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**A Word from the Alumni Director**

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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



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# To keep it coming

If you're a graduate or former student of Southern, you can relax. As long as we have your correct mailing address, you'll stay on the COLUMNS mailing list.

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Why the change? It gives you a choice.

For years now, COLUMNS magazine has been mailed not just to alumni and former students, but also to many other friends of the university. This includes area businesses, special donors, and most Seventh-day Adventist church members living in the South.

Until recently, that information had to come from several independent lists. Honoring the requests of individuals who wanted to be removed from our mailing list was next to impossible.

Although it's hard for most of us at Southern to imagine why anyone would not want to read COLUMNS, rumor has it that an occasional copy is tossed immediately into the nearest trash can. Let's face it. Nearly everybody is inundated with reading material these days. Sometimes I look at my own magazine stack and wonder if I'll ever get to explore all of the treasures it contains.

Nevertheless, I hope you'll choose to stay on our list. If you are a member of a church within the Southern Union, this is your university. We want you to know about the exciting changes taking place in the lives of its students, graduates, and faculty—many of whom are your fellow church members. God is using this unique Christian school in southeastern Tennessee to influence people in every section of the globe!

We're committed to producing a magazine that you'll want to keep at the top of your burgeoning stack.

—Debra J. Hicks

# Quadruple blessings

Southern Adventist University has received four major gifts this spring, totaling a million dollars. Each \$250,000 contribution has been designated to help students who desire a Christian education.

During the past year, Southern sent out 81 Student Missionaries to 22 countries of the world, including Thailand, Germany, and Korea. The first \$250,000 gift will enable even more young people to participate in the Student Missions program in the future by providing scholarships after students return from their mission assignment.

A second \$250,000 gift is earmarked for endowed scholarships. The family who made the gift realizes the value of increasing the university's endowment, which currently totals about \$19 million. Income generated by the scholarship endowments (about 60 percent of total endowment) makes it possible for many of our students to continue their education.

A third \$250,000 gift will benefit the R. H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Mission, and the fourth major gift of \$250,000 has been added to the Ruth McKee Chair of Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics.

We thank these donors—and every other supporter of the university.

—David Burghart

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# **Actions Speak Louder Than Words**

by Laure Chamberlain

Students at Southern get “beyond themselves.” They reach out to build up the local community. In the process, service is a vehicle for students to learn concepts of collaboration, change, common purpose, citizenship, and commitment. They gain confidence in themselves and a compassionate consciousness of others. Here are a few glimpses.

**A** 7-year-old boy was playing and eating with a volunteer at the women's shelter.

"Will you be my girlfriend?" he asked. The college girl smiled.

"You can't tell my aunt, because I already have a girlfriend," he said. "But my girlfriend is in jail and my mama is in jail and I only have my aunt to take care of me, so you can be my girlfriend."

The boy's aunt was 18, staying at the shelter, and already had a baby of her own.

All the volunteer could do was bring a smile to his face for that day. She hoped that one day the boy might remember her and open his heart to Jesus, her best Friend.

Community-outreach programs are an important part of Southern Adventist University's ministry to others. Students are making a difference.

Students at Southern can get involved with a wide variety of community-outreach programs. According to university chaplain Ken Rogers, students are participating more than ever before.

Room In The Inn is a women's shelter in downtown Chattanooga. Students go there one Sabbath a month to cook for and talk with the ladies and watch their children, said Miriam Moreno, a nursing major who was co-leader of the ministry this past school year.

Another campus outreach program involves weekly visits by approximately 10 students to Chattanooga's Children's Home and Chambliss Shelter (see accompanying story).

Southern students also volunteer at the Advent Home in Calhoun, Tenn. Advent Home provides residential care, counseling, and remedial schooling to boys 12-16 years of age.

In addition, a large number participate in the clown and puppet ministries, which are active in hospitals, nursing homes, and schools in the area.

Student leaders organize each one of Southern's community-outreach programs. According to Rogers, the university's CARE (Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone) office merely facilitates them. Rogers adds that student interest determines what outreach programs operate in a given year.

Most of the community-outreach ministries require relatively small time commitments. Students can get involved even if they are able to volunteer only once. "College students have a limited amount of time, and they want to be able to plug into something without a lot of hassle," said Rogers.

Because the campus operates so many different outreach programs and makes it

so easy for even busy people to volunteer, student participation is up. "The interest in the program is so overwhelming," said Daisy McKinstry, director of the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter ministry. And more often than not, the benefits of service keep them coming back. In fact, some student ministries must set a limit on the number of times each person can go so that every person who wants to participate gets an opportunity.

What motivates Southern students to get involved in the first place? "I wanted to make a difference in the community," said Charissa Botticelli, a public relations major who just completed her freshman year at Southern.

Nicole Welch, a first-year elementary education major, said she got involved "because it is part of the Christian spirit to serve and help others."

A more scientific answer for why students at Southern have a burden for community outreach can be found in a Valuegenesis report conducted by Dr. Bailey Gillespie. The university commissioned the Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry to survey Southern's students in the spring of 1998, and results were presented to the faculty just before classes started the following August.

Janie Arroll



## Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone (CARE) through campus ministries

In addition to on-campus ministries such as Just to Know Him (student-led Bible study), Steps to Christ (student/teacher-led Bible study), Christ in Action (pre-vespers testimonial time), and the Outdoor Club (Christ in nature), several outreach programs are formed through CARE each year. CARE service opportunities change from year to year as interests change. Recent programs include:

- Room In the Inn**—assisting in a shelter for battered women and children
- Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter**—spending time with children in low-income daycare or 24-hour emergency care
- Advent Home**—assisting at a residential home for troubled boys
- Clown Ministry**—spreading smiles to Sabbath Schools, children's homes, and nursing homes
- Miller Park Ministry**—reaching out to the homeless at Chattanooga's Miller Park
- Sonshine Bands**—singing and personal contact provided Sabbath afternoons for local nursing homes
- Soup Kitchen**—feeding the homeless at the Chattanooga Community Kitchen
- Meals on Wheels**—providing transport of meals to shut-ins in the community
- Puppet Ministry**—spreading joy through performances for children in elementary schools and children's homes



# Those Smiling Faces

A little red-headed girl leaps across the room and into the volunteer's lap. She grins and gives repeated hugs. Between the coughs and giggles, she stares up at the smiling face.



Daisy McKinstry, the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter ministry director, spends time with these young girls while they are in child care.

Many of the smiling faces are Southern students reaching out through ministry at the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter.

Located in Chattanooga, the institution includes two brick buildings, each with its own separate program. The larger building houses a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week child-care program for low-income families. Its six nurseries and 31 classrooms accommodate up to 350 children. Inside it looks like a regular elementary school with bright colors, tile floors, and drinking fountains.

The second building serves as an emergency shelter for children whose foster parents need respite or are from homes where neglect or abuse may have occurred. It includes a nursery for infants and toddlers, a classroom with a year-round teacher, a playroom upstairs, and eight bedrooms.

Even though most of these kids aren't able to be daily in their normal home atmosphere, they receive a place where they have a regular schedule and where people pay attention to them, whether in the child-care program for part of a day or night or in the shelter for a few weeks.

Every Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. during the school year, about 10 students from Southern meet at the Conference Center and head for the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter. Once there, the group splits up, some going to the extended-care facility while others go to the shelter. The student volunteers spend time with the kids, letting them know that someone cares enough to come and visit.

"The kids get very attached to you because they need love so much," said Daisy McKinstry, a broadcast journalism major who directs this ministry.

Volunteers who go consistently get to know the children. "The kids get really excited and run up and hug the regular people," said McKinstry, who just finished her freshman year. These students are able to get to know each child on a deeper level. "The kids start to recognize you as someone who's dependable and someone they can trust," said Debbie Battin, a freshman elementary education major who missed only one visit to the shelter all semester.

"The interest in the program is so overwhelming," McKinstry said. "People really, really like it. Once people go one time, they find out how they affect [the kids'] lives," McKinstry added.

Another volunteer noted how responsive many of the children are. On one visit, a small boy scrunched his forehead in concentration as he twisted a red pipe cleaner into what he called a rose. As he worked, he seemed oblivious to the world around him and then proudly looked up and announced, "It's for you."

Southern students also gain perspective from this ministry and learn from the children. "It makes you understand that in all situations you can find something to be happy about," Battin said.

According to McKinstry, students often view personal dilemmas differently after they understand a child's challenges. Visitors often leave the shelter feeling that their problems aren't as big as they seemed.

Not only do the university students learn from the children, but they also provide a service for the Children's Home/Chambliss Shelter. "We would not be as successful at what we're doing if it were not for volunteers," said Mary Ann Sampley, education coordinator for the children ages 3-12 at the Children's Home. "The children get such a benefit—they love it."

The survey compared students' beliefs with the university's mission statement, said Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services. The results of the survey are based on a sample size of 309.

Among other questions, the survey explored why students get involved in community service. These three reasons ranked as most important among the 22 choices:

- to accomplish something worthwhile/useful for others
- because it is an important response to God's gift of salvation
- helping others gives a good feeling or sense of satisfaction

The Valuegenesis report indicated that 73 percent of the university's students believe that participation in service activities would help them stay interested and involved in their spiritual experience. The percentage of students active in organized community outreach is unknown. In a typical month, however, 80 percent of surveyed students spent more than two hours helping friends or neighbors with problems they had, and 55 percent devoted an hour or more to helping people who are poor, hungry, or unable to care for themselves.

"The people who really want to find a way will get involved," said Moises Guerrero, Campus Ministries director for this past academic year. "I can assure you that anyone who truly and honestly wants to do something can come to the CARE office, and we'll find something for them to do."

Outreach is just as important as the other parts of education, according to one ministry leader. "I set my priorities—God first—and that's my ministry and how I serve Him," said Jeremy Zentz, a co-leader of Room In The Inn and prospective summer graduate.

Dominica Reed, a psychology K-8 major who coordinated the campus Clown Ministry, put it this way: "Actions speak louder than words." ✍

Laure Chamberlain is a senior print journalism major who lives in Ooltewah, Tenn. She matched her actions with her words this past year by participating in the campus ministry at Chambliss Shelter/Children's Home.



Youngsters love to talk with college students about their dreams of what they might do when they grow up. Here Daisy McKinstry joins four "future nurses" in a game of "pretend."

# X Marks the Spot

by Garrett Nudd



Tyson Thorne

**W**hen it comes to focusing their creative ministries, “X” marks the spot for three Southern graduates.

These men share a special burden for today’s generation of young adults, whom Americans have dubbed “Generation X.” They represent countless other alumni who also realize the value of Christian leadership and example.

Ron Pickell, ’80, Allan Martin, ’90, and Dwight Nelson, ’73, are investing in the future of the Seventh-day Adventist Church through their work with young people. Finding creative ways to reach out to Adventists and non-Adventists alike is the common denominator that keeps the three men on the cutting edge of ministry.

## Meeting Them Where They Live

Ron Pickell was 18 when he sensed God calling him to ministry. He had become a Seventh-day Adventist just one year earlier.

“I am really thankful for the transformation of my life through Jesus Christ. I thought there wasn’t a more meaningful way I could live my life than to invest myself, and I knew that if I attended Southern, God would open doors,” says Pickell.

During his days on this campus the enthusiastic theology student had what he calls “experiences that solidified my desire to work with college-age young people.” One year he worked with campus ministries under Pastor Jim Herman. “Ron had a heart for ministry,” recalls Herman, now children’s ministries pastor for the Collegedale Church. “He loved college kids and was especially interested in developing their

relationships with the Lord. There was something special about Ron; he had the kids' attention because he was real."

Ron was also involved in a collegiate Friday night testimony, song, and worship program on campus. "The meetings began with just four or five students gathering and praying together," he recalls. Soon each person started bringing friends. Then they started having a small meal together, and the group grew to 150 students.

"I got to see a lot of my friends accept Jesus Christ," remembers Pickell. "It was one of the most important spiritual events of my college experience and life."



Ron Pickell

After graduation Ron headed to the Seminary at Andrews University. There he learned he could earn elective credit in a youth-ministry practicum. He accepted an opportunity to work with Paul Jenson and Joe Jerus for College & Career Fellowship, a program in Southern California they had founded through the Voice of Prophecy.

At California State's Fullerton campus, Ron assisted with weekly small-group Bible studies for Adventists and non-Adventists, with a wide variety of new believers and people who were raised in the church.

"It was spiritually fulfilling, life challenging, encouraging—the kind of ministry I wanted to be involved in," he says.

While he pastored in the Carolina Conference, a building opened up at the

University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and the Georgia-Cumberland Conference offered Ron exactly what he'd been praying for.

"Ron was considered and chosen because of his passion for the Lord, his friendliness, and his excitement for the ministry of the secular campus," recalls Don Livesay, the former Georgia-Cumberland Conference youth director who first contacted Pickell about the opportunity.

Today, 14 years later, the Advent House—Seventh-day Adventist Student Center thrives right in the heart of the UT Knoxville campus. The 3000-square-foot Mediterranean-style building currently has six student residents. Three are Adventists. Residents pay rent and help with building maintenance and general house upkeep.

"We're looking to reach people in every phase of their spiritual journey," says Pickell, Advent House manager and a campus chaplain, "believers and nonbelievers alike."

The University of Tennessee has 26,000 students. Less than 50 of them are Seventh-day Adventists living on campus. "Our goal at the Advent House is to provide an opportunity for the Adventist students to fellowship with others, and to set our focus on reaching the mixed multitude," says the 42-year-old pastor.

Each Tuesday night a Bible study group meets at the Advent House, and on Friday evenings there is a supper and discussion group. Several times each week students sponsor and conduct reading groups. Residents also encourage their friends to visit.

Holly Gaff was invited to a Bible study at the Advent House six years ago. She has been attending Adventist worship services ever since. The young graduate student lives at the Advent House while completing her PhD in math.

"Ron is one of the best pastors I've ever met," says Gaff. "He has a clear vision for the Advent House, and it's remarkable what he does with the students here."

#### A Mission to Motivate

Allan Martin graduated from Southern in 1990. Eight years later he marched again down the aisle at the Iles PE Center, this time as a guest graduate earning his PhD in clinical psychology from Fuller Theological Seminary. In January 1999, he joined Florida Hospital's Center for Behavioral

Health as a psychiatric resident.

Allan's extracurricular activities are too many to list, but the one he holds dearest is his family's ministry to "Generation X" young people. In 1995, he and his wife, Deirdre, launched dre.am VISION ministries (dVm), a program designed to empower and nurture young people in a Christian lifestyle.

Says the energetic young Filipino, "dre.am VISION ministries utilizes creative, experiential and interactive messages to present the eternal and unwavering gospel. Our goal is to provide GenXers with the tools to reach other GenXers. I believe peer influence is one of the most potent elements for positive development."

One of dre.am VISION's most effective tools is drama. "Drama is a very important form of ministry because it allows both the audience and the participants to be creative," says Martin. While at Southern, he was a member of Destiny Drama Company and eventually became its director.

Allan's wife, Deirdre, another former Destiny member, agrees. "I never thought drama was a gift, but it is. Drama touches each person in a different way, and it's a great way to show someone they have a talent they might have never known they had." The dre.am VISION ministries Web page can be found at [www.tagnet.org/dvm](http://www.tagnet.org/dvm).

Often asked to provide leadership training, Martin is a frequent speaker at workshops for young adults. Allan and Deirdre regularly write a monthly column entitled "X-change" for the "Cutting Edge" edition of the *Adventist Review*. Allan also chairs Connect, a young adult network of Generation Xers who are looking for creative and innovative ways to spread the gospel.

Why does he have such a burden for this generation of young people? "My peers were searching," says Martin, a GenXer himself. "That has been my motivation for the past decade."

Martin's ministry targets three groups of young people: fringe Adventists (those on the borders of Adventism), post-Adventists (those no longer involved in Adventism), and pre-believers (those who have no prior relationship with Jesus Christ).

"We dare not wait for 'someone else' to minister," wrote Martin in *The Journal of Adventist Youth Ministry*. "In this time of spiritual crisis, the call to action goes out



Taco Heggie

Allan Martin

to all who are Christian disciples.”

In his report entitled “The ABCs of Ministry to Generations X, Y, & Z,” Martin highlighted three crucial ingredients to reach and minister to Generation X: **Activate Xer Assets, Build Relational Bridges and Cultivate Communities of Character.**

“Authentic efforts to identify and implement Xer talents, skills, and most importantly, their passions,” he says, will lead the church not only to “retaining a generation, but moreover mending the spiritual leaks that have crippled our ability to live and share the gospel in the contemporary youth setting.”

Few people are as closely associated with Martin’s ministry as his supervising pastor, Dick Duerksen. The two men have worked together for five years.

“Allan Martin’s determination to follow God’s call to build a new generation of believers has energized hundreds of young people within Adventism,” says Duerksen, who is now director of spiritual development for Florida Hospital. “But more, Allan’s willingness to stop, listen, affirm, and challenge has brought life to new avenues of ministry both in and out of his church. In Allan I see someone for whom ministry is not a job; it is a character trait.”

### A Message to the World

Dwight K. Nelson was born in Japan, a fifth-generation Seventh-day Adventist. During his junior year at Far Eastern Academy in Singapore, Dwight felt God was calling him to the ministry.

“All my life I had wanted to be a physician,” says the man who today pastors a church of 3,500 members in Berrien Springs, Mich. “A dignitary from the General Conference was visiting. In the middle of his sermon he asked all those in the audience who were going to go into the

ministry to please stand,” recalls Nelson.

“Since this was a school composed entirely of preachers’ and physicians’ and dentists’ kids, I looked around—expecting students to be standing all over the audience. I was shocked when I could spot only a small handful. And I wondered to myself, ‘Why aren’t more standing?’ As soon as I wondered . . . it was as if I heard a voice, ‘Why aren’t you standing?’ I didn’t stand.

“But from that moment on I knew that God was calling me to follow Him in the radical discipleship of the gospel ministry.”

Dwight enrolled in theology at Southern in 1969, but during his sophomore year his attraction grew for a possible career in law. “I can remember just before second-semester registration, sitting in my third-floor dorm room in Talge Hall and trying to decide if I should change my major to history. . . . My mother had sent me a book called *Carlyle B. Haynes Speaks to Young Ministers*. As I sat there struggling, my hand reached up and pulled out the book. In those defining moments, as I flipped through the pages, God spoke to me. ‘Dwight, I am calling you to be a minister.’

“God doesn’t give us all a call that dramatic,” says the fourth-generation pastor, “but once in a while He does.”

Nelson is in his 16th year as pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. “With over 3,000 Generation Xers on this campus, my heart is naturally drawn to them,” he says. The diligent scholar spent a summer studying the personalities and profiles of Generation

Xers. “Through all my research I am convinced that this generation of young people, Generation X, has been specifically positioned by God for radical discipleship,” says Nelson with conviction.

Dwight’s recent ministry efforts were directed to The NeXt Millennium Seminar, a satellite evangelistic series also known as Net ’98. The five-week seminar was broadcast live at 7,000 sites in 100 countries and 40 different languages on six continents. The result: 20,000 to 30,000 baptisms into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. “It’s amazing to see how God has taken such a humble effort and continues to make it move through the church,” says Nelson.

The NeXt Millennium theme was “Finding a Forever Friendship With God.” With unique illustrations and dynamic Scripture, God used Dwight to convey a message that would be not only understandable, but also attractive to young people.

“The response was overwhelming,” says Nelson. “It was a *God* moment!”

For inspiration, the hard-working soul-winner turns to Ephesians 3:20 (NIV): “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

“If we embrace that promise,” says Nelson, “we will realize that our ‘forever friend’ is in the thick of life with us.”

Garrett Nudd is a senior mass communication major. For a semester he was Taskforce assistant chaplain at Collegedale Academy under the direction of LeClare Litchfield, ’75. A GenXer himself, Garrett wants his contemporaries to see that “no matter what the media says about GenX, there are people who believe in us.”



Tyson Thorne

Dwight Nelson

# Sermon in Shoes

by Charla Candy and Debra J. Hicks

**M**ost college students look forward to spring break as a time to recover from midterm exams and just kick back and relax.

Whether it's skiing the slopes, visiting family and friends, or playing at the beach, they like to spend those 10 days living it up with no worries on their mind.

This year, more than 40 students from Southern pushed their dreams of care-free comfort aside. Forming three separate action teams, they headed south to relieve some of the suffering caused by hurricanes that struck Central America and the Caribbean islands a few months before.

In September 1998, Hurricane Georges hit the Dominican Republic, killing more than 500 people and leaving 100,000 homeless. The storm demolished hundreds of buildings, including many Seventh-day Adventist churches. Just

a month later, Hurricane Mitch pummeled Nicaragua, causing an estimated 10,000 deaths and more than \$5 billion in damage.

## Rebuilding a church in the Dominican Republic

On the last Thursday in February, 39 people met on the front steps of Wright Hall. Together they would travel by bus and air to La Romana, 110 kilometers from the capital of the Dominican Republic. For 12 days, they would combine energies to rebuild a church in the center of town.

Moises Guerrero, a religion senior and Campus Ministries director, worked closely with university chaplain Ken Rogers to pull this trip together. Moises was born in La Romana, less than 10 miles from the church they went to rebuild. His family emigrated from the Dominican Republic more than a decade ago, but many relatives still live there. "When I heard about the storm, I felt really bad. Even though I don't live there anymore, it's still my home," he said.

Stirred to action by a love for his country,

Moises recruited an army of volunteers to help. These included 25 students from Southern and two adult sponsors. When members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Calhoun, Ga., heard what their student associate pastor wanted to do, 12 of them decided to join his group.

"I had never been on a mission trip before, and I wanted to experience a third-world country," said religion major Matt Smith. Others who were seriously considering work as a Student Missionary used this trip to help them make a decision.

A desire for adventure wasn't the only requirement. Each volunteer had to come up with \$575 toward the cost of food, transportation, and materials needed for the project. Some wrote letters. Others asked area businesses for donations. In addition, members of the Open Circle Sabbath School class at the Collegedale Church gave a generous \$3,000 toward the effort.

The first day in the Dominican Republic was a huge culture shock for most of the group. Fragile plumbing, cramped living, and streets lined with garbage gave them a firsthand



example of life in a developing country.

To psychology major Lisa Edgmon, it seemed that the people in the Dominican Republic lived on almost nothing. Many homes were still without electricity, furniture, or even roofs. "Conditions are so poor," said Lisa. "It helps you learn to appreciate the simple things."

When the group arrived in La Romana on Friday, the skilled workers immediately set to work analyzing the building site and purchasing materials. On Sabbath, all worshipped at an area church built by Maranatha volunteers. "I witnessed a church body that was united," said Smith. "They radiated with love for us and one another."

The work site was almost horrifying. What once had been a church was now a concrete slab. The site was littered with glass and metal. Everyone worked together, and soon they began building the walls.

A couple of days into the job, progress was evident even though many people had become ill at various times with stomach bugs or fevers.

After four days full of mixing mortar and building walls, a local lady named Margaret came to the rescue and cooked them meals for the remainder of the time. She wouldn't accept any money for her openhearted service, so before the group left they bought her a refrigerator. "Her eyes filled with tears," remembers Smith.

As the week progressed, the group became closer. "We all definitely got to know each other and bonded. That was truly a highlight of the trip," observed Edgmon.

"This trip was such a blessing," said Smith. "I was able to go and help in God's building construction so others could come and worship in that very building."

### Frontier nursing trips

Two other groups from Southern also packed their bags and headed south for spring break. For the fourth year in a row, students in Laura Nyirady's Frontier Mission Nursing class took advantage of a chance to apply what they were learning in the classroom to real life. Joined by volunteer doctors and nurses, they served in medical mission clinics in both Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

Faculty members Laura and Steve Nyirady, along with Dale Walters, teamed up with Dr. Don and Cristina Vargas from Harlingen, Texas, to lead the first team. This 23-member group included students, physicians, builders, and nurses who held mobile clinics in four different villages among the Miskito Indians near the northwest coast of Nicaragua.

In addition, a former student of Southern's School of Religion, Andrew Caban, accompanied his physician wife, Mariani. He enriched the outreach by organizing nightly meetings that included Bible stories for the children and health lectures by nursing students.

Nursing instructor Shirley Spears and her husband, Don, led a second group of 13 students, nurses, and physicians to minister in several outlying villages in the

Dominican Republic. They joined ADRA workers and local physicians to hold mobile clinics in areas hardest hit by Hurricane Georges. Some of the villages were so remote that workers had to hike in, carrying their equipment with them.

Cases of parasitic worms were common in both countries. Kelly Gregory, a May BS nursing graduate, said that she and her team members in Nicaragua got to the point where they began suspecting that every patient had worms. Contracted from uncooked meat and poor latrine systems, these parasites cause malnutrition and even seizures. Said Kelly, "We gave a lot of medicine, but it was also important to educate."

"The people had a lot of misconceptions," said second-year nursing student Jackie Rodriguez. "They thought they had to stop eating and drinking when they had diarrhea." In actuality, the reverse is true.

Providing care and education to people who don't have good access to health care and medicine is gratifying, but for trip coordinator Laura Nyirady, the climax of the trip was when Pastor Caban baptized six individuals and dedicated an infant born two days earlier with assistance from the team.

"It fulfills our mission of using health-care as the right arm of the gospel," she said. "I want students to walk away from this experience with the understanding that the reason we're doing this is to spread the gospel." ✠



- Dr. Jack Blanco, School of Religion dean, has given the royalties of *The Clear Word*, his Bible paraphrase, to a scholarship fund for ministerial students. The proceeds have totaled more than \$113,000 to date.

## Recent gifts to Southern Adventist University

- \$18,000 — Ministerial student scholarships from *Clear Word* royalties.
- \$16,000 — Orchestra Tour Fund
- \$75,000 — Alumni Chapters Endowed Matching Fund
- \$25,000 — Biology Equipment Plant Fund
- \$10,000 — Southern Fund resulting from student's call during spring phonathon.
- \$10,000 — Grader Nursing Scholarship Fund, from the K.W. Grader Foundation
- \$29,000 — Unrestricted purposes from a matured gift annuity
- \$41,000 — A university friend created a gift annuity that will fund future endowment
- \$250,000 — Student Missionary Scholarships
- \$250,000 — Scholarship Endowment
- \$250,000 — R. H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Missions
- \$250,000 — Ruth McKee Chair of Entrepreneurship and Business Ethics

- A four-day **Communicators' Workshop** in May drew 15 participants interested in broadcast and production. Radio professionals John Smith and David Barasoain, '90, plus computer graphics major Zachary Gray, led the seminars. The Journalism and Communication Department is also sponsoring three seminars in free-lance writing on campus August 16-19.

- The Student Association Senate erected a **new drinking fountain** in memory of Dr. Jack McClarty, whose 24 years of service to Southern ended abruptly when he died of a heart attack in 1997. As vice president for development, Dr. McClarty led in establishing a multimillion-dollar Scholarship Endowment Fund for students at Southern. The new fountain was installed between the Iles PE Center and the university track on April 23.

- A **Die Meistersinger Reunion Concert** brought 108 former members of the singing group back to campus on the fourth Sabbath of April. It was their last chance to blend their voices under the direction of Dr. Marvin Robertson, who formed the male chorus in 1974. He retired June 1 after 33 years as head of the music program.

- Several students are already using the **new on-line application form**. The fee is the same as for a paper application, yet the process is often more accessible and reduces

postage and paper. It is conveniently available at [www.southern.edu](http://www.southern.edu) under *To Enroll*, then *Apply*.

- More than 7,000 people formed the largest group ever to witness the annual **SonRise Resurrection Pageant** on April 3. The 90-minute worship experience takes participants on a mile-long walk through campus, during which they wave palm branches, sing praises, and mingle with mob members. Students and church members bring the events of Christ's last days to life by playing the roles of Roman soldiers, Jerusalem shopkeepers, disciples, and visiting pilgrims.

- The **School of Nursing** again earned full approval for its associate degree and baccalaureate completion programs. The Tennessee Board of Nursing reviews the approval status of all professional nursing programs within the state every year via survey visits, correspondence, conferences, and an annual report. Earlier in the year, the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission agreed to continue

accreditation of Southern's baccalaureate program through 2003.

- You should have received the premiere edition of the **university's newest publication**, **COLUMNS EXPRESS**. The eight-page newsletter arrived inside the April 1999 issue of *Southern Tidings* magazine for church members within the Southern Union and went by regular mail to alumni and friends who live elsewhere. **COLUMNS EXPRESS** now supplements **COLUMNS** magazine with timely news.

- The university hosted the annual national convention of the **Adventist Association of College Admissions Officers and Registrars** in April. Representatives from colleges and universities throughout the North American Division discussed how the latest developments in their fields impact Adventist students. Victor Czerkasij, director of admissions and recruitment at Southern, is the current president of the organization. Joni Zier, director of records and advisement, serves as its secretary/treasurer.



## Students react to tragic drinking story

The university received nationwide media attention during Southern's second annual **Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week**. Here Matthew Holm, a junior computer information systems major, shares his reaction with a reporter after 21-year-old Jason Watts told students how alcohol use sparked a chain of events that became his personal nightmare. The former University of Kentucky football player crashed his vehicle after celebrating a football win with two friends. Watts made his first public comment on the accident at Southern, describing the horror of being the drunk driver that killed his passengers, Scott Brock and Arthur Steinmetz. Nearly a dozen television crews, a *Sports Illustrated* writer, and other print and radio reporters flocked to Collegedale to cover the event and interview students.

The whole community got involved in events of the week. Local police officers and state troopers demonstrated a drug search using a police dog, did a controlled marijuana burn to alert students to its unique smell, and introduced a simulation of intoxication at different blood alcohol levels. A member of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, a Collegedale judge, an assistant district attorney, and an assistant public defender helped show students the severe penalties for misusing substances.

Shortly after speaking at Southern, Watts pleaded guilty to the charges brought against him and was sentenced. Scores of students and faculty wrote words of encouragement on a big banner and sent it to him in a Kentucky prison.

- A special Southern Adventist University issue of *Insight* magazine was published this spring. Five university students and one professor contributed poetry, articles, and photography. The cover story, "Sisters for Always," also won first prize in the general short story category of *Insight's* 1998 writing contest. Public relations major Nyang'ara Omwega (pictured here on the issue's cover)



wrote the winning story during the writer's workshop held on campus last summer.

- PreviewSouthern '99, the university's spring "college days," was a resounding success. The special weekend gave potential students a chance to meet teachers and students, ask questions, and gather information firsthand. Including prospective students who visited during the two weeks before the event, Southern received more applications and hosted more families and students than in previous years.

- Business students at Spicer Memorial College in India now earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern, thanks to an affiliation agreement between the two schools. The agreement was signed last year but did not go into effect until students returned to classes in June. About 40 students have transferred into the undergraduate program, and 25 have signed up for the master of business administration (MBA) program. Dr. John Zachariah, dean of Spicer's School of Business, anticipates an enrollment of about 100 students in the graduate program by 2003.

- The Diversity Education Exchange Program (D.E.E.P.), which began last year in collaboration with Oakwood College, will continue with minor modifications. This fall, seven White students from Southern will trade cultural environments with seven Black students from Oakwood for one semester. For the following academic year (2000-2001), the program will also include Southern students of Hispanic and Asian background.

# it's a good thing

**Tuesday, September 21, 8 p.m.**  
Kandinsky Trio

**Friday, September 24, 8 p.m.**  
Steve Arrington, Vespers

**Sunday, September 26, 8 p.m.**  
Organ/Orchestra Concert

**Wednesday, September 29**  
Community Service Day

**Thursday, September 30, 10:30 a.m.**  
Todd Brewster, "The Century"

**October 3 to 5**  
ViewSouthern, for academy seniors  
Call 1.800.SOUTHERN

**Tuesday, October 12, 8 p.m.**  
Aart Bergwerf, Organ

**Sunday, October 24, 8 p.m.**  
Orpheus Male Chorus

**October 28 - October 31**  
Alumni Homecoming

**Thursday, November 11, 8 p.m.**  
Harald Vogel, Organ

**Saturday, November 13, 8 p.m.**  
Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra

**Tuesday, November 30**  
Christmas Tree Lighting

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 1 & 2, 8 p.m.**  
"Amahl and the Night Visitors"

**Saturday, December 4, 8 p.m.**  
Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony

**Friday & Sabbath, December 10 & 11**  
"The Messiah," Symphony Orchestra/Combined Choirs

**Friday, December 31**  
Millennial Eve Commitment Service





# Love in Any Language

by Andra Armstrong

**W**hen campuses are discussing diversity, the world is shrinking by the minute, and individuals are facing up to the reality of all people being God's creation.... What's it like to plan a wedding when two cultures merge?

Liane Gray knows. She's planned a wedding while a 12-hour flight away from the chosen venue. On June 20, the May English graduate and fiance Tobias Edlund, a junior music and theology major, wed in his home country of Sweden. For the location they agreed on Vallentuna Kyrka in a suburb of Stockholm.

"It will be a blend of traditional American and Swedish customs," said Liane before leaving the United States. She claims Virginia as her home state. "A lot of little things about the cultures are different. For example, in Sweden there are no ushers and the wedding party is usually very small—just the maid of honor, best man, and flower girl."

The 24-year-old bride said she broke with that Swedish tradition to include a few more attendants. But she and Tobias did honor his country's tradition by designing their own wedding invitations, which are worded in Swedish. They also followed Swedish custom by having a friend take pictures during the ceremony. Afterward the entire wedding party goes to a photography studio to have professional pictures taken before the reception.

"Basically in Sweden it would cost an arm and a leg to have a professional photographer come to the church," Liane explains.

Figuring out how to overcome the language barrier, especially during the marriage ceremony, proved one of the most challenging aspects of planning the wedding. Edlund's parents know some English. "We decided to say our vows in our native languages," said Liane. "That way at least everyone will understand something. My mom was a little worried at first about how the ceremony would go because my parents don't understand any Swedish."

Interestingly, the bride herself might not have understood every word spoken during the wedding, but she has learned enough of the language to feel comfortable participating in conversations with the groom's family.

"'Kyrka' is Swedish for 'church,'" Liane explained. "Our

reception will be held at 'Mattias Garden,' which essentially means 'Matthew Garden,' and we will serve a full dinner including 'Prince's Taorta,' or 'Prince's cake.'"

A couple doesn't necessarily have to go to the Motherland to honor one's heritage.

Rumira Davy, who graduated in May with her degree in medical technology, was born in India and moved to the United States as a baby with her parents. She will not return home for her marriage to Matt Jordan, who just completed his theology degree, but will bring a little bit of India to her guests for their August 1 wedding.

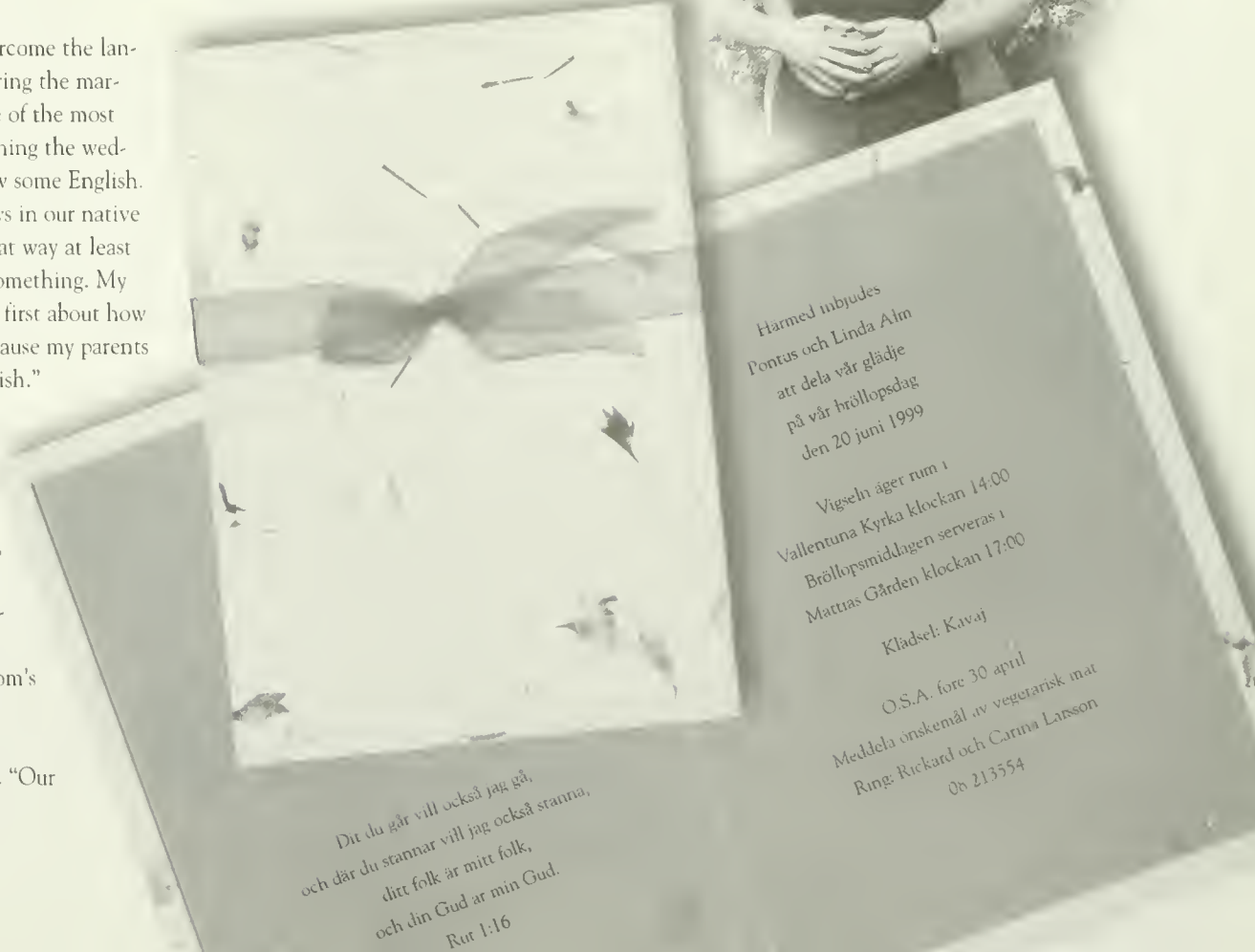
Upon entering Nashville's Crowne Plaza banquet room after the western-style ceremony at Wightman Chapel, guests will enjoy a buffet of traditional Indian food and entertainment.

"We're serving seasoned rice; vegetable kurma, a curry dish; and vegetable samosa, a vegetable-filled pastry," says Rumira. "My mom took the chef a few dishes from her favorite restaurant so he could taste [how she wants the food prepared], and she even gave him cooking tips."

As the wedding guests chow-down, Rumira's cousin will dazzle guests by performing a traditional Indian folk dance in full costume.

Some couples opt for more low-key ways to incorporate cultural traditions. Guests at Melody and Mark Ferguson's wedding ceremony on Dec. 20, 1998, mistook their decorative Jamaican Black Cake for the couple's official wedding cake. The two 1999 graduates were married in the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church and held their reception in the fellowship hall.

Black Cake is made with fruit and served on special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, and weddings in the Jamaican culture. "My aunt brought it from Florida from a [bakery with a Jamaican owner]," says Melody. "The icing was bright purple and pink and included a cake topper."



Our wedding cake was very simple and white, so it's easy to see how people were confused."

A groom found his own answers to cross-cultural wedding planning.

Earl Gensolin graduated from Southern in 1996 with a degree in English. That summer he traveled to China to teach English.

While there he met Xiao Lin, an accountant and a student in one of his English classes. "We started hanging out a lot, and after a couple weeks I asked her to transfer to a different class," he says. "That's when we started dating."

Love blossomed, and after 14 months Earl proposed to Xiao Lin on her birthday. Proposing was easy. Getting married was a different story. That summer Earl returned to his home state of Florida to complete the paperwork for Xiao Lin's visa and to make arrangements for a job. The couple also decided to have their ceremony in the United States.

"We had no idea when she would arrive here," Earl says. "I went to Florida in June, and she arrived the first week of October."

Because of the strict Immigration and Naturalization Services regulations, Earl and Xiao Lin had to marry within 30 days of her arrival in the States. Her parents, however, could not arrange for a visa to the

United States for another two months and would miss the ceremony.



"Xiao Lin showed me her Chinese wedding dress [which is called a 'qi pao' in China],"

says Dr. Lita Gensolin, Earl's mother. "I thought it would be nice if we could plan a small family wedding in Chinese costume and then have a large, western-style wedding when her parents arrived."

In the whirlwind that ensued the following week, Dr. Gensolin arranged to have Chinese dresses made for herself and her daughter Kimberly to wear for the October 10 wedding. She also encouraged female guests to wear Chinese dresses. Everything, including dresses, flowers, and decorations, were awash in red. In China, red is the traditional color to wear on happy occasions.

"The wedding went really well for being put together so quickly," Earl says.

Two months after the October ceremony, when Xiao Lin's parents arrived in the United States, the Gensolins held a western wedding for more than 500 guests. Still, elements of the bride's Chinese culture remained. The service was officiated in both English and

Chinese.

Dr. Hanson Chen, a close friend of the Gensolins, interpreted the language for Xiao Lin's family.

Blending the best of two cultures into a single event is not uncommon today. The Knot.com, a premiere Web site for brides, regularly features weddings that include ethnic traditions. Not to be left out, last fall *Bride's* magazine showcased how a bride celebrated her lineage with Indian wedding customs. Martha Stewart's *Weddings* magazine routinely includes cultural tips for the stylish wedding, such as fortune cookie party favors with a message from the newly wedded couple.

But as each of these couples could tell you, a wedding is just the beginning. Blending lives in any lasting marriage offers far more challenges—and rewards—than a snapshot event. And they are discovering day by day that genuine love transcends all differences—cultural ones included. ♪

Andra Armstrong, '99, incorporated several international elements into her June wedding to Delton Chen, '96.

The Nashville bride honored her fiance's Filipino heritage by including sponsors (similar to godparents) in the wedding procession before the grandparents and parents. Sponsors are usually married couples who provide guidance and support for the newlyweds.

At the reception, a Chinese tea ceremony was performed in honor of Delton's Chinese family. "It is considered Andra's official welcome to the family," Delton explained beforehand. "She will serve my parents and aunts and uncles tea, and in return they will give us lucky money packets."

Andra also designed their wedding invitations, which included Chinese characters and English text.



### Recipe for Black Cake

- 1 lb. all purpose flour
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1/2 lb. margarine
- 1 lb. brown sugar
- 10 eggs
- 8 cups soaked fruit (about 5 cups raisins + 3 cups prunes)

- 2 t. nutmeg
- 2 t. cinnamon
- 2 t. baking powder
- 4 T. brownng
- 2 T. rose water
- 1 T. almond extract
- 1/2 t. salt

Mix butter, margarine, and sugar. Beat eggs. Add half of eggs to butter, margarine and sugar mixture and mix well. Repeat with other half of eggs. Add fruits to mixture and mix well. Add flour and other dry ingredients slowly and mix well. Add brownng and rose water and mix well. Grease baking pan with butter. Put batter in pan. Bake at 250° for 2 hours.

# Teaching Materials Center

## Igniting

# Imaginations

**W**hy didn't you have anything like this when I was a student?" a visiting teacher chided.

"This place is a teacher's heaven!" exclaimed another.

"Sure is," said a senior education student. "I don't know what I'll do when I graduate and move away from here."

A visiting educational superintendent from outside the Southern Union observed, "This place is outstanding—the envy of any teacher-training program."

Comments like these confirm the usefulness of the Teaching Materials Center, located in the School of Education and Psychology on the second floor of Summerour Hall.

The Center began operation in 1991 when the few books that comprised a curriculum collection were moved from a corner of McKee Library to a newly refurbished room in Summerour Hall. Looking at the burgundy tweed carpet, one would never guess that the floor beneath it held dozens of disconnected electrical outlets originally installed to accommodate a fleet of sewing machines in the former home economics lab.

In 1991 the new chairman of the Department of Education and Psychology, Dr. George Babcock, envisioned a remodeled Summerour Hall that would include an unusual curriculum center and a state-of-the-art computer lab. Both of these

facilities were destined to become campus showpieces that would attract floods of visitors to the university campus.

The Teaching Materials Center contains much more than the core collection of 11,000 curriculum guides and textbooks indexed on its electronic database. The center was designed to be of real, practical use to anyone needing to create visual aids, teach a class, write a paper, view a video, or put up a bulletin board. Fern Babcock, the center's director, explained how it was set up.

"I'd been both a teacher and a librarian," she said, "and creating this center utilized my knowledge in both fields. Before starting up, I visited over a dozen cur-

riculum centers from Chattanooga to California, trying to find out what is included in such a facility. In the end, I selected the best features of every place I visited and incorporated them into the TMC design, adding a few touches of my own such as the free-picture file and geography file."

The free-picture file is made possible by June Hooper, a retired educator who sends in boxes of cut pictures, and by others who donate magazines and calendars. Student workers sort these into categories and file them so students can quickly find pictures for their class projects without spending hours thumbing through magazines.

"Students have very tight schedules," Mrs. Babcock explains. "We want to help them save time, and this is one way to do it. I feel strongly about saving students time and money. I was a student once—and later a parent who paid college bills! I collect all the 'freebies' I can find to pass on to the students and sell paper and supplies close to cost. My retired mother,

Dorothy Gibson, spends hours in the Teaching Materials Center cutting out letter sets for the Student Missionaries to take overseas. That saves SMs a lot of time. Another thing I feel strongly about is being open to the public. Since curriculum

materials outdate in five to eight years, I wanted everyone who could benefit from this library to be able to use it. Accordingly, we announced that the center was open to all adults—public and private school teachers, home schooling parents, student teachers from other universities, and the general public. Making this facility available to the community is, I believe, a powerful public relations opportunity for Southern."

Education faculty from neighboring universities bring classes every year for half-day work sessions in the center. In the planning area at the back of the room, students quickly scan activity books for materials to use in classroom teaching. Then they select a learning center idea and a bulletin board plan from adjacent bookshelves. Thus armed, they proceed to the work center at the front of the room where they find construction paper, poster board, glue, tape, and the famous Ellison die-cutting machines.

One entire wall of the center is lined with wooden blocks containing the shaped metal cutting blades. Bulging with file folders, envelopes, Velcro, and other paraphernalia for constructing projects, the wall cupboards display on their doors the numerous colorful shapes of the available dies. More than \$9,000 has been invested in the dies and Ellison machines, but as students cut multiple letters or half a dozen cats with the single press of a lever, they often exclaim with delight at the professional results of their work. A laminator, copier, paper cutters, felt markers, scissors,

and other tools complete the work center.

Eleven gray files hold hundreds of ready-to-assemble classroom games, information, educational catalogs, stories, and poems. Large wooden tables in the center of the room provide study space, while carrels in the back hold computers and audiovisual equipment for patron use.

Start-up funds were provided through a \$50,000 donation from the McKee Foods Corporation. Simon and Schuster and their affiliated book companies gave the center \$80,000 worth of new textbooks, CDs, videos, and math manipulatives.

When a tractor-trailer full of books arrived, Mrs. Babcock nearly fainted—and the center had floor to ceiling boxes for weeks! With the help of students and staff, however, the books were sorted and processed. Doors opened to the public the fall of 1991, and traffic has increased steadily every year since.

The Chattanooga area chapter of Phi Delta Kappa stocks the Teaching Materials Center with Reavis Reading Center materials on current educational topics. This creates a useful resource for students writing research papers.

Other than Southern's students and staff, who else uses the TMC? An archivist from the Medal of Honor Museum came to laminate documents and hundreds of feet of 1940s newspapers, many headlining World War II battles. Everyone in the TMC gathered around to stare at the original documents and field notes ordering troop movements in Europe.

A comedian from Comedy Catch in Chattanooga returns to the TMC repeat-



edly to laminate special audience cards for his act. Art students laminate their drawings to preserve them. And the local public library has doubled story-time attendance by providing attractive Ellison cutouts for the children.

Residence hall assistants and department secretaries across the campus visit the Teaching Materials Center to create bulletin boards. Home schooling parents come in droves to check out enrichment materials for their children. And graduates who are now teachers return at intervals to hunt for new classroom games and ideas. Around 4,000 patrons visited the TMC last year.

"One of the nicest things the TMC does," one graduate confided, "is to send packs of teaching aids to us our first year out. It was such a surprise to receive things that had been selected especially for the grades I was teaching and to get a friendly letter from the TMC telling me that my former professors were thinking of me and praying for my success. I know it meant a lot to me to see that Southern was still investing in me and caring about me even though I was no longer paying tuition!"

Mrs. Babcock and her four lab assistants keep the TMC open from 9 to 9 Monday through Thursday and 1 to 9 on Sundays.

As word of the center has spread, returned missionaries donate foreign costumes and souvenirs to the Teaching Materials Center so that geography can really come to life in local classrooms. Retiring teachers and homeschoolers who no longer need their books and supplies give them to the TMC. Some of these materials become part of the Teaching Materials Center permanent collection, while others may wind up on the other side of the

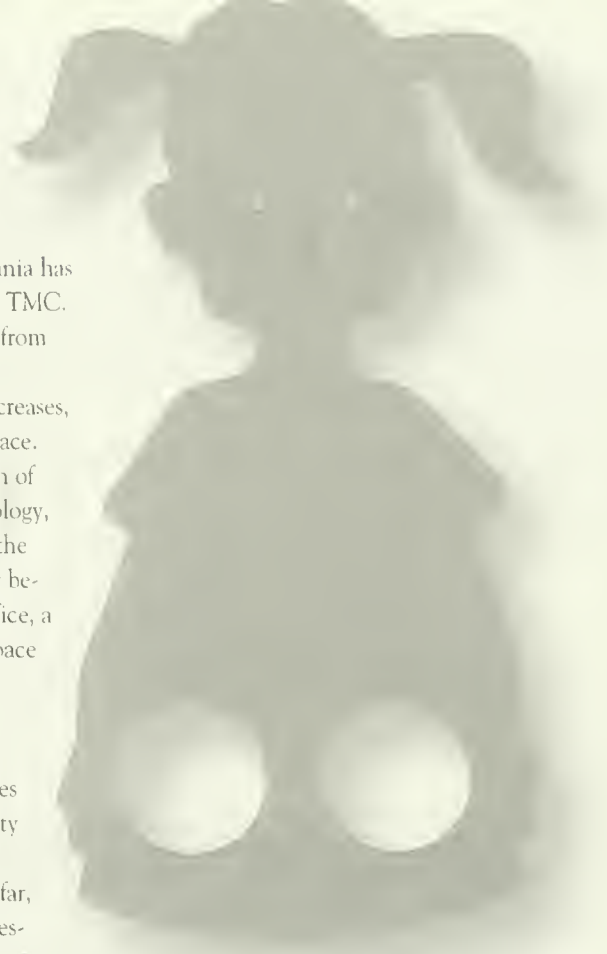
world as Student Missionaries stock up at the Teaching Materials Center before going abroad. A fledgling curriculum center in Romania has received hundreds of items from the TMC. And colleges in India have profited from the donations.

As the collection of materials increases, the TMC desperately needs more space. Dr. Alberto dos Santos, current dean of the School of Education and Psychology, hopes to remedy that by the end of the year. With the installation of a door between the TMC and an adjacent office, a book processing room and storage space will be added.

Because of the uniqueness of the center, Tennessee's Department of Education often directs other colleges to the Southern Adventist University campus for assistance in setting up their own curriculum centers. Thus far, Southern has aided five other Tennessee colleges and universities in collecting books for their centers. When Mrs. Babcock visits the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., to select free textbooks from their gift exchange program, she often selects books for other Tennessee colleges, as well.

Toward the end of each semester when projects are due, the TMC becomes a hive of activity. Some students spend so much time there that Mrs. Babcock has laughingly threatened to bring them sleeping bags and let them stay all night!

Many students enjoy making a card or banner for someone special, and projects range from exquisite to hilarious. Four years ago a young woman purchased 40 feet of bulletin board paper and wrote on it in large letters, "Yes!"



Sure thing! Of course! Right! I'd love it! You bet! YES!" the entire length of the banner.

When queried about the banner, the girl explained with a grin, "My boyfriend asked if I'd go steady, and I'm giving him my answer—wrapped all around his car!" After graduation, she married the fellow and now has two children. Who knows how things might have turned out without the "good old TMC"?

If you are on campus in the vicinity of Summerour Hall, stop in at the Teaching Materials Center and browse around for awhile. Something is sure to capture your interest—a game, a puzzle, a video, an interactive CD, a die-cut, an old *McGuffey's Reader*, a cassette of Chinese music, souvenirs from Irian Jaya, a Burmese umbrella, or a three-foot-tall book of riddles! The Teaching Materials Center is more than a curriculum center. It's a tinder box designed to ignite the fires of your imagination! ¶

Displayed on these pages are actual size cutouts from an Ellison die-cutting machine located in the Teaching Materials Center. These are merely a sampling of the more than 500 various die cuts available. The boy and girl paper cuts shown here have two holes so they can be used as finger puppets.



• Two of Southern's communication students are working this summer at the *Adventist Review*, the weekly magazine for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Six particularly talented candidates were competing for a single position, according to William Johnsson, editor. Finally he and his associates selected **Jennifer Barizo**, '99, who earned a bachelor's degree with a news-editorial emphasis. However, the Review and Herald Publishing Association opened up a second \$4,000 internship for senior public relations major **Stephanie Swilley**. She is working with associate publisher Charlotte McClure on strategic positioning and promotion for the magazine.

• Five students received a \$1,000 scholarship from the So-Ju-Conian Fund at the 1998 Alumni Homecoming. **David Waterhouse** is the grandson of A. C. McKee, who attended Graysville Academy and Southern Junior College. **Karen Minner** is the granddaughter of Fred Minner, '40, who attended Graysville Academy and Southern Junior College. **Joy-Lyn Philpott** is the granddaughter of Katherine Chambers, who attended Southern Junior College. **Ryan B. Jones** is the grandson of Joyce Boykin, who attended Southern Missionary College and whose parents also attended in the 1920s. **Candace McClellan** is the granddaughter of R.C. and Helen Lundy-Mizelle, both of

whom attended Southern Junior College. Ruth King McKee started this scholarship fund in 1984, suggesting that alumni from the school's junior college years give \$1 for each year of life as a birthday contribution.

• Students and teachers voted Dr. **Ron E.M. Clouzet**, professor of ministry and evangelism, as the first recipient of the Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence. University President Gordon Bietz created the award to focus attention on quality teaching at the undergraduate level. Accompanied by a \$1,000 award, it honors one teacher each year who exhibits extraordinary commitment to quality, concern for students, professional develop-

## They don't plan to just sit

# The Rocking Chair Five

Dr. **Jim Ashlock**, Southern's director of alumni since 1991, joined the ranks of retirees at the end of May.



Though not a graduate of Southern himself, he attended Collegedale Academy while his father, Frank, was pastor of the Collegedale Church. His mother, Marcella, was one of the first baccalaureate graduates.

His doctorate in vocational and adult education related to his teaching in the industrial arts area, which spanned more than 20 years. Just prior to coming to Southern, he worked as director of personnel and quality at Pacific Press Publishing Association.

He looks forward now to more time to pursue his woodworking and auto body hobbies. His wife, Betty Lou, retired at the same time from her position in human resources. The fact that son Bill is working in London, son Richard is in Amsterdam, and son Howard in San Francisco will feed their interest in travel.

Dr. **Norman R. Gulley**, School of Religion professor, has retired from full-time teaching after 21 years at Southern, but will continue on as a research professor in residence. Also, he plans to conduct last-day-events seminars.



He first arrived on campus as a 20-year-old senior theology student in 1954 after a 10-day ocean journey from England. "I look back on that year as a wonderful introduction to America," he says.

Dr. Gulley's career spans 41 years as pastor and Bible teacher and includes teaching in Japan and the Philippines.

Since returning to Southern in 1978, Dr. Gulley pursued his twin passions, teaching and research. He is the current president of the International Adventist Theological Society, an organization of more than 2,000 members.

His wife, Dr. Leona Gulley, also began teaching at Southern in 1978. She is a professor of psychology at Southern.

Dr. **Lawrence E. Hanson**, professor of mathematics, retired after 33 years at Southern. He chaired the Mathematics Department for 20 years and served as academic dean for four years.



His ability to bring life to difficult subjects prompted his students and peers to nominate him for several teaching honors. Dr. Hanson chaired numerous committees and served in the community as chair of the Greater Collegedale School Board and first commissioner of the Collegedale Youth Softball League.

His wife, Eleanor, retired earlier this year. The Hansons have two daughters, both of whom married sons of missionaries they met in Lebanon while their father taught there on a one-year sabbatical.

Dr. Hanson's retirement plans include part-time volunteer work in Southern's Mathematics Department and at Chattanooga United Fund agencies in addition to travel, hiking, reading, and gardening.

ment, and spiritual influence. Dr. Clouzet will be on sabbatical during the 1999-2000 academic year to pursue writing projects. He will direct evangelistic field schools in the summer of 2000, as he has continued to do this summer.

- Two faculty members received the 1999 Distinguished Service Medallion during the May commencement program. **Terrie Ruff**, associate professor of social work and family studies, was honored for her enthusiasm in the classroom and for modeling a life of service through contributions to the university, her church, and several community organizations. Dr. **Lawrence Hanson**, retiring professor of mathematics, was recognized for 33 years of outstanding

leadership on campus and in the community. In addition to serving as a teacher, department chair, and academic dean at Southern, he was also instrumental in forming the current system of faculty governance on campus.

- **Krystal Bishop** of the School of Education and Psychology successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on March 3, at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dr. Bishop's title was "Tapestries: A Phenomenal Study on the Experience of Teaching in the Inclusive One-Teacher School."
- **Rick Halterman** presented his doctoral dissertation on March 31, making quite an

impression on his committee at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. One member said it was "the best" defense he had ever attended. Dr. Halterman is a professor in the School of Computing, and the title of his presentation was "Reducing the Storage Requirements of Dataflow Constraints Using Model Dependencies."

- **Donn Leatherman** earned his PhD from the faculty of religious studies at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Dr. Leatherman defended his dissertation entitled "Analysis of Four Current Series of Hebrew Verse Structure" on April 13. The School of Religion now has a full count of faculty with doctorates and one with a double doctorate, according to Dr. Jack Blanco, dean.

- **Stephen Ruf**, assistant professor of journalism, successfully defended his master's thesis on March 29, at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. His research was on the topic of low-power television in Tennessee. At an awards banquet on April 22, he received the Student of the Year Award for the master's program (via distance learning from Chattanooga). "His professors were delighted with his work and said we should be very proud at Southern to have such a terrific professor on our faculty. We are, indeed!" said Dr. Pam Harris, chair of the Journalism and Communication Department.

- Southern's director of property and industry development, **Martin Hamilton**, was elected chair of the Collegedale Architectural Review Board at its first meeting. This board was established to develop and implement building standards, particularly for the Four Corners area. Their work will guide the City of Collegedale in approving specific architectural designs.

- Two junior history majors located paid summer internships that fit their respective interests to an unusual degree. **Mike Campbell** is doing preservation work at the White Estate at the General Conference in Silver Spring, Md. He also provides computer support and answers some patron queries about Ellen White. Eight times a day on the hour, **Brent Brumagin** gives living history presentations on the life of a Civil War soldier for visitors to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.



**Patricia Morrison** completed 29 years in the Adventist educational system, 18 of them at Southern's McKee Library as director of public services, when she retired at the end of the semester.

In that position, she helped students learn how to use library facilities and aided them in their research.

"Pat's willingness to go the second and third miles to assist in locating information has impacted most of our faculty and hundreds of students," a colleague commented. "She will be sorely missed."

She was also an associate professor of library science and assistant director of libraries. Her MLS degree was earned at Vanderbilt University.

Her service at Southern also included teaching library science classes when they were a part of the curriculum, and advising students who had not yet selected a major.

Before joining Southern's faculty, she was librarian at Collegedale Academy.



**Dr. Marvin L. Robertson**, dean of the School of Music, retired to Rotunda West, Fla., after 43 years of teaching, 33

of them at Southern. He served longer at one school than any other music administrator in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Robertson founded Die Meistersinger, Southern Singers, and the Chamber Choir plus the community-based Master Chorale and the Caroliers children's choir. His groups have toured the United States and sung in Canada, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Greece, and Finland.

"Doc" touched the lives of many students. "He found a talent in me that I never knew I had," said Terry Rice, a member of Die Meistersinger.

In 1993 and 1996, he took leaves to teach at Zaokski Seminary in Russia.

His wife, Jeanie, is also retiring this year after 25 years as a teacher on the academy and kindergarten levels. Their four children are graduates of Southern.



# Sister of Chernobyl Victim Among Graduates

by Debra J. Hicks

Parents of three seniors had a public opportunity to advise their "chadulds" over the graduation weekend in May.

Dr. Ed Wright, senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church and father of Nolan, spoke at the Friday-night consecration service. He titled his address, "Beyond the Horizon."

Dr. Wilma McClarty, chair of Southern's English Department and mother of Stacey, gave the baccalaureate address, "A Place to Stand."

Dr. David Smith, president of Union College and father of Kim Hutchinson, spoke for a Sabbath-afternoon dedicatory service honoring graduates from the School of Education and Psychology. Prior to his Lincoln, Nebr., appointment, Dr. Smith was a professor in the Department of English at Southern.

Another Sabbath service was the dedication of the senior nurses. Becky Owens, herself a labor and delivery nurse at nearby Bradley Memorial Hospital, spoke to that

group on the topic of "Culture Shock."

Sunday's commencement address was given by Paul Neely, until recently the associate publisher of the *Chattanooga*

*Times and Chattanooga Free Press*. He titled his address, "It's Not Over 'Til It's Over."

This year a trumpet ensemble, a string quartet, a brass ensemble, a senior trumpet duo, and vocal and instrumental soloists enriched the weekend events.

The 259 women and 139 men earning degrees included eight husband-and-wife teams and 10 pairs of siblings (including three sets of twins). Seventeen graduates were over age 50, and 47 claimed homes outside of the United States.

Among the 398 seniors sharing the spotlight was Dina Grimailo, one of 70 who graduated with an AS degree in nursing on May 2,



Dr. Julius Garner, a member of Southern's Board of Trustees, was on hand to congratulate Dina Grimailo, right, on the day she graduated. He is part of Dina's American host family and spearheaded the effort to raise \$100,000 for her sister's marrow transplant.

1999. Thousands of people watched Dina that day, but only a fraction of them were on Southern's campus.

Dina was featured on the local *Good Morning Sunday* television program just before the commencement service began. Chattanooga's ABC affiliate Channel 9 estimates that 8,000 adults watch the weekly special.

Reporters were interested in the young nurse's story because she had been able to turn family tragedy into personal triumph.

Dina's younger sister, Natasha, was a victim of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986. Though their family lived in Moldova, about 500 miles from the ground zero site of the accident, Natasha developed leukemia as a result of the radiation and needed blood transfusions to stay alive.

A miracle seemed to be on the horizon when God opened the way for both teenagers to fly to Florida Hospital in Orlando. There Natasha received free medical treatment, and Dina was on standby as a donor.

When doctors there determined that Natasha needed a bone marrow transplant, Dina watched with amazement as local Adventists raised nearly \$100,000 to cover the cost. But Natasha's health deteriorated rapidly before the transplant could take place. She returned home to Moldova in 1996 and died nine days later.

"When they told us they couldn't do anything more for her, we had already raised about \$95,000," said Dina. "I was so frustrated. I thought, 'Why did God allow people to send all of this money if He knew there wasn't a need for it?'"

Months later, Dina finally caught a glimpse of God's plan. Her friends in Florida were asking if she would like to come back to the States and study nursing. They would use the money raised for Natasha's bone marrow transplant to pay for Dina's education at Southern Adventist University.

Although she was studying engineering and business in Moldova, Dina jumped at the chance. Now she has finished her AS degree, and today she can't imagine herself working anywhere but in the medical field.

"God took the negative and worked it out positively," testified Dina. "That money wasn't needed for Natasha, but there was a need for me!"

# Southern Scholars Honors Program

Nine women and five men distinguished themselves in May as the largest-ever group to graduate with Southern Scholars honors. They represented the most diverse group of Southern Scholars yet with majors in biology, history, English, religious studies, international studies, psychology, mathematics, physics, and business.

The number finishing since the program graduated its first and only Southern Scholar in 1984 has averaged five or six per year. Demanding science, humanities, foreign language, and religion courses; an advanced senior project; and the unyielding 3.5 minimum grade point average requirement continue to challenge the best of students.

This year's Southern Scholars were: Timothy Arakawa, Melissa Cole, Erin Galloway, Holly Harrom, Matthew Jordan, Ruthie Kerr, Marla Kuhlman, Helen Lee, Stacey McClarty, Brian Moore, Jennifer Pester, Marcus Sammer, Jennifer Sommerville, and Myla Thomas.

Motivating this select group to complete this rigorous program, Southern Scholars participation offers social, academic, financial, and prestigious perks.

Socially, each year Southern Scholars members select a student executive committee to coordinate events such as banquets, a campout, vespers, and cultural and community outreach activities.

Last December, 45 Southern Scholars and their friends gathered to make Christmas cards for the residents of the Life Care Center in Collegedale. The appreciative director said, "You won't believe it, but these cards are for some of the residents the only ones they get!"

Academically, the challenging curriculum constantly stimulates thought in a Christian context.

Financially, an honors student can audit one course free per semester after having been in the program one year. Students who are juniors or beyond receive a tuition scholarship equal to the cost of one three-hour class per semester. Tuition is waived for Honors Seminar HMNT 451 and 452.

Special recognition comes at graduation, with honors graduates marching single file at the head of the procession right behind the class officers. Southern Scholars receive the coveted Southern Scholars medallion, and their senior projects are printed in the commencement program. A student's official transcript also includes the senior project title and notes the honors-graduate distinction.

The honors program is directed by Dr. Wilma McClarty and an honors committee.

Dr. McClarty credits the success of the program to vigorous recruiting and promotion, faculty advisement/involvement in each scholar's progress, and "incredible administrative support from Dr. Babcock and Dr. Bietz." In her fifth year of coordinating the program, Dr. McClarty has only positive comments about the experience.



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Compiled by Darlene Allen

# 30

**Julia Mae Bishop**, '37, is retired and lives in Avon Park, Fla. All of her family is deceased except for a brother. She enjoys church activity and associating with friends.

**Joy (Crouch) Churchward**, '37, was a teacher for over 30 years. She raised two families and is currently interested in writing.

**Thelma (Thomson) Hartwell**, '37, graduated as an RN in 1941. Her three children all graduated from Southern: Frances Ann, Kay, and Ray. She has 3 grandchildren and lives in Avon Park, Fla.

# 40

**Georgette (Damon) Collier**, '44, and her husband, Gordon, live in Calistoga, Calif. She worked as a secretary in the Southern and Pacific union offices and for La Sierra and Loma Linda universities. Between 1950 and his 1979 retirement, Gordon worked in the Southern California Conference, in Hawaii, and in the Southeastern California Conference. They have a son, daughter, 4 grandsons, and 3 great-granddaughters.

**Billy Page Haskell**, '47, died July 2, 1998, of pneumonia following a stroke. His wife of more than 50 years, Ethel (Bates), preceded him in death on April 18. They were living in Burseson, Texas, and are survived by children Merrill Haskell and Cheryl Whitten, and 18 grandchildren.

**LaVerne Pichler**, '40, is a retired RN. Her husband, Floyd, is a retired physician. Their five children are all in the medical field. LaVerne and Floyd live in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Clarence Pillsbury**, attended '47-'49, resides in Palmetto, Fla., with his wife, Anita. He is a retired pastor/evangelist but still works some.

**Ruby Shreve**, '47 and '64, is a retired elementary school teacher. She never married and spends her time volunteering with shut-ins and sometimes baby-sitting. She lives in Avon Park, Fla.

# 50

**Constance (Moffett) Arnett**, '57, passed away July 23, 1998. She dedicated her life to the care and treatment of those in need. She worked 27 years as an RN at Huntsville Hospital in Alabama.

**Jack Bruce Bohannon**, '57, served 17 years as an overseas missionary, along side his wife **Donna**

(Weber), '55, in Iran, Lebanon, and Uganda. Jack is now a pastor for the Rocky Mountain Conference. They live in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

**Helen Burnett**, '52, retired two years ago as a health information manager. She lives with her husband, Frank, in Clermont, Fla.

**Eva Espinosa**, '53-'57, lives in Riverside, Calif., and directs La Sierra University's food service.

**Harold Flynt**, '50, remains active following a 45-year career as a pastor/evangelist. He is a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol in Jacksonville, Fla., where he and his wife, Emma (Coon), live. Their ministry took them to Florida, North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, and Alabama, as well as Japan, in '88-'89.



**Harold Johnson**, '58, (left), was chosen as Unit Chaplain of the Year from over 700 chaplains with the Civil Air Patrol. He is a lieutenant colonel in the CAP, the auxiliary of the United States Air Force. The award was presented by Brigadier General Paul Bergman, national commander of the Civil Air Patrol, at its annual conference.

**J. Curtis Orr**, '53, was one of the first graduates from Loma Linda University's School of Dentistry in 1957. He retired in Loomis, Calif., in 1997. He and his wife, Jeri, have 2 daughters, Heather Orr and Heidi (Orr) Suhini, and 2 grandsons.

**Carolyn (Haines) and Olavi Weir**, both '55, live in Angwin, Calif. Carolyn is a medical transcriptionist at St. Helena Hospital. In 1998 they traveled to Maryland, Washington, and Africa. Olavi retired from teaching math and science at Glendale, PUC Prep, and San Diego academies. He enjoys woodworking and genealogy.

**Richard Young**, '59, and his wife, Phyllis, live in Longwood, Fla. He has been self-employed for 25 years and has 4 children and 11 grandchildren.

# 60

**Lucia (Rascon) Medford**, '68, is a project manager/systems engineer for Raytheon Systems Co., in Landover, Md., near her home in Oakton, Va. A new project will involve frequent travel to Brazil. Her daughter, Kelly, is a senior at Antioch College.

**David Osborne**, '64, is the new director of the Ministerial Association for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He has most recently pastored the Carmichael Church near Sacramento, Calif., which grew under his leadership from an average attendance of 350 to more than 1,000. He also has served on the pastoral staffs of Atlantic Union College and La Sierra University. His wife, **Judy (Edwards)**, '64, is an interior designer.

**Alta (Philo) Zdon**, '60, retired from teaching in 1990 and lives in Berrien Springs, Mich. She enjoys birding and Maranatha volunteer projects.

# 70

**Bob Ambler**, '73, and his wife, **Janet (Taylor)**, '74, are parents of Tim, 17, and Katie, 10. Janet is an RN, FNP, while Bob is the owner/operator of Benchmark Computer and occasionally works as an RN (CCU/ER). They live in Martin, Tenn.

**Arlene (Potter) Arthur**, '73, has taught at Loma Linda Junior High for nine years. She lives in Grand Terrace, Calif. She enjoys scuba diving and tennis. Both of her children are academy age.

**Marsha (Tuttle) Collins**, '78, is director of pastoral care for Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, Ill., and executive board member of two organizations: United Way of the County of Kankakee Valley. She is a frequent speaker at community events and in area pulpits. She has two daughters: Brittany and Katie.



**Jimmy Davenport**, '70, lives in Selma, Ala., with his wife, Bobbie, son, daughter, and granddaughter. He is chairman of the board and chief financial officer for Logic Data Inc. He enjoys raising plants and playing with his granddaughter.

**Karon Ynonne Dinkins**, attended '69-'71, passed away on Dec. 5, 1997, at her home on Kentucky Lake in Paris, Tenn., after an extended struggle with ovarian cancer. At her request her body was donated to Vanderbilt Medical Research Center in Nashville. She is survived by her father,

Robert Dinkins of Paris, Tenn. and her brother, Rob, of Memphis. Ynonne loved her time at Southern and had fond memories of the friends she made her two years here.

**Ellen (Ramsey) Eldridge**, '78, and her husband **Gary**, '77, reside in Loma Linda, Calif., and are active in their church. Ellen is a financial manager in information systems at Med Partners. Gary does television production for Loma Linda University Medical Center. You may have seen some of his work on shows like *20/20*, *Dateline*, or *Public Eye*. They enjoy taking world adventure vacations such as scuba diving, backpacking, and kayaking.

**Greg Kinne**, attended, lives in Denver and runs Cherry Creek Technologies and Cherry Creek Internet (ISP) with his son. He went to Belarussia, Moscow, and St. Petersburg in 1997 and again in September to deliver medical and computer supplies to orphanages. The computers will facilitate keeping adoption records. He's looking for old 386 computers (grkinne@creek.net).

**Carl Koester**, '70, and his wife, **Beverly (Herbrandson)**—inadvertently printed as Swafford in a past issue), '72, live in Silver Spring, Md. Their son Leif is a student at Southern and served this year as Student Missionary in the Marshall Islands.

**Mike Lilly**, '71, and his wife, **Delynn (Durham)**, '72, are in Redlands, Calif., after a sabbatical in Australia. Mike heads molecular biology and gene therapy at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

**Sally J. McMillan**, '78, earned her PhD and is now an assistant professor in the College of Communication at Boston University. She has taught courses in advertising and marketing communication, public relations, uses of computers for communication, and writing. This new career follows 15 years of professional employment in advertising, public relations, marketing, technology management, news reporting, and book editing. She is married to James E. Fields.

**Robert Mills**, '76, is in his 14th year of practicing radiology at Union Regional Medical Center in Monroe, N.C. His wife, Joyce, a 1980 medical graduate from Loma Linda University, is a pathologist at URM. Their children: Chrissy, 16, a senior at Mount Pisgah Academy; Jonathan, 14, a 9th grader at Adventist Christian Academy in Charlotte; and Zachary, 6, not yet in school but reading, thanks to CD-ROM programs on his father's Mac.

**Penny J. Nielsen**, '71, is an associate professor of reading in Weaver, Ala. She presented her paper entitled, "Bringing the Curriculum Together Through a Kaleidoscope of Color-Related Literacy Activities," at the SE Regional International Reading Association held in New Orleans, La.

**Sharon (Jenkins) Powers**, '77, lives in Pacific Palisades, Calif., and is the school nurse at Calvary Christian School where her two sons, Shaun, 8,

and Chad, 3, attend. Her life is full and challenging, and she enjoys going to work every day.

**Kevin Salhany**, '78, passed away Oct. 15, 1998, in Philadelphia, Pa. After receiving his medical technology degree at Southern, he completed medicine at Loma Linda University, then did a pathology residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, followed by fellowship training in surgical pathology and hematopathology. In 1991 he joined the faculty as an assistant professor of pathology at the University of Pennsylvania, where he commanded great respect from his department colleagues and clinicians in other departments. His personal research interests focused on T-cell proliferations in lymphomas. He received teaching awards in 1994 and 1997, and was promoted to associate professor last year.

**Greg Scott**, attended '78, works for Adventist World Radio as director for the Americas. He and his wife live in Miami. Though he attended for only one semester, he enjoyed it and would like to get back in touch with friends from that SMC era. He can be reached at: 10613 Hammocks Blvd., #2-38, Miami FL 33196 or e-mail: gscot@compuserve.com

**William Scott Snyder**, '78, and his wife, Kim (Blevins), live in Louisville, Ky., in the house he grew up in and was able to purchase. They've been married for nine years. Daughters are Kelsey, 6; and MacKenzie, 3. William is a staff medical technologist with the Norton Healthcare Corporation. He would love to hear from former fellow students and friends: khsww@gateway.net .

# 80

**Lori (Adams) and Michael Abbott**, both '83, have been at Spring Valley Academy for the past two years. Michael teaches history and religion to junior and high school students. Lori teaches business and computer classes to K-12 students. They have two children: Nathan, 9th grade, Kelsey, 7th grade. They reside in Bellbrook, Ohio.

**Alan Artress**, '82, is working on a doctorate in adult education and training. His wife, Beth, is a school psychologist for Walker County, Georgia, schools. Their son, Robbie, is 5. They live near Collegedale, and Alan is the training director for a large group of carpet companies in Calhoun, Ga.

**Matthew Bell**, '89, is EIT site engineer intern at Gresham Smith and Partners in Nashville. He writes that his wife, **Christie (Grossman)**, '90, is doing a wonderful job raising their children, Nicole, 5, and Nathaniel, 8. The Bells live in Goodlettsville.

**Kathy (Hampton) Durkac**, (attended 82-84), and her husband, **Steve**, '90, live amid the mountains and lakes of Guntersville, Ala. Steve pastors the Guntersville-Fort Payne district and is prayer ministries coordinator for the Gulf States Confer-

ence. Steve is a frequent speaker on the topic of leadership and communication. His ministry web site is [www.durkac.com](http://www.durkac.com). Steve and Kathy have two daughters, Stephanie, 12, and Kathleen, 8.

**Michael Fogg**, '89, and his wife, **Patricia (Bassett)**, '87, live in Orlando, Fla. Michael is an administrator with Adventist Care Centers.

**David Gates**, '80, continues to pioneer aviation ministry in the northwestern jungles of Guyana. A training school for the "Davis Indians," recently established in Paurima, is already in need of additional space. Students walk for many days from other jungle villages to be trained as lay missionaries. Dave's mercy flights continue to save lives. He and his wife, Becky, work together to provide medical assistance, forging friendly relationships.

**Shandelle Henson**, '87, has accepted a tenure-track position in the Department of Mathematics at the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Va. Since receiving her PhD from UTK in 1994, she has held a visiting post at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Her research specialty is dynamical systems, with applications to population biology. She enjoys trail running and studying theology.

**Karen (Arnett) Kinley**, '84, resides in Huntsville, Ala., with her daughters: Sarah, 10, and Rachel, 8. She works at Huntsville Hospital as a medical technologist, with particular training in flowcytometry (related to monoclonal markers) and is active in local city charities and shelters.

**Cynthia (Thornburg) Kinsey**, attended '85-'86, is married and has 4 sons: Philip Daniel, 11, Jesse Dawayne, 5, Douglas Michael, 3, and David Floyd, 16 mos. She is a homemaker, and she schools her sons at home. Cynthia would like to hear from friends: PO Box 24108, Waco, Texas 76702.

**Karen Larsen**, '88, is vice president for projects with Maranatha Volunteers International. Ten years after graduating from SAU "where mission service was the last thing on [her] mind," she is now organizing one of the biggest mission service projects of the century: India 2000. It will center in Calcutta, India, December 20 to January 2. She welcomes you to make your New Year celebration a life-changing event that will really count. You can contact her through [www.maranatha.org](http://www.maranatha.org) .

**Paulette (Henderson) Nelson**, '80, and her husband, Russell, reside in Colton, Calif. She is a trust administrative assistant for Loma Linda University Foundation. She and Russ are happily raising seven children. She would love to talk to and/or write old friends: 909.825.1517 or 2277 Crescent Circle, Colton CA 92934; or [sleepjones@juno.com](mailto:sleepjones@juno.com) .

**Ivan Robinson**, '84, lives in Bordentown, N.J. He is a minister for the New Jersey Conference.

**Ken Shaw**, '83, has been interim dean of the Panama City campus for Florida State University for the past year.

## Those Who Walked These Halls

**Anna (Astalas) Sicher**, '85, lived in Sweden and Canada for two years each. She and her husband, Alan, are parents of Gabriella, 8, and Ian, 4. They live in Garland, Texas. Anna would love to hear from old friends: [aischer@compuser.com](mailto:aischer@compuser.com).

**W. Stephen Tankersley**, '84, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons during ceremonies at the academy's 66th annual meeting on Feb. 4, 1999, in Anaheim, Calif. He lives in Biloxi, Miss.

**Carroll Wheeler**, '80, and his wife, **Carol (Bauer)**, former teacher at Southern, '83-'86, and '93 AS nursing, live in Beaver Dam, Wis., during the week and Sheboygan on weekends. Carroll flies for Wisconsin Aviation, a passenger charter company that carries businessmen by day and occasionally human organ transplant teams at night.

**Maureen (Mayden) Wisener**, '84, was named the 1998 Communicator of the Year by the Health Care Communicators of San Diego. The award recognized her accomplishments as a professional communicator in the health care industry. She was also awarded the TWIN (Tribute to Women in Industry) by the YWCA. Maureen has been at Paradise Valley Hospital since 1989.

# 90

**Kevin**, '97, and **Melinda (Cross) Becker**, '96, are in Michigan while he attends the Seminary at Andrews University. Melinda is office manager for the AU department of nutrition. They plan to move back to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference at the end of 1999.

**Gary Bradley**, '90, is teaches physics and math at Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina. His wife, Stella, teaches English there.

**Karen (McKinney) Brown**, '91, and her husband **Ervin**, '90, live in Goodlettsville, Tenn. He is a CPA and she, a nurse anesthetist. Their son, Nikol, is 3.

**Jon Burks**, '97, lives in Goodlettsville, Tenn., and is attending the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia in pursuit of a master's degree and licensure as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. He will graduate in October 2000.

**Donna Marie (Jensen) Cain**, '92, and her husband, **Cody Christopher Cain**, live in Atlanta, where she is a microbiologist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Their first child, **Christopher Austin**, was born Aug. 30, 1998.

**Albert L. Cason, Jr.**, '93, has worked for his father at Bud's Best Cookies for six years as of December 1998. After attending a Business to Business Marketing postgraduate class at Harvard University, Al was recently promoted to vice

president of sales and marketing. He and his wife, Tara, live in Birmingham, Ala., and they have a one-year-old son, **Albert L. "Buddy" Cason III**.

**Shawn Collins**, '91, is a certified registered nurse anesthetist practicing in Asheville, NC. His wife **Beverly (Keyes)**, '91, is a home health nurse and anticipated completing a nurse practitioner degree from Clemson University in May 1999. They enjoy traveling and outdoor activities.

**Adoniram Da Cunha**, attended '96-'97, is a computer animator in Miami, Fla.

**James Davis**, '97, teaches physics, mathematics, Web publishing, and Internet 101 at Sunnysdale Adventist Academy in Centralia, Mo. He and his wife, **Karon (Rogers)**, '98, are the proud parents of **James C. Davis III**, who was born April 2, 1999.

**Stan**, '90, and **Melissa (LaPorte) Dobias**, '90, live in Orlando. He pastors at the Florida Hospital Church. They have two sons: **Caleb** and **Jonathan**.

**David Dordevic**, '98, and **Kay** live in Berrien Springs, Mich. He will finish his master of divinity degree at Andrews University in December 2000. The couple has a baby due in July.

**Rebecca DuBose**, attended '92-'93, graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in May with a BS in microbiology. She would love to hear from friends: [mtn\\_dancer@yahoo.com](mailto:mtn_dancer@yahoo.com).

**Michelle Fetters**, '93, is the Florida regional Director of operations for Sunbelt Healthcare Centers. She lives in Orlando.

**Donna (Parrish) Graham**, '91, and her husband **Joseph**, '92, live in the Chicago area. Their son, **Spenser Dallas Graham**, was born Jan. 14, 1998, and is their "future linebacker." They are thoroughly enjoying parenthood.

**Joseph Kim**, '97, is in California working on a master's in marriage and family therapy at Loma Linda University.

**Philip Martin**, '93, works in the greater Montana area as a critical care and flight nurse. He also is involved with self-supporting medical missionary work on the Indian reservations in that state. He is engaged to be married to **Theresa Ellis**, who works as a critical care RN in Chattanooga.

**Heilange (Celamy)**, '95, and **Mozart Porcena**, attended, married in December 1997 and live in Plantation, Fla. Heilange teaches fourth grade, and Mozart is a quality control manager at an aerospace company. They would love to hear from friends: [mbporcen@bellsouth.net](mailto:mbporcen@bellsouth.net).

**Michael Robertson**, '94, graduated from the seminary at Andrews University on June 6. He's returning to Indiana to pastor. He and his wife, **Valerie (Boutin)**, '91, have a young son, **Jonathan David**.

**Tamara (Michalenko) Terry**, '91, owns Your Creative Solution, Inc., assisting clients in writing, designing, advertising, and coordinating communication projects. She is also the managing editor of *Kids' Ministry Ideas*, a Review & Herald publication. Their son, **Joseph**, was born in November 1997. Her husband, **Randy**, is associate treasurer of the Chesapeake Conference in Columbia, Md. He also has his own business, **Terry's Tax and Accounting Service**.

**Teresa (Fifield) Thompson**, '98, lives near Raleigh, N.C., with husband, **Dean**, and daughter, **Kayla**, 16. Teresa is a high school library media specialist for Wake County Public School System.

**Nora Turner**, '95, received recognition for excellence in small animal surgery at the University of Tennessee Knoxville School of Veterinary Medicine and was awarded her DVM degree in May. She has been accepted for a one-year internship at the Rowley Animal Hospital in Springfield, Mass.

**Michael A. Van Beukering**, '92, a Navy lieutenant, left in February on a 7-month deployment to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. He belongs to a construction battalion.

**AnnMarie (Eichelberg) Walker**, '96, earned her BS nursing degree at Walla Walla College, alma mater of her husband, **Blaine**. They married in 1997 and live in Fenton, Mich. She works on an acute cardiovascular floor at Genesys Regional Medical Center and he, for a structural engineering firm.

**Todd and Marsharee (Johnson) Wilkens**, both '90, live in Waynesville, Mo. Todd completed his general surgery residency and practices at Ft. Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital. Marsharee and Todd share home remodeling duties. Their daughters are **Kelsey**, 6, and **Kalli**, 4. The family enjoys the beauty of the Ozark mountain range and would love to hear from friends and entertain visitors: [marsharee@ctwok.com](mailto:marsharee@ctwok.com).

**Kenneth Wright III**, '96, graduated in April from the Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College with an MBA (finance concentration). He has joined the fast track management program at Janssen Pharmaceutica, one of Johnson & Johnson's largest divisions. He lives in Orlando.

**Geoffrey Zhu**, '92, graduates this year from Arizona State University with an MBA emphasizing supply chain management. He married **Joy Pan** in December 1995 in Mesa, Ariz. She has a master of fine arts degree in violin performance.



## At Rest

Sherri Michelle Vick, 18, a freshman nursing major, died May 5, 1999, at a Chattanooga hospital following a three-month fight for life. After a one-car accident on Feb. 3, she was rushed to Erlanger Medical Center with extensive internal injuries. To repair an aortic tear near her heart, surgeons obtained permission for an experimental technique not previously performed in the United States.

Students and faculty visited her in the hospital daily. In addition, they provided food and collected more than \$2,000 for her family, and donated more than enough blood to cover the 80 pints she required.

Sherri was born July 21, 1980. She is survived by her parents, Randy and Debra Vick, and a younger sister, Jennifer, of Lynn Haven, Fla.

Dr. C.A. "Bill" Oliphant, 73, journalism department chair at Southern from 1986-89, died March 10, 1999. While at Southern, he strengthened the department's internship program, added new majors, and organized a professional advisory council.

Joining Southern just before he retired, he had already edited for Southern Publishing Association, worked in public relations for the Pacific Union Conference and *Faith for Today*, taught at La Sierra and Andrews universities, and edited a medical newspaper, *Health Scene*. His fourth book, *Sweet Success*, profiled snack cake king O. D. McKee.

Survivors include his wife, Jean, and a sister, Dorothy Thomas, both of Inverness, Fla.

Jane Brown, secretary to the president at Southern for 35 years, died March 27, 1999. She remained in Collegedale after her 1978 retirement.

She was known for her steady, cheerful, and empathetic nature as well as legendary secretarial skills. For many college occasions over the years, she shared orchids and other flowers she grew.

She was the widow of Stanley Brown, librarian at Southern from 1935-72. Their son, David, preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, Sara Rollins and Julie DeVries, and a grandson, Michael Torres.

Sanford Ulmer, 92, a leader in Southern's multimillion dollar endowment campaign, died May 18, 1999, at his home in Lansdale, Pa.

He graduated from academy at Southern Junior College in 1923 and was awarded an honorary degree in 1981. While visiting the campus in 1982, he decided to create a \$15,000 scholarship fund. Later he and his wife proposed the Century II Endowment Campaign, which has raised over \$7 million dollars to help students attend Southern. In 1985, the student center was named in their honor.

Mr. Ulmer built close to 500 homes in Montgomery Township.

He is survived by Martha, his wife of 63 years.

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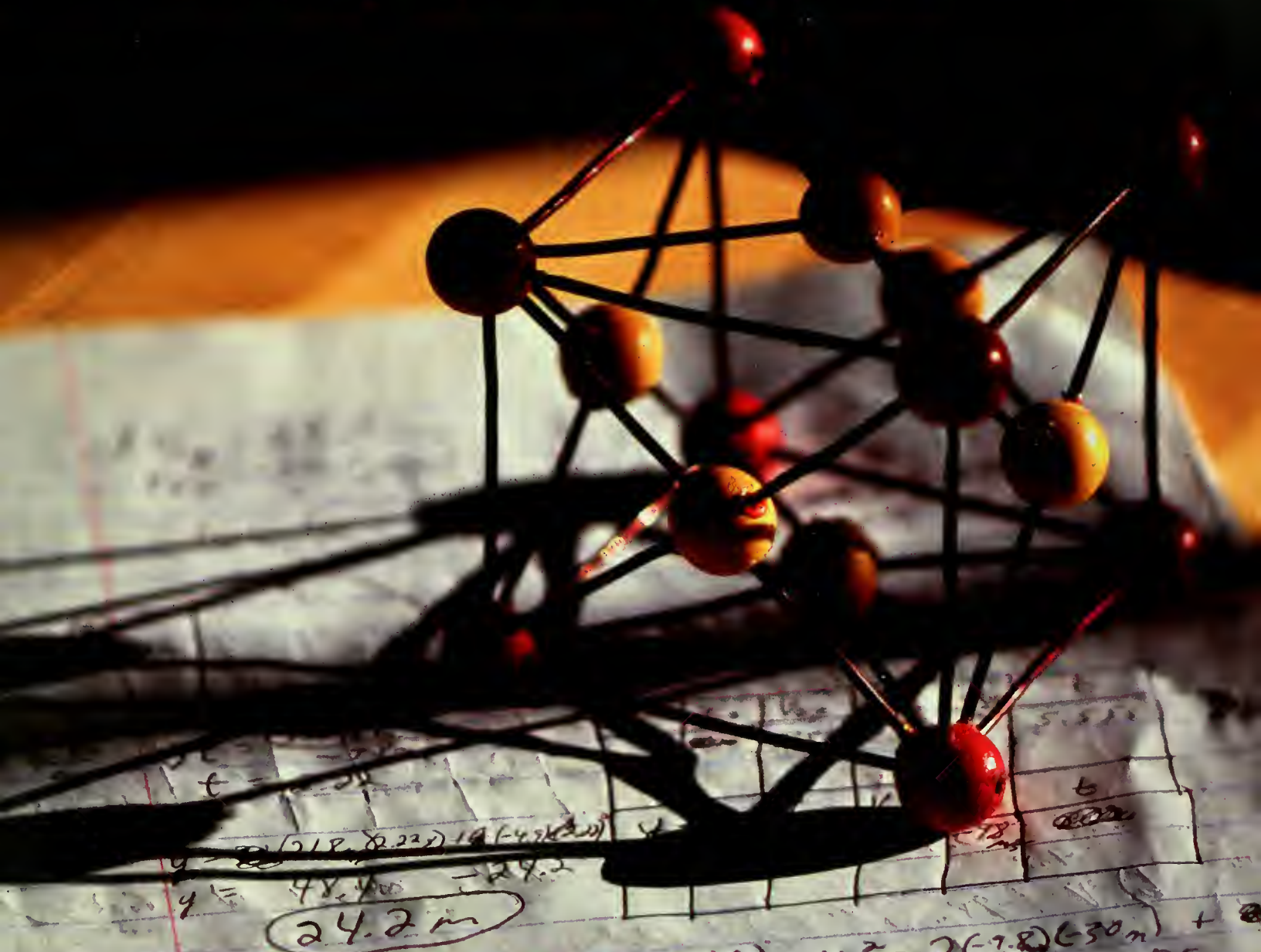
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