first sergeant for Company K" and a class assistant, and "Private" Randy Brown, a student. Photo by Astrid Frauenlob.

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# Students Learn by Living History

by Doris Burdick

“We are people to whom the past is forever speaking. We listen to it because we cannot help ourselves, for the past speaks to us with many voices. Far out of that dark nowhere which is the time before we were born, men who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. We are part of the future they died for; they are part of the past that brought the future. What they did—the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they told and the songs they sang and, finally, the deaths they died—make up a part of our own experience. We cannot cut ourselves off from it. It is as real to us as something that happened last week. It is a basic part of our heritage as Americans.” —Author unknown

To dress for success in History 265, the men in the class don Federal uniforms, and the women their hand-sewn period work dresses and wide-brimmed hats.

“Living history has long been utilized by historians,” explains Craig Hadley, att. ’82-83, an adjunct teacher who has introduced three new classes, *The Civil War—A People’s Contest*, taught in the fall semester, and *Historical Archeology* and *The World Wars*, now under way during spring semester.

“Living history projects in the past have included recreating historical events such as pyramid building, sailing on reconstructed ancient ocean vessels, and living in Native American villages that resemble ancient living quarters,” says Hadley. “It is a way in which the student and historians can actually experience history in order to give us insight into the lives of people long gone.”

Hadley’s project involves giving students experience as “living historians” by completely outfitting them in the uniforms, dresses, and equipment of mid-19th century Civil War participants. The men portray Company K of the 5th Tennessee U.S. Infantry, and the women take the role of Southern refugees and United States Christian Commission workers. In the case of the men, they actually take on and research the name of a specific soldier who fought in the 5th Tennessee.

“My borrowed identity? I was Andrew Smith,” says Randy Brown, a history major from Kelso, Wash. “Andrew was 24, an immigrant from Scotland. We chose our doubles based on the original roster. It describes members of the 5th right down to their height and color of hair and eyes. Then I developed ‘my’ personal history by studying a timeline and reading.”

Students learn to camp, eat, live, and drill as they did in the Civil War through camping and training excursions. They read original letters and diaries. They perform living history demonstrations for the public and some local schools.

“Being able to speak to people from real experience was invaluable,” claims Randy. “It wasn’t all easy. But we did find we could improve hardtack by making a sugar syrup from our rations, putting it on

the hardtack, and then toasting it over the fire. We also did some ‘planned foraging’ of carrots, potatoes, and apples in our field training,” he says, “so we did OK even after the chocolate bar shakedown.”

Jody Harrison, a sophomore psychology major, was familiar with Hadley’s teaching style when he signed up for this class. He had already taken his *History of the South* a semester earlier. He says the Civil War class “made history a reality.” It gave him “a real sense for what they went through—the heat, the heavy gear,” though he acknowledges that class experiences were a camping trip compared to Civil War realities.

Jody’s persona was John Bowden, a sergeant in the 5th Tennessee, who had been a coal miner prior to 1861.

“The class was the best possible way to put yourself in their shoes—almost literally,” says Jody. “It would be nice if everyone could grasp why the Civil War took place and appreciate what those involved were trying to do—and how they put enough stock in what they believed to fight for it.” He’s not sure whether one of his own ancestors, working for the postal service in Texas in the mid-1800s, took a side in the conflict. He did find it fascinating to learn that “western Tennessee leaned toward the confederacy while the eastern part of the state had a lot more unionists.”

“The study of history is often thought of as a passive activity—sitting and reading a history book or perhaps exploring the musty confines of a library,” comments Dr. Ben McArthur, chair of the History Department. “But Craig’s class shows the possibility of ‘living history.’ This

hands-on approach imparts a memorability to historical study that is unique.”

No other college or university in the country teaches a course such as this, according to Hadley. “This makes Southern Adventist University the leader in historical research methods for 19th century American history,” he says. With its focus on the individual men and women who experienced the war, he believes that the course offers education and history majors a rare opportunity to experience history from a different perspective.

“I’m planning to make teaching my career, and the class really gave me some valuable tools,” Randy agrees.

“The American Civil War has influenced our history more than any other event,” states the teacher. “The Adventist Church was organized in the fire of the Civil War and its impact continues to affect our culture to this day,” he adds.

The archeology class is just as dynamic. One weekend a month, students go on a “dig” at an early 19th century archaeological site in Ooltewah, just a few miles from

Surprisingly, these two photographs were taken during the fall semester, and ferrotype-developed. Opposite: In October students of History 265 gather at the reenactment of the Battle of Blue Springs. Below: Craig Hadley, teacher of Living History, also strikes a 19th century pose in Blue Springs, Tenn.



campus. The students learn archaeological methodology in the field while studying its practical aspects in the classroom.

"I like to be a 'hands-on' teacher," explains Hadley. "I want to give the students the chance to touch, hear, and feel

history, not just read about it."

Craig Hadley also brings surviving World War II veterans and holocaust survivors into his World Wars class to let the students hear about history "from those who made it."

## The Civil War — A Distaff View

"The most challenging thing for me was teaching the girls to sew," says Angela (Cobb) Hammonds, '96, a history graduate and consultant. Angie coached the eight female members of the Civil War class as they transformed 12 yards of fabric into period dresses, and undertook other learning activities throughout the semester.

Representing displaced persons, burned out of their homes by the war, they learned about the era "backwards and forwards and upside down." At living history events they experienced and shared all kinds of things. Songs of the time, the etiquette, ways of saying things, how to cook grits or beans and rice in cast iron pots over an open fire, how to quilt and make lye soap—the range covered day-to-day life in the Civil War period.

"The girls learn more about the era, I think, than the guys do," says Angie. "While they're mastering Hardy's *Manual of Drill*, we're talking life and times of the 1860s."

Chatting with visitors to their civilian camp close by the military camp at living history events presented quite a challenge. "We really tried to be historically accurate, not making reference to anachronisms. People would want to look inside our tents, so usually we would designate just one tent off limits—for our ice chests and other contemporary stuff."

"During the war, many displaced persons were attached to military units," says Angie. "They were wards of the government and were issued rations. A battalion might have four civilians assigned to do laundry in exchange for rations. Some of us represented homeless wives of soldiers. (My true-life husband, Chris, had the persona of a commanding officer in the 5th)."

When it came to learning 19th century culture, the student with the steepest learning curve was Min Zhang from the People's Republic of China, reports Angie. "She went after it with a vengeance, and did very well."



Sari Fordham, Min Zhang, Gina Rovetti, Rebecca Arroyo, Jessica Winters, Sandi Saunders, and their mentor, Angie Hammonds, captured much of the spirit of the Civil War era with their participation in historical reenactment.

Hadley has participated in archeological projects in England, Canada, and various parts of the United States and for 14 years has helped plan and execute Civil War battle recreations. He has also lectured on the Civil War at national parks, museums, national conferences, and public schools. He has been a consultant for The History Channel, America Online, and the Civil War Trust through his own company, MCH Cultural-Historical Services, Inc.

Hadley earned his BA in anthropology and history at the University of South Carolina, and a master's degree in historical archaeology from the College of William & Mary. He moved to Chattanooga about three years ago to help establish the archaeology and paleontology exhibit at the Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga.

Hadley is a teacher who puts his money where his mouth is. Though the university made an investment in some of the equipment which will be used when the Civil War class is taught each fall, Hadley put several thousand dollars of his own into the project.

He plans to write articles for two or three national journals on this course and its success, and is presenting the findings as a paper in at least two national conferences.

And as to student interest? Hadley had originally limited enrollment to 15 students, but it filled in the first two hours of registration. "I allowed six more students in the class after they begged and pleaded, and had to turn away another 30 students after that," reports Hadley.

"I am hounded by students wanting to get into this class for the fall of 1998, but I need more equipment to help meet the demand." Hadley is trying to raise another \$20,000 through private donations and grants in order to equip another 14 students. "This way I can allow 28 men and at least 15 ladies to take the class as it is so popular."

"It's an awesome class. It's a practical application of history," is student Chris Swafford's evaluation. ♣

*Note: Southern is well located for Civil War studies. Chattanooga was the site of several Civil War battles in the fall of 1863.*

# Net Gains



by Jenni Artigas and Doris Burdick

If this page were on your computer screen and highlighted words were actual computer links, you could point and click with your "mouse" and the referenced information would appear. It could be arriving from next door or around the world. Web-users would agree that the printed page provides a poor simulation!

**J**on e-mails his parents from a computer in the Student Center. No postage stamp. No phone bill. He gets quick answers to his questions about his dog back home and whether they will be here for his hand concert.

From her computer keyboard, Sherrie Norton in the Chaplain's Office can communicate with two thirds of Southern's 77 Student Missionaries and Task Force volunteers scattered around the country and the world. (Four SMs in Nepal are among the exceptions.)

At his tidy desk in Hickman Science Center, Dr. Ray Hefferlin uses **FTP** and the **Internet** to transfer a book chapter (and

its 130 references) to a research physicist in Moscow. It will be proofread and sent back the same way. A **pioneer** in computer communication, he sends "tens of megabytes" of data routinely.

Catherine sits down at one of 13 on-line computers at McKee Library to search an **on-line data base** for an article on bovine spongiform encephalopathy ("mad cow disease") for an assignment in Dr. Ann Foster's Biology Seminar.

Danielle, at a computer in Brazil, explores various **links** on **Southern's site** on the **World Wide Web**, then completes an on-line information request. She has visited the campus once in person, would

like to enroll this summer, and asks for a specific brochure.

With a keystroke, Barbara, secretary in the Records Office, electronically distributes the minutes for faculty meeting to a **mailing list** that includes 153 teachers and administrators. Later in the day, she checks her e-mail for **U-net** announcements or discussion topics.



There was the agricultural age. Then came the industrial age. And now, the information age. Alvin Toffler has written about The Third Wave, a sweeping change, marked by information technology

## word links

**e-mail** (electronic mail): the simplest, most universal use of the Internet, in which communication travels via computer network and/or modem over telephone lines. Contrast "snail-mail." E-mail is also a verb.

**FTP**: a common method of transferring computer files across networks.

**gopher**: an Internet information service developed at the University of Minnesota (mascot, a gopher) that lets you locate, read, and download files from computer sites around the world

**link**: same as a hyperlink. A connection between websites (or other electronic documents) or any elements within them—text, pictures, music, etc.

**Internet**: the global computer network which consists of millions of local area networks (LANs) and computers (hosts). Nobody owns it. Nobody operates it. Its pieces run themselves. Practical uses include not only the **World Wide Web** and **e-mail**, but also **FTP** and **gophers**.

**mailing list**: E-mail addressed to a mailing list is automatically sent to all on the list, using a list server (specialized program) such as Majordomo or Listserv.

**on-line data base**: Information that can be researched by computer. McKee Library subscribes to these data bases of academic publications and papers: ERIC (education index), MEDLINE, CINAHL (nursing index), Academic Abstracts.

**U-net**: set up at Southern in 1997 as a mailing list for the e-mail exchange of ideas and information among faculty and staff.

**World Wide Web** (Web, WWW): The **name** for one way of practical implementation of the **Internet**. This method enables members of the Internet community to develop and explore a global field of text, pictures, animations, sounds, etc., all of which are interconnected. With a web browser program such as Netscape or Internet Explorer you can explore a world of information.

and computer usage, with effects on all spheres of life.

Southern Adventist University is in the middle of it.

- Over 92 percent of students and teachers have **e-mail** accounts on the SAU system, according to John Beckett, director of information services. Some of the rest have accounts through off-campus providers. Students in several classes turn in assignments electronically. A number of teachers invite their students to ask questions via e-mail. Internet access is recognized on campus as a privilege linked to responsible use.

- Southern has over 600 **campus computers**, without counting those personally owned by students or faculty.

- Besides seven computer laboratories used for classes from one end of the campus to the other, the campus has about 20 "public access" computer work stations for students to use in sending and receiving e-mail. Some stations also have Web access.

- **Southern's site** on the World Wide Web has harvested 452 information requests from prospective students in its first 10 months and they continue to arrive daily. Most are from the United States, but about 50 have come from students as distant as Denmark, England, Canada, Hong Kong, India, or Spain.

For some COLUMNS readers the initial "wow, it's amazing" has settled down. They communicate by e-mail regularly and often explore the Web, whether it's to find a **travel bargain**, check the **weather** in Chicago, hunt up a new vegetarian **recipe**, check on **bank rates**, or buy a **book**. If they have a high school student at home, they might know about **college prep** sites. They have learned Net **terminology**, and any computer fear is long gone.

If this group matches the mix of 10,000 participants in Georgia Tech's latest **WWW user survey**, nearly 40 percent are women, up from 5 percent in 1994.

Georgia Tech's November 1997 estimate is 36 million people on the Internet in the U.S. No one really knows, any more than we know how many COLUMNS readers are among them. Even the **number of websites** is conjecture.

Other readers scarcely know a Web site from a spider home. That's why this article offers some explanatory links of its own. If you happen to be in this "**newbie**" group, we suggest that you visit a library or grade school near you and ask someone to give you a quick introduction to the World Wide Web. Then you can come up with your own "That's incredible!"

As is true of most World Wide Web sites, Southern's presence on the Web is a dynamic process. Up until 1995, construction was basic and minimal. That summer a joint proposal, developed by Information Services and Publications staff, recognized Southern's global network publishing as a process to be guided by publications professionals and policies.

Though additional staffing has been limited to a few hours of student employment per week, the site has gradually expanded and improved with the applied talent of students Jason Wilhelm, '96, and Geoffrey Greenway, '00. Visitors have access to information about Southern Adventist University, its departments and schools and their academic offerings. One segment includes speeches and sermons by the president, Dr. Gordon Bietz. Another provides a news release archive. The daily **cafeteria menu** is even on-line if you know where to look.

Prospective donors are able to learn more about the university and its projects, and current students have access to campus resources such as the student directory.

By browsing the Alumni Association area of Southern's website, former students can find homecoming and class reunion dates, who their class agent is and how to make contact; and an accommodations list for campus visits.

There's more. Alumni can keep in contact with an increasing number of fellow alums by visiting their web pages or exchanging e-mail. Alumni who want to have their name or site added to the list may send e-mail to: [alumni@southern.edu](mailto:alumni@southern.edu)

Besides design classes—even a major in Computer Graphic Design—offered by the Art Department, the School of Computing

## perspective links

offers Introduction to the Internet, Presentation Technology, and Computer Graphics, all of which have some application to WWW site development. From an academic and communication standpoint, the Journalism Department has offered a course called Research on the Internet since 1996.

The School of Education, with its 21st Century Classroom, prepares teachers and teacher-wannabes to keep up with the even-younger generation. Technology in Education is one of their relevant classes.



The future? When we look at what the last decade has brought us, we can't help but wonder what is to come. Here at Southern the immediate future will see completion of fiber-optic cabling traversing the campus and replacing the less stable, more limited copper wires.

In the academic realm, it will see a new cutting-edge master of **software engineering** (MSE) degree offered by Southern's School of Computing.

It will see expansion of Southern's presence on the Web. "There's no end to resources that could be added," says Geoff Greenway. Among many items on the development list: events calendar, media sources/speaker's bureau directory of faculty, more photographs and, some day, a virtual campus tour.

Exploration of distance learning applications will continue, inasmuch as the Internet and WWW are the foundation for many distance learning systems. This type of education involves off-campus students in communicating with faculty and other students via e-mail, electronic forums, videoconferencing, and other forms of computer-based communication.

Another change about to take place at the university will be the hiring of an executive director of information systems who will report directly to Southern's technology-oriented president and will build a campus-wide strategic information systems plan.

"Technology is going to overwhelm us if we don't work diligently in this burgeoning field," comments President Bietz. He has the background and interest to see that we do.

**campus computers:** It began in 1969 with one computer, and one computer class at Southern Missionary College. By 1973, there were six lab terminals. A lab with 12 PCs (personal computers) was established in 1984. The e-mail system on campus had its inception in August of 1993. Prior to that, the campus had perhaps 10 active e-mail users with off-campus providers. See **pioneer**.

**names:** *Information Mesh? Mine of Information? Information Mine?* In October 1990 Tim Berners-Lee picked World Wide Web over the other three names for the information management project he was working on in Switzerland.

In 1993 students at the University of Illinois developed a program called Mosaic that simplified accessing documents on the Internet. Netscape followed in 1994, and the mainstream public began to discover the Internet.

**number of websites:** Incredible nonsense can be found, e.g. "There are 27,000 **websites**, and this number is doubling every 53 days." The statement apparently originated in February 1995 and, if still true, the number as of mid-March 1998, would be about 61 billion—10 Web sites per person!

**pioneer:** In the '80s, when the Internet was nearly the sole province of universities, Dr. Hefferlin subscribed to scientific electronic services. He got his first personal computer message from Moscow on Aug. 21, 1991, during the coup there.

**software engineering:** Link to page 19 for more information.

**user survey:** Georgia Tech has conducted eight **user surveys**. In the most recent survey of WWW users, in the 16-20 year-old age range female users (11%) outnumber males (8%).

## some real links

**bank rates:** <http://www.bankrate.com>

**books:** <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>

**cafeteria menu:** <http://www.southern.edu/~infodisp>

**college prep:** <http://www.christianity.net/campuslife/8cc>  
<http://www.EASI.ed.gov>

**newbie:** <http://www.learnthenet.com>

**recipes:** <http://www.vegweb.com/food/subs/index-frames.html>

**Southern's site:** <http://www.southern.edu>

**terminology:** <http://www.zdwebopedia.com>

**travel bargains:** <http://www.expedia.msn.com>  
<http://www.budgettravel.com>

**user survey:** [http://www.gvu.gatech.edu/user\\_surveys](http://www.gvu.gatech.edu/user_surveys)

**weather:** <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/basemaps/nw725300.htm>  
or for another city <http://www.usatoday.com/weather/basemaps/wcity1.htm>

**websites:** <http://www.anamorph.com/docs/stats/stats.html>

# In the Neighborhood

Interviews by Doris Burdick

**H**ow do a major manufacturing company and a small university share a peaceful valley, each benefiting the other? People whose life experiences connect the two entities provide answers. Our first chat is with Charles Wilson.

"Yes, when I started college in 1958, my job was to dump angel food cakes and wash pans by the hour," says the 1964 graduate. "Then I would go back to the books and work on my accounting assignments."

Forty years later he still works at the company (McKee Foods Corporation) next door to his alma mater (Southern Adventist University), but now it's as vice president for Collegedale manufacturing.

"I always tried to make whatever I was doing fun, by enjoying it, using my mind, trying to do it a better way," he recalls. "When that happens, somebody starts to notice. Recognition, promotion, and opportunities come along."

He believes that a university always adds value to a community. "I think highly of Southern Adventist University." The alumnus speaks as a father as well. "I put

three kids through: Dawn (Knecht) Schrader, '82, David 'Bucky' Knecht, and Tiffany (Wilson) Kelley, '91."

In the very first year Southern awarded accounting degrees, 1962, one of the diplomas went to Glenn Fuller. Now he's a vice president of McKee Foods and CEO and president of Sovex Foods (which produces the Sunbelt snack and cereal line). He

grins at the recollection that Dr. Wayne VandeVere taught every accounting class he ever took except for one.

After graduation and seven years with the IRS, in 1968 he joined McKee Foods and soon thereafter, the internal auditing department was born. On the way to his present titles, held since 1990, he was corporate secretary.

Here in Collegedale he and his family have appreciated what Southern contributes to life quality. "We enjoy the cultural things—music and the other arts, continuing educational opportunities. Four of our children have chosen Southern for at least part of their college experience: Kimberly Estes, Dr. Janelle

Siebenlist, Desiree Neal, and Andrea Deming."

It's not just accounting and business administration majors who have found their career next door. Susan (Zutz) Pragnell, '77, and Virginia Eldridge, '81, share first shift as occupational health nurses. Connie (Regal) Walls, '75, is on third shift. They all love their jobs—health



counseling, giving company physicals, and interfacing with Workers' Compensation. "McKee Foods is low on injuries, so mostly we use Band-aids," laughs Susan.

Making a fresh start in her life, Virginia moved to Collegedale in 1978, a single mom with two little boys. She enrolled in Southern's nursing program and found work at McKee Foods.

From 2:30 to 6:30 p.m., sometimes until 10:30, she worked on "make-up" type jobs, what's done to the product between the oven and the wrapper. "I never imagined I'd return later," she says, but she's been back now for 13 years.

"The kind of pay I got, the convenience of walking to work from the campus, the tuition grants—I don't know how I could have done it otherwise," says Virginia.

She and Susan anticipate April when two students at a time will come over from Southern's upper division Community Health Nursing class to shadow them in their occupational health specialty.

**Tom Hunter**, '83, took a direct route to his present post as supervisor of corporate media productions. He transferred to Southern for the last two years of his communications major, and while still a student was hired by McKee's audiovisual department to help put together slide shows and the like. He and his team of three other full-time staff (including Kevin Spicer, '89) are heavy into video production—some of it for motion analysis of processes. Photography, graphic arts, multimedia, they do it all. "I like the variety. Sixteen years and my job still gives me a good feel for what's going on in all branches of the company, from truck drivers to management," Tom says.

"I got my start as a fill-in secretary," comments McKee Foods' director for human resources, **Eva Lynne (Zollinger) Disbro**, '74. She oversees personnel, communication, safety, group insurance, compensation and benefits, human resources development, equal employment opportunity, and employee health services.

During her junior year of college she dropped out for a semester and took a three-month temp assignment at McKee Foods. Back to school in the fall, she also worked a 30-hour week doing clerical assignments for four bosses in safety and

training. By the second month, her experience with the *Echoher* at Collegedale Academy and the *Southern Accent* in college, plus her initiative, added editing the employee newsletter to her job description.

"I saw the newsletter, went to those already doing it to ask if they wanted help, and they said, 'Here, just have it!'"

After graduating, Eva Lynne was awarded the full-time position of communications coordinator. This was the first of seven positions she held over the next two-plus decades in her rise to her current position as human resources director. Along the way, with evening courses at UTC, she earned a master's degree in industrial/organization psychology in 1980.

"I never dreamed I'd make a career here, but with bakery policies for internal promotion, I've really had opportunities to grow. I've never felt stuck in a rut."

When Eva Lynne speaks of synergy between Collegedale's two largest organizations, her sincerity comes through: "I think there's a vibrance, an energy level, about being located in a university town where you've got a lot of young people, and teachers who like new ideas. The kind of people you run into at the Village Market, in the local community, are of really positive caliber.

"I think that the partnerships have been really positive through the years. We've had very good success with interns from Southern, especially in the communication area.

"Also we have been very appreciative of the availability of Southern facilities, You know, we've used the gym for some of our large employee meetings and it's a real blessing to be able to do that. The folks we've worked with on the campus have been very helpful.

"We're able to find some very competent employees, though we're not finding as many college students who want to work at least 20 hours a week year round as we used to." One who was willing to make just such a commitment is Mike Lorren.

**Mike Lorren** is on Eva Lynne's team as government relations coordinator for the company. At age 26 he's already worked for the company eight years. As a high school senior he moved from a \$2.85/hour

job elsewhere to \$7/hour, starting out as a palletizer. The next year he qualified for profit-sharing, and by his final semester of college in 1994 he was a communication intern. A well-timed (for him) retirement gave him a full-time opening after his graduation with a public relations degree.

"I know for a fact that my sisters and I, all three of us, covered our entire college tuition by working at McKee Foods," Mike says. His older sister, **Joanna King**, '92, took long term care and is administrator of Caldsted Foundation in Chattanooga. **Marianne Zmaj**, '96, works at Loma Linda University where her husband, Paul, is in his second year of medicine.

"I worked 40 hours or more during the summer, the standard 20 hours a week during the school year.

"Sacrifices? Sure. The biggest was you in effect gave up going away for summer vacation. It was definitely a commitment, but I think it was worth it. I still had plenty of fun."

Mike's dad always encouraged his kids to work. "We earned our way through academy. Work was so much a part of our lives that when we turned 18 working at McKee seemed like the natural next step."

When Canadian-born **Remy Guenin** turned 6 and his Swiss father and French mother enrolled him in first grade, it was at a French-speaking school in Cameroon, Africa, where they were missionaries.

His bilingual skills put him where he is today. A physical education graduate at Southern, he is one of four consumer affairs representatives, the only one fluent in both French and English.

For two years he's handled all consumer calls from Canada, as well as some within the USA.

## Company profile

- Location history—McKee Foods Corporation (name since 1991) accepted the 1957 invitation of Southern Adventist University (name since 1996) to move from Chattanooga to Collegedale
- Company owners—the McKee family
- Five production plants—three in Collegedale, Tenn.; others in Stuarts Draft, Va., and Gentry, Ark.
- Annual sales—about \$825 million
- Where Little Debbie products are sold—49 states, plus Mexico, Canada, and Europe
- Number of products—66 varieties of snack cakes, 20 Sunbelt granola and cereal products
- Number of full-time employees—over 5,000
- Pay—entry level in 1957, \$1.12 per hour; in 1998, \$8.35 plus benefits; Ruth McKee always received the same salary as O.D. McKee

In a phone interview (naturally) he explained how a "health nut" who planned to teach PE balances working for a corporation that measures its sugar and shortening consumption by the ton.

"I'm still involved with sports and healthful eating. Personally, I appreciate the low-fat products the company makes. But I believe God gave us certain things to enjoy in life if not taken to excess. He expects us to use our brains. I have no hang-ups about working here and enjoying it. The McKees are a Christian family. There's no question in my mind that God has a part in the everyday running of this company. I enjoy the people, the work ethics, job security, benefits, also the fact that there are big opportunities for advancement within the company."

Weeding flower beds and mowing lawns was the takeoff point for **Gary Walls'** career as aviation manager at McKee Foods. Except for one year, he has worked for the company since his 1972 academy graduation. He attended Southern two or three semesters but eventually graduated from Chattanooga State with an aviation degree. While working in electrical maintenance in the McKee plant, he taught an evening ground school at Southern in 1977-78. He has enjoyed his high-flying job as a full-time pilot for the company since 1979.

His son, **Richard Walls**, is a freshman at Southern, headed for electrical engineering.

Then there are current students, a dozen or so, with jobs today at the source of the baking-brownies scent that often pervades the campus. **Jason Strack** is a senior biology major preparing to teach. He's worked

as a palletizer for almost 2 years. Five days a week, 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. while classmates are playing intramurals, taking an evening class, or hitting the books, Jason is putting cartons in boxes, and boxes on skids.

When the monotony tends to get to him, he reminds himself it's a means to an end. "I like the pay," he concedes (after a couple of raises he now earns \$10.04), "and the \$740 stipend last semester gave me a boost. I've learned to pace myself and to relate to coworkers I wouldn't know otherwise."

With 2,755 full-time employees in Collegedale alone, students and graduates of Southern Adventist University are far from a majority (nor are they all identified in this article). Furthermore, as a government contractor, McKee Foods gives no preference to them. But like a Raspberry Fruit Booster® with good stuff in the middle, fruitage of Southern is well represented at the center of management.

And it goes way back, with both company founders, **Ruth** and **O. D. McKee**, having attended Southern in its junior-college childhood. [See below.]

Their son **Ellsworth McKee** recently became chairman of the board and chief administrative officer after more than a quarter-century as president and CEO. When Ellsworth was 16, his dad had come to him in a bakery crisis. He had caught two employees stealing. "I need you to take their place," he said. About a year later Ellsworth returned to school. His preparation for heading the top snack cake company in the United States included finishing college with a business administration degree from Southern in 1954.

The third generation of the McKee family includes Ellsworth's daughter, **Debbie**, a 1981 history graduate. Early in her history, at age 3 ½, she was the little girl with the crinkled straw hat. Today her name represents a brand known to most families in America, and she serves as a member of the board of directors. The third generation also provides three more Southern alumni for active positions in the company. **Rusty**, '87, is vice president and Gentry, Ark., general manager. His cousin **Mike**, vice president, manufacturing, attended Southern for two years but finished up an engineering degree at UTC. Mike's brother, **Chris**, '88, is director of quality, research, and development. He's in line to head the purchasing department when **Bill Krause**, vice president of purchasing, retires in a couple of years. Bill's son, **Keith**, '89, works in long-range planning at McKee Foods and plans to be one of the first to enroll in Southern's MBA program this summer. His daughter, **Kassy**, '84, worked at the company before becoming an associate dean of women at Southern.

The sons of O.D. and Ruth McKee [Ellsworth and his younger brother, Jack, president and CEO, with an engineering degree from UTK] carry on their parents' commitment to Christian education. Eva Lynne Disbro says in summary: "They take very seriously the responsibility of being an employer. They recognize that it's not just hands and arms that we're hiring to fill a need here. It's very much a two-way street, meeting the needs of real people—students coping with tuition bills, families putting food on the table, and educational communities who can share in our success." ♣

## Education and "a million dollar box of candy"

It all began here on campus with a box of homemade candy. A student janitor in the all-purpose administration building (now Lynn Wood Hall) found a beautiful brunette practicing the piano. The girl, Ruth, turned and said to the red-haired boy, "So you're the one who got my candy!"

Here's what had happened: Ruth had a friend who sent Paul (the friend's brother) a box of candy. After learning Paul had left school, Ruth's friend wrote to tell her she could have the candy. But Paul's mother had written the red-haired boy to tell him he could have it. He got there first.

It was the fall of 1924. The red-haired boy was O.D. McKee. The girl at the piano was Ruth King. This boy-meets-girl conversation began a friendship that led to marriage in 1928, and a bakery purchase in 1934.

From a box of homemade candy to millions of Little Debbie Snack Cakes, their 61-year marriage and business partnership not only inspired the success of McKee Foods Corporation but touched education in ways that continue today to the second and third generation.

Tuition assistance for McKee Foods employees has been offered for decades. In the past five years, more than 100 Southern students have shared close to \$200,000. McKee employees are reimbursed for job-related classes taken at Southern. Occasionally an employee teaches a class at the university.

Years ago McKee Foods decided that most of its non-tithe gifts would benefit education projects. Gifts to the students on Southern's campus have included McKee Library, the technology building, the Macintosh computer lab for journalism and art, and many other projects. Corporate giving has been complemented by personal gifts for projects such as the Garden of Prayer and the Ruth McKee Chair for Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics.

McKee generosity to education reaches beyond the corporate hometown of Collegedale. McKee Foods is a leader in the Partners in Education program and Junior Achievement. The company has helped fund the Tennessee Aquarium, the Creative Discovery Museum, the College Access Program and Challenger Center at UTC, as well as other projects on public and private campuses.



# Meet David Burghart

**M**igrating south from Michigan, David Burghart has accepted the invitation to join the Southern Adventist University administrative team as vice president for advancement.

"I look forward to working with the advancement team and hope to collectively make a positive impact for Southern," says Burghart. He feels that "the potential for growth is great." His duties at Southern officially began March 1.

Burghart had been director of development at Andrews University since 1996, and associate director for five years prior to that. As director, he was responsible for all facets of the development program. This included raising funds for a \$13 million capital campaign.

He was a development specialist at St. Helena Hospital in California from 1990-92.

While dividing his time between the music program and the development program at Rio Lindo Academy, Burghart was selected by his colleagues to receive the 1989 Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award.

A Minnesota native, David Burghart attended Maplewood Academy and Union College. In 1986 he received his master of

music education degree from VanderCook College of Music, and the following year, certification from the Fund-Raising School.

He lists making outdoor Christmas decorations among more common interests such as travel, golf, skiing, and family (not in that order).

"Family" is his wife, Verna, an office administrator who loves "shopping for bargains," and a son and daughter. Jason, 25, lives in Orlando and Janelle, 22, is in Washington, D.C., for an internship prior to moving to Orlando.

Mr. Burghart fills the administrative position, now renamed and somewhat restructured, previously occupied by Dr. Jack McClarty, vice president for development, whose September 8 death was reported in the preceding issue of *COLUMNS*.

Before the end of September, a five-member search committee was appointed by President Gordon Bietz, and its work concluded in January.

"I am eager to work with Dave Burghart in raising funds to reduce Southern's dependence on student tuition for operations," indicated the president. "I believe he has the gifts and skills to help Southern Adventist University accomplish its long-range goals," Dr. Bietz added. ¶

# Uniting



Pastoral staff and Southern faculty worked together to assist students with hauling belongings into their dorm rooms in Southern's We-Haul program. Here, from right, Pastor Ed Wright and Mike McClung, Southern recruitment adviser, help Laura Juhi cart items to her room.



Extended Family members filled gift bags for students. The snacks, coupon, and note wishing "happy Sabbath" were delivered to each room one Friday evening.



The pastoral and church staff and their families joined together to serve dormitory students. Residents of Thatcher and Talge halls were offered the fall semester.

**N**ot even Chattanooga-area tornadoes halted the 1997 SonRise Resurrection Pageant. After a night of torrential rain and wind, the morning dawned bright. Crews quickly set stables and fences back up. "Early first-century townstolk" in biblical costume mingled with goats, donkeys, cattle, and sheep to transform the Promenade into mainstreet Jerusalem.

Bringing students, local church members, and Chattanooga guests together, SonRise represents Jesus' journey from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem to His crucifixion and resurrection. Last year, ten groups of roughly 450 people walked through the last scenes of Jesus' life. The combined effort of Southern Adventist University students and Collegedale church members made the pageant one of the largest evangelistic efforts targeting Collegedale and surrounding communities.

"Southern has so many talented students. Their input has been vital in both the planning and production of the pageant," said Ingrid Skantz, 1998 SonRise director. "The Pageant is a good way for them to become involved as more than just onlookers."

Danny Houghton, a senior religious studies major, was one of the five students who found a blessing in portraying Jesus Christ. "It was hard to figure out how Jesus would think, since He was both human and divine," said Houghton, who read portions of *The Desire of Ages* to prepare for the part. "Coming out of the tomb was the most triumphant feeling in my life. I went from the lowest low to the highest high in one hour."

SonRise, now in its third year, is only one of the initiatives in which the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists and Southern Adventist University work together. The church has other ways of reaching out to and making Southern students feel at home in the congregation.

At the beginning of each school year, the pastors serve cinnamon rolls and orange juice in each of the residence halls on Sabbath morning. Dorm residents, often sleepy-eyed and pajama-clad, get the chance to eat breakfast, which is sometimes overlooked, and the opportunity to meet the pastors of the church.

"We don't get much personal contact with the students, we don't teach classes. This is a great excuse to get acquainted," said Dr. Ed Wright, senior pastor of the Collegedale Church.

"I liked it," said Veronica Joy, sophomore elementary education major. "And it would be cool if they could do it more often."

On February 12, the church pastors and staff served free brownies and ice cream to students in the cafeteria following assembly. This gave the students and church staff another opportunity to interact.

"It was thoughtful of them to get involved with the students," said Jenny Black, a junior psychology major. "They went out of their way to do something that wasn't necessary, but very nice."

The Collegedale Church reaches out to Southern students in other small ways, including sending notes of encouragement before final exams at the end of semester and reserving pews for students during the crowded Sabbath morning second service.

"I think saving pews for students is a great idea," said Jessica Blichington, junior English and psychology major. "It shows

# Church School

by Rachelle Newbold  
photos from Collegedale Church



Light breakfast of sweet rolls and juice to  
dies on different Sabbath mornings during

The annual SonRise Resurrection Pageant allows a large number of students and church  
members to participate together in reaching out to the local community. Here two students  
took on the role of chief priests.

"Ice cream and brownie? They're free!" Members of the pastoral and church staff served  
ice cream and brownies in the cafeteria after the Student Association election speeches this  
past February.

that the church wants the college students there enough to set aside places for us."

To ease the crowding of second service even more, the church is considering adding a third service catered to the collegiate-aged in the congregation. This new service would be for young people, planned by young people. The idea is currently in the blueprint stage, but Pastor Wright and others hope that it will work.

Travis Boreen, a sophomore psychology major, hopes that this new service will be "unique and interesting for college people."

Net '98, which will originate at Andrews University from October 9 to November 14, is another way that the church plans to reach out to students. The meetings will be shorter than those of Net '98 and attendance will substitute for worship in the residence halls. Pastor Wright hopes that Net '98 will reach students. He is working with Ken Rogers, the SAU chaplain, to use student coordinators who will promote Net '98 on campus and lead out in prayer groups.

In March, Southern students David Achata, David Cook, and Ryan Ashlock were ordained as elders for the church.

"It felt overwhelming, and seemed like an awful lot of responsibility," said Ryan Ashlock, senior theology major, when Pastor Wright approached him with the idea over a year ago. Wright explained that the ordination was a recognition of the ministry that Ashlock and the others were already doing.

"Now, I'm quite excited about it," said Ashlock. "I think it's a great idea too. I hope the church continues to work with the university."

The Collegedale Church has also adopted an Extended Family program to help make new students or students far from home feel more comfortable with their new surroundings. This program is an adaptation of the former six-week Secret Family program. Unlike the old program, the Extended Family program lasts all year long, and students know from the beginning who their adopted families are.

"I like the extended families idea because you feel like you're a part of a family. It's not some secret thing," said Shannon Jaeger, freshman social work major.

Christina Holm, freshman physical

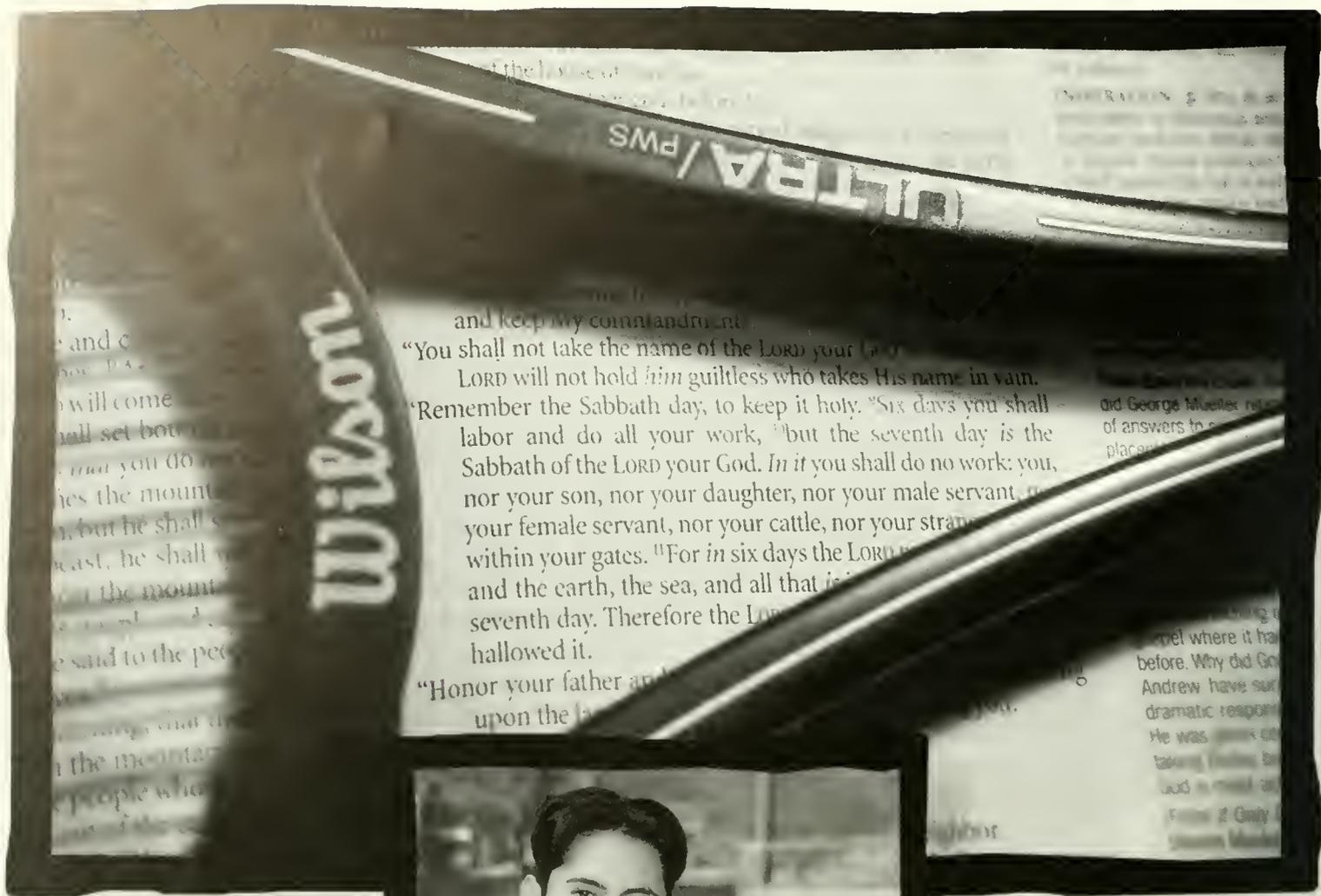
therapy major, added, "It's always nice to be thought of, and I can do things I wouldn't have time to plan otherwise."

Coordinator Owen Maupin matched students with nearly 150 Collegedale church families. Families send their adopted students notes and gifts, and may even invite them over for dinner or an outing. "It's important that these students can get away from school when they need to and still be in a Christian atmosphere," he said.

The Collegedale Church is seeking to continue building the strong relationship it has had with the university in the past.

"Student involvement makes a big difference—especially in the music," said Wright. "Students add a level of vitality and enthusiasm. We've always had a good relationship with the university, and we want to build on the strengths of the past."

"The church could probably stand alone without the school," said Chaplain Ken Rogers. "However, there are benefits from having a church, community, and school work together. Integration is a vital aspect." ❧



# Faith Won the Match



Tennis was basically my life," claims Eddie Vargas, 18, a sophomore in his first year of college. Eddie doesn't brag. He just quietly explains that at Seminole High School in Sanford, Fla., he attended a school within the school, the Academy of Health Careers. There, with pre-med in mind, he took enough advanced placement classes and

challenge examinations to enroll at Southern Adventist University as a sophomore. He doesn't brag about his meteoric rise in tennis rankings, either. But the record shows his advance of more than 300 places in the United States Tennis Association junior rankings in Florida, an extremely competitive state for tennis. Eddie unpretentiously shares his story.

Born and raised in Peru, he was just 5 when his mother, newly divorced, brought him and his sister, Claudia, to the United States to make a new start. From California to New York and New Jersey they moved, finally settling in Florida. One anchor was their continuing relationship with the Roman Catholic Church. As Eddie grew older, he was confirmed and began serving as an altar boy, though he never studied the Bible for himself.

**"It was the most horrible tournament of my life"**

One day 12-year-old Eddie and his mother were passing a garage sale. Eddie spied an old wooden racket, and talked his mother into exchanging a dollar bill for it. Eddie and his sister had just been fascinated with watching Wimbledon on a little black-and-white TV. In no time the two marked out a makeshift court on the parking lot behind their house. Seeing their interest, their mom enrolled Eddie and 10-year-old Claudia in a group class at the

park. Almost immediately, their coach sensed great potential.

"She kind of adopted us as her tennis kids. She bought us rackets. She took us all over the state to compete and paid for everything. Our rankings rose," says Eddie, "and we began to qualify for scholarships."

"Tennis was her thing, and she wanted it to be our thing," Eddie says of their intensive training program. "We had a late start, and had to catch up with everybody who had been playing their whole life."

A pivotal moment in their lives came the day Eddie's mother met another Peruvian on a tennis court at a round robin. She learned two significant facts about the man: his wife had died of cancer, and he was a Seventh-day Adventist. She let him know that two topics were off limits with her: politics and religion.

Yet they ended up talking religion for hours. Regardless of where their new friendship led, the man sensed a thirst for friendship with God. He enlisted Barbara McCoy, one of the pastors at the Forest Lake Adventist Church, to offer Monday evening Bible studies to the trio.

"Monday nights were a tremendous experience for my mom, my sister, and me. We looked forward to them so much," says Eddie. "For the first time we met the God we always believed in. At first I thought it would make me a better Catholic. It was only as time went on that we knew we had to make a decision."

"My main problem was tennis," he admits. "My sister and I were so involved in it. When we accepted the truth of the seventh-day Sabbath and told our coach, it was especially hard for her. She herself was Jewish, but had broken away from her heritage."

Creeping compromise set in. "I decided to just play seven tournaments a year, just enough to keep my rankings," admits Eddie.

Eddie was soon brought face-to-face with his mistake. After a few weeks a Saturday tournament came up.



"It was the most horrible tournament of my life. I kept thinking, I should be singing, listening to a sermon, not running around the tennis court. I lost badly."

From that point on, he knew he would make it all or nothing. Half-way commitment was not the way to go. "The coach was crushed and broke off all connection with us. It was kind of scary," recalls Eddie.

"We prayed that she would understand. It took some time, and I don't know how much personal struggle, but she came around. In fact, she gave me a job giving tennis lessons as assistant pro at her club," he says. "Now she understands our commitment, and respects us for our decision."

Eddie swallows, smiles, and continues his story.

Eddie had planned to enroll at the University of Central Florida. "I knew it wouldn't be good for me, but I wanted to." He had friends going there, and he could have his fun on the weekends.

"One night I prayed really, really hard about it. I had heard about Southern and knew it was comparatively expensive. But I decided to give God all the control. I said, 'If He wants to send me to Southern, He'll provide a way.'"

### **"God's too big for me to wrestle with . . ."**

The phone rang a couple of days later. Bert Ringer, Southern's Florida representative, was on the line. The two had talked before, but now Bert had spoken to Dr. Wayne Janzen, manager of Southern Carton Industry, a cardboard recycling industry on the campus. Dr. Janzen needed dependable summer employees so urgently that he offered to fly Eddie up from Florida.

"I felt it wasn't really Bert's voice on the phone, but God saying He's heard my prayer and He has the answer," declares Eddie.

Eddie worked a regular full-time schedule at the "box factory" for the rest

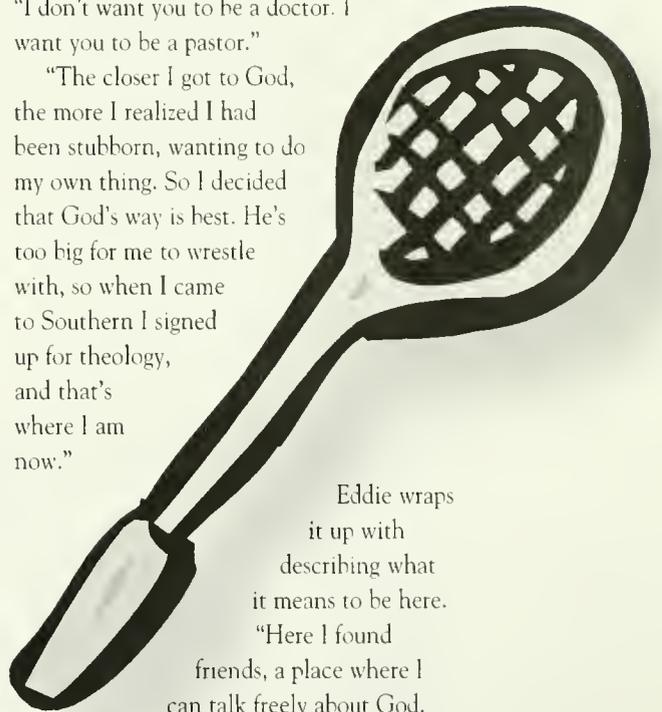


of the summer, and continues now with a part-time schedule (20 hours a week at \$8 per hour, plus incentive bonuses).

His career decision was no easier than the coming to Southern. "I always knew God was calling me to be a pastor, but I never felt *good* enough. I loved to teach, but I always analyzed myself and never understood that I just need to go to the Lord, that He will chisel away the flaws and purify me."

So he rationalized away his calling and decided to help the Lord by being a doctor. Eddie says the conviction persisted, as though God was speaking directly to him, "I don't want you to be a doctor. I want you to be a pastor."

"The closer I got to God, the more I realized I had been stubborn, wanting to do my own thing. So I decided that God's way is best. He's too big for me to wrestle with, so when I came to Southern I signed up for theology, and that's where I am now."



Eddie wraps it up with describing what it means to be here. "Here I found friends, a place where I can talk freely about God, an environment that really emphasizes spiritual growth."

Here, too, he has found an avenue of service as youth leader for a small inner city Spanish Church in Chattanooga. He would like to serve for a year in another country as a Student Missionary after another year of college.

#### Footnotes:

- After her baptism, Eddie's mother married the man who introduced her to God's holy truth. This gained Eddie two older stepsisters who are studying at Andrews University, and a stepbrother who is exactly a month older than he is. Eddie's sister, Claudia, hopes to come to Southern after she finishes high school.
- Southern Carton Industry, where Eddie works, is operated by Southern Adventist University and serves McKee Foods Corporation (story on page 10) by preparing cardboard shipping cases for reuse. SCL employs about 50 students.

- **Curriculum changes** for 1998-99 include new majors in Chemistry-Biochemistry, International Business, and Mass Communication. New minors are Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, and Entrepreneurial Management. Several other names of majors and minors have received a new spin: Art (Computer Graphic Design), Long-Term Care Administration, and Administrative Management. The Mass Communication major offers a choice of five emphases: Advertising, Broadcasting, Public Relations, Visual Communication, and Writing/Editing.

- Employees once again demonstrated interest in their community by increased giving to the United Way Campaign for Caring. A total of 168 people gave \$11,194 in 1997. This was an 18 percent increase over the previous year, both in the number of contributors and total given.

- **The College Press** celebrated its 80th anniversary with an open house on November 13. Besides 31 full-time personnel, it currently employs 9 students and 7 other part-time workers.

- Two **high-profile guest speakers** on campus this semester are U.S. Senator Fred Thompson (R-TN) and Dr. Joseph Echols Lowery. Thompson, mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 2000, chairs the Governmental Affairs Committee which has investigated alleged finance abuses during the 1996 campaign. Thompson spoke January 8. Lowery cofounded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and chairs the National Black Leadership Forum and the board of MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit System). His visit helped celebrate Black History Week, held in February.

- Southern Adventist University was part of a joint **distance learning** experiment this semester with Georgia-Cumberland Academy and Greater Atlanta Adventist Academy. Dr. Clifford Olson, associate professor of business at Southern, taught a dozen students on the academy campuses a one-semester-hour course in Personal Finance via interactive video. Last semester five students at Atlanta Adventist Academy successfully completed an extended learning experiment which combined videotapes of ENG101 lectures by Dr. Jan Haluska with interactive Internet.

- A **European Study Tour** will leave from Atlanta on May 28 and return four weeks later on June 26. Conducted in alternate years by Dr. William Wohlers, vice president for student services and professor of history, the tour will take in nine countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, and Switzerland. About 20 usually make the trek, along with Dr. Wohlers and his wife, Rita.

- The annual **College Bowl** tournament—"the sport of the brain"—began February 2 and continued every Monday and Wednesday evening for four weeks. The championship match was held at assembly just before Spring Break. The tournament, played since 1983, includes questions in history, literature, humanities, business, current events, sports, science, psychology, and general knowledge.

- A **marine biology** class will be taught this summer, with part of the study taking place along the coast of Belize.

- **Video/data projectors** and screens have been installed inside seven classrooms in

the new Hickman Science Center. Two additional roving projectors will be available to serve the chemistry and biology departments where needed.

- The Southern Adventist University **Concert Band** under the direction of Brandon Beck will be touring to Texas and Mississippi May 3-13. They plan to perform at Valley Grande Academy in Weslaco, Texas, on Monday, May 4, at 7 p.m.; at the Arneson River Theater in San Antonio, Texas, on Wednesday, May 6, at noon; San Antonio Junior Academy on May 8, at 10:30 a.m.; Beaumont SDA Church in Beaumont, Texas, on Saturday, May 9; and Bass Memorial Academy in Lumberton, Miss., on Tuesday, May 12. About 52 band members will be going on the tour.

- The Social Work and Family Studies Department is ecstatic that their **social work program** is now accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The teachers who have worked toward this recognition feel that this good news affirms the quality of teaching and learning already in process.

## Origins Weekend coming in April

"Where did you come from?" will be more than a casual question during Origins Weekend, April 2 to 4.

The emphasis begins with a Thursday assembly presentation by Dr. Michael Behe, author of *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*. Interested students will lunch with him while he shares "What My Critics Say About My Ideas and How I Answer Them." Dr. Behe is a biochemist from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

That evening, "Shaker-Tables, Gaping Holes, and Petrified Critters: What Is the Earth Really Telling Us?", a lecture in the E. O. Grundset Series, will be given by Dr. Kurt Wise, a creationist paleontologist at Bryan College. He got his degree under Stephen Jay Gould at Harvard University.

Friday will include an 11 a.m. discussion, "Issues in Natural Science and Religion," by Dr. Jim Gibson, a mammalogist

who directs the Geoscience Research Institute, located in Loma Linda, Calif.

"Keeping the Faith in a Post-modern World" is the title chosen by Dr. Wise for his Friday evening vespers presentation.

To cap the Origins Weekend, Dr. Gibson speaks about "The Designer God" for both church services (9 a.m. and 11:30

a.m.). He will illustrate how design in nature points to a Creator of that design.

Origins Week-ends were held previously in 1992 and 1995.

"Since people outside of our department also have interest in these topics, we welcome not only our biology students but anyone to attend," said Dr. David Ekkens, professor of biology and series organizer. ☞



Dr. James Gibson

# Graduate programs now offered in five fields

The timing of graduate classes may seem whimsical to the casual observer and dismaying to record-keepers. This summer, for example, graduate classes will run April 13-May 28, May 4-20, June 1-July 20, June 2 to July 21, June 1-26, June 1-12, June 15-26, June 29-July 24, and July 27-Aug. 12.

While undergraduates are meeting four months of second semester appointments, a graduate student may be taking a six-week class or a ten-day "intensive."

"We have good reasons," explains Dr. George Babcock, chair of the nine-member Graduate Council. "144 reasons. That's the number of graduate students whose personal schedules have been or are being served with our flexible scheduling."

Elementary classroom teachers, for example, have a narrow window to take on their summer study. "Intensives" put students actually on the campus for just two weeks of concentrated classwork but they have pre- and post-assignments. Intensives meet the requirements of the summer camp and nature center professionals who take the outdoor teacher education emphasis for the master of science in education, and pastors taking the master of arts in religion who can leave their church duties only for brief periods.

The number of graduate degrees offered is also tied to the student market. That number has grown rapidly. The first graduate classes began June 3, 1996, and applied toward Southern's first graduate degree, the *master of science in education* (MSEd). This degree is now offered with a choice of four emphases: educational administration and supervision, inclusive education, multiage/multigrade teaching, and outdoor teacher education.

Next came classes for the *master of arts* (MA) in *religion*, with 22 students enrolling at Southern last May for intensive classes in Advanced Preaching Methods and Youth Ministry in the Local Church. A concentration in pastoral studies aims toward greater ministerial effectiveness of pastors who have not had opportunity to take seminary training. A general studies concentration is also offered.

The first students for the *master of science* (MS) in *counseling* got their start last summer. Emphases are now offered in community counseling, and marriage and family therapy.

The School of Nursing is initiating graduate coursework by offering a three-hour class this summer, Topics in Women's Health.

Four areas of concentration are going to be offered within the *master of business administration* (MBA) program: executive management, healthcare administration, church and nonprofit leadership, and accounting. The first classes, Management and Technological Society, and Seminar in Entrepreneurship, will begin June 1, two nights a week for 8 weeks. When fall classes begin, the program will be geared to serve both full-time and part-time students. "We are preparing to offer some classes through distance learning," says Dr. Don Van Ornam, dean of the School of Business and Management.

Newest of the new is a *master of software engineering* (MSE) degree offered by the School of Computing. Also involving intensive short sessions enabling full-time employees to participate, the program builds skills in great demand by the software development industry. The 16-month sequence of courses is slated to begin this fall with the class, Introduction to Object Oriented Technology. Last year's merger of the computer science department and the Software Technology Center into the School of Computing provided the synergy to develop this unique professional degree.

There's no halt yet to the expansion of graduate study. In January the Academic Affairs Committee accepted the Graduate Council's recommendation to add a Health, Physical Education, and Recreation topics graduate class to the 1999-2000 catalog.

Possibly as many as 21 MSEd students will be ready to participate in Southern's first-ever graduate commencement, to be held Thursday, July 23.



Stephen Ruff

## TV station gives news set to journalism

A Chattanooga television station donated a professionally designed news set to the Journalism and Communication Department. General Manager Tom Tolar of WRCB Channel 3, who also serves on Southern's Journalism Consulting Board, offered Southern the set, originally built in 1990. It was moved and reassembled in the department's video production studio for use by the TV News Reporting and Performance class and local program production.

Mark Loney, Darla Edwards, and Hans Olson are pictured at the desk. Behind the camera at left is Nyang'ara Omwega.



Vinita Sauder



Ronald Barrow



Katie Lamb



Victor Czerkasij



Ken Norton



Phil Hunt

- University trustees at their February meeting approved a new **mission statement** for the university (see below). During the fall, all employees met more than once to build a shared view of mission and to provide input on vision and priorities for the days ahead. This statement was a result.

- Administrative changes voted by the Board of Trustees include appointment of **Vinita Sauder** as vice president for marketing and enrollment services. She will be replacing Dr. **Ronald Barrow**, whose retirement was voted after 40 years of denominational service. Mrs. Sauder will be replaced as associate vice president for

academic administration and director of institutional effectiveness by **Katie Lamb**. Realignment also includes appointment of **Victor Czerkasij** as director of admissions and recruitment, reporting to Vinita Sauder, and **Ken Norton** as director of development, reporting to the new vice president for advancement, **David Burghart** (see page 13). Dr. **Phil Hunt** will replace Katie Lamb as dean of the School of Nursing.

- Trustees also approved two **affiliations**. The BS Nursing program will be offered at East Pasco Medical Center in Florida, and the MBA program at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando.

- A new **Diversity Education Exchange Program (D.E.E.P.)** is under development in collaboration with Oakwood College. Billed as “an opportunity for the nurture of Christian diversity and multicultural relationships among the youth of the Southern Union,” it will offer a unique crosscultural experience in which seven students from each campus will study during the fall semester at the other campus.

- Southern’s **School of Nursing** has begun giving a **Second Smart Start** advantage for associate of science nursing degree graduates who come back to complete the baccalaureate degree in nursing.

The returning students take Professional Concepts and Issues (2 semester hours) during the fourth summer session with free tuition on condition that they register as full-time students during the following fall semester. When they finish the class, the students will have 26 more hours of upper division nursing credits to take.

Second SmartStart, approved last April, enrolled approximately 30 students last August. Linda Marlowe, nursing admissions coordinator, says the program is an excellent incentive for associate degree nurses to work on their baccalaureate degree.

“We want to give students the opportunity to get one class out of the way while saving them money at the same time,” says Linda.

For more information on Second Smart Start, contact Linda Marlowe at the Southern Adventist University School of Nursing, 423.238.2940.

- A proposal valued in excess of \$10,000 has been funded by Microsoft Corporation. This brings total value of **Microsoft grants** to Southern, primarily for the 21st Century Classroom in the School of Education and Psychology, to about \$70,000.

## Mission Statement

Southern Adventist University provides a Christian environment where all are encouraged to pursue truth, wellness, and a life of service.

## Core Values

A Christ-centered  
 Seventh-day Adventist campus  
 Academic and professional excellence  
 Hospitality and service  
 Affordable education  
 Balanced lifestyle

• Southern's toll-free phone number, 1.800.SOUTHERN, (1.800.768.8437) is friendlier than ever. Rather than connecting only with Admissions or Student Finance, callers may now be transferred to the schools of Business and Management, Computing, Education and Psychology, and Religion by dialing the number during office hours. Calls can also be sent to the Office of Planned Giving.

• Recognizing the growth of home schooling, Southern Adventist University has formalized its policy of accepting qualified students who have received their high school education in a home school setting. ACT or SAT test results, and accreditation by the Distance Education and Training Council for all correspondence courses presented for credit are among the requirements. Rebecca Greavu, a sophomore music education student at Southern, was just honored by DETC as Home Study International's top graduate. She had studied with HSI since grade six, and was among 23 honorees from among over three million correspondence students now studying with DETC schools.

• Second semester undergraduate enrollment at Southern Adventist University is 1,552 students. Though head count is down 115 from first semester's 1,667, this is up 37 from a year ago. Upper division nursing students on Florida campuses account for 32 of the 1,552 students.

Three hundred fifty-one are new students. Five students are over the age of 60 and two are under 17.

Nursing is the most popular field of undergraduate study at Southern, with 261 majors. Business comes in a close second with 239 majors. There are 77 psychology majors, 120 elementary education majors, and another 83 students with secondary teaching as their professional objective. Of the 178 religion majors this semester, 115 are preparing for the ministry and qualifying for seminary study. Biology boasts 129 majors while allied health areas (such as pre-dental hygiene, medical technology, pre-occupational therapy, pre-physical therapy) are the choice of 104 students.

Of 38 graduate students enrolled this semester, 18 are pursuing master's degrees in outdoor education and 20 are in the psychology master's program.

# it's a good thing

**Tuesday, Mar. 17, 8 p.m.**

Elizabeth Harrison, Organ

**Wednesday, Mar. 25, 8 p.m.**

Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band

**April 2 to 4**

Origins Weekend with creationists  
Michael Behe, Kurt Wise, and Jim Gibson

**April 3, 8 p.m., and April 4, 3:30 p.m.**

Southern Adventist University Symphony and combined choirs,  
Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms"

**April 5 and 6**

Preview Southern, for high school seniors and college transfer students  
Call 1.800.SOUTHERN

**Tuesday, April 7, 8 p.m.**

Judy Glass and Jonathan Wohlers, Organ

**Sabbath, April 11**

SonRise Resurrection Pageant

**Sunday, April 12**

Southern Adventist University Concert Band

**Sunday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Symphony Guild dinner concert  
Call 423.396.4610 for ticket information

**Sunday, April 19, 9 p.m.**

Strawberry Festival

**Saturday, April 25**

Die Meistersinger Concert

**May 1 to 3**

Commencement Events  
Consecration: George Pangman, Marietta Adventist Church  
Baccalaureate: Mike Ryan, Global Mission  
Commencement: Delbert Baker, Oakwood College

# artistry

Seeing with a camera lens, seeing with a poetic lens—both are encouraged in classes at Southern.

The photos here were taken by students enrolled in Introduction to Photography, a basic course offered by the Journalism and Communication Department. A sequence course in Advanced Photography is now in progress.

A Creative Writing class, taught by Helen Godfrey Pyke, has fanned the expressive spark for dozens of students. A Writer's Club, on-line *Euterpe*, and *Legacy*, an annual magazine containing student-generated poetry, prose, and art, also provide encouragement in the written arts.



Kalie Conrad

## Photographers

Mark Loney  
sophomore  
media technology  
Scottsdale, Arizona

Christy McBryar  
sophomore  
psychology  
Bryant, Alabama

Kalie Conrad  
sophomore  
public relations  
Hagerstown, Maryland

Fred Boettcher  
sophomore  
broadcast journalism  
Collegedale, Tennessee



Mark Loney

### Moving On

Picking up the pieces  
of my shattered world,  
bit by bit,  
sliver by sliver,  
sweeping up what's left  
of my broken dreams.

Tears streaming  
down my face,  
arms outstretched,  
placing the crumbled pieces  
of my life  
in His hands.

Waiting, watching,  
as He slowly,  
piece by piece,  
puts my world together  
again and replaces my dreams  
with reality.

Smiling through my tears,  
taking His hand,  
Moving on.

-LeEtta Sowers, junior, nursing  
High Springs, Florida



Christy McBryar

Fred Boettcher



### John

He heard it too, the voice disembodied  
reverberating through  
a baptism  
defining "epiphany"  
crowning a king with feathers  
or so they sing  
of birds  
and wild light spirits  
(you'll know it when you hear it  
when it once again  
falls  
descends—to people like you  
to people who do need a brighter view  
than what men offer here)

And the two wet men in a river  
could not even feel the first shivering waves  
or the breeze in their daze.

It's not every day a man is announced  
as God.

Reborn in a river  
he was the well  
he knew the nails  
one for each year of witness  
and his cousin, in answer  
had a heart  
so fine  
(is yours so fine?)  
and a head  
so pure  
(is yours so pure?)  
that a king used it  
instead  
as payment for a dancer.

-Cherie M. Priest, senior, English  
New Port Richey, Florida

Research by Brinne Busch

- The name of **John R. Beckett**, '98, a computer science major, appears in a recent Japanese computer magazine, *Macintosh/Windows*, along with a full page illustrating some free software he created. The software, called "Icon Pax," is available in four distinct programs, each of which gives Windows 95's default icons (folders, recycle bin, My Computer, etc.) a new look. Although no support is offered, the software is available for download from John's web site at <http://www.southern.edu/people/jrbeck/iconpacks>.

- **Michael McClung**, '85, admissions adviser, was ordained to the gospel ministry on November 8. Prior to returning to Southern in 1996, he taught Bible and was chaplain at Indiana Academy (1994-96) and Fletcher Academy (1985-94).

- Three Southern students—**Chip Everts**, sophomore music education major; **Eric Nelson**, freshman religion major; and **Marlene Millburn**, freshman music and pre-physical therapy major—and three high school students, **Jordon Baily**, a Red Bank (Tennessee) High School sophomore, **Natalie Gordon**, Forest Lake Academy senior; and **Joseph Backer**, Hart County (Georgia) High School sophomore—soloed with the Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra at its annual Concerto Concert in February.

- Twenty-five years of service for two teachers and two other university employees was recognized recently. **Ed Lamb**, chair of the Behavioral Science Department and professor of social work and family studies, and **Dr. Wilma McClarty**, chair and professor in the English Department, joined the faculty in 1972. **Linda Marlowe**, progressions coordinator for the School of Nursing, and **Donna Myers**, assistant director of student finance, also were honored for 25 years of service at Southern.

Those who reached the 10-year milestone in 1997 include: **Jacque Cantrell**, **Richard Halterman**, **Juanita Hamil**, **Barbara** and **John Keyes**, **Kassandra Krause**, **Ed Lucas**, **Shirley Menhennet**, **Dr. Derek Morris**, **Dr. Mark Peach**, and **Dorothy Turner**.

- **Dr. Brian Willard**, of Palm Bay, Fla., is joining the School of Computing. He is a

software engineer and will teach graduate and undergraduate classes. **Dr. Willard** comes with 16 years of industrial experience as a technical specialist for Northrop Grumman, Florida, and lead engineer in the Joint STARS Program [Harris Corporation, Florida]. He earned his Ph.D. in computer science at Florida Institute of Technology. He and his wife, **Suk Cho**, have two children, **Whitney**, 10, and **Brent**, 8.

- **Seniors** at Southern elected their class officers in January: **Ryan Ashlock**, (religion, Franklin, N.C.), president; **Jeremy Beckworth** (biology, Stone Mountain, Ga.), vice president; **Susi Swilley** (psychology, Madison, Tenn.), secretary; and **Art Lopez** (biology, McAllen, Texas), pastor. The class chose Chaplain **Ken Rogers** and **Dr. Wilma McClarty** as their sponsors.

- **Dr. George Babcock** has been named by Governor Don Sundquist to the Tennessee State Board of Education for a three-year term, beginning in February 1998. "I had no idea my name was being considered," commented Dr. Babcock. He will also serve on the Tennessee Advisory Committee on Teacher Education.

- **Henry Thoreau**, and particularly his penchant for walking, is the topic of a new

book by **Dr. David Smith**, professor of English. Described as "a book for walkers, nature lovers, and students of literature," *The Transcendental Saunterer: Thoreau and the Search for Self* grew from Dr. Smith's interest in the nineteenth-century New England writer renowned for his classic, *Walden*. A book signing was held in February at the Campus Shop, where the book continues to be available.

- When the former White Oak Mountain Broadcast Association (WOMBA) dissolved and transferred its remaining assets to Southern Adventist University, a renaming contest was held. **Eddie Nino**, a senior broadcasting major, won \$40 for his winning entry, JCTV (Journalism and Communication Television). "Searching the Scriptures," a weekly half-hour discussion of the Sabbath School lesson, is currently in production. It is broadcast locally on channels 5 and 26 Sabbath mornings at 8:30 a.m.

- **Dr. Ben McArthur** is temporarily at Pacific Union College at the invitation of its history department as the inaugural Walter Utt Visiting Professor. He went to California in January, where for two quarters he has a one-class teaching load and extensive time for research.



### Tots meet future nurses at Teddy Bear Clinic

B.S. nursing student Matthew Rice "examines" the ear of Ashton Moreman's stuffed lion during the School of Nursing's annual Teddy Bear Clinic. The clinic was held in Herin Hall, Southern's nursing building. Twenty nursing students and 42 A.W. Spalding kindergartners were involved. "This exercise helps the children overcome their fears about going to the doctor," says Desi Batson, a baccalaureate instructor who heads up the clinic each year. "It encourages them to talk through their own emotions by way of their stuffed animals."

Compiled by Amber Herren

# 10

**Cecil L. Woods**, attended in 1919, studying to become a minister. He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1925. He passed away on Nov. 21, 1997. He is survived by his wife, Velda F. Woods, 3 daughters, 9 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

# 40

**Hubert T. Anderson**, '42, passed away on Jun. 16, 1998. He pastored for 45 years. He was the husband of the late Margaret A. Kelley. Survivors include a daughter, Linda McDonald, '73, a brother, Delmar Anderson, and a grandchild.

**Marcella (Klock) Ashlock**, '46, died Nov. 9, 1997, at Laurelbrook at the age of 96. She had lived in Collegedale for several years. The mother of Jim Ashlock, Tom Ashlock, and Eva Lynne Huff, she was one of the first six graduates of Southern in 1946 after it became a senior college. She and her late husband, Frank, were on Southern's faculty in the '40s, and were missionaries in India for 36 years.

**Bob**, and **Margie (Futch) Bird**, both attended, live in the Avon Park, Fla., area. They have 2 children and 5 grandchildren. Margie retired as a U.S. Army Civil Service secretary in Atlanta. They love to travel in their RV and work with Maranatha.

**Earl M. Clough**, '49, and his new wife, Josephyne (Howard), live in Hickory Corners, Mich. His first wife, Louise, passed away in November of 1996.



**Robert Guy Hyder**, '49, and his wife, Judy, live in Yucaipa, Calif. Robert retired as an educational psychologist, speech pathologist, and audiologist in 1996. He now volunteers at Loma Linda University School of Medicine primarily with his daughter, Linda Hyder Ferry, M.D., in smoking cessation. In 1991 she discovered the unmatched effectiveness of bupropion (available as Zyban since July) to break addiction to nicotine.

# 50

**Carol Eldridge**, '55, lives in Altamonte Springs, Fla. She works in the family business of

cattle and citrus. Her son, Gregory, 37, is in Chicago and acts in the film industry. Cory, 36, is a sportscaster in New Mexico. He recently won the best play-by-play sportscaster of the year award. **Debra**, '91, married **Ron Amick**, '91, and they live in Greenville, S.C. Their daughter, Autumn, is 2.

**Ruben A. Lopez**, '52, and **Delpha (Weir) Lopez**, attended, are retired and live in Hendersonville, N.C. They have four children; **R. Kent Lopez**, '77, **Delpha Rebecca Lopez**, attended, **Thomas Lee Lopez**, and **Tamara Lynette (Lopez) Gregg**.

**Normalou (Coble) Slauenwhite**, '55, and her husband of about two years, **Chip**, live in St. Petersburg, Fla. She works for the State of Florida.

**Sandie (Dickson) Spriggle**, attended, lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband, **Lester**. They are members of the Mandarin Church. Sandie has worked as a certified activity director with St. Vincent's Baptist Health System for over 15 years. They have two daughters, **Michelle (Combs) Hubbard**, attended, and **Jackie (Combs) Garrett**, '86, and five grandchildren, and enjoy traveling in their motor home whenever possible.

# 60

**Patricia Bullock**, attended, and her husband, **John**, travel nationwide as field representatives (living in a 40' RV) promoting the mission of Maranatha Volunteers International. Their daughter, **Angela**, '92, is married to **Mike Register** and lives in Orlando. She works for Sunbelt Health Care. **John Bullock, Jr.**, attended, married **Lisa (Dobry)**, attended, and their son, **Nicolas**, was born April 29, 1996. **Christopher**, attending, is a sophomore theology major.

**Larry Caviness**, '65, is now president of the Southern California Conference. He and his wife, **Linda**, have two children, **Talmadge**, 25, and **Andrea**, 18. Before their move, Linda was principal at Reno Junior Academy. She is completing work toward a degree from Andrews University.



**Pam**, '65, and **Garland Cross**, '66, live in Lumberton, Miss. They teach in the elementary school on the campus of Bass Memorial Academy and are remodeling an old house six miles from the campus. Their three children are married, and two are alumni of Southern.

**Marvin Lowman**, '66, is the executive secretary of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. His wife, **Donette**, is a dental assistant in pediatric dentistry. They live in Goodlettsville, Tenn., and have two children, both married.



## Clark clangs clapper

*Seventy years after his graduation*

Dean **Walter B. Clark**, '27, hasn't forgotten how he held the old "rising bell" as he walked the halls of the three floors of the original men's dormitory. Clark, who now lives in California, served as Southern Junior College dean of men in the 1930s. When he returned to the campus last October to celebrate 70 years since his graduation, he couldn't resist giving the bell another good peal.

Many future leaders swung on the Newell Post and were awakened before daylight by this bell, which customarily rested at the base of the post. One such was **Noble Vining**, a 15-year-old academy junior when he arrived at SJC in 1933, who later was manager of The College Press. Both artifacts are now located in the Heritage Museum in Lynn Wood Hall, along with a picture which hung in the dormitory workshop room showing Christ as a Boy in the carpenter shop.

"I highly value the influence and lasting friendship of 'Mr. Clark', as we called him in those days," says Vining.

**Terrance**, '64, and **Karen (Brown) Trivett**, attended, live in Angwin, Calif., where Terrance chairs the biology department at Pacific Union College. **Karen** is a home health nurse. They have two grown sons.

# 70

**Eugene Brewer**, '70, is vice president of education for the Florida Conference. His wife, **Patricia**, attended, is executive secretary in the Sunbelt Health Care Centers corporate offices. They live in Apopka.

**Sallicann (Brown) Brewer**, '75, and her husband, **William**, live in Miami Springs, Fla. She is a nurse practitioner. Their children are: **Cheris**, **Amber**, and **Katelin**.

**Joy (Beagles) Brown**, '78, and her husband **Jeff**, are stationed in the Marshall Islands, on the main island of Majuro. **Jeff** is director of the Adventist school system in the Marshall Islands. **Joy** works as a nurse and home schools **Beth**, 9, and **Zach**, 6.

**Ofelia F. Charles**, '79 and '81, and her daughters, **Ayleen**, 12, and **Laurie**, 7, live in Hialeah, Fla. She has her master's degree in education.

**Erwin P. Grote**, '79, lives in Hermitage, Tenn. He has retired from the Tennessee Department of Safety.

Douglas Garner, '70, is administrator of the Magnolia Regional Health Center in Corinth, Miss.

Pamela (Maize) Harris, '75, and her husband, Allen, have a newly adopted daughter, Malissa Olivia, born Nov. 5, 1997, weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. The family is pictured in the "People of Hope" special issue of the *Adventist Review*. Dr. Harris plans to return to the classroom at Southern after her maternity leave.

Elvin M. Hudson, '74, and his wife, Anna, live in Arcadia, Fla. He is a special education resource teacher. Five children have given them 12 grandchildren.

Lanell (Crump) Jacobs, '77, and Doug, '73, live in Avon Park, Fla. Lanell is a vice president of Florida Hospital. Doug pastors the Walker Memorial Adventist Church. They have two children, Janell, 15, and Katte, 10.

Colleen (Bock) Laudenslager, '74, and her husband, Eric, live in Redlands, Calif. She is a management consultant, and he is a physical therapist. Their children are Aaron, 12, and Adam, 10.

Frank, '79, and Cindy (Wilber) Potts, attended, recently welcomed twins, Jessica Laura and Joseph Wilber, to their family. They also have another daughter, Katy Lynne. They live in Killen, Ala.

Wynene Preston, '72 and '73, lives in Cleveland, Tenn., with her son, Brook. After almost eight years with Coldwell Banker, she switched to RE/MAX Real Estate Professionals. She has been elected president of Cleveland Association of Realtors and leads about 220 members from about 24 offices.

Karen Wickliff, '75, lives in Apopka, Fla. She works at Florida Hospital and attends Southern's extension campus in Orlando while working toward a master's degree as a nurse practitioner.

Michael Wood, '77, is a cardiothoracic surgeon in Upland, Calif.

# 80

Glenn Bentjen, '83, and his wife, Diane, enjoy living in Paradise, Calif., where he is vice principal and business manager at Paradise Adventist Academy, and she is a massage therapist. Their children are, Kimberly, 15, and Kent, 13.

Gary Burdick, '85, married Aurora Patrascu on Dec. 15, 1997, at La Sierra University where he has been an assistant professor of physics since 1995. His new bride teaches mathematics at Jurupa Valley High School.

James Clark Jr., '86, and his wife, Heike, have three children and live in Fort White, Fla. James is a computer programmer.

Ron Cooper, attended, is a massage therapist, and his wife, Esther, is a medical assistant. They have three sons and live in Hiram, Ga.

Bruce, '62, and Carol (Watson) Freeman, attended, recently moved to Charlotte, N.C., where they keep busy with family life.

David, '86, and La Ronda Forsey, '85, and sons Drew and Dillan left for Africa on August 14, where they teach at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Nairobi, Kenya.

Dr. Suzanne (Disheroon) Green, '85, is an assistant professor of American literature at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. Her husband, Charles, is still with Citibank's R&D group in Dallas as an assistant vice president. Suzanne would love to hear from friends. Her e-mail address is green@alpha.nsula.edu.

Robert Jimenez, '87, lives in Winter Park, Fla. Between work and surfing the net he keeps very busy. He wants to stay in touch with friends, classmates, and former teachers. His e-mail address is Robert\_Jimenez@thms.net.

Bonnie (Smith) Kotula, '82, and her husband, Armond, live in Englewood, Colo. They welcomed their son, Alexander Edward, on Aug. 28, 1997. Their daughter, Marina Agnes, is 3.



Steve Kreitner, '89, and his wife, Nancy, live in Apopka, Fla. Steve is an attorney and works as director of risk management/patient relations at Florida Hospital.

Janet Lamb, '89, a mechanical engineer in the Navy, is assigned to the ship USS *Arctic*, which deployed in the Mediterranean Sea. It recently completed a historic underway refueling with Her Majesty's Yacht *Britannia*. Her home port is Norfolk.

Tim Lale, '86, his wife, Linda, and three daughters live in Hagerstown, Md. Tim, associate editor of *Insight* magazine since 1993, has been named editor of *Guide*. Before

joining the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, where both magazines are produced, Lale was copy editor at Pacific Press in Boise, Idaho, for five years.



Yamile M. Luna, '87, and her husband, Maxi, live in Apopka, Fla. She is director of health and information management at Florida Hospital. They were recently blessed with a little girl, Alyssa Danielle.

Deborah L. Merren, '88, lives in Hialeah, Fla. She is a nurse case manager at Kemper National Services, Risk Management Company of Kemper Insurance in Plantation, Fla.



## Alumnus talks broadcast opportunities

*Thirty years after his graduation*

Alumnus Allen Steele, vice president for strategic planning at Adventist World Radio (AWR), visited Southern in early February to talk about AWR. The international radio service is developing a world-wide news network that may begin next year. The English language based network would be distributed by satellite and create 20 new jobs. The idea is in its early stages, but Steele is excited about its potential for Southern graduates. Steele also talked with students about internships and other opportunities. He works in AWR's branch administrative office at Newbold College in England. He graduated from Southern in 1967 with a BA in communications. Steele also served as student manager of WSMC. During his tenure, the radio station signal increased from 10 watts to 50,000 watts.

**Staci (Henderson) Froelich**, '85 (nursing) and '87 (communications) and her husband, Jim, live in Takoma Park, Md., with Mark, 4, Kaitlyn, 3, and Melissa, 2. In September Melissa came home for the first time, after 560 days of hospitalization and three open-heart reconstructive operations. Anyone with Web access can see her sweet face at <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/froelichjl>. Her story will be in the July *McCalls*. Sales of a new CD, "The Christmas Harp," will benefit Melissa's heart fund. For details, e-mail [froelichsj@juno.com](mailto:froelichsj@juno.com).

**Wilfredo "Freddie" Nieves**, '85, and his wife, Aida, live in Lake Mary, Fla. He will complete his PhD in education this summer.

**Juvernica Oft**, '84, lives in Avon Park, Fla., and is retired. She volunteers at Florida Hospital in the library and as a parish nurse.

**Trinh T. (Drab) Smith**, attended, and her husband, Bill, live in Belmont, N.C. Their baby boy, Joshua Matthew, was born Jan. 12, 1998.

**Debra**, attended, and **David Stunkard**, '83, live in Orlando, Fla., and have two children, Darlene, 12, and DJ, 10. David is associate pastor for the youth/young adults at Orlando Central.

**George H. Thompson**, attended, and his wife, Giselle, live in Miami Springs, Fla. George graduated with his bachelor of science degree in physical therapy from Florida International University in Miami. He is now employed as senior acute neurology physical therapist at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

**Lydia Esther (Ruiz) Zukovski**, '87, and her husband, Joel Jr., live in Miami Springs, Fla. She is a social service director at a Miami Shore nursing home. They have been married seven years and attend the local Miami Springs Church.

## 90

**David Barnett**, '90, and his wife, **Jill (Bishop)**, '87, lost their house in a Florida tornado that hit Kissimmee on the night of Feb. 22, 1998. "Safe but shaken" was the first report. He pastors there.

**Tim Blake**, '92, recently joined Cline Brandt Kochenower & Co., P.A., as a certified public accountant. He lives in Cowpens, S.C.

**Brenda Caldwell**, attended, lives in Goodlettsville, Tenn. and is an assistant manager at Papa John's Pizza in Madison. She is working on her AS in social work at Volunteer State Community College. Her brother, **Bryan**, attends Southern.

**Shaun Dean**, '97, lives in Lauderhill, Fla., and is a sales and service associate with Nations Bank.

**Troy**, '93, and **Julia (Brendel) Fitzgerald**, '92, have a new son, Cameron. Troy serves as senior Bible teacher and witnessing/outreach class instructor for Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

**Marc Grundy**, '96, and **Meagan (Brody)**, '96, were married Aug. 3, 1997. Marc is a financial and counselor at Southern. They live in Collegedale.

**Doug**, '96, and **Heather (Aasbeim) Hilliard**, '95, live in Lakeland, Fla. Doug is an accountant.

**Eugene**, '97, and **Tania (Guzman) Hope**, attending, were married Dec. 28, 1997, and continue to live in the area.

**Tanner Lovelace**, '92, lives in Arlington, Va. In December he finished his master's in computer science, from the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins University with a 4.0 GPA.

**Pamela (Draper) Nerness**, '92, and her husband, Dave, live in Portland, Ore. Both Pamela and Dave enjoy their jobs and were expecting a Valentine baby to join their family.

**John**, '93, and **Sherry (Martin) Nolfe**, '95, live in Williston, Fla. Sherry is head nurse and admissions director at the family business, Good Samaritan Retirement Home. John recently became administrator at the same facility. They were expecting their first child, John Bailey, in March.

**Devon**, '96, and **Tammy Palmer**, '88, live in Hollywood, Fla. They have been married eight years and have two sons, Anthony, 3, and Sean, 2. Devon is an administrator for National HealthCare Corporation.

**Blanca Rodriguez**, '93, recently relocated from New York, N.Y. to Atlanta, Ga. She works at Rich's Corporate Buying Office.

**Michelle (Lashier) Rosas**, '95, and her husband, **Sean**, '95, live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he is stationed in the U.S. Army. They welcomed their son, Nathan Paul, into the world on May 26, 1997. They would love to hear from friends. Their e-mail address is [sarasos@mosquitonet.com](mailto:sarasos@mosquitonet.com).

**Shirley M. Sanchez**, '93, is a critical care nurse at Florida Hospital.

**Joseph Saunders**, '93, and his wife, Sheila, live in Watertown, Wis. Joseph is a project engineer for Lindberg in Watertown. Sheila teaches and is working on her master's degree.

**Michelle (Brown) Surret**, '90, and her husband, Clinton, live in Asheville, N.C. She is a nurse. Their children are Camille, 5, and Amanda, 3.

**Adrian**, '93, and **Rosalinda (Paago) Tomarere**, '96, live in Longwood, Fla. Adrian has been accepted to Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

## At Rest

**Nicolas Bosdedore**, 26, a senior business major, died suddenly on Dec. 28, 1997. After his sophomore year Nicolas gave a year of volunteer service with ADRA, working with refugees from Senegal in West Africa. A French citizen, his parents are Pastor and Mrs. Claude Bosdedore, residents of Berne, Switzerland. Survivors also include a brother in Paris, a brother on the island of Mauritius, a sister in the Canary Islands, and a grand-aunt and grand-uncle who live in Asheville, N.C. President Gordon Bietz spoke at the memorial service held in the Collegedale Church on Tuesday, January 6.

**Jerome Clark**, 69, died Nov. 4, 1997, at home in Collegedale. He joined the history faculty in 1959, and chaired the department from 1967 to 1974. From 1979 to 1984 he was curator of the McKee Library's Lincoln and Civil War collections.

Born in New York City on Aug. 6, 1928, he received a bachelor's from Atlantic Union College, a master's from the University of Maryland, and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Clark enjoyed taking his students on history tours, not only to local battlefields but on longer trips such as one to the European continent in 1966 and another to Britain in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Ann (Rorahaw) Clark, who retired in 1995 from Southern's Department of English. Other survivors include their children, Jerome William Clark, Alice Ann Clark, and Daniel Leslie Clark. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Clark History Scholarship Endowment Fund.

**Olivia (Brickman) Dean**, 90, died Dec. 13, 1997, in a retirement home near Collegedale. She was an associate professor emerita of education. She and her husband came to Southern in 1938 after teaching a short time at Graysville Academy, (which had continued there after Southern moved south of the river in 1916 to the site now known as Collegedale). She headed the teacher education department for 17 years, 9 of which she was also elementary school principal. For a time she also chaired the art department. Her husband, George, who taught sciences here, and her sister, Theresa Brickman, who taught business, predeceased her.

**Donald W. Welch**, 69, died Oct. 7, 1997. A former member of Southern's Board of Trustees, he held leadership positions with Florida Hospital and Adventist Health System (which he helped found).

During his 20 years of association with Florida Hospital, 12 as administrator, he saw that hospital grow from 193 to 800 beds.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, of Greeneville, Tenn., brother, Wally, '52, of Apopka, Fla.; sons Don, '87, of Avon Park, Fla., and Randy of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and daughters Lisa Gano, '89, who teaches in Southern's School of Business, and Kim Hill of Bath, Maine.



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