There's so much spiritual food here at Southern. You just have to find the one food you like most.

Michael Sposato
Sophomore majoring in nursing
Living With Integrity

Exploring Cultural Differences

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Hearing from you

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

... occurred on an April afternoon in 1972 when, in response to earnest prayer, I found the United States Treasury check for $75 which I had lost while hiking on the Biology Trail. It was bobbing vertically in the creek balanced by a single blade of wild grass. God's axe heads still float.

— Brian E. Strayer, '73, Professor of History, Andrews University, Michigan

... was learning to stay with a task and master it. Before attending Southern, if I ran into something that seemed beyond my ability, I would try to stay away from it or ignore it. Other life-changing events while attending college included the birth of our first two children and getting deeper into the study of God's Word.

— Dick (and Gladys) Arthur, '58, Healdsburg, California

... I was a diploma graduate working on a BSN degree in 1972-73. One day Judy Winters told me she felt I had a talent for working with psychiatric nursing. I never forgot it. After 12 years of nursing, I was burned out, so in 1977, I enrolled in a master's program with a major in psychiatric nursing. After 20 years as a psychiatric nurse and clinical specialist, I am still excited to go to work. The job is what God has given me a gift for doing. I thank God that Judy was led to recognize that talent because I would never have chosen the field for myself.

— Phyllis (McCluskey) Ellena, '74, San Antonio, Texas

Website favorites

Readers for whom "web" and "mouse" are not understood as housekeeping problems have lots of favorite World Wide Web addresses. Along with those sent to us, we've tossed in some of our own.

• The website for It Is Written lets you view the program on line: www.wm.org
• A staff member shared this one: www.audio-bible.com/bible/bible.html
• Pathfinder youth leaders find helpful resources at www.interlog.com/~spers/
• Try Research-it not only for that Zip code you need but for lots of other geographical, financial, and language tools: www.itools.com
• The Internet Public Library offers searchable magazines and newspapers: www.ipl.org
• The New York Institute of Photography site has step-by-step lessons: www.nyip.com
• Staying home and working on the house? www.house.net might help you with your projects.
• To check out E-mail false alarms, try the Computer Virus Myth's site: www.kumite.com/myths
• One of many health links is this useful friendly cancer resource site: www.oncolink.upenn.edu
• If you want to be reminded of a birthday or anniversary ahead of time, visit www.rememberit.com
• A less useful—but entertaining—site fills you in on Sounds of the World's Animals as expressed in a variety of languages: www.georgetown.edu/cbell/animals/
• For the youngsters, the American Library Association has a Great Sites page at www.ala.org/parent/page/greatsites/amazing.html

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They Brought Us Their Hearts

by Sherlyn Lacy

In the audience at a Guam camp meeting, Hyerin Kong absorbed the Voice of Prophecy speaker's words like a sponge. "Like Moses, we all have a staff," he said. "Something we depend on. Something we feel is so vital to us we would never want to give it up."

Ever with Hyerin was the choice facing her. As the daughter of a Korean Seventh-day Adventist expatriate worker in Guam, where there was no Seventh-day Adventist college, she had to choose a college far from home. She had narrowed her choices to the college near her aunt in the States or Southern Adventist University.

Hyerin listened to how God asked Moses to throw away his staff, and when he did, made it to open a sea, draw water from a rock, and do other marvelous things it had never done before.

"What is your staff?" the speaker asked.

Hyerin knew, "I wanted to depend [on] somebody I know. I thought maybe He is asking me to throw that away," she states. So her decision was made, to come to Southern, with no one to depend on. As she stepped on the plane to fly to Southern she prayed, "God, lead my steps."

Around the same time, Ilko Tchakarov was leaving his home in Sofia, Bulgaria, to enroll at Southern Adventist University. His minister father and pharmacist mother had served God all their lives surrounded by danger, threats of jail, and hardships. Ilko's opportunity felt like a reward from God for their lives of service to Him. They were proud and happy. But it was hard for his parents to lose him.

"My mom was crying very much, very, very much," says Ilko. "My dad was saying to her, 'Why are you crying, because you know that this is God's will for our son and we know that He will take care of him.'"

Hyerin, after arriving at Southern's campus, struggled with the language and customs of Americans.

"There is no stickiness between American relationship," she claims. "They will say we were best friend, but they have not given all the feelings to me. Not all. For us Koreans, we have given every heart, every thing to them. Here, there's a line: 'That's all you get.'"

One day Hyerin felt overwhelmed with her aloneness. "I'm just one of thousands," she thought to herself. "It wouldn't matter if I get sick or if I died; they wouldn't notice. I am just so small."

"God," she prayed, "please show me that You care."

Then she left to go to an assembly program. It was a question and answer time, and at the end of the program a drawing for a Southern Adventist University sweatshirt was held. When Hyerin heard her name, mispronounced as it was, she recognized God's answer to her. She said, "God, You're so mischievous... You're so cool." She says "I've been smiling so big, not because I got the sweatshirt, but because I know He answered me."

Ilko, talking of his adjustments, says, "I have never departed from my parents before coming here. I really wanted to go out and be alone. I was 18, and I said I wanted it, but I didn't know what is it like."

"When I came here, it was very hard... I was just all by myself, without any friends or acquaintance or something, to
Of his plans after he graduates with his bachelor's degree in theology, Ilko says, "I have left this thing in God's hands, but as far as what I want to do, probably I would like to take my master's, and then I have the desire to establish a school in Bulgaria. An Adventist school—like a college. There are a lot of people that want [an Adventist college education] but don't have the money."

He says, about his experience at Southern, "If we only come here and want for just friendly environment, we'll be a bunch of warters with no friendly environment. There won't be anyone who makes this environment. For me, I'm trying to be one of the friendly people."

Hyerin says, "There are so many stories... it never stops. I thought I had to write a book or something, so I would not forget."

"I learned a lot more English and writing skills."

"I learned to have more responsibility—how I should react, should treat people. I benefited for lifelong. I learned to depend on God only."

She hopes Americans at Southern will understand that "even though I'm not really the same as people around who speak English fluently and knows the cultures, I do things from my heart... I hope they will try to understand that we are all the same inside."

Hyerin, Ilko, and 175 other international students, from 55 other countries. They brought to their hearts.

Sherilyn Lacy is a freelance writer who got acquainted with many students when employed at Southern for two and a half years. She is now a student herself, pursuing a degree at UTC in computer science. Her son, David Greene, and daughter, Karen Greene, are enrolled at Southern.

**International profile**

- Higher education is America's fifth largest "export" at $7 billion per year. About 460,000 foreigners are enrolled at U.S. colleges.
- Southern's student body includes 177 who are not residents of the United States. The largest group is the 41 Canadians from north of the border.
- Nine students claim Indonesia as their home country, 8 each from Korea and Cuba, and 7 each from Jamaica and the Philippines.
- Represented by six or fewer students are: Argentina, Australia, Bahama's, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina-Faso, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Estonia, Ethiopia, Micronesia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Moldova, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, St. Lucia, St. Martin, St. Vincent, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, United Kingdom, and Zambia.

*The "balance of trade" favors the U.S.A., with 90,000 American students studying abroad. Among them are four Southern students enjoying a year in the Adventist Colleges Abroad program, three of them in France and one in Spain.*
Teaching

by Pete Sande
photography by Hans N. Olson

You can find someone who belongs to a working couple in virtually every department at Southern, from the president’s office to the classrooms to the support services. Among these couples are five in which both spouses are teachers. Here are thumbnail sketches of Southern’s teaching teams.

**Norman Gulley, PhD**

**Leona Gulley, EdD**

“I love the interaction, the fun of learning, and working with young people. I wouldn’t do anything other than teach!”

Norman and his wife, Leona, have been at Southern since 1978. Norman teaches in the School of Religion and Leona in the School of Education and Psychology.

Besides teaching, Norman appreciates having time for research and writing. He has authored several books, numerous articles, and has been the major contributor for two Adult Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly.

Leona started out teaching nursing, but “I started on my counseling degree when I recognized a need to help students understand themselves.” The degree (Vanderbilt, 1991) launched a new chapter in her teaching career with a transfer to education and psychology.

Before arriving at Southern, the Gulleys spent 16 years in Japan and the Philippines. Norman was the first director and academic dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in the Far East, located in Manila.

“We loved it so much! You know you’re needed and you sense the tremendous joy and fervor in serving.” They are both sponsors and strong supporters of Southern’s Student Missionary program.

The Gulleys have four grown children. “I was born in England,” says Norman, “and my wife is from Australia. John and Sharon were born here in the U.S. and James and Sonya, in Japan. We are like a little United Nations.”

Norman and Leona have busy schedules and “treasure the time we have together. We walk three miles every evening and catch up with what’s going on.”

Norman’s advice to incoming freshmen: “Discipline your time. Make God the first thing every morning. I know it works from my own experience. He does things for us!”

To graduating seniors he says, “Let the Lord help you change the world.”

**Benjamin McArthur, PhD**

**Caroline McArthur, MN**

Family is the most important part of the lives of Ben and Callie McArthur. Outside of their teaching careers, their time and energies are focused on their 15-year-old daughter, Emily, and 7-year-old son, Mills.

They share a commitment to encourage learning, music, sports, and spiritual activities of both children. School soccer games, piano practice, an active home reading program, tutoring to music lessons or rehearsals—all find a valued place on the family calendar.

Ben, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, chairs the History Department. He hails from Lincoln, Neb., and admits to “a passion for Nebraska football.” He finds satisfaction in history and research, but discovered other benefits of teaching. “I enjoy studying in my areas of interest, but I didn’t anticipate the pleasures of dealing with students.”

Callie, a Southern A.S. degree nursing graduate, earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Mississippi in her home state and her master’s in nursing from Emory University. Both joined the faculty in 1979 and married the following summer.

The McArthurs appreciate the sense of community in Collegedale, both at the university and outside of it. They feel that the recent rapid growth in the area can be positive for Southern.

One hobby that Ben and Callie both enjoy is traveling. “One of the benefits of working for the same organization is that we have the same vacations,” declares Ben. “Our trips are educational for our children, too.”

Ben spent spring semester as a visiting professor at Pacific Union College, and Emily went there with him. “It broadened her horizons. She went to school out there, and when the semester was over, Callie and Mills joined us for three weeks. It was like a long vacation.”
Stephen Nyirady, Ph.D
Laura Nyirady, MS

Her eyes sparkle with passion as she describes her love for missions. “I still have this longing to be overseas. I know this is the place God wants us to be, but I still feel this pull.”

Laura Nyirady is associate professor of nursing. Her husband, Steve, chairs the Biology and Allied Health departments. At Southern, this couple has been able to combine their passion for missions with their commitment to Adventist education. “I hope to see my students catch the vision of service,” declares Steve. “Our mission is not only regional, but international.”

A team approach has been a trademark of the Nyiradys during their teaching careers, and this is evident at Southern. Steve teaches microbiology, a requirement for nursing majors, so he and Laura “share common concerns and common joys with common students.”

Their teamwork takes them on two unique trips each year. During spring break they lead a group of nursing students on mission trips to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, where more than 1,000 patients were treated over the past three years. In summer, they teach a class in Marine Biology, which involves not only intensive class work, but a journey to a tropical location to do field research. They have taken classes to Belize, the Cayman Islands, and the Bahamas.

The Nyiradys appreciate the university’s atmosphere. “Southern has always had a good reputation for being strong on fundamental Adventist values,” says Steve. “That’s something we both value highly.”

Alberto dos Santos, EdD
Joan dos Santos, MA

Reading the resumes of Alberto and Joan dos Santos is like visiting a travel agency. The pair have worked in Zaire, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, and now Collegedale, Tenn.

Joan was born in Zimbabwe to British parents. Her mother was converted to Adventism and encouraged her four children to go into mission work. Alberto was born a Catholic, converted to Adventism as a teenager, and attended Helderberg College in Capetown, South Africa, where he and Joan met.

They went into mission work directly from college. Says Joan, “If you weren’t a theology major, you went into mission service.”

The couple arrived in Collegedale in June 1995. In 1997, Alberto became the dean of Southern’s School of Education and Psychology. Joan teaches English as a second language (ESL) to international students. She understands the problems they face, since she herself had to learn French and Spanish in order to communicate in countries in which she and her husband worked.

“I love seeing the joy they can get by communicating effectively and being understood.”

Teaching has rich rewards for Alberto as well. “This is a profession in which we see results directly. No teacher is a millionaire when he looks at money, but we are definitely millionaires when we see the results of our teaching.”

Their two sons both attended Southern. Brian currently lives in Wilmington, Del., and Roy works in the Chattanooga area. Hobbies for the dos Santos include exercising together, camping, backpacking (“We’ve done Europe twice”), and recently, admiring their new granddaughter.

Philip Hunt, EdD
Constance Hunt, MS

When the Hunts arrived in Collegedale in June 1995, they weren’t strangers to the area. It was here they both received their bachelor of science degrees in nursing. Constance taught here in 1973-74, and Phil from 1976 to 1978. In the interim, they spent 11 years in mission service in Singapore, Taiwan, and the Pacific Islands. They have also lived in Takoma Park, Md., and Keene, Texas.

Phil, the new dean of the School of Nursing, enjoys the friendly environment, the administrative support, and the focus on academic excellence that he finds at Southern.

Constance is an assistant professor of nursing, and the couple had side-by-side offices until Phil’s promotion. “We probably spend more time together than most couples,” says Constance. They both enjoy traveling. Phil likes tinkering with old cars, as well as woodworking. Constance enjoys cooking, sports, and entertaining. They have three daughters, Sheri Bond, who lives in North Carolina, Laura Ashlock, ‘98, of South Carolina, and Alana Hunt, ‘98, enrolled in the physical therapy program at Loma Linda University.

The Hunts say that nursing is a good field to be in, with plenty of job opportunities, but they advise incoming freshmen to take their studies seriously. “Study is very necessary,” says Phil. “Sometimes it takes a semester as a wake-up call.” Viewing the dramatic changes in the field of health care, he says, “Don’t focus on one area of nursing until you sample them all. Be ready to adapt.” To graduating seniors his advice is, “Continue learning.”

Constance adds, “Perceive yourself as a professional, not just someone with a job, and live your life with integrity.”

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Morals and Molars

To take or not to take: a Saturday exam question

by Brenda Keller Janzen, ’89

Will Ronnie and Nick show up?" students wonder. "Or will they be foolish enough to skip today, and miss nearly half the time allowed for this exam?" It is 8 a.m. on a March Saturday morning, and the senior class of the University of Tennessee School of Dentistry is assembling for day two of the Licensing Board Examination. This test is the culmination of eight long years of education. This test decides who will begin practicing dentistry.

Across town several hours later at the Memphis First Seventh-day Adventist Church, voices blend in praise to God. And today, two young men have chosen to worship here, rather than participate in the most significant examination of their entire educational experience.

Dr. Ronnie Hold and Dr. Nick van Zyl had each made a firm decision not to take the examination on their day of worship. Ronnie remembers, "When we went to church that Sabbath, we had a perfect peace that we were doing the right thing."

Both Ronnie and Nick resolved long ago that, for them, an integral part of serving God is keeping His day holy. It means remaining true to one's beliefs, no matter what. "This isn't the first time something like this has happened to me," Nick admits. During high school when he and his brother regularly participated in athletics, most events were held on Saturday. Teachers and coaches put pressure on the two boys to compete. "Toward the end of our schooling, a lot of people were really impressed that we stood so firmly on what we believed," Nick says. "Having to stand up for what you believe in makes it feel like something tangible."

Ronnie's degree of commitment was equally strong. Before even entering the School of Dentistry, he met the Sabbath issue head-on. "When interviewing to get into the university, I asked the dean if there would be any trouble with Sabbath testing, and he said, 'no.'" At that time, boards were administered Sunday through Tuesday. However, beginning in 1996, the boards were shifted to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), which administers the exam, cited the need to accommodate the schedules of test administrators, many of whom are dental professionals with private practices.

Early in their senior year of dental school, both men began taking appropriate steps to ensure that allowances were made for an alternate test date. "We explained to our dean that we didn't have a problem with going into our office on Saturday if there was an emergency, but since this was an examination prepared for ahead of time, we didn't feel comfortable taking the exam on Saturday," says Ronnie. The dean advised the two men that the matter of exam scheduling was out of his hands, and that they should contact the SRTA. The two wrote letters requesting an alternate test date. They also enlisted the aid of the Southern Union religious liberty representative, and he sent a letter of request as well. During a follow-up phone call to the agency, however, Nick and Ronnie weren't given much hope that any concession would be made.

As the test date drew closer, the situation began to look increasingly bleak. The University of Tennessee and the Southern Regional Testing Agency continued to pass the request back and forth. Nick states, "The feeling I got was that the school didn't want us to stir up any problems. They seemed to think, 'This is just a day—you can make a concession for that. Why are you guys being so strange here?'" Ronnie points out one problem: "We were told that some people in the past had asked for a different test date for religious reasons, but when it actually came down to it, they attended the test anyway. We assured
then that because of our convictions, we were not going to come in, and that we’d feel more comfortable failing the exam than taking it on Saturday.”

Ronnie and Nick were willing to make sacrifices in order to take the exam on an alternate day. “Even if we had to take it at another school, we’d have been willing to do it,” Ronnie explains. “This is a very big inconvenience, because you have to pay an extra fee, get there yourself, fly your patients there and pay for their accommodations.”

In the end, despite the continued efforts of the two students, church officials, and even a State Representative, no concessions were made for an alternate test date. As the day of the exam neared, Ronnie and Nick determined to stand firm. They arranged for all of their patients to come in on Friday and Sunday only. And they continued looking to God for guidance. “We just prayed that God would work in this situation and that it would be for His honor and glory,” says Ronnie’s wife, Ashley.

The examination began Friday morning with objective questions, followed by an afternoon spent working on patients. Saturday would involve a full eight hours of working with patients. “Students thought we were crazy not to be there. They said, ‘This is your career, surely God would understand!’” Instead, Ronnie and Nick worshipped together at church. “It’s really hard to stand up for your beliefs in a secular university,” comments Nick’s wife Lereesea, who also graduated from UT Memphis. “I know Ronnie and Nick would have stood on their own, but it helped mentally and spiritually that they each had someone to stand together with.”

On Sunday, a half day remained to complete the practical examination. Despite using only half of the total time allotted, Ronnie and Nick finished each section of the test, and both felt that they’d done well. “We really felt it was the Lord’s answer to prayer and that it was a miracle. We went out to dinner to celebrate,” says Ronnie.

The faith of these two young men has been truly tested, even to the point of jeopardizing the future of their careers. Of their plan to take the exam on only Friday and Sunday, Ronnie notes, “Our professors were very concerned about us trying to do something like that. They felt it was very risky.” Indeed, the dental school boards are renowned as a major thorn in the flesh of every would-be dentist. Among other preliminary preparations, patients must be located and hired who are willing to participate in the boards. And not just any patients, these people must have mouths that require the precise procedure necessary for the exam whether it be a root canal, crown, or denture work. The timing for the test and the patient’s procedure must line up, as well. Everything must go like clockwork for the exam to be successful. Dr. Murrell Tull, a local dentist who is a Southern alumnus and friend of Nick and Ronnie, explains, “Boards are hard enough to get done even in three days. Doing it in two days is quite a feat.”

And if putting their future careers on the line wasn’t enough, Nick and Ronnie were also taking a financial risk. The boards generally cost a student at least twelve hundred dollars. Nick recalls, “Our classmates said, ‘You know, this is your profession. God will understand if you come in on Saturday. Can’t we write a letter to your priest or something?’” Dr. David Campbell, also a graduate of UT Memphis, puts the young dentists’ experience in perspective: “You’ve worked eight years to get to that point. And the boards are an obstacle you have to hurdle to their satisfaction, or you don’t practice,” he says, adding that he’s fortunate he graduated back when the boards were given on weekdays. “What Nick and Ronnie did is pretty impressive—it really says something about them. I don’t think a lot of young guys would be willing to stand up the way they did.”

While the two dentists agree that what they did was indeed risky, they also agree that compromising their spiritual values was not an option. “We knew that the Lord didn’t want us to go in there on Sabbath, but He didn’t promise that we were going to pass. We just had to put our faith in Him, whatever His will was. We didn’t care if we did or didn’t pass, we were going to stand up for what we felt was right,” Ronnie says.

Several weeks after the exam when the scores arrived, there was both good and bad news. Ronnie had passed the exam, but Nick had failed the periodontology section and would have to retake the entire examination. Ranked as second in his senior class, Nick was rocked by this news. “I never dreamt in my life that I would fail an examination,” he admits. Even more surprising was the fact that Nick had received the top award in his class for periodontology, the same section he failed to pass. Ronnie explains that the board exam is “a very subjective test. There are no right or wrong answers. Three different doctors look at your work and judge what the score will be. And not everyone is graded by the same three examiners.”

During this low point, which might have sent the average student into despair and depression, Nick’s courage remained. He spent the next several months involved in extra training through the School of Dentistry, and retested in May. Determined to stand by his convictions, Nick again went against his professors’ judgment, and scheduled his examination for Friday and Sunday only. Nick’s wife Lereesea, who served as his dental assistant for the second exam, comments, “We were pushing it for time. People were saying it was impossible to do in two days. It was amazing how it worked out, though.” When the test results again arrived, this time the news was welcome. Nick had passed the exam with one of the top scores. “The important thing here is that in the end, everything worked out good for us,” Nick affirms. “And I truly believe, now that I look back, things always happen for a reason, but we don’t always know what those reasons are.” Perhaps one positive result of Nick and Ronnie’s experience is the testimony left behind with their professors.
How to Stand for Right in a World Going Wrong

Real-life advice from graduates who are there

A patient once introduced me to the concept of inflating the contract price of a home when going to the bank," relates Mark E. Bame, '84, a Virginia chiropractor in solo practice since 1989. People do it all the time, Mark was told, so that the amount borrowed actually covers the full price. "It didn’t take long to see how the shortcut he offered to home ownership was actually an impassable detour that would sabotage my plans and reputation if followed," Mark continues.

"When tempted to compromise ethics, I remember two things: how in my life I have decided to move toward Jesus and away from the enemy. So I consider which is more motivating in the given context, the consequences of wrong action or the benefits of doing right. Harnessing either mind set leverages me in the direction I ultimately want to follow. I think it is prudent to use whichever is most powerful right then."

Lynford Morton, '87, has worked in the public affairs office of the Defense Logistics Agency in Washington, D.C., for seven years now but recounts how it was on his first job, with a company where the corporate culture almost demanded work on Saturday. “Every time I was asked to work, I explained my beliefs and offered to work another time to make up. It was a constant education process (and witnessing opportunity). In the long run, however, my coworkers and superiors always respectfully supported my belief and went out of the way to accommodate me.” Lynford adds, “I realize that things might not always work out that way. But if a company can’t respect my religious convictions and legal rights, that’s probably not a place where I’d want to invest a significant portion of my career.”

During the 18 years Jim Pratt, '76, was on the faculty at Middle Tennessee State University, graduation was always on Sabbath. “When I first started teaching, I told my department chairman that I could not participate in any function that occurred on Sabbath. Through the years I was able to explain to those around me why I couldn’t work on Sabbath,” writes Jim.

A recent graduate, Becky Bolling, '98, is a first-year dental student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. “When you step outside your comfort zone, you start to realize how much you need God, and you find out how important He really is to you,” Becky observes. “If you didn’t think you were different from the world, you will quickly realize that you are, and that will be one of your greatest assets.”

Mark Bame added another suggestion: “Realize that the acceptance of others is illusive! Listening to the Holy Spirit and staying congruent with one’s personal beliefs is a surer way to gain the respect of peers than blending to match the values of a given moment.”

Tom Turk, '96, now installs phone and computer cable networks in Chattanooga but still recalls some tough decisions he faced as a Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department dispatcher. His conclusion: “It’s all about where you decide to place your focus—on God or on yourself. If it’s on God, you’ll get through anything. If it’s on yourself, you’ll have some tough times ahead.”

Biographical details: Ronnie Hold graduated from Southern in 1993 with a degree in religion. His wife, Ashley (Hall), graduated from Southern in 1994 with a B.S. in nursing. The two were married in Ooltewah, Tenn., on June 15, 1997, by Dr. Derek Morris. The Holds live in Blue Ridge, Ga., where Dr. Hold practices general dentistry. Nick van Zyl studied electronic technology at Andrews University, later completing his pre-dental studies at the University of Memphis. His wife, Lorressa (Grangle), attended Southern 1989-91 and finished her degree in health information management at the University of Tennessee at Memphis. The van Zyls have one child, Erin, who is six months old. Dr. van Zyl practices general dentistry in Chattanooga.
* Jim Aumack has joined the recruitment staff as an admissions advisor. A graduate of Blue Mountain Academy and the University of Tennessee, Jim is married to Lynn (Gibson) who received her B.S. in nutrition at Southern in 1991. Their daughters are Morgan, 5, and Whitney, 3.

* Edward Avant, '68, is the new director of campus safety. He was employed as an executive at McKee Foods Corporation 1966-95. During those years he also developed the Tri-Community Fire Department. Prior to her death to cancer on November 9, his wife, Teresa, was an administrative assistant in Southern's Journalism and Communication Department. Their combined family includes six children. Michael Avant, Teri (Avant) Mitchell, Tami (Avant) Wilhelm, and Jason Silva have attended Southern. Jennifer Silva is a current student, and Janney is 12.

* Robert Benge, '77, joined the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department this fall. He is currently writing his dissertation to complete his doctorate from the University of New Mexico. His most recent teaching was at A.W. Spalding Elementary School in Collegedale, where his wife, Debbie (Hofmann), '78, continues to teach kindergarten. They have two sons, Bo, 12, and Kyle, 9.

* Dr. Dan Burks joined the School of Education and Psychology this fall. The professor, a licensed counseling psychologist, has broad clinical, teaching, criminal justice, and administrative experience. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology from Florida State University. His wife, Susan, manages the Bombay Company store at Chattanooga's Hamilton Place Mall. Besides his two grown sons, they have a six-year-old, Hunter.

* Dr. Rachel Byrd comes to the English Department with several years of success as a high school English teacher. She completed her PhD at the University of Maryland in 1996. She and her sales-oriented husband, Michael, have four children ranging in age from 12 to 22: Arlen, Lorissa, Lonny, and Alita.

* Denise Childs teaches speech classes in the Department of Journalism and Communication. She received her master's degree in speech communication from Washington State University in May. A 1995 graduate of Walla Walla College, she anchored a daily live TV newscast there.

* Dr. Josef Ghasi has travelled far from his birthplace in Beirut, Lebanon. He holds joint appointments in the Schools of Business and Management, and Education and Psychology. His MBA is from Andrews University, and EdD from the University of Massachusetts. Leadership and organizational behavior were his research interest. At Atlantic Union College for the past nine years, he taught and filled various leadership roles. His wife, Fiona, is office manager for Southern's Information Systems. Their son, Josef, is 7.

* Dr. William Green is the director for Academic Innovation and Instruction, a new center that supports teachers wishing to combine curricula with technology to deliver instruction. He has come from Andrews University where he had chaired the Department of Teaching, Learning, and Administration since 1990 and had taught since 1986. He earned his Ph.D. in school leadership from the University of Oregon. In June he married Dr. Rita Henriquez-Roark, associate director of education for the Southern Union.

* Robert Hargrove left his Colorado-based antique auto restoration business to join the Technology Department as an assistant professor. His master's in industrial education is from the University of Central Arkansas. He has taught at Cedar Lake and Campion academies as well as at Aims Community College in Colorado. His wife, Rebecca, teaches Spanish at Spalding Elementary School. They have a daughter, Jenny, enrolled at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and two sons, Bob, 22, and Toby, 19.

* Dr. Michael Hasel comes to the School of Religion from a pastorate in Michigan. He has gained extensive archaeological fieldwork experience in Israel and Jordan, and served as assistant to the curator of the Horn Archaeological Museum at Andrews University. His wife, Giselle (Sarb), is an illustrator and graphic designer. He earned his Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies from the University of Arizona.
* Henry Hicks has joined administration as executive director of information systems. Since 1995 he had been computer systems supervisor for Amazing Facts, a full-spectrum evangelistic ministry with headquarters in California. From 1988 to 1995 he owned and operated his own successful IS consulting business. He received the Outstanding Student in Engineering Technology award from Middle Tennessee State University where he earned a computer engineering degree in 1990. His wife, Debra (Clark), ’91, was managing editor for Amazing Facts prior to their move from Roseville, Calif.

* Dan Landrum returned to WSMC FM 90.5 as general manager, a position he held from 1993-95. He first worked at the public radio station on campus in 1986 as news and public affairs director and Morning Edition anchor. After a stint at WUSY, US-101, he returned to WSMC in 1990 as program director. The station’s niche is classical music and in-depth information. An artist on the hour dulcimer and Celtic harp, Dan is working on a CD of his original music, “Questions in the Calm.” He and his wife, Angela (Phelps) have two children, Jeremy, 13, and Melissa, 11.

* Myron Mixon, ’86, is coaching the Gym-Masters team this year, as well as teaching some theory and activity classes in the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department. He taught at Fletcher Academy in North Carolina for six years, and most recently was an exercise specialist with Pisgah Physical Therapy and Sports Rehab in Hendersonville. His wife, Valerie (Johnson) ’86, is a physician’s assistant. Their sons are Joseph, 4, and Benjamin, 2.

* Dr. Philip Samaan has joined the School of Religion after two years as senior editor of the adult Sabbath School lessons at church headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. Prior to that, he taught applied theology and directed the doctor of ministry program at Andrews University. He has written several books about practical Christian living and witness. His wife, Sherilyn, is a nurse and music teacher, currently teaching music at Spalding Elementary and Collegedale Academy.

* Their daughter, Marla, is a violinist and National Merit finalist who is now enrolled as a freshman at Southern.

* Dr. Thomas Walters has already put his work on the line—on the wall, in this case—with a solo exhibition of paintings he created while in Mexico. He taught at Montemorelos University prior to June, and also taught at Andrews University and Ohio University while pursuing degrees. In 1995 he received a PhD in interdisciplinary arts from the University of Southern California. His wife, Kathy (Herbel), is an RN employed at Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation in Chattanooga.

* Donna Myers, assistant director of student finance, was honored this year for 20 years as a member of the Tennessee Association of Financial Aid Administrators. She has been helping students at Southern since joining the staff in 1972.

* Dr. Jan Haluska, for the third time in 16 years, received the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching. A professor of English, he joined the faculty in 1981. Known also for his leadership qualities, in June he became chair of the University Senate.

* Richard Erickson, associate professor of business, and Helen Godfrey Pyke, associate professor of English, each received a Distinguished Service Medallion at commencement in May. Erickson has taught with distinction at Southern since 1984, and Pyke since 1990. He is chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee. She continues to add book after book to her published creativity.

* In March Dr. Derek Morris successfully defended his second doctoral thesis at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Boston. His topic was “Listening to the Listener: Audience Feedback as a Resource for Relevant Biblical Preaching.” In May he received his doctor of ministry degree in homiletics. This year his major professor, Dr. Haddon Robinson, visited Southern a second time as a Staley lecturer.

* Dr. Katie Lamb, associate vice president for academic administration and director of institutional research and assessment, successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in May and was awarded her PhD in nursing with an emphasis on higher education at graduation ceremonies in August.
Dr. Pamela Harris, APR, chair of the Journalism and Communication Department, recently became an accredited member of the public relations profession by successfully completing a comprehensive examination administered by the Public Relations Society of America. The test measured her knowledge of public relations practice, communications theory, management science, and ethics.

Dr. Ray Hefferlin’s participation in an Indo-U.S. workshop on mathematical chemistry, plus his recognition as recipient of the George B. Pegram Award for Excellence in Physics Teaching, brought the university honor in the Spring 1998 issue of EnviroLink, an environmental publication serving the Southeast. “Considered by many to be the outstanding small college program in America” is how the Pegram Award from the American Physical Society described Dr. Hefferlin’s extensive research program involving his students.

Dr. Norman Gulley, professor of religion, has written a 585-page volume on eschatology, Christ Is Coming, published by the Review & Herald Publishing Association. The book, the first of its kind, deals with issues and events across the larger theological spectrum which impinge on the Adventist Church’s teaching of the return of Christ and last day events. Pacific Union College and Andrews University have already chosen it as a textbook.

Dr. Michael Hasel, assistant professor of religion, has a new scholarly book off the press, Domination and Resistance: Egyptian Military Activity in the Southern Levant, 1300-1185 B.C. It is published by Brill, a respected academic publisher.

Among 440,000 ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified technicians, only 231 have quadruple master technician certification. Southern’s Dale Walters, associate professor of technology, is among that elite group. He also is among a mere 1,601 who have achieved distinction as a “World Class” Technician from ASIA (Automotive Service Industry Association).

Dr. Bob Egbert, professor of psychology, and Ed Lamb, professor of social work, taught eight family life training courses in Bucharest, Romania, during the summer. Seventy pastors enrolled.

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**Tuesday, December 1**
Christmas Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 5, 8 p.m.**
Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony

**Tuesday, December 8, 8 p.m.**
Baltimore Consort Christmas Concert

**Friday, December 11, 8 p.m.**
Symphony Orchestra/Combined Choirs

**Saturday, January 9, 8 p.m.**
Freeriders: Warren Miller Ski Movie

**Sunday, January 17, 8 p.m.**
Sergei Krylov, Violin

**Sunday, January 24, 8 p.m.**
Symphony Concerto Concert

**Thursday, February 4, 11 a.m.**
The Buffalo Soldiers

**Saturday, February 13, 8 p.m.**
Pops Concert

**Tuesday, February 16, 8 p.m.**
Jitro: Czech Children’s Choir

**Saturday, March 20, 8 p.m.**
Wind Symphony Spring Concert

**Friday, March 26, 8 p.m.**
Destiny Drama Company

**Saturday, April 10, 3:30 p.m.**
Symphony Orchestra and Choral Concert

**Sunday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.**
Symphony Guild Dinner Concert

**Saturday, April 24, 8 p.m.**
Die Meistersinger Concert

**Sunday, May 2, 9:30 a.m.**
Commencement
They vacuum halls, blow leaves from sidewalks, troubleshoot computer crashes, run cash registers, stock shelves, wait tables, grade papers, tutor peers, play church organs, give music lessons, serve pasta, deliver mail, announce radio credits, and sometimes even launch their own businesses.

Students at Southern are busy. They attend classes. They do homework. On top of that, the vast majority also work to help pay for those classes. Some manage multiple jobs or stay by to work through breaks and vacations.

Besides the 815 students with campus employment, many work nearby. Two students have run their own mowing and landscaping enterprises for years, and others convert computer consulting into money for college.
Southern's annual student payroll, end to end in dollar bills, would reach from Collegedale to Atlanta and back again.

If last year's student payroll were stacked in $1 bills, it would reach 863 feet. (By comparison, the Eiffel Tower is 984 feet tall.) Or placed end to end, they would reach 230 miles (from campus to the north side of Atlanta and back again). The total exceeded $2.37 million in campus earnings.

This included a Work Study payroll totaling $385,000 for 308 students, of which 75 percent was federal aid based on need.

At Southern, student employment is coordinated by the Human Resources office. At the present time, bulletin boards are the primary means of communicating job openings, both on- or off-campus. Students are encouraged to actively seek out employment opportunities, because many more exist than are posted. The Human Resources staff can only refer students to jobs that they know about.

Sometimes overlooked are student government jobs offering remuneration. Positions would include those in the Student Association office itself and student editors of the newspaper, yearbook, and student directory. The students who hold these positions aren't in it for the money. They put a lot of time and effort into their jobs, but get back a lot of experience and memories besides their stipends.

It turns out that what can be good for students is good for the university, too. Many campus services rely heavily on the work students do. "To employ enough full-time people to do what our students are doing would add incredibly to the cost of tuition—and if the students didn't have those campus jobs, how could they ever pay it?" ponders Els Hertke, Human Resources director.

The next two pages introduce a sampling of students at work. Their hourly pay rates range from $5.65 to $6.45. (The highest-paid student workers on campus are employed at the Southern Carton Industry, where the base rate ranges from $6 to $10, incentives and piece work can double those rates, and an annual bonus can add as much as $1,300 to the credit side of a motivated student's statement.)
Heidi Olson

English major Heidi Olson is one of 120-135 student employees who help run the university’s food service facilities (75 students at the cafeteria itself and the others help staff the Campus Kitchen (a.k.a. CK) and KR's Place. Heidi puts in about a 16 hour work week in the area of food service, with dual responsibilities as both a cashier and assistant secretary. Twice a week she adds up time cards. She says she enjoys her job because “Mr. Evans and Mrs. Heath are wonderful bosses.”

This is not the beginning of Heidi’s experience in the workforce. When she was 12, she took on her first paying job as a baby-sitter. During her first two high school years at Georgia Cumberland Academy, she worked in the library. In the summer before her junior year here at Collegedale Academy, she was hired at the university cafeteria.

"Working will help me get jobs later on. I’m learning to be responsible as well as helping pay my school bill," she says.

Sally Haviland

Sally Haviland, sophomore theology major from mid-Tennessee, works for Landscape Services, one of 26 students who help make Southern's campus the beautiful place that it is. Sixteen hours a week as an area crew member she does mulching, bed-lining, planting and fertilizing, pruning, picking up litter, and weeding.

"I enjoy working. What I earn usually ends up covering my cafeteria charges—but hey, I have to eat," Sally says. She credits her supervisor, Brian Dunn, for teaching her the basics of greenhouse work. "She’s gung-ho," comments June Walter, the department secretary. "She comes in and likes to get right to work."

Sally explains why she enjoys her job: "I get to be outside, get sun and exercise, get closer to God, and drive dump trucks and electric carts around campus."

Stephen Mould

A computer science freshman from Florida, Stephen Mould found work that relates to his major. Working out of the Information Systems office, Stephen spends about 12 hours a week fixing computer-related problems on campus.

He picked up skills basically on his own, then helped one of his teachers with Forest Lake Academy computers for two years.

An entrepreneur before he turned 18, he got a dealer's license for PC computers and has made over $50,000 in sales since 1996. Developing his own website and advertising in Florida newspapers contributed to this volume. His brother, an accounting graduate from Oakwood College, helps him with that side of the business.

"It all started as an accident," he explains. "When I bought myself a sound card and CD-ROM for my computer, they wanted a bundle for installation. I just experimented, put it together, and got excited."

Stephen works because he needs the money to go to school, but most of all, he says, "I love what I do."

His immediate goal is to graduate, but he wants to add a minor in business to his computer major. After that, "I want to expand the business I have right now," he declares.
Jennifer Pester

Jennifer Pester is in her third year as a computer lab assistant in Brock Hall. Jennifer helps maintain the computers and answers students' questions.

Jennifer loves meeting people who come into the lab and says it is not a high-stress job. A senior psychology major from Missouri, her dream is to develop mental health programs for the homeless after completing a doctoral program in clinical psychology.

"It's my observation that generally students who work do better in school. It gives you kind of a break, and encourages better time management. It helps you stay focused. There's something nice about a job well done."

Jennifer balances her life with student activities. Last year she was Student Association executive vice president. This year she's the Southern Accent copy editor, president of Psi Chi, and campus outreach coordinator for the Republican Club.

"My dad taught me to work. He has his own home-remodeling business and a really strong work ethic, the most dedicated hard-working person I know, and I liked to help him." Jennifer's first job "for money" was picking asparagus when she was 12.

Penny Salhany

Penny Salhany, a freshman history major, commutes from her home in Ringgold, Ga., both for work and classes. This is her second year working at the Winn-Dixie supermarket in Collegedale.

Penny started as a bagger and cashier, and now assists the pricing manager by hanging tags, making signs, and checking product dates. She works 15 hours a week.

Her boss, Jamie Baker, considers her "an exceptional worker, great with customers, just a super girl." The store employs other Southern students, and Jamie says "we greatly appreciate them all.”

Penny enjoys her job because of the people she works with. "There is a great camaraderie among the employees," Penny recommends her job to anyone who is friendly, wants to help people, and might be headed toward a service-oriented career.

David Wright

David Wright finds himself relaxing and unwinding at the Campus Shop, Southern's bookstore. "He's a self-starter, gets in and does whatever he's asked, with energy and enthusiasm," says Rita Wohlers, the manager, so it's not that he's taking it easy. It's more that he's handling books instead of studying them. (He's a freshman religion major.)

"He enjoys what he's doing, and it shows,” she adds. David checks in and prices books, helps customers, restocks shelves, runs the registers, and takes inventory. He works 10 hours a week at the Campus Shop, and also holds down another 10-hour job off campus. His roommate and older brother, Nolan, also works at the Campus Shop and is a resident assistant in Talge Hall.

"The advantage, of course for the six students we employ," explains the shop’s manager, "is that they learn how a business is run—we do over a $1 million of business in a year—and they work in all phases of it."
Seven Southern Adventist University students aren't taking classes on the home campus this fall. Instead, they are 130 miles away on the campus of Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala.

Mingling on Southern's sidewalks, sitting among Southern's students in classrooms, and talking with them in the dining hall are seven Oakwood College students.
The 14 are the first students to be part of a pilot Diversity Educational Exchange Program. The program is billed as "an opportunity for the nurture of Christian diversity and multicultural relationships among the youth of the Southern Union." D.E.E.P. was first envisioned by Southern’s president, Dr. Gordon Bietz, and Oakwood’s president, Dr. Delbert Baker, while both were on a trip to the Far East last year.

Oakwood is a historically Black college established in 1896, just four years after Southern was founded. Though its student body remains predominantly Black (77% Afro-American), it has become increasingly diverse. This year’s student head count of 1,805 includes 239 students from 23 countries besides the U.S.

Southern’s undergraduate student population of 1,699, on the other hand, is 76 percent Caucasian and 6 percent Black. All minorities—Black, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American—are up this year, a total of 85 more minority students than a year ago. Fifty-five countries are represented in the student body.

In developing their idea, the two presidents recognized that "globalization of nearly every facet of human life mandates a broadening of experience that goes beyond parochial and personal concerns."

Furthermore, "for the Christian student, opportunities that enrich understanding of the unity of humankind are even more highly valued," the presidents believe.

"It is vital that students be enriched by educational opportunities that expose them to a variety of cultural experiences," says Dr. Bietz.

The D.E.E.P. program allows seven White students from Southern and seven Black students from Oakwood to change cultural environments for one semester. All semester credits will transfer, and each student pays for tuition and housing at their home school rate.

The seven students were selected at each school according to set criteria. Students needed to have a 3.0 grade point average and at least sophomore status. They completed an application, received approval from their dean and academic adviser, and demonstrated that D.E.E.P. would enhance their educational and cultural experience. After completing at least 12 hours at the sister school and returning to their home school, participants will receive a scholarship of up to $5,000.

The seven students participating from Southern have roots in many places. Braden Pewitt, a junior theology major, is from Wenatchee, Wash. Douglas Remington, a sophomore broadcast journalism major, is from Florida. Steven Miller, a junior accounting major, is actually closer to his home in Sealy, Ala., and so is Holly Hawthorne, an allied health major of Vermont, Ala. Two come from the northern tier of states: Jennifer White, a junior biology major, is a long way from her home in Eaton Rapids, Mich., and Joie Reeve, a senior elementary education major, from her Minnesota home. Amanda Johnston, a sophomore pre-occupational therapy major is from Ontario, Canada, but because of cultural similarities the University of Southern States’ requirement was waived.

...not so many differences between us

"I’m always looking for new pictures of God, and I’m hoping to gain new pictures with a new college and a new family," says Joie.

"It sounded very interesting to me," adds Amanda. "It seemed like an opportunity that I could not pass up."

The seven Oakwood College students at Southern are: Amanda Ambrose, a sophomore music performance major from Maryland; Syrita Hall, a sophomore communication and dietetics double major from Pennsylvania; Jason Hawkins, a senior English major from Florida; George Howell, a sophomore from Los Angeles, Calif. (who speaks highly of Southern’s campus, facilities, and cafeteria food); Philip McDonald, a sophomore biology major from New York; Joseph Warren II, a junior social work major from Michigan, and finally Dana Wilson, a junior mathematics major from Alabama.

Students are looking to develop a new understanding between students at Oakwood and Southern. "We hope to show there are not so many differences between us, besides the color of our skin," says the Amanda from Southern.

"It is our desire that our students will gain a different understanding of a culture, so when they return to Southern, they will be able to assist in bringing in additional racial and cultural understanding to this campus," comments Dr. George Babcock, vice president for academic administration and D.E.E.P. program director at Southern.

Dr. Ella Simmons, a former member of Southern’s Board of Trustees, directs the program on the Oakwood College campus, where she is the vice president for academic affairs.

"As I observe and interact with the Southern students here at Oakwood, I am assured that we are achieving our purpose of nurturing Christian diversity, communication, and multicultural relationships in the context of Adventist higher education," she says. In her estimation, "The value of this program is inestimable, and it is obviously successful."

"It’s a wonderful experience," according to Jason Hawkins at Southern. He admitted, though, in a Vol. 54, No. 1 Southern Accent opinion piece that when making the two-hour "voyage" to Southern, he left his comfort zone. Several weeks further into the school year, he said, "The biggest thing I’ve learned is that you have to have an open mind. You can’t come to Southern looking for Oakwood. You’ve got to come looking for Southern, and then you’ll get the real Southern experience."

He’s thoroughly enjoying his classes. "I especially enjoy my English classes with Dr. Habuska and Dr. Byrd. I’ve made a lot of friends, and I would recommend the D.E.E.P. program to any student thinking of participating."

President Bietz hopes that students get "an appreciation for the large variety of cultural experiences that are manifest in the United States today."

The two presidents have been involved in an exchange of their own. Each spoke to students during assemblies at their counterpart campuses this fall.

Dr. Bietz predicts that the program will continue “as long as it seems to fill a need, lives up to its expectations, and is affordable.”

"The big test will be if the students get something from it," added Dr. Bietz. \\

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Commencements on the Double

For the first time in more than a decade, two commencement services were held on the campus in Collegedale.* The 353 spring graduates included 26 baccalaureate nursing seniors for whom a third commencement was held in Orlando, Fla. A summer commencement service marked the awarding of Southern’s first 14 master’s degrees.

A spring first was the presentation of the first Bachelor of Science degree in actuarial studies. David Zabaleta broke ground by completing the new curriculum offered by the Mathematics Department.

Four husband-wife pairs received their degrees in May: Aprelle and Sean Callender, Jennina and William Collier, Jenny and Jason Hobbs, and Terez and Gregory Mitchell. Terez also graduated with her twin, Tamara Avant. Another set of twins graduating together were Melissa and Michelle Carey.

Other sibling pairs were Ashley and Matthew Rice, Alana and Laura Hunt, Jennifer and Julie Lim, and Chad and Shayne Hutchinson.

Employees Jim Segar, Darel Tetz, and Jayne Wyche also graduated. Dr. Ron Clouzet was awarded his doctor of ministry degree.
A sign on a London bus—"Mind your head when leaving your seat"—was one of several bits of wisdom shared at Southern’s first master’s degree graduation, held on the evening of July 23.

"Keep on learning after you leave the classroom," explained the speaker, Dr. David Penner, dean of the School of Education at La Sierra University.

He titled his address "And Now We Return You to Another World Already in Progress," a phrase that gave him pause when he happened to hear it on TV.

The first 14 master’s graduates from Southern were all from the School of Education and Psychology. The last 12 to complete La Sierra University’s M.A. program previously conducted on Southern’s campus shared the epoch-ending event.

The very first person to receive a master’s degree diploma granted by Southern Adventist University was Jeannie Bradley, a teacher in Morganton, N.C. She wrote and sang a special song for the occasion, “Lord, Live Your Life in Me.” A 1992 Southern College graduate, Jeannie was social vice president of the Student Association in her sophomore year.

Degrees were conferred by President Gordon Bietz; Ward Sumpter, vice chair of Southern’s Board of Trustees, and Joni Zier, director of records.

“Our first graduation is tangible evidence that what began with a certain amount of skepticism is a reality which defines a bright future for graduate programs at SAU,” says Dr. Alberto dos Santos, dean, School of Education and Psychology. By his “life list” count, this was the 72nd graduation he had attended.

This year’s graduates all received master of science in education degrees emphasizing one of three areas: inclusive education, multigrade/multitasking teaching, or outdoor education. Theirs were the first graduate programs to start on Southern’s campus three years ago. What began with about 50 graduate students in education has grown to approximately 135 students in education and four additional fields: business administration, counseling, religion, and software engineering.

“The graduate programs at Southern Adventist University are designed to accommodate the schedules of working people,” says Dr. George Babcock, senior vice president for academic administration. “We desire to make it possible for people to keep their jobs and obtain further education at the same time.”

“Our first graduation implies that it is possible to hold a career and still engage in professional growth activities. Our graduate students deserve praise for their tenacity and consistency. Now they have reached a major goal in their lives,” says dos Santos.

All summer graduates were from the Southern Union. Nine are teachers, two are conference officers, and two are camp staff members. One is employed at the Creative Discovery Museum in Chattanooga.

“We are providing a variety of programs so that teachers can specialize in a specific area of interest,” says Dr. Carl Swafford, associate professor of education.

Eight of the 14 graduates chose an emphasis in outdoor teacher education.

“The School of Education and Psychology is saying that outdoor education should be an important part of the teaching curriculum for K-12. Every school has an outdoor laboratory for teachers to use no matter what subject or grade they teach,” says Swafford.

“Outdoor education is a concept that is fairly new in today’s education circles, but it’s been around since the Garden of Eden, where God Himself was Adam’s teacher in the great outdoors,” says Clark McCrane, outdoor education graduate and wildlife director at Cohutta Springs Adventist Center.

Students who completed other areas of emphasis also appreciate the new programs.

“My master’s program challenged me professionally to better meet the needs of all students,” says Jackie Rochester, inclusive education graduate and Georgia teacher.
• Official enrollment this semester totals 1,724. The total head count includes 1,669 undergraduates and 55 graduate students. Thirty-eight Southern students are pursuing their B.S. nursing degree at one of three extension campuses in Florida, four students are overseas in the Adventist Colleges Abroad program, and four are elsewhere for their clinical year in the medical technology program.

• University trustees meeting in May endorsed master plan concepts being developed for the City of Collegedale. City population is now 5,300, and 400 new subdivision lots are expected within the next year. City planning focuses on land in the Four Corners area on the other side of White Oak Mountain from the university.

• Four classes toward the master of software engineering (MSE) degree have already gotten off the ground: Introduction to Object Oriented Technology, Software Development Process, Software Architecture, and Distributed Systems and Security. One-week on-campus intensive sessions are complemented by reading and homework assignments and a course project. Details are available via computer at www.cs.southern.edu/cs/mse.html.

• The annual spring meeting of the Collegiate Division of the Tennessee Academy of Sciences (Eastern Region), was held on the Southern Adventist University campus in April. About 75 students and professors from regional colleges and universities registered, and about 45 more attended some of the sessions. Students from Southern won three of the four awards given for the best of 25 student research presentations.

• A record number of students enrolled in the magazine and feature writing seminar at the 1998 Communication Workshop. Lori Peckham, editor of Insight, worked with 13 students to produce an entire issue of the magazine.

• History seniors as a class ranked in the 98th percentile this spring on the ETS Major Field Achievement Test, with individual scores ranging from 69 to 99 percentile and the lowest subscore at 50 percentile. The seven seniors included five May graduates and two planning to graduate next spring.

• The fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis brought Richard Duerksen to Southern’s campus. He elaborated on the theme “God Has an Attitude”—about love, judgment, honesty, mission, eternity, rules, values, and grace. Duerksen is vice president for spiritual life at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

• The Concert Band has assumed a new name: the Southern Adventist University Wind Ensemble. Their performances for the year began with providing church music for the first Sabbath in October, under the baton of Brandon Beck. The group has 55 members this year.

• “Diversity Made Simple” was the topic presented by Steve Birdine at a special student assembly held in September. Birdine coordinates diversity programs at Indiana University. “This was an amazing presentation of learning and caring about people,” commented a student. Another told him, “You’ve really made me think about a lot of stereotypes I didn’t even know I had.”

• Two field schools of evangelism were held this past summer. Dr. Jud Lake and 10 religion majors worked with evangelist Ron Halvorsen for a May-June five-week series in Fort Myers, Fla. On the last Sabbath, 40 were baptized. A June-July series followed in Chicago, Dr. Ron Chouzet and 10 other religion majors worked with Dr. John Fowler, ’64, to share Christ there.

• The Florida State Board of Independent Colleges and Universities has approved the addition of the Master of Business Administration program to Southern’s offerings at its affiliate, Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences in Orlando.

• The service station, later used by the motor pool, is no more. Replaced by a new Motor Pool facility nearly double its size, the structure was razed in October. The first service station was built as a blacksmith shop in 1919. After gas pumps were installed, a section of the building was used as a shoe repair shop and later as a barber shop. That building was replaced in 1963 by the structure just now demolished.

On the Trail of Service-Learning

Large and small clusters of students scattered over the Chattanooga area to about 30 job sites, putting tools aside for a day to serve their community. The 539 students who chose to participate in Southern’s fifth annual Community Service Day were joined by a number of their teachers and several administrators.

Those pictured were among 40 students who worked on trail restoration on Lookout Mountain. Part of their assignment involved carrying 70 lb. bags of masonry cement down the rocky hiking trail and relocating boulders using crowbars and picks.

Other students spent the day entertaining and assisting Life Care Center residents in Collegedale, cleaning and sorting at the Chattanooga Food Bank, or revitalize an abandoned house in a downtown Chattanooga area so that it can soon become a neighborhood center.

“If we make a difference in one person’s life, Community Service Day has reached its goal,” declared Luis Changas, Student Association president and organizer of the day’s activities. “As I went from place to place, I noticed that the faces of others lit up with joy as they young people taking time to give.”
Kathryn (Anderson) Crowder, '26, lives in Miami, Fla., with her husband, Fred. She has taught organ and piano beyond her 90th birthday. She was born in Grayville, original location for Southern. She continues to play the organ for morning devotions five days a week at the First Baptist Church. Her great-granddaughter, Kani Trumper, daughter of Richard, '76, and Kathy (Evans), is in her second year at Southern, and received the Sue-Jean Coman scholarship a year ago.

Myrtle (West) Fuller, '22, died March 25, 1986, at 97. She was the widow of George Newton Fuller, who as a student in 1918 rode out to Coltham each Sunday to bring back the mail and later was College Hall postmaster from 1929 to 1964 except for 1932 to 1936. A daughter, Georgette Meyer, and 4 sons, George, '44, Forrest, '50, Fred W., '55, and Glenn, '62, survive, along with her brother, Donald, '42 and '49, 23 grandchildren, and 38 great-grandchildren.

Martha (Montgomery) Odom, '22, passed away on May 20, 1998, in College Hall at the age of 94. She was a retired teacher, writer, missionary, and the next-to-oldest living alumna of the school. She was the wife of the late Robert Odom and is survived by sons John and Robert, two grandsons, and six great-grandchildren.

Vera J. Sack, '29 academy, lives in Orlando, Fla., with her husband. Her career was in elementary school teaching. She has authored three children's books published by D. C. Cook Co.

Dewitt Bowen, '49, and his wife Josie (Newton), attended, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They married on Jan. 27, 1948. Dewitt graduated from the University of Tennessee dental school in 1953 and has lived in College Hall ever since. He retired from dentistry in 1972. He worked in city government for 15 years, two terms as mayor of College Hall. Their son, Bruce, attended Southern for three years. Their daughter, Jo Dee, '84, is a CPA.

Mildred (Moore) Clark, '44, and her husband, Willard, '48, live in Angwin, Calif. She got her RN at Loma Linda in 1947, the year before her husband finished medical school there. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 1997. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

Lois Diminyatz, '46, a "domestic engineer" and her semi-retired dentist-husband live in Gold River, Calif. Their children and grandchildren all live in California also.

Oliver Foust, attended, and his wife, Tillie (Belz), '42, are members of the Central Church in Sacramento, Calif. Tillie has retired from her position as a licensed health administrator. Oliver is still a CPA and hospital administrator. Together, they are still involved in prison ministry.

Eva Lynne (Ashlock) Huff, '48, is planning to retire one of these days and is looking forward to seeing old friends. She can be contacted at this address: 2504 Stratford Drive, St. Joseph MI 49085.

Frank Jobe, attended, was featured as a modern sports medicine pioneer in a September AP sports story. It described his role in salvaging careers of athletes such as pitchers Johnny Podres, Tommy John, Orel Hershiser, Darren Drell, and quarterback Jim McMahon. In the past 40 years he has performed more than 500 tendon transplants. He says he has simply been in the right place at the right time. Frank has two sons, Chris, who teaches at Loma Linda University, and Meredith, an attorney.

Miriam (Ditzel) Kramer, '48, is in charge of general studies at LLU graduate school in Loma Linda, Calif. She spent a month in Spain, with a group of 144 people learning Spanish in Madrid.

Roy F. Battle, '53, and his wife, Hanne, moved to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia two years ago to be near children and grandchildren. Roy retired from College Hall Academy in 1988 after 24 years there. Hanne retired in 1989 from the Campus Shop. Their oldest, Jacqueline, (all attended), lives near Buchanan, Va., and her only child is a 4th-year cadet at VMI. Their son, Roy Wayne, works for Florida Hospital. Son, Mark, works in construction in Churchville, Va. He married Debbie (Heaven). Roy III. The Battles miss College Hall friends and the inspiring school music. Their address is 10 Pambool Drive, Fisherville VA 22039.

Dale Fisher, '51, and his wife, Betty, live in Corona, Calif. He is semi-retired from machine tool manufacturing. Their son, Rob, (a "graduation gift" in June 1951) is an MD in Reno, while their daughter, Judy, is an RN and lives near them in Corona. Dale and Betty are happy members of the Adventist Church in Corona.

Hugh V. Leggett, '53, passed away on Jan. 15, 1998, in Portland, Tenn. He was president of his class in 1952. He served the Adventist Church for more than 33 years as a chaplain, pastor, evangelist, ministerial secretary, and executive secretary in the California and Kentucky-Tennessee conferences. He was instrumental in building several churches. He served in the army prior to graduation and was given the Purple Heart for injuries received in Germany. He is survived by his wife, Ida Lee (Allmen), attended, sons Hugh, Verizon, and Dennis and daughter, Joy (all attended), and 10 grandchildren.
Robert and LaVerne (Hughes) Northrop, both ’53, are retired in Loma Linda, Calif. They had four children (one died in 1998) and enjoy their two grandchildren. Robert retired in June 1997 after 44 years of denominational service but still keeps busy. LaVerne is busy also with writing and painting.

Bobra (Morgan) Barrington Crosby Ringer, ’50, passed away July 3, at 68. She had lived in the Collegedale area for 49 years. She was retired from SoNex Natural Foods. Survivors include her husband, Bruce Ringer, ’51 and retired employee, and sons Tim Crosby, ’77, of Hagerstown, Md., and Ken Crosby, ’77, of Ooltewah.

Vernon Menhennett, ’67, succumbed to multiple sclerosis on April 12. He was 53, and had taught school in Florida before 13 years at McKee Foods. His wife, Shirley (Crawford), attended, manages the Campus Kitchen.

Joyce C. and Dudley Nichols, both ’63, are in Memphis, Tenn. Son Loren is an orthopedic surgeon in Pikeville, KY, and daughter Vivian Reesman, a nurse and aerobics instructor in Charleston, S.C. Joyce is an RN, clinical specialist in psychiatry, and Dudley works in sales and management for Pontiac/GMC Motor Division. They have four grandchildren.

Rezzan Adell (Hall) Reilly, ’68, passed away in February of this year. She lived in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and was a nurse.

Lindley Richert, ’63, died July 23, 1998, in Andover, N.J., at the age of 58. A market analyst and business writer, he had served on Southern’s Board of Trustees for several years in the 1980s. He is survived by his wife, Charlene (Villeneuve), attended, and three sons, Arlin, ’87, Rick (Lindley, Jr.), ’89, and Michael, attended. His only brother, Art, ’65, chairs the Mathematics Department at Southern.

David and Linda (Bicknell) Steen, both ’68, formerly faculty, now teach at Andrews University. They enjoy the interactions with students and making new friends each year. Their two children, Lisa and Joel, are grown. Three grandchildren live nearby.

Steve Sowder, ’68, completed a master’s in library and information science at the University of North Texas in 1997. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Andrews University in July where he is systems librarian. In Texas Steve was doing volunteer work as a child advocate. Daughter Amy is an academy sophomore in Michigan. Son David is a network manager at Southwestern Adventist University. Son Ryan is staying with David in Texas for his junior year of college.

Jim Vye, ’61, and his wife, Fay, reside in Youngville, Calif. He is a retired special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Alice R. (Fowler) Willey, ’62, died of ovarian cancer on Feb. 7, 1998, in Takoma Park, Md. Seven mid-childhood years were spent in Africa with her missionary parents. She attended Forest Lake Academy, and earned her master’s degree in general administration from the University of Maryland. She married Steven Willey in 1964 and served with him for nine years in the Inter-American Division and for the past 24 years, in pastorates in Georgia, Iowa, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. Alice was last employed as a budget analyst in the administrative office of the United States Courts. In 1981 her Write Now! award winning book, Tomboy Ranch, was published by the Review & Herald. She is survived by her husband, their three children: Amy, Angela Paris, and Steven Mark; her parents, Mark and Lois Fowler; her sisters, Virginia Burnham and Marquita Holstead; and her granddaughter, Rachel Paris.

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Gilbert M. Burnham, ’64, directs the Johns Hopkins University Center for Refugee and Disaster Studies in Baltimore, Md.

Bruce Freeman, ’62, and his wife, Carol (Watson), attended, are in Charlotte, N.C., where his elderly father lives. Bruce is a guidance counselor at Charlotte Christian School. Carol is developing a new hairstyling clientele. Their mailing address is: P. O. Box 11191, Charlotte NC 28220-1191. Their twins, Cheri and Sherrie, live in Kernersville, N.C.

Frederick A. Harter, attended, has retired from the U.S. General Accounting Office and is a commissioner of Cottage City, Md., where he and his wife, Esther, reside.

Will Henson, ’61, retired after 36 years pastoring in Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida, and Georgia, including 10 years as a departmental director. He and wife, Gertie (Thomas), ’57, have sons Jon and David, an adopted daughter, Gayle, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They live in Covarr, Ga., where Bill is interim pastor. He is also the Southern Union government liaison.

Pat (Osborne) Kirstein, ’65, and her husband, Bill, attended, are residents of Hagerstown, Md. She is a nurse, working with Hospice, and he is art director for the Review & Herald Publishing Association. Their sons are Brennan, ’94, youth pastor at Calhoun, Ga., and Chad (married to Tanya Wolcott), both attended, is a senior architectural student at Andrews University.

Thomas McFarland, ’67, and Arlene (West), ’70, live in Fort Payne, Ala., where Tom enjoys directing the emergency room. Arlene completed her doctorate in nursing science with Louisiana State University. She writes a weekly column on relationships for the local newspaper and responds to relationship questions on the internet through the Bible Information Line (bibleinfo.com). They are experiencing the joys of grandparenthood.

Larry Becker, ’79, and his wife, Laura (Cox), ’78 and ’82, are in Antelope, Calif. They have two children: Roger, 14, and Erica, 9. Larry specializes in small group ministry and family life at the Carmichael Adventist Church in Sacramento. Laura served in the medical field in VA and care management but is taking a break from working outside the home.

Jimenez Named Senior VP of AHS

A. David Jimenez, ’75, is the new senior vice president of Adventist Health System. Previously, he was president of Huguley Health System and regional vice president of the Southwest Region. The transition makes him administratively responsible for the Southwest Region and Multi-state Hospital Division, as well as business interests in Puerto Rico.

Prior to 1992 Jimenez served as president of Medical Center Hospital (formerly owned by AHS) and regional vice president of the Florida Region. Other prior positions in healthcare include assistant administrator at Tidewater Memorial Hospital, Tappahannock, Va.; executive vice president and CFO for Corona Community Hospital, Corona, Calif.; and president of Haleah Hospital, Haleah, Fla.

In 1990, he was recognized as an "emerging leader" by the healthcare forum as a result of the financial turnaround at Haleah Hospital. Jimenez received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from Southern, a master’s degree in healthcare administration from Loma Linda University, and a post-graduate degree in healthcare finance from the University of South Carolina.

Jimenez’s business expertise, energy, strategic thinking, and commitment to the mission of Adventist Health System are expected to make him a great asset to the division, according to Don Jernigan, executive vice president of AHS.
Beverly (Benchina) Brett, '78, teaches fifth grade near Loma Linda, Calif. Her husband, Andrew, a PUC grad, is a child psychotherapist. They live in Highland with daughters Almina, 12, and Zara, 10.

Gwendolyn Chaffin, '78, is a purchasing administrator for a bank in Atlanta, Ga.

Garland Daland, faculty, 1975-81, has been elected as associate director in the General Conference Education Department, replacing Don Sahly, president 1986-97, who is now an associate secretary of the General Conference. Since leaving Southern, Garland was a teacher and administrator at Oakwood College for 11 years, then at La Sierra University since 1992.

Sharon Joiner Harris, attended, died Oct. 22, 1997, in Memphis, Tenn. A registered dietitian, she served at Loma Linda Medical Center and Loma Linda Foods, and she taught at La Sierra University. She is survived by husband, Jim, and two children, Noel and Mitchell of Memphis; father, James Joiner of Ooltewah, Tenn.; and sister, Becki Timon of Laurel, Md.

Carl Koester, '70, joined the central office staff of ADRA in Silver Spring, Md., as director of planned giving on May 1. He and his wife, Beverly (Swafford), '72, were previously in Blantyre, Malawi. Their son, Eric, graduated from Southern this year with degrees in religious studies and nursing.

Joe Mashburn, '76, is on sabbatical this semester. He is doing some research in topology with some friends at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, but continuing to live in Xena.


Geoff Ovens, '77, obtained his MBA degree in international management from the University of Texas at Dallas, almost 20 years after getting his undergraduate degree from Southern. He has earned professional certifications as a project management professional and as a certified purchasing manager. He is now a consultant-senior in the project management consulting group for Electronic Data Systems and travels extensively. He welcomes the contact of friends at geoff.owens@eds.com

Tom "Michael" and Karen (Schwartz) Porter, both '76, are in Maryland. Michael's work with Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has focused on Sri Lanka and Moscow.

Aida C. Rodriguez, '78, and her husband, Orlando, live in Loma Linda, Calif. They have four children. Aida is a clinical nurse specialist at San Bernardino County Medical Center.

Don Steinweg, '71, and his wife, Mary Lou, reside in Fairfield, Calif., between San Francisco and Sacramento. They adopted two sons from Russia in 1996: David, 10, and Daniel, 9. Don is an accountant for Contra Costa County.

Dennis, '72, and Joan (Murphy) Taylor, '72, have a daughter, Jyll, who is a freshman at Southern. Dennis taught computer skills at the high school level to the twins, Dane and Lynn, this summer. Joan is on Southern's board of trustees and is also chairman of her department at Parkridge Hospital in Fletcher, N.C. They have made several short medical missions trips to Mexico and Cuba.

Dave Wheeler, '74, is practicing law as the principal of the law offices of David E. Wheeler in Los Angeles. His focus is business litigation, emphasizing insurance coverage and bad faith matters for insured policyholders.

Kevin Wilson, '78, was reelected Collegedale city judge in August by write-in vote.

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Thomas E. Base, '80, lieutenant U.S. Navy as a chaplain, is assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion #133 out of Gulfport, Miss. Lt. Base is completing his second deployment in two years and when he was stationed at the naval base in Rota, Spain. His daughters: Christina, 11, and Steffenie, 8, live in Ooltewah, Tenn. He would enjoy hearing from friends and classmates. His e-mail address is: t13334d41_t_base@navy.mil

Elizabeth (Stitely) Bunkes, '85, and her husband, Howard, reside in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. Beth is piloting AE21 in her one-room school this year. The program allows students in grades 5-8 to be taught via satellite in the afternoon. The teacher is in Florida, teaching at eight schools across the country. The students interact with students in the other schools. For more information on the satellite school: http://www.southernunion.com/ae21/

Jeffrey, '84, and his wife, Debra (Odell) Coston, '84 and '85, moved to Hendersonville, N. C., last November. Jeff is an anesthesiologist at Park Ridge Hospital. Debra is a full-time mother to Chelsea, 5, and Christina, born April 22.

Donnie Crook, '82, died April 11, 1998, in a plane crash near the Collegedale Airport. He was 44. He was employed with Camp Excalibur, had taught vocational skills at an area high school, and was an elder at the McDonald Road Church. His wife, Evonne (Kutzner), '79, is administrative assistant to Southern's Vice president for advancement. Their daughter, Nikoli, is 11, and son, Donnie is 9.

Susan (Krall) Curtis, '87, and her husband, Reggie, live in Buchanan, Mich. Their daughters are Veronica, 14, Victoria, 3, and Valerie, born last December. Reggie owns a computer consulting firm in Berrien Springs. Full-time mom Susan works part-time as a physical therapist.

Martin Obtains Psychology Doctorate

A. Alan Maris, received a doctorate degree (PhD) in clinical psychology from the Graduate School of Psychology, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. His degree was presented at Southern's May 1998 commencement. He and his wife, Dorene (Rivera), both graduated from Southern in 1990. In 1995, they founded dream VISION ministries (www.agnet.org/den), a para-church agency which empowers and nurtures young people in Christian lifestyle and leadership. Maris also serves as the public relations officer for the Association of Adventist Youth Ministry Professionals, and as the North American Division Test/Young Adult Online Ministries coordinator.
Chris and Sandra (Forbes) Dannenberger, both ’85, of Johnson City, Tenn., have four little girls: Jenni, Nicole, Michelle, and Cassi. Sandra and Chris are both RNs at Northside Hospital. She also home schools the children. Chris is the fourth non-physician health care professional in the nation to be certified in the use of a new heart catheterization device. The technology rapidly seals the puncture site, eliminating the need for site pressure and subsequent immobility.

Diane Fletcher, former faculty, married Dean Way in October of 1997, in her home country of Australia. They live in Sheffield, Tasmania.

Coral Hightower, ’83, is an RN living in Angier, Calif. Her husband, Joel, is a dental lab owner/technician. They have a 13-year-old son.

Kevin Shaw, ’83, and his wife, Terryn (Kurzynske), ’81 and ’84, live in Columbus, Ohio, with sons Tyson, 12, and Tristan, 9. Kevin is a market data manager for Banc One Capital Holdings. Terryn works in nursing part time. Both are actively involved in their local church and school, and enjoy their sons immensely.

Brenda (Caldwell) Sheldon attended, married Travis on July 25, 1985. They live in Madison, Tenn. She would love to hear from friends who attended Southern with her. caddles@minspring.com

Kathy (Leffew) Twombly, ’80 and ’82, was honored this year during National Volunteer Recognition Week. She and her home-schooled children spend two or three hours per week preparing three-day food boxes and stocking food shelves at The Samaritan Center, an Adventist Community Services facility in Oakleva, Tenn. Her husband, David, ’79, directs the Alzheimer’s day program at Memorial Hospital.

Alberto Valenzuela, ’80, directs video production for the General Conference. After pastoring in southern California for 8 years, he helped develop ADRA’s Global Village, an education tool for elementary students. He considers a communication campaign in Italy to be his greatest accomplishment. It put the church in every major publication and led to millions of dollars for development and relief work. He joined the General Conference communication staff in July 1997. He and his wife, Denise (Leoun), have a daughter, Camila Denise Mercedes, 4.


Tony Brandon, ’91, pastor a two-church district in Montana. He and his wife, Orling (Eleanor), have a son, Erin, 5, and daughter, Sheanna, 2. They live in Plentywood, Mont.

Evelyn Carvalho, ’93, graduated with a master’s in social work from the University of Denver in Colorado. She works with adolescents in drug/alcohol treatment in Denver.

Albert Casen, ’93, appeared on the cover of the January-April 1998 Appalachia, the journal of the Appalachian Regional Commission. He and his wife, Tracie (Wolcott), ’92, live in Birmingham, Ala., where he is vice president of sales for Bud’s Best Cookies, which began exporting in 1997.

Joseph Eunkwan Choi, ’95, is working toward his doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting at the University of Maryland with a full scholarship and graduate assistantship. He completed his master’s with an orchestral conducting emphasis from the University of Hartford, Hart School of Music in Connecticut. Friends may reach him at jchoi@swan.umd.edu

Avinaria Davis, attended, lives in Riverside, Calif., and anticipates graduating with a psychology major from La Sierra University in December.

Tracy Fitzgerald, ’92, joined the Walla Walla College church pastoral staff as youth pastor a year ago. He earned a master’s degree in religious education from Andrews University. He previously served as a bible teacher and witnessing director at Great Lakes Academy in Michigan. He and Julie (Brendel), ’92, have a son, Cameron.

Alicia Gorge, ’97, is the new managing editor of Inside Report, the Amazing Facts monthly full-color magazine. In August she completed a master of arts degree in religion at Andrews University.

Tyon Hall, attended, is working on a BS in computer engineering with a certificate in business management at Georgia Tech. In the summer he has worked for the BS department at Life Care’s corporate office in Cleveland, Tenn.

Kristi Horn, ’91, is working on her master’s degree in marriage and family therapy at Loma Linda University.

Holly Sue (Miller) Joers, ’92, and her husband, Skip, reside in Killeen, Texas. They married April 5. Skip directs community relations and development at Metropolis Health System. When she wrote, Holly was horse hunting and participating in church music. She would love to hear from Southern friends: sportswin@link.com

Gene L. Krishinger, Jr., ’90, and his wife, Renee (Klocek), attended, are in Hawaii with children Ashlyn, 7, and Austyn, 4. Gene finished medical school at East Tennessee State University in May, 1998 and is now in a surgery internship at Tripler Army Medical Center.

J. Chris Moore, ’94, and his wife, Joy (Kitchen), attended, live in Milford, Conn. Chris is a foot and ankle surgery resident at Yale University. Joy is a firefighter/EMT. She is working on a degree in early childhood education. They would love to hear from friends: JCMooreDM@obil.com

Mark Rice, ’83, and Laura (Lynn), ’94, reside in Laurel, Md. Laura is a social worker for Prince Georges County social services. Mark works with software architects at NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope Program in Maryland. The two married in March 1997.

Yulonda (Thomas) Sherard, ’90, now lives in Chattanooga after more than seven years in the Air Force. Recently she married Jerome Sherard, a local physician. She is self-employed as a certified nutritionist (weight loss) consultant.

Travis Stirewalt, ’94, and Tonya (Sparkman), attended, live in Nashville, Tenn., with their “little ball of energy,” Tristan, 2. Travis is the sales/marketing manager for Industry On Line, Inc., serving the metal finishing industry.

Timothy Stubbert married Kimberly (Weron), both attended, on August 9, at the McDonald Road Church near Collegehve. He is a carpenter and she is pursuing a degree in interior design at UTC.

Michelle Williams, ’93, lives in Mansfield, Ohio. She is a loan officer for Northeast Mortgage, Inc. She planned to move (within the area) soon so she can have cats, and she’ll be less than a mile from work.

Jeff Wood and Shawnay (Follbright), both ’94, married Dec. 31, 1996, and are in Avon Park, Fl., where Jeff is the minister for youth at Walker Memorial Adventist Church.

Justin Woody, ’96, and Jennifer (Halvsersen), attended, married April 19 in Boonesboro, Md. He works for a Microsoft/Cisco consulting firm and says he is learning more every day.
At Rest

Eugene A. Anderson, 90, a member of Southern's board for more than 30 years, died Sept. 25, 1998. When only 20 years old, he incorporated Southern Sun Service in Atlanta, which now reaches into 87 countries. His generosity in both time and money were legendary.

Gifts to Southern included endowments for the E. A. Anderson Business Lecture Series, the Eugene A. Anderson Organ Concert Series, and the Florence Oliver Anderson Nursing Lecture Series honoring his wife with whom he celebrated 50 years of marriage prior to her death in 1983.

He was the last living founding member of the Optimist Club, and served on other boards besides Southern's, including Boy Scouts of America, the YMCA, and Emory Adventist Hospital.

He conducted four trade missions for Georgia and the U.S. Government. In 1987 President Ronald Reagan presented him the “E” Flag award, the highest honor for American foreign trade.

Survivors include two children, Eugene, and Flomie Kelley, and five grandchildren.

Dr. Cyril Dean, physical education teacher at Southern from 1962-72, died Aug. 12, 1998, in Pickens, S.C. Southern's major in health, physical education, and recreation was introduced in 1965 under his chairmanship. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Norma Jean, and daughters Shirley Dean and Beverly, 73, the wife of Carl Swafford, an education teacher at Southern.

Jean (LaFleur) Haight, 54, circulation desk night supervisor at McKee Library at Southern Adventist University, died March 14, 1998. She had fought a long battle with lupus.

Following her 1964 marriage, she and her husband worked for Faith For Today. In 1965 they joined Southern's staff, Joanne as a secretary in the treasurer's office. They returned to Collegedale in 1970 following an absence for his military service.

Survivors include her husband, Terry, a College Press employee; two children, David, and Barbara Stricker, and a grandchild, Joshua Stricker.

Evelyn Moore, 76, a cafeteria employee at Southern from 1977-97, died June 30, 1998. After retiring in 1987, she continued as a part-time hostess until June 1997. Her friendly attitude endeared her to many students. The 1997 senior class honored her by choosing her as a sponsor.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she was a hostess at a Los Angeles hospital for 14 years prior to coming to Collegedale. She was the widow of John Moore.

Survivors include two sons, Gary, of Collegedale, and Henry, of Clyde, N.Y.; two grandchil-
dren, a great-grandson, a sister, and two brothers.

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Sophomore majoring in nursing

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A Word from the Alumni Director

Homecoming this year was blessed with absolutely perfect 75° weather. The fall colors were gorgeous against a beautiful blue sky! Attendance at all events was phenomenal, especially when you consider the number of people across the country who were involved with Net '98 and couldn't attend.

Many of the alumni who attended let me know how very much they enjoyed all the special music throughout the weekend. The SAU Wind Symphony concert was as good as any professional group according to a number of alumni. The orchestra and choir also gave outstanding performances. Jimmy and Pam Rhodes gave a moving concert Sabbath afternoon and the "Old Time Country Music Saturday Night" had a very good attendance and was greatly enjoyed.

For several years we have given a beautiful Southern Adventist University sweatshirt as a door prize to someone who registers at Homecoming. This year the computer selected Ms. Barbara Pendleton. Congratulations, Barbara!

More and more correspondence is coming to us by e-mail. If you're on the net, please visit Southern's web page at www.southern.edu and send us an alumni update. Included in that is your email address so we can reach you. You can also reach our office by sending email to alumni@southern.edu This is a good way to send us the news you want in “Those Who Walked These Halls” in Columns.

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5. Ronnie and Ashley Hall Hold, Sherrie Platt
1. David Waterhouse, Karen Minner, Candace McClellan, Joy-Lynn Philpott, Ryan Jones (SJC Scholarship recipients)
2. Dennis Taylor
3. Jerry Holdridge, Harold Johnson
4. Gordon Miller, Mark Rumsey
5. Tanya McCreery, Wes Bradford
1. Mike Lopez and daughter
2. Pam Maize Harris and Malissa, Dale Smith and Nicholas
3. Tori, Melissa, Ryan and Jeanie Sandstrom Kretschmar
4. Woodrow and Naomi Dalrymple Wilson
5. Cecil and John Wear
1. Suzy Smith Gloudeman and Noah, Wilma McClarty
2. Valeri Johnson Knight
3. Jeremy Francisco, Cindy Coolidge
4. Thelma Thomson Hartwell, Polly Davidson Haynes and Paul, Frances Hartwell Robertson
5. Dave Smith
1. Charlie Boykin — Class of '28
2. Class of '38
3. Class of '48
4. John Durichek
5. Class of '53
1. Class of '58
2. Dwight Hilderbrandt
3. Class of '68
4. Class of '73
5. Robert and Agnes Merchant, Evonne Kutzner Crook
their friends are in the class just prior to or after them. PLEASE let us know what year you would prefer to be listed in and we will be glad to put that information in our computer. We definitely want you to be with those who mean the most to you when you come to Homecoming.

Although 1991 seems like a long time ago, the years since then have gone by rather quickly. For me it has been fantastic—some of the best years of my life. Where else can you get paid to keep in touch with your friends and throw a party once a year (Homecoming) and invite everyone to be there?! Even better, I've never worked for any organization that I felt better about. Southern has always been committed to providing Christ-centered quality education and because this is still true today, I've been proud and happy to be here.

As was announced at Homecoming by our president, Dr. Gordon Bietz, I will retire May 31, 1999. Betty Lou and I are both looking forward to that date. We do plan to stay in the Collegedale area. I'll still be seeing many of you at chapter meetings between now and then and at Homecoming in the years to come. With conditions being what they are in the world today, it can't be too much longer before the Lord's return. I want us all to be a part of that group ready and waiting for Him.

I want to thank all of you for your loyal support and ask for your continued prayers and support for Southern as we move into the new century.

Cordially,

Jim Ashlock

1. Class of '78
2. Class of '88