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# Farewell

**A**u revoir! Goodbye! Adios! Farewell! Auf Wiedersehen! Pax vobiscum! Until we meet again!

After 17 years at Southern, 15 of them as your editor, the time has come. This is my last issue.

My husband, Al, and I are moving to Lincoln, Nebr., where he has a new position at Advent Source, and I will continue my writing career as the director of direct mail at Christian Record Services International.

Though Andrews University is my alma mater, 17 years here have permanently imprinted Southern on my heart. During those years our two "chadults" have joined Southern's alumni ranks. (Please add *chadult* to your vocabulary. As far as I can tell, it's a word I coined to fill a dictionary vacuum in identifying adult children.)

I have read your letters and class notes. As you have shared your joys and sorrows, you have brought me into your lives. I have enjoyed talking with many of you during alumni phonathons. Some of you I have met in person when you came for homecoming or for one of those famously delicious Committee of 100 breakfasts. More than ninety of you have worked and learned with me in the Public Relations Office as student writers, photographers, and office assistants.

I have read completely and referred often to both of Southern's history books (*SMC: A School of His Planning*, and *A Century of Challenge: The Story of Southern College*). My goal for the office and for my work has been to serve every department and person on campus.

As I "graduate" from Southern and move from this beautiful place, a couple of people deserve particular recognition and thanks for their contribution to the university magazine. I will always be grateful to Ingrid Skantz for sharing her gift for design and layout with *Columns* readers. She has been my right hand for all manner of public relations projects since 1990. Another person I should mention is Debra Hicks. She

served you as managing editor for two recent issues of *Columns* (magazine) and all four issues of *Columns Express* (newsletter). Though she resigned in March to accept a position with The Quiet Hour, she laid the groundwork for this issue.

Thank you for the pleasure of communicating with you. I'll miss you. But I've put in a special request to the alumni office to put me on the permanent mailing list for *Columns* so I can keep in touch with you, my friends.

God bless you all!



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COVER: This ancient artifact will be on display in the coming archaeology museum. Illustration by Frank Mirande.

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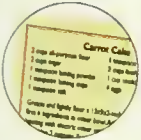
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# To Touch the Past



by Doris Burdick with Michael Hasel (pictured above) and Kristin Stagg

In your hand is pottery made in ancient Ur, Abraham's home town. Next, you thoughtfully pick up a metal axe head and your mind goes back to the story of the axe head that floated in Elisha's day. Then your interest is captured by an ancient brick from the city of Babylon stamped with Nebuchadnezzar's seal. You spend several moments pondering that Daniel could have seen that very brick. Your gaze shifts—now to a clay model of a Syrian chariot, complete with wheels that turn. And there's much more—lamps, spearheads, a small Roman cup, ceramic bowls, a royal Judaeian jar handle.

About 600 ancient artifacts from the lands of the Bible have traveled across time and distance to arrive on the campus of Southern. The journey they have taken has passed them from the hands of Bible characters to hands of today.

Plans for the Institute of Archaeology at Southern Adventist University, the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum, new class offerings, and Middle East study and excavation tours are taking shape in the School of Religion.

How these plans came to be is an amazing tapestry of events woven together by providence.

## The Dream

Two years ago when Dr. Michael G. Hasel was invited to join the faculty of the School of Religion, then-dean Dr. Jack Blanco shared his vision for creating and maintaining an archaeological museum on Southern's campus.

"He knew what an impact archaeology can have on our understanding of the Bible," Hasel recalls. "But to be quite honest, I wondered what we were going to start it with. Museums need artifacts!"

Dr. Hasel telephoned a friend—Dr. William G. Dever, his doctoral professor at the University of Arizona and America's foremost Near Eastern archaeologist—seeking advice. How might one get started on obtaining artifacts? What legal hurdles might he face?

Dr. Dever immediately confirmed his suspicions of how difficult it is to get artifacts.

"What happened next took me completely by surprise!" recounts Dr. Hasel with a grin.

Dever reminded Hasel that the Near Eastern archaeology program at Arizona had been closed for three years. The antiquities were lying dormant and had never been on public display. He volunteered that perhaps 20 artifacts could be loaned to Southern. As they talked, the number Dever suggested rose to 30, then 40, and finally to 50 before the conversation ended.

Time went by.

## The Visit

Then last fall an appointment fell through for a speaker on campus. With a measure of doubt that he could come on short notice, Dr. Dever was invited to speak for the R. H. Pierson Lectureship in Religion.

A quick calendar check found that the November date was Dever's only open weekend for five months.

"His visit here was significant," said Hasel. Dr. Dever was impressed with the sense of common purpose he found on the campus, the sense of community, the friendly students, and the camaraderie of the faculty. He visited McKee Library and saw there a modest but well-done display of a few artifacts donated by various faculty members.

"The future of [Near Eastern] archaeology is in schools like this, where there is still a love and appreciation for the Bible," he remarked.

According to Hasel, Dever's confidence grew "that the collection would be properly used on this campus."

To the delight of Southern's administration,

Dever solidified his growing desire to keep the entire collection together. It would come to Southern on permanent loan from the University of Arizona and be placed under Hasel's curatorship.

"I'd like you to pick it up as soon as possible," Dever told Hasel. "We will pack things up together, and I will tell you about the pieces. There's a story for every piece."

## The Collection

And so it came to pass. In January the 260 artifacts (pottery, weapons, stone, and other utensils)





in the University of Arizona Centennial Collection arrived intact on campus. Dr. Hasel and a student devoted part of their Christmas break to personally bringing the items cross country by van from Tucson. Not a piece broke.

"This is probably the best teaching collection of Palestinian antiquities in the United States today," Dr. Dever has written.

Assembled by Dever shortly after the 1967 Six-Day War and legally exported to the United States for teaching purposes, this is also one of the largest such collections in North America.

On top of that came the William G. Dever Sherd Collection, comprising 279 pottery fragments (known variously as sherds or shards).

The collections, appraised at \$90,000 in 1983, may be worth a quarter million today. But Dr. Hasel states that in reality the artifacts are priceless. A monetary value can't be placed on the collections now because antiquities can no longer be exported in large quantity from Israel, and "strict antiquities laws are becoming more stringent every year."

Possibly the most valuable piece is the rare Syrian clay model of a chariot. Variety marks the accumulation of items which span several millennia, from the Chalcolithic to the Roman and Arabic periods: ceramic jars, jugs, bowls, platters, lamps, metal objects for work and war, toggle pins that once fastened

clothing, a stone mortar and pestle . . . the list goes on.

"God has given us another lesson of faith," reflected Dr. Blanco just before his June retirement as dean of the School of Religion. "Eight months ago we had a handful of artifacts. Today we have one of the finest collections in the nation."

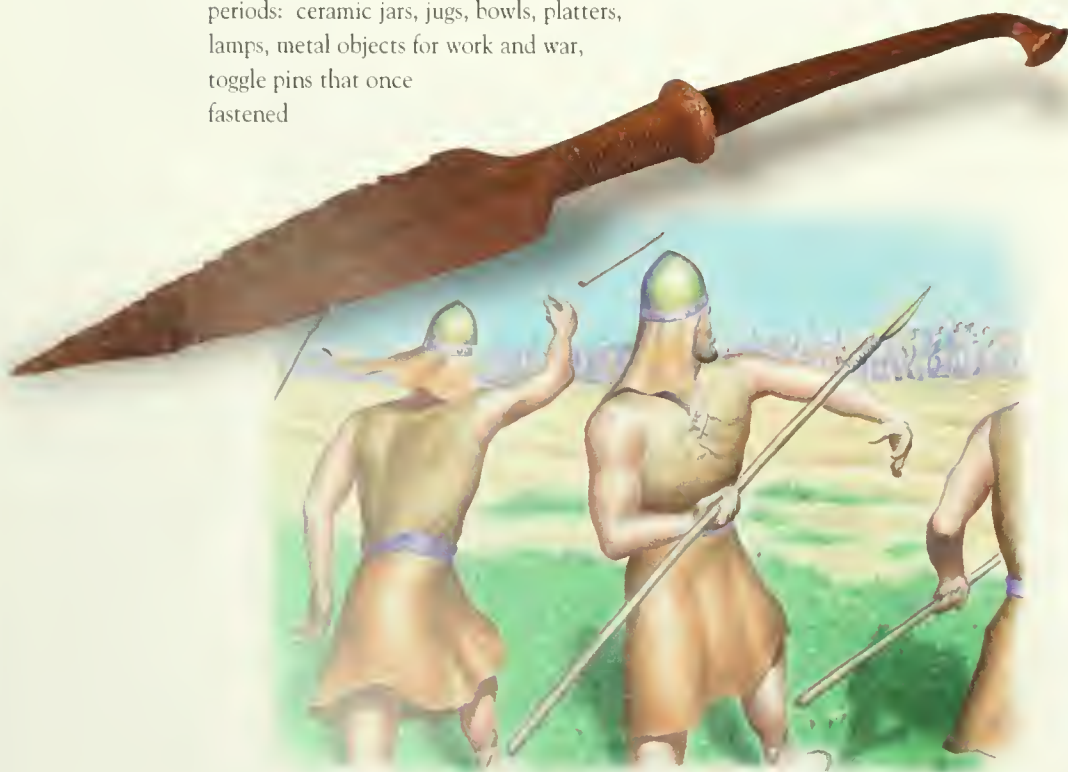
The university is also interested in acquiring two other valuable resources: Dr. Dever's personal library of more than 2,000 volumes on Near Eastern archaeology and biblical history, and his collection of more than 15,000 slides taken in the Middle East between 1962 and 2000.

## The Museum

A large skein of yarn being woven into the tapestry is the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum.

Its goal? To make the message of the Bible come to life both for students and the greater Chattanooga community.

"Lynn Wood" is a familiar moniker on campus because the original administration building bears his name. He was president of Southern Junior College (now Southern Adventist University) from 1919 to 1922. Afterwards, he was president of Adventist colleges in Australia, England, and Michigan.



What most people don't realize is that in 1937 Wood became the first scholar in the Seventh-day Adventist Church to earn a Ph.D. in archaeology (University of Chicago). Subsequently he taught at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., and wrote prolifically both for denominational periodicals and professional journals.

When he died in 1976, Dr. Wood's personal library of archaeological volumes was donated to Southern's McKee Library.

It may be a couple of years before the museum named for Wood opens for general view. Dr. Hasel hopes it can be ready by the end of 2001. Much work intervenes. Development of an electronic database incorporating digital photographs, and preparation of contextual displays vividly introducing artifacts in their ancient life-setting will take time.

And where will this be? Not, as some might guess, in Lynn Wood Hall along with the Heritage Museum already there.

Last year the university's strategic planning committee determined that Hackman Hall will be renovated to become the new home for the School of Religion, its Institute of Archaeology and its Robert H. Pierson Institute of Evangelism and World Missions. (The 50-year-old structure has been vacant since the biology and chemistry departments moved to the new Hickman Science Center early in 1997.)

It has 20,000 square feet of floor space, in contrast to 7,000 in Miller Hall, current overcrowded quarters for the School of Religion. (The number of religion majors has doubled in the past 10 years. Most students must attend their religion classes elsewhere on campus.) Tentative plans call for the Institute of Archaeology with its museum and adjacent library, laboratory, and offices to occupy the first floor.

Gifts have started to come in toward the \$2 million undertaking, and the \$1.1 million already pledged will allow building renovation to begin this fall.

## The Learning

Items from the collection are already enriching classes. A class called Archaeology and the Bible has been taught these past two years. Now students can see and

actually handle pieces, particularly those from the sherd collection as they learn how pottery was made and how craftsmanship changed over time.

"I look at the Bible now in a different way," comments Laramie Barber, a junior theology major. "Before, I had to imagine what things looked like . . . sometimes it seemed so unreal and removed."

"Always as a teacher I'm looking for ways to make learning a 3D experience," says Hasel. "What really makes it real is to hold something David could have held."

A new bachelor of arts in archaeology is joining Southern's list of 49 majors this fall. It gives students two choices of emphasis: Classical Studies (New Testament, with study of Greek) or Near Eastern Studies (Old Testament, with study of Hebrew). Laboratory and field work are also components. Students who have chosen a different major can opt for a minor in archaeology.

Without question modern archaeology has affirmed the historical core of Scripture in extraordinary ways. "A lot more is out there just waiting to be found," said Marla Samaan, a junior who has added archaeology as a second major, "and I'm thrilled to have the chance to study archaeology at Southern."

Only eight other undergraduate programs in Near Eastern archaeology exist in the country—at Harvard and the University of California at Berkeley, for example.

Learning won't be confined to the four walls of the new museum. A year ago 13 students joined Dr. Hasel for Southern's first-ever Middle East Study Tour. They viewed a number of sites in Israel, Jordan, and northern Egypt from archaeological, historical, and geographical standpoints as related to the Bible.

A "dig" is being planned, thus carrying on in another way Dr. Dever's extensive legacy—more than 30 seasons as a field archaeologist. Dever directed the Harvard excavations at Gezer (1970-74) developing a field school and method of excavation that still characterizes American research in Syria-Palestine today. From there he went on to direct excavations at Khirbet el-Kom, Jebel Qa'aqir, and the Central Negev Highlands Project.

This summer two religion faculty mem-



bers, Dr. Hasel and Dr. Donn Leatherman, flew to the Middle East to locate and arrange for an excavation site. There they visited 18 different sites in Palestine and Israel. Things went so well in meeting with key figures that Southern now has a number of options to pursue. If all continues to go well and sufficient financial backing is found, students and faculty will excavate at a biblical site in the summer of either 2001 or 2002. A study tour is definitely in the plans for next summer.

Alumni and friends of the university can certainly participate in the funding, and possibly some will even choose to join the work team. What an experience to dig in the same dust that biblical characters may have shaken off their shoes!

## The Sharing

Community education is another thread being woven into the tapestry. There's an eagerness among its founders for the Institute of Archaeology to enhance understanding of biblical history not only among students and the Seventh-day Adventist Church but among the community at large.

A newcomer of its kind in the Bible Belt of the South, Southern's museum will become an educational resource for the

larger public in the state of Tennessee and bordering states.

Changing displays focusing on different periods of biblical history will allow for interaction with ancient artifacts on various levels. Students of all levels—elementary to university—are sure to want to come from area schools to visit the museum. Public lectures on the history and archaeology of the ancient Near East and an annual newsletter are in the plans. Publication based on excavations, research, and symposia—preliminary reports, monographs, and occasional papers—is another avenue by which the Institute will present its treasures, insights, and discoveries to Southern's campus and beyond.

Soon all can share in the adventure as the mystery of the biblical past is illustrated in the reality of the present. ¶

Illustrations by Frank Mirande.



# “Woman on the Hall!”

by Elaine Egbert

**T**alge Hall. The men’s on-campus residence. First you must learn to pronounce it. Talj. Then you learn to become a part of its daily rhythm, to go with the flow, to fit in to its friendly hustle and bustle. It’s an old building filled with young hearts. And it’s my privilege to work there.

I’m often asked the question, “What’s it like to work around so many men?” The truth is that in my teen years I would have given my life for a job like this. Though my focus has changed somewhat since then, my answer is, “It’s just great!” You see, I’m actually

doing more than pushing paper. I’m watching the future unfold! Let me share some “for instances” with you.

LJ\* came through my glass office door, carrying a black plastic bag. Glancing over his shoulder to make sure no one else was watching, he dumped the contents on my desk.

“Mrs. E, I don’t know what happened! Something must be wrong with the washer ’cuz it turned everything pink! I need a refund!”

A question or two exposed the culprit—a maroon sweater

thrown into the load, which he'd washed in hot water. Although I couldn't solve LJ's ego-attacking problem (wearing pink underwear for the remainder of the year), I was able to give him a much-needed lesson in the art of sorting laundry.

Kelly had a chronic problem. I could count on seeing his sheepish grin most every day.

"Uh, I just came for a piece of candy," he'd begin, bending low to paw through the

candy basket to find his favorite kind. He'd munch thoughtfully for a while, then continue. "Uh, by the way, could I borrow a key to my door? I forgot mine in my room."

Keys can be a problem. It's hardest when roommates accidentally lock one another out during trips to the shower, and all a guy has is his hand towel and soap on a rope. If it's mid-morning when no one is on the halls to "rescue" you, you're likely to find that young man peeking around the lobby corner into the office, wearing nothing more than his hand towel, and asking to be let in. If you don't have an extra key to his room, you give him a head start so he can hide in the bathroom while you use the grand master to unlock his door and leave. Embarrassing, but I wish all problems were as easy to solve.

Though I don't usually provide clerical services for the residents, one time I couldn't turn down a request for help. Finney came in, dreamy-eyed and eager, for he was about to pop the question to a young lady living in Thatcher Hall, the women's residence. Finney had gone to great lengths to arrange with a Chinese restaurant a special meal suitable to the occasion. Now he held in his hand several fortune cookies from which he'd removed the fortunes.

He smiled. "Will you type new fortunes for me?"

I would.

"Make the print very small. The first one should say. . .," and he continued dictating all the way through the last and most important, "Will you marry me?"

The next day Finney floated past my door with a merry wave and a very large grin on his round face. I didn't have to ask

what had happened!

There are also sad times when a resident stands on the other side of the desk, bravely holding back tears. It's hard to drop school because of finances or illness or death in the family. At those times all one can do is to encourage and to pray that the Lord will somehow work things out for

the best for everyone concerned.

We get our share of "the wounded."

Some young

men have undergone traumatic experiences in their younger years and are doing all they can to cope with the results of those events.

Mack came in one day, his yellow shock of hair standing upright, and his usual grin missing. "Do you have a minute?" he asked.

I motioned him to a seat.

"It's my roommate—I'm worried about him." He described the long nights his friend spent sitting by their window, staring into the darkness. Sleep was a difficult thing for him because of the unpleasant recurring dreams he experienced. Of course he fell asleep in class! Of course his grades were suffering! And Mack needed to talk about it, to see if he could figure out a way to help.

"He won't go see the counselor because he doesn't want anyone to know what happened to him," Mack explained when I suggested that his roommate seek help. So we brainstormed.

And prayed. Mack stayed with that roommate all year, quietly supporting him, helping him to face the darkness of his memories. Near the end of the year, Mack came back to see me. This time his face split in a wide grin.

"He's been sleeping nights, and he's finally getting help. It was prayer that did it, Mrs. E. I just wanted you to know."

Yes, it was prayer. But those prayers were aided by a young man who set his own needs and desires aside to help a roommate in trouble.

So many other nice things happen! Imagine coming to work early and finding young couples in the lobby, studying their Bibles and praying together before heading to their classes. Or picture mixed groups of students who meet in the lobby during a free period to study and discuss the Bible. Sometimes their discussions grow noisy as they make discoveries together. But that's what Christian education is about. Learning and growing together, in Christ. These young people take their mission seriously, and it shows.

Residents have brought bouquets and candy, carried many heavy boxes, and repaired and installed

a bird feeder for me. When thinking of these young men, I see unique individuals who will also be thoughtful of others in the future. And I don't need to tell you that thoughtful-



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fulness is a priceless commodity nowadays.

I have seen other kindnesses, too. Many men stay in the residence hall over the summer to work or take classes. Southern hosts camp meeting on its campus, and during that time the residence halls overflow with visitors, young and old. One thoughtful resident noticed the elderly struggling in with their luggage and devoted his afternoon to carrying their things to their rooms.

The Penny Jar sits on my side desk. Many fellows don't like to carry "nuisance pennies" around, so we started a penny drive. It's fun to watch how these charitable funds arrive. Contained in old milk cartons, piggy banks, chipped cups, toilet-paper tubes taped shut at the bottom, dirty socks, and wrapped in the fronts of their shirts. Last year we collected 38,604 of them.

Then there's the

Silent Auction. It's a fun time with a four-fold purpose. Found items which guys haven't reclaimed are brought to the office and tagged. Residents write their bids on the tags we attach. Other residents can raise the bids, and gradually the prices of the items increase as residents vie to obtain the objects. There's a lot of good-natured fun in "bidding up" a friend and "making him pay more" for an item he really wants. At 5 p.m. on the day the auction closes, the office swarms with fellows hoping that their own names are the last ones on the tag.

Funds raised from this silent auction and the penny drive are contributed to the nearby Samaritan Center or other charitable organizations or donated through the church to matching fund projects. Buying good items for low prices also benefits the fellows, and it helps clear out the Lost and Found room so we can do it again the next year.

The purpose of Talge Hall is not merely to provide a place for young men to hang their jackets or go to sleep. It's also to give them an opportunity to become all they can be while rubbing shoulders with others. This helps ready them for Christian life when they leave our halls. A life of giving, caring, and putting others first. A life of sharing the love of Christ



Photography by Hans N. Olson.

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with those around them. Beyond the layer of frivolity that often surrounds young people, there is also a sense of solemnity and purpose, for ours are young men who have a mission and who are intent on fulfilling that mission. Their goals are to spread the truth of the gospel to those they meet while working toward becoming

tomorrow's teachers, mechanics, ministers, medical personnel, counselors, music professionals, business men,

and computer experts. With a prayer in my heart I observe them coming and going, faithfully attending to their daily business. I am thankful for the privilege of watching God's plan in action. And I am thankful to be "the woman in Talge Hall." §

\*For the sake of privacy, all the names in this article have been changed.

*When she's not on the job as office manager in the men's residence, Elaine Egbert loves to spend time in nature and to write. She has authored seven books and has another in progress. Elaine and her husband, Bob, are the parents of three "chaduls."*

# Bring Home the Beans

Some people see a problem and complain about it. Others see a problem and take the initiative to solve it. Nicole and Jason Tonge belong to the second group. Here's how they do it.

by Deanna Davis,  
junior mass communication major

Two former Southern students are doing mission work for their alma mater without leaving it.

Jason and Nicole Tonge have taken it upon themselves to provide a food bank for struggling married students at Southern who need a little extra help.

The food bank started in 1997 when Nicole was a member of the Student Association Senate. The issue of how hard it is for married students to pay for their education in addition to providing for their families was raised.

Nicole talked to Gordon Bietz, university president, about the problems and Bietz referred Nicole to Gail Williams, executive director of the Samaritan Center [a nearby Adventist Community Services facility]. A plan and a partnership were formed. The Samaritan Center provides \$100 a month to the program and Southern matches that amount. The Chattanooga Food Bank makes food available to the Tonges for only 16 cents a pound.

On the first Friday morning of every month, Jason and Nicole take a Southern van downtown to the Chattanooga Food Bank. They choose the items they want to buy, but the items vary each time.

"It's not just food. There are a variety of things, like diapers, toilet paper, and detergent that we pick up along with the food," Nicole said.

When they finish loading the van, they drive back to Collegedale and unload at the gym. Jason and Nicole then divide the supplies into piles for each family depending on the number of people in each family. The food pick-up is usually between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.

The Tonges try to stretch the \$200. Nicole estimates that each family receives about \$100 worth of food and supplies.

"There is a substantial amount of food," said Mark Miller, senior physical education major. "It takes some pressure off us financially." Miller and his wife have two small boys to support.

The Millers are not the only ones benefiting from the Tonges' food bank. Twenty three Southern students, 21 spouses, and 32 children receive food, said Kari Shultz, director of student life.

Families apply to get this help.

The application asks for the number of people in the family and specific income figures. Applications are available in Kari Shultz's office, located in the Student Center.

The Tonges would welcome additional help.

Nicole said, "It's a lot of work and it's hard getting time off my job, but I really enjoy it and it's such a blessing." ❧

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Compiled by Kristin Stagg

- The Biology Department is adding Dr. **Safawo Gullo** to its faculty roster. He is originally from Ethiopia and graduated from Ethiopian Adventist College in 1977. He has also studied in Ukraine, earning a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from the Kharkov Veterinary Institute in 1984. Dr. Gullo earned a master's in biology from Northeast Louisiana University in 1990 and his PhD in zoology from the University of Arkansas in 1998. He has been teaching at Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College in Tifton, Ga. His wife, Shirma, is a nurse. Their children are Arfassa, 7, and Joy, 3.

- A husband and wife pair, Dr. **Robert**, '78, and Dr. **Holly Gadd**, are coming from faculty positions at Southwestern Adventist University in Texas to join the faculty. Holly is a family nurse practitioner and recently earned her doctorate at Texas Woman's University in Denton. Robert has just completed his PhD at the University of Texas at Arlington. He will occupy the VandeVere Chair in the School of Business and Management beginning in the fall.

- After 23 years with computer/information/telecommunication services at Southern, **John A. Beckett**, '75, has joined the teaching faculty of the School of Computing. He also has experience as chief engineer for WGTS-FM and WSMC-FM, and for radio broadcasts from the 1969 youth congress in Zurich and the 1970 General Conference Session in Atlantic City. His wife, Barbara, is employed in the Records Office.

- Dr. **Ruth S. Williams-Morris** is returning to the School of Education and Psychology. A member of Southern's faculty from January 1991 to June 1995, Dr. Morris will again be teaching psychology classes this fall. During the interim she has been teaching in Minnesota. Her doctorate focused on learning and cognition and is from the University of Minnesota.

- Dr. **Morris Brown, Jr.**, comes from Southern Utah University to join the School of Journalism and Communication. He previously taught at the University of the Pacific, Andrews University, Pacific Union College, and Oakwood College. He also has written for *The Observer-Dispatch*

in Utica, N.Y., and for a full-service advertising agency and two major publishers.

- Upon the retirement of Dr. Helmut Ott, **Carlos H. Parra** is the new chair of the Modern Languages Department. Parra has been teaching at Arizona Western College, and completing a doctorate in romance studies at Duke University in Durham, N.C. This fall he will teach several Spanish conversation and literature courses, as well as new classes offered as part of the new Spanish minor. His wife, Beverly, will teach English part time. **Sam James**, a teacher at Collegedale Academy, will join the department as an adjunct professor, teaching Elementary German, and Dr. Ott, though retiring, will continue to teach Intermediate German, also as an adjunct.

- Dr. **Scott Ball** is joining Southern's faculty as the new dean of the School of Music. Dr. Ball, who has completed his tenth year at Atlantic Union College, received his undergraduate degree in music from Arizona State, his master's in divinity from Andrews University, and his PhD in musicology from Ohio State University. Ball's plans for the department include increasing the music theater programs and reestablishing the Chamber Choir. His wife, Lorraine, is working on her master's degree in communications, and they have two children, Jonathan, 14, and Jessica, 12.

- Also joining the School of Music faculty, **Kenneth Parsons** will direct the Wind Symphony. He has taught at Forest Lake Academy in Florida since 1986, and previously was at Redlands Junior Academy in California. At FLA concert band membership doubled to 76 in five years. His master's degree was in brass performance from the University of Oregon.

- **Laurie K. Redmer** is the new Symphony Orchestra conductor. Redmer has been teaching at Columbia Union College. Redmer began playing the violin at age 6 and joined an orchestra at age 11. She has two master's degrees from the New England Conservatory, one in viola performance and the other in conducting. An accomplished musician, Redmer has also been a vocal soloist for the New England Conservatory Philharmonia.

- Joining the School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness, **Richard**

**Schwarz** will be the new Gym-Masters coach. At Spring Valley Academy, in Ohio, he coached the acrobatic team for the past 21 years. A graduate of Andrews University, he was team captain of the Gymnics there. Schwarz's Spring Valley Acrobatic Team won honors as All Around Sports Acrobatic Team in 1992. Schwarz was named Coach of the Year by the US Sports Acrobatic Federation in 1994.

Two new professors are joining the *School of Religion* faculty this fall.

- **Douglas Tilstra** comes to Southern from the British Columbia Conference where he has been pastoring the Burnaby and Coquitlam churches. He has taught at each SEEDS (church planting) conference, and has begun PhD study with a leadership training emphasis at Fuller Theological Seminary. His wife, Lorraine, is a nurse, and the couple has three children: John, 16, Stephen, 13, and Elisabeth, 11.

- Dr. **Ganoune Diop** enjoys teaching New Testament topics. He and his wife, Helene, a special education and social worker, have been living in France while teaching at Salève Adventist University in Collonges-sous-Salève, France. Diop was born in Senegal in West Africa. Their children are: Keemaan, 6, Goel, 3, and Maïgan, 1.

- **Jacinta Naylor**, '97, completed her master's degree in social work in May just prior to joining Southern's Department of Social Work and Family Studies. She has worked as a case manager and mental health technician at Columbia Valley Hospital in Chattanooga, and as a school social work intern at the Phoenix Alternative Center in Atlanta.

The *School of Visual Art and Design*, as the Art Department is now known, is adding six teachers to its faculty to keep up with the dramatic increase in enrollment brought on by the new animation major and increasingly popular graphic design program.

- **Randall Craven** will be adding his expertise to the animation and computer graphics aspects of the art program. His most recent project involved designing and producing presentation graphics for the wildlife department of Cohutta Springs Conference Center, in Crandall, Ga. Craven earned a bachelor's degree in studio

art, with an emphasis in computer animation and graphic design, in 1994 from the University of Missouri. He also has an MS in outdoor education.

- **Terrill Dietrich** is replacing Tom Walters as an associate professor. Dietrich has been teaching art and photography at Forest Lake Academy in Orlando, where he has been part of the faculty for 18 years. His wife, **Pam**, who has been the student employment director at FLA, will be the new office manager for the School of Visual Art and Design.

- **David George**, '98, graduated from Southern with a BA in broadcast journalism. He has since worked as a video producer for projects including television commercials and corporate video productions. While attending Southern, George worked as master control operator for Chattanooga's WRCB-TV 3. Specializing in film and film production, George will fill a brand new position, geared toward the expansion of the art program.

- **Zach Gray** has helped design his own teaching environment. During the past year, prior to officially joining the faculty, he researched and installed Southern's workstations, networking, audio, and video for animation instruction utilizing Alias and Wavefront Maya software. His wife, **Ruthie**, is a founding partner of Focus Design, a graphic/web design studio in Collegedale.

- **Frank Mirande**, '81, worked for Lockheed Aeronautical Systems (now Lockheed-Marietta) for 16 years, first as an illustrator, then as engineering artist and production illustrations assistant group leader. Mirande earned his MFA degree from the University of Florida in 1983. He and his wife, **Valerie**, have a son, **Justin**, who will be a freshman at Southern, and daughters **Allison** and **Katelyn**, in the upper grades.

- **Dean Scott** is bringing with him extensive experience in 3D animation. Scott founded and owns Silicon Magic, an award-winning animation and Web-building business that creates animation and logos for clientele, including local television stations, 3ABN, It is Written, and La Voz De La Esperanza. Scott is from Saginaw, Mich., and earned his degree in TV production from Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

- Ten seniors received a medal at graduation for completing the very challenging Southern Scholars program. The select few are: **Kati Chaffin**, **Traci Hagele**, **Jared Inman**, **Lucelia Lima**, **Kathryn Martin**, **Norman McNulty**, **Joseph Peterson**, **Elizabeth Van Horn**, **Jennifer White**, and **Zane Yi**. Five of them presented their honors projects at a spring faculty luncheon.

- The first professional recording by sophomore music performance and education/theology major **Leon Martin** was released in December 1999. **I Worship You** is a gospel collection of 12 songs from Columbia House. His professional experience includes singing with the Mississippi Mass Choir and with Dynamic Soul, a men's group of five Southern students.

- **Zane Yi**, a May graduate, has been selected to provide campus leadership for the coming year as assistant chaplain. He will be working closely with Ken Rogers, chaplain; and with students involved in a variety of campus and off-campus ministries under the CARE umbrella.

- With the move of Dr. Pam Harris to Walla Walla College, Dr. **Volker Henning** has been named the new dean of the newly

established School of Journalism and Communication. He joined the journalism department 11 years ago.

- Words of appreciation such as "He is very interested in helping me out as much as possible, not only in school but with my personal life as well," and "He is a very good adviser and helps quickly, efficiently, and personally" influenced the choosing of Dr. **Jack Blanco** as Adviser of the Year 2000. He counseled 29 advisees this year, his 17th at Southern. He retires this year.

- SAU students contributed to the first quarter's Collegiate Sabbath School Quarterly, 2000 by coauthoring Lesson 6, entitled, "Peter, Before and After." Contributing writers were: **Jolene Harrell**, **Cezar Luchian**, **Daniel Warner**, **Carrie Whittenburg**, former assistant chaplain **James Johnson**, and Chaplain **Ken Rogers**.

- Two senior students who distinguished themselves in helping fellow students meet their academic goals received Excellence in Tutoring awards this year. The Center for Learning Success provided **Rachel Arruda** and **Teresa VanWart** and other peer tutors with specialized training and linked them with students seeking academic support.

### Southern Staff Participate in Heritage Evangelism

Ten Plant Services workers and volunteers traveled to Battle Creek, Mich., in March to fix up a 19th century schoolhouse in the Adventist Historic Village. For six days they worked on the schoolhouse, replacing rotting wood and refurbishing the rock foundation. Chuck Lucas, director of Plant Services, led the group. Southern paid for travel and food costs, and the workers' pay, and Adventist Historic Village provided the building supplies.

Southern's administration learned of the need from Adventist Historic Ministries, an organization that seeks to "share the story of a people who lived to honor God." This story is being told by costumed guides at restored and replicated buildings in the Adventist Historic Village and at other significant sites.

"We see this [village] as an evangelistic effort that will touch people we are not currently reaching," said Lenard Jaecks, executive director of Adventist Historic Village.

The grand opening of the first phase of Historic Adventist Village took place on Sabbath, June 24, the weekend preceding the opening of the General Conference Session in nearby Toronto, Canada.





# Commenceme

The last speech 340 graduates heard before they received their diplomas in May was by Senator Bill Frist of Tennessee.

Degree recipients numbered 274 for bachelor's degrees, 77 for associate degrees, 3 for certificates, and 3 for master's degrees.

They ranged in age from 18 to beyond 60, and represented 23 countries. Among the graduates, 55 percent were from the eight-state area composing the Southern Union.

Scholastically, 41 percent of the class had a grade point average above 3.5 on a 4 point scale. Twenty seniors graduated summa cum laude (3.9+). This year's 10 Southern Scholars brought the total of students completing the rigorous honors program to 105 since the founding year of 1984.

Though 85 percent of seniors were single, five married couples graduated together. Four brother-and-sister pairs and two sister pairs graduated, one of which was twins.

Speaker for the Friday evening consecration was Dr. Humberto Rasi, director of the Education Department for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Dr. Jan Paulsen, president of the global Seventh-day Adventist Church, spoke to graduates, their families and friends, on Sabbath for baccalaureate.

The United States Senate's only physician and medical scientist, Frist himself graduated with honors from Harvard Medical School in 1978. Before leaving the operating room in 1993, he performed more than 200 heart and lung transplant procedures.

Dr. Rasi oversees the supervision, coordination, promotion and quality control of the global Adventist educational system. This includes 5,500 schools, colleges and universities, with 47,000 teachers and almost one million students in 100 countries.

A native of Norway, Dr. Paulsen is the first European president of the world church. He has degrees from Tübingen University in Germany and Andrews University in Michigan. His 40 years of ministry in Scandinavia, West Africa, and England encompass service as a pastor, teacher, missionary, and college president.

Thirteen golden anniversary alumni from the class of 1950 took part by marching with this year's graduates on Sunday. ¶

Photos by Bryan Fowler



Pierre Scott, senior class president



Gordon Bietz, university president



Bill Frist, Tennessee state senator



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## Cole Slaw

1 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
6 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon seasoning salt

Combine ingredients and add to one large head of cabbage, grated. (Other ingredients such as peanuts or walnuts, raisins, or diced apples may be added to the mixture if desired.) Servings: 8

# Food for Thought

by Doris Burdick

"Come join us for lunch today any time from 11:30 until 1:15. We will be serving egg rolls, fried rice, potatoes, stir fry, grilled portabella mushrooms, dinner rolls, our usual delightful salad bar, and chocolate caramel crunch cake for dessert."

Mom's voice on the answering machine at home? Probably not. But when students punch 2399 on campus phones, Dial-a-Menu provides a preview of coming attractions in Southern's sunlit dining hall.

They say an army travels on its stomach. So does a student body! For nearly a quarter-century Earl Evans has been making sure it does. He came to the campus as food service director in 1977.

Mealtime is quite a production, with as many as a thousand people coming to dinner, 2,400 meals served on an average day just in the cafeteria. Two fast-food venues, the Campus Kitchen ("the CK" at Fleming Plaza), and KR's (adjacent to the Student Center), are also operated by Southern's food service.

Evans' career in food service began at Washington Adventist Hospital in 1958. He moved on to Mount Pisgah Academy in 1963, followed by eight years at Andrews University and four at Union College. While employed at Andrews he also completed a degree in foods and nutrition.

"You have blessed thousands of lives with your skill in transforming something mundane into an art," Earl was

## Sam's Chicken

1 lb roll Worthington Chic-Ketts® (thawed)  
1 egg, beaten  
1/2 cup buttermilk

Dry bread crumbs (or crushed cornflakes)  
Garlic powder

(Or a combination of any of these: Lawry's seasoned salt, onion powder, G. Washington broth powder.)

Pull apart Chickette roll into 8 pieces. Mix egg and buttermilk, then immerse Chickette pieces and drain. Combine crumbs with seasonings (to taste). Roll pieces in seasoned with tartar sauce. Fry in deep fat until golden brown. Drain. Serve Servings: 8

told when he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medallion at Southern's commencement in 1995.

Two interrelated facets of his role are menu planning and purchasing.

"Students are eating a lot more fresh fruit," he says. During a school year, he orders about three tons of grapes, and just in a week's time, about 600 pounds of bananas. He adds, with a measure of regret in his voice, "But students also are 'junk food junkies.'"

Menus are written up on a three-week cycle, which runs two or three times, then items may be pulled and new ones added. "What they like best we leave in," says Earl.

Thursday's pasta bar is particularly popular. In fact, it was switched from Wednesday to Thursday (last year) to relieve noontime congestion at the CK following the weekly university convocation held on Thursday.

Earl recalls a couple of menu items that flopped at first. When quiche was first introduced in the early '90s, students passed it by. But within six months, it became very popular.

Brussels sprouts also took time. Evans persisted. For three years in a row, those mini-cabbages were served about once a month. As students developed a taste for the vegetable, consumption grew from perhaps half a case to three or four cases at a time.

This past year rice and beans have been a constant favorite. Food service went through some 5,000 pounds of rice, including white, brown, basmati, and wild rice blends. Beans are usually cooked from their dry form.

Earl identifies a couple of reasons why Southern down-home cooking—grits, greens, black-eyed peas, okra, cornbread—are not everyday fare at this university in the heart of the South. Many students are not Southerners, and even those who are have developed eclectic and often sophisticated tastes. International students and students who have lived in other parts of the country or world bring with them a wide variety of food preferences.

"Cornbread's popular, though, and grits is relatively popular," Earl says.

Preferences run the gamut. Backgrounds vary. Cafeteria staff balance tastes

with sound nutritional principles. "We don't add margarine or butter when we cook our vegetables. We try to have a nondairy entree at every meal. The nondairy milks and soft ice cream are available. The salad/sandwich bar adds options. If a student wants no refined sugars, no fried foods, there's still plenty of variety to choose from."

Something Mr. Evans has been wanting to do for a long time is to invite parents of students at Southern to send him a favorite recipe. Food service would try to work some of these into the menu, identifying them by name with the student whose mom (or dad) has fixed the dish at home. (Hey, parents, how about surprising him by sending a recipe: Food Service, SAU, Box 370, Collegedale TN 37315.)

"I know we're not going to cook 'just like mom' but we really are interested in helping students feel comfortable here. If we can ease the transition for new students, so much the better."

Quality and cost are also constantly being weighed as Earl buys the weekly campus groceries. To save money he purchases from four basic vendors rather than just one. He calls it "cherry-picking." For example, when he learned he could save 75 cents a bag on corn chips by changing vendors, he made the switch immediately.

Produce comes from an array of other vendors, with quality being a top criterion. Nutritional value plays into that, but so do appearance and taste.

"For example, that's why I've driven to Florida at all hours of the day and night—last year with the hurricane about to hit—to pick up a load of mangoes grown by

Walter Zill, an alumnus," recounts Evans. "They are just the very best. So sweet and delicious."

Several factors play into the perennial lament about the price of a meal in the cafeteria.

"Most people have no idea what goes on behind the serving wall," says Earl. Just as a meal served at home actually costs more than the food itself—the dishes, the electricity, the table and chairs, the appliances, etc.—a serving of macaroni and cheese in the cafeteria may cost more than a box of Kraft Dinner in the grocery store.

'Caf' staff provide a few suggestions to help keep costs down. Students can choose selectively. In nine months students

## Carrot Cake

2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
3 cups finely shredded carrot  
1 cup cooking oil  
4 eggs

Grease and lightly flour a 13x9x2-inch baking pan. Combine first 6 ingredients in mixer bowl. Add next 3 ingredients, beating with electric mixer until combined. Beat on medium speed for 2 minutes. Turn into pan. Bake in a 325° oven (50-60 min.). Cool on a wire rack. Remove from pan after cooling 10 minutes. Cool well. Can be frosted with cream cheese frosting. Servings: 12-15

paid for convenience by going through 50,000 bottles of water (99 cents) rather than drinking from a water glass (free). They can minimize food waste and wipe out losses of tableware. They can be more willing to work—weekends included. The number of full-time cafeteria staff has risen in recent years as the number of student employees has dropped off.

Catering is another part of the food service menu of services. It factors into cost containment. Revenues—approaching \$200,000 in gross sales—from these extra functions help hold down costs for the university's students. These range from

simple soup-and-salad luncheons for staff and faculty to elegant banquets and wedding receptions ornamented by elaborate ice carvings.

About the time he came to Southern, Earl Evans took several courses at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. Ice sculpture was one of the classes he chose, and he's long since lost count of how many ice sculptures he's done in the last twenty years.

His food management skills have been called into play beyond Southern's campus. Though not involved with food service in Toronto this year for the General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he helped feed the multitude in Holland five years ago, as well as the sessions in Indianapolis, New Orleans, and Atlantic City.

Earl answered one more question before his interview concluded. Who cooks at home? "Now it's usually the kids," he says with a grin. He and his wife, Joanne, have five children in their twenties and up, two still living at "the old home place." Terry bakes for the food service entities, often 4,000 burger buns in one week. His younger brother, Todd, '95, also earned a nepotism waiver to work in food service full time following his graduation.

"If we can serve good food in a pleasant atmosphere and balance the books for the year, I think we have done our job," concludes Earl. ♪

### **Fettuccine Pomodoro**

- 1 lb garlic fettuccine
- 1/4 cup Italian dressing or olive oil
- 1 small can chopped tomatoes
- 1 small can dried tomatoes
- 3 oz Parmesan cheese (pre-grated or fresh)
- 1 bottle artichoke hearts (optional)

Cook fetticini according to directions and drain. Toss with remaining ingredients and fold in artichoke hearts if desired. Can be served hot with Alfredo or tomato sauce, or cool as a salad. Servings: 12-16

## Remember when ...?

Perhaps nobody still living remembers the "delicious hot soup served up by the matron, Mrs. J. H. Thorne," on Oct. 13, 1916, when a weary caravan arrived at the new campus from the old one at Graysville 35 miles north across the Tennessee River. A big cook stove had already been set up on the veranda of "the yellow house," largest structure on the farm property.

Decades ago ('20s and '30s) a large dairy herd, an orchard producing as many as three thousand bushels of peaches, and a huge garden provided most of the food needed for the school.

By 1924 the college had 5,500 fruit trees: peaches, apples, pears, plums, cherries, prunes, apricots, and quinces, plus a young vineyard and two acres of strawberries.

In 1931 the cannery "put up" 333 gallons of spinach, 15 gallons of beets, 75 gallons of sauerkraut, plus blackberries and green beans, 100 gallons of peach butter, and five tons of grapes in half-gallon tins of juice. And 320 bushels of potatoes were reserved for school use.

The next year the farm produced three acres of watermelons, 2.5 acres of sweet potatoes, 3.5 acres of tomatoes, plus three tons of grapes and 500 bushels of potatoes.

Guns that puffed wheat were once heard on campus. A food-related industry was established in 1938 to provide work for students—but no doubt a breakfast menu item as well.

A new cafeteria/home economics/student lounge was finished in 1958.

That cafeteria building was torn down two days after the 1971 commencement—embarrassing for its builders, but apparently necessary due to construction quality.

For the next 23 months students ate in an enclosed camp meeting pavilion where Hickman Science Center now stands. They used paper plates, plastic tableware, and disposable trays, and the "Tabernacle" became known as the "Tabeteria."

The cafeteria/student center, integrated with Wright Hall, was completed in 1973.

The days of the gold wall paper, gold carpet, and turquoise sliding walls ended in 1996—and so did the Friday noon "cartoons in the caf" tradition.

# God knows this world needs more Christian mechanics. Meet a man who's working on it.

## With Hand and Heart

by Heather M. Flynt, junior public relations major

He's in an extremely elite group: one of only 27 master automotive technicians in the United States to be certified in 26 areas by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE). Yet he hardly ever talks about it.

Meet Dale Walters, chair of Southern's Technology Department.

He's a busy man. Walters teaches 19 semester hours of classes—conducting a lab or teaching a class an average of 39 hours a week. A typical professor's class load is 12 semester hours; the load for a department chair may drop to just 8 semester hours to compensate for the additional administrative responsibilities.

His "to do" list doesn't stop there. The 43-year-old dynamo also manages an on-campus auto repair shop that employs two full-time workers and three students.

"It's a constant juggle to get it all done," Walters admits.

The man's dedication is obvious to those who work with and around him.

Full-time employee Jeff Yeager has known his boss for years—first as his student at Cedar Lakes Academy in Michigan. "After graduation, Dale offered me a job if I came down and went to school here at Southern," he recalls, "so I did." In 1994 Walters recruited him a second time, this time as his colleague.

In Yeager's opinion, his boss's strongest qualities are patience, generosity, and fairness.

The impact he makes on students is what more fully demonstrates the kind of teacher and mechanic he is.

"Dale Walters is an excellent teacher," says Nathan Rude, who just completed his sophomore year as an auto body major. "[Auto body] is a great program, and he brings what you learn in the classroom into reality in the shop."

"He is a good person," says Jeff O'Fill, auto body major, about his boss and teacher Dale Walters. "He is easy to talk to, and he doesn't make you feel dumb when you ask him a question."

Walters first learned about engines by working on lawn mowers. As an eighth-grader he helped his brother Keith rebuild a 1965 Pontiac GTO engine.

Then he and his dad paid about \$600 for a 1939 two-door Chevy sedan. The next two years, Dale worked with his father and brother to restore the classic. That was 28 years ago. He still owns a '31 Model A Ford he restored.

Today's auto technician is not the stereotypical "grease monkey." To make any money in the field, one has to be computer savvy and have a strong knowledge base. Walters likes to tell customers that even five years ago, new cars had as much computer power as Apollo 13 had. According to the February 1999 issue of *Motor Trend*, technicians who are properly trained and have developed the necessary computer skills can earn from \$45,000 to \$150,000 per year.

Walters could be making a lot more money somewhere else—in his own shop, for example. It's not an option he gives himself. He

sees that he is needed at Southern Adventist University—one of the few Adventist colleges in North America that still offers an associate degree and one-year certificate programs in technology. Students can choose an emphasis in either auto body or auto service.

"I want to see technology education in our Seventh-day Adventist schools; I think it fills a real need," Walters says.

Walters impresses upon students the importance of understanding how an entire system works, be it the ignition or brakes or whatever. Knowing how all of the parts relate to the whole is the best way to learn diagnosis, he says, and "diagnosis is the key to repairing any car."

Walters also emphasizes integrity. This speaks volumes about his personal work ethic. "It would be easy to cheat the customer," he explains. "For the students to see honesty in the workplace really teaches them a lot."

Walters doesn't take all of the credit, however. "God has led me to excel in my field by giving me wisdom. He has let me teach students and see results which encourage me."

Customers visiting the automotive shop at Southern find a Christian atmosphere filled with knowledge, expertise, and honesty. Dale Walters plays a big part in making all of this true. ♪



Compiled in part by Krisun Staggs

- Fourteen education majors recently achieved a passing rate of 100 per cent on Praxis II. This test series replaces the National Teacher Examination (NTE) formerly required for licensure in the state of Tennessee. Beginning in the fall of 2000, education majors are required to pass the Praxis II exams, both the Principles of

Learning and Teaching (K-6 or 7-12) and their particular specialty area(s), prior to doing their student teaching practicum.

- By the end of the semester in May, students taking a fund development class had raised \$1,725 for the **Band-Aid Fund**, newly created to help their fellow students meet emergency needs. The experience-based class was taught by David Burghart,

vice president for advancement.

- **Student Week of Prayer**, held during second semester, featured students from varied areas of study. Speakers Benji Maxson, Jason Foster, Holly Pomanowski, Camille Rivera, Kevin Stewart, and Will Johns, were assisted musically by Alyssa Shepherd, Paco Rodriguez, The Bhati Beaters, Rebecca Murphy and Yomary Rivera, and visually by a sign language group of students called Touch of Faith in sharing personal testimonies of God's love with the student body.

- A vespers performance entitled "Entertaining

Angels" closed out the school year for **Destiny Drama Company**. Destiny, a ministry under the CARE umbrella and the chaplain's office, is nearly 20 years old, and is active in visiting academies and Bible conference events, as well as performing for church and vespers programs by invitation. The 14-member team was led by Will Johns and D.J. McKenzie this past year, and senior religion major Angela Rho is the director for 2000-01.

- A two-story professional building with 18,000 square feet of office space is in the final planning stages. The building will be named **Park Place Professional Center** and will occupy the former motor pool/service station location. A walk-in primary care clinic is proposed for the lower level, and several organizations have voiced interest in leasing the upper-level offices.

- A check for \$100,000 from The Hearst Foundation brings the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship for Appalachian Students in Southern's School of Nursing to \$200,000. The gift was received in April. The endowed nature of the gift provides perpetual scholarship funding, since solely earnings are disbursed each year. In the past two years 17 nursing students have been awarded a financial boost from the fund.

- Dr. David Smith and his wife, Cherie, will be returning to Southern's campus in September to conduct the **fall week of spiritual emphasis**. After teaching English here for 17 years, Dr. Smith became president of Union College in Nebraska in 1998. Mrs. Smith is on the pastoral staff at the College View Church on that campus.

- **Higher Education**, a short video depicting the spiritual dimension of Southern Adventist University, was sent, along with bulletin inserts, to all churches in the Southern Union for showing in June. Alumni in other places may request a copy from Southern's Public Relations Office while supplies last.

- A **concert tour** to the Northwest took the Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony, under the direction of Brandon Beck, to Pacific Union College and Walla Walla College as well as to four academies in mid-May. A day on beautiful Vancouver Island in British Columbia gave the group an opportunity to visit Butchart Gardens.

- From Denmark to Australia, Poland to Nepal, and to the islands of the sea, 84 **Student Missionaries** and Task Force volunteers are scattering to spend the 2000-2001 year in service to their church and the world around it.

- The space in **Summerour Hall** vacated by the Social Work and Family Studies Department, upon its move to Daniells



## Caring Hands

Nicaragua and Dominican Republic once again were destinations for a group of dedicated nursing students during their spring break in February.

As members of the elective class in Mission Nursing, the students first study concepts of basic health education, use of natural remedies, and prevention of disease. They find the opportunity to put their study into practice in a developing country particularly rewarding when they experience the smiles of the children they serve.

Laura Nyirady and Shirley Spears have each accompanied student groups on several working excursions of this kind.

Hall, has been renovated. The Teaching Materials Center was expanded and the remainder of the space now serves as offices for three teachers in the School of Education and Psychology.

- The **Clarence and Elva Reynolds Chair** is now activated and, in harmony with the wish of daughter Maurine Reynolds, it is funding a portion of a salary in the School of Education and Psychology. Earnings from her bequest of \$600,000 are intended to transfer and reinforce values (ethical, spiritual, cultural, and family) through an underlying base of religious instruction.

- The **School of Computing**, with its master of software engineering program, and the Software Technology Center has a new facility located on the first floor of the recently renovated Daniells Hall. An open house was held near the end of second semester.

- Earlier this year the board of trustees voted **new names for three departments**: the School of Visual Art and Design, the School of Journalism and Communication, and the School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness.

- Keeping pace with business trends and student interest, the School of Business is dropping its degrees in administrative management. Students currently enrolled will, of course, be allowed to finish out the program, but new students interested in the former major will be encouraged instead to pursue the BS in **business administration**. Minors in business administration and entrepreneurial management are also offered, as well as a BBA/MBA track that can be completed in five years.

- The **Southeastern Conference on Christianity and Literature** will be hosted on the campus next April. Southern's Helen Pyke, associate professor of English, is the out-going chair of this group of English teachers from many Christian faiths.

- Bert Ringer, Southern's admissions recruiter based in Florida, initiated a **Job Connections Career Fair** at Forest Lake Academy this year. About 15 teachers and students flew to Orlando to present mini-workshops during the two days. Greater Miami Academy juniors and seniors joined those from Forest Lake for the event. This

# it's a good thing

**Sunday, October 1, 8 p.m.**

Orchestra/Organ Concert

**October 1 - 3**

ViewSouthern, for academy seniors (Call 1.800.SOUTHERN)

**Monday, October 2, 8 p.m.**

Acapella

**Sunday, October 8**

17th Annual Cohutta Springs Triathlon

**Sabbath, October 14, 2 - 5 p.m.**

Student Missions Expo

**Sunday, October 15, 2 - 6 p.m.**

School of Music Fall Fest Auction and Music

**Tuesday, October 24, 8 p.m.**

Aart Bergwerff, Organ Concert

**Thursday, Friday, Sabbath, Sunday, October 26 - 29**

Alumni Homecoming

**Saturday, November 4, 8 p.m.**

Southern Union Gymnastics Show

**Saturday, November 11, 8 p.m.**

Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra

**Sunday, November 12, noon - 6 p.m.**

Student Missions International Food Fair

**Tuesday, November 14, 8 p.m.**

Peter Planyavsky, Organ Concert

**Thursday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, November 16 - 20**

Pirates of Penzance

**Tuesday, December 5, 6 p.m.**

Christmas Tree Lighting

**Saturday, December 9, 8 p.m.**

Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony

**Friday & Sabbath, December 15 & 16**

Symphony Orchestra & Choral Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 24, 6 p.m.**

Christmas Candlelight Service



## Thanks from Everyone at Southern

Students, administrators, and faculty send a special thank you to all who helped make 1999-2000 a record year in gifts to the university.

Nearly \$4 million (\$3,959,679) was given toward scholarships, the Southern Fund, and capital and other improvements.

If that amount had come from tuition, it would have added \$2,300 per student!

## Recent Gifts to the University

\$100,000	– R. H. Pierson Institute
\$8,600	– Master's Program in Religion
\$15,450	– Art and Graphic Design
\$7,000	– Clara J. Wright Named Endowment
\$5,000	– Orlo Gilbert Orchestra Endowment
\$10,000	– K. W. Grader Nursing Endowment
\$50,000	– Mardian J. Blair Scholarship
\$100,000	– Hearst Foundation Scholarship
\$5,000	– Religion Student Aid Scholarship
\$100,000	– Southern Carton Industry Facility

March 1-March 31, 2000

was a prime recruitment opportunity, as FLA's senior class of 160 students is the largest senior enrollment of any academy in the North American Division.

• The Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra presented its annual student concerto concert in February. The concert opened with Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture." The concert featured performances by three high school students—Allen Delacruz, from Georgia-Cumberland Academy, Sara Ludwig, of Alpharetta, Ga., and Brian Lauritzen, a student at Collegedale Academy; two students from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga—Christopher Kirkpatrick and George McCreary, Jr.; and two violin students from Southern—Becky Lauritzen and Brian Liu. Southern's 85-member Symphony Orchestra was under the baton of Maestro Orlo Gilbert, who joined the music faculty at Southern in 1967 and retired this year.

• New sidewalks along University Drive will be constructed soon. This project will be coupled with the widening of University Drive and College Drive East between Iles Physical Education Center and Collegedale Academy. Plans also call for a new sidewalk to curve around the inner side of the duck pond in front of Brock and Wood halls, to eventually connect to the City of Collegedale's new greenway via a walkway tunnel beneath Apison Pike and the railroad tracks.

• In March, the undergraduate social work program hosted an open house at Daniells Hall and the annual Edward J. Lamb Scholarship Fund Dinner as part of a celebration of National Social Work Month. Harriet Woods, former lieutenant governor of Missouri, spoke on the issue of empowerment as a means for political and social change.

• Southern Adventist University will be sponsoring the 17th Annual Cohutta Springs Triathlon on October 8. The swimming-biking-running event is not limited to students but is open to any individual athlete or relay team. For more information: [www.intramural.southern.edu](http://www.intramural.southern.edu)

• Two new names have been given to campus roadways. First, the one-way drive running south from Industrial Drive through the parking lot where Jones Hall once stood and behind Daniells Hall has been named Jones Drive. Second, the road

north of Talge Hall leading to Wood Hall is now Harmony Lane.

• Southern's first Fine Arts Festival was held in mid-April. Visual art by students and faculty alike decorated the halls outside Ackerman Auditorium, and contributors were present to explain their displays. This presentation was followed by original performances of music, poetry, short stories, animation and video productions in the auditorium, by students and faculty. The idea for the arts festival originated with the Writers Club in February, and may become an annual event.

• The Long Term Health Care Club is working toward forming a chapter of the American College of Health Care Administrators on Southern's campus. The ACHCA holds seminars, conventions, and job fairs, and also has an accrediting program for hospitals and nursing homes. Alumnus Scott Edens, '91, director of Wood Dale Retirement Center in Dalton, Ga., and ACHCA Governor of Region 4 (north Georgia and east Tennessee), is aiding in the establishment of a local chapter.

• The Student Association's annual talent show, this year titled "The Wammy Awards" took place a month before the semester ended, with social vice president Kathy Stair as emcee. "The Sunshine Band" brought back the '70s era and took first place.

## A Cultural Event

Buffet delights from around the world greeted some 300 guests at an April Culturefest Banquet.

Adding to the ambience was an international medley of dinner music shared by a mother-daughter piano-violin duo, Sherilyn and Marla Samaan. Campus clubs provided cultural table decorations. Former Student Missionaries presented a Parade of Flags which led into a extravaganza of talent and cultural expression.

Clothing common to various countries brightened the event. Toumaryon Moses Kollie, right, adjusts his colorful hat. He is a graduate business student from Liberia. Southern had students from 50 countries this past year, and 171 students list home countries outside the U.S.A.

The "One World, Many People" event was sponsored by Southern's Diversity Committee.



# 30

**Melvin Edmister**, '39, worked his way through Southern as a "legger" at the long-gone hosiery mill. He served in WWII with the 57th Medical Battalion as a surgical technician. He retired after 30 years of sales work and 38 years at Florida Hospital. He makes his home in Altamonte Springs, Fla., with his second wife of 43 years, Gloria. Grandchildren Crystal and Lee are current students at Southern.

# 40

**Helen (Bush) van Boer**, '45, has had a book of poetry published and has founded a poets' club at a local college where she teaches journal writing, autobiography, and contemporary poetry. She and her Swedish-born husband, Bertil, reside in Hendersonville, N.C. Their oldest son, Bertil, Jr., is the dean of performing arts at a university.

**S.W. (Bill) Jensen**, attended '47-48, is retired and living in Sheridan, Mont. He and wife, Barbara, have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Bill has worked as a health educator, and health officer in the past, but most of his working years were spent as a pastor.

**Carl Sahlin**, attended '47, worked for 35 years as a transportation manager for Food Processor. Retired, he now lives in Loma Linda, Calif.

**Anne Marie (Berggren) Thelander**, att. '46, finished a social work degree at the University of Minnesota. After several years as a social worker in Minneapolis, she helped husband, Paul, with his chemistry business. Both have done social work and acted as advocates for mentally ill patients.

**Mildred (Gerber) Ward**, att., moved after 44 years in Raleigh, N.C., to live with her daughter Margaret Tate's family. Mildred's husband, Paul, '50, passed away Feb. 6, 1998.

# 50

**Calvin Acuff**, '57, is a retired physician. He and wife, JoAnn, att., live in Morganton, N.C. They enjoy their 6 children and 9 grandchildren, and support their home church along with Calvin's brother, Fred, '53, and his family.

**Ernest**, '51, and **Betty (Holland) Anderson**, att., sold their RV park in 1999 and moved to

Prescott, Ariz., to be near their daughter, Geneva. The two have been building a house. Ernest and Betty also celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 1.

**Glenn Coon, Jr.**, '53, has served as a grade-school teacher, pharmacist, and minister since graduating from Southern. Glenn travels as a representative for the ABC Prayer Crusade and has conducted hundreds of prayer seminars throughout the U.S. since 1986. In the past two years he has mostly been doing weekend seminars in the southern states.

**Florence (Fleenor) De Shazo**, '51-'52, retired in January 1990 after working at Eastman Kodak in Dallas, Texas. She and her husband, Howard, live in Hot Springs Village, Ark.

**Vernon Hill**, '52 and '56, and his wife, Grescilda, are retired in Shelby, Ohio. Grescilda was a nurse and nursing instructor for 44 years. Vernon taught grade school and also did aviation work. Active in the Civil Air Patrol for over 50 years, he has always loved to fly and still does. He also enjoys amateur radio.

**Don Holland**, '56, works part time with ADRA in Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi.

**Howard Huenergardt**, '53, and his wife, **Charlotte (Eldridge)**, att., sold their Ceres, Calif., almond farm, and now travel extensively. Howard retired from orthopedic surgery in 1998.

**Van McGlawn**, '52, worked 10 years at Fletcher Hospital, until 1969, then worked as a nursing home administrator in church-related facilities until 1984. Van has 3 children and 2 grandchildren.

**Lila (Rowley) Olmstead**, att. '50-'51, recently moved to Mena, Ark., to be with her children. She is 92 and loves where she is now. Lila spent many happy years in Collegedale.

# 60

**Daryl (Andersen) (Mayberry) Chesney**, '66, moved to Tennessee last year. She met her husband, **Richard**, '53, they married in October, and now they live in McDonald, Tenn. Richard is the father of Evan and Duane Chesney, and Sharon Jenkins, all graduates of Southern. Daryl has a daughter, Doreen, who lives in Chattanooga, and a son, Doug, who lives in north Illinois.

**Kathleen (Lewis) Evans**, '60-'63, finally graduated *cum laude* in 1992, after problems with the English entrance exam at Southern 30 years ago! She earned her degree in German at Wright State

University in Dayton, Ohio. She lives in Dayton with her husband and spends time with her two children and two grandsons. Kathleen would love e-mail from old friends: katlewev@commkey.net.

**Charles**, '69, and **Barbara Flach**, att., both retired in 1990 from the SDA educational system. They are active in working with seniors, helping at hospitals, doing home visits, and church duties. When the two have spare time they like to travel. They live in Mobile, Ala.

**Judy (Haas) Holbrook**, att. '69-'70, is the administrative secretary to Leo Ranzolin, a vice president at the General Conference. Her husband, Bob, is an associate director in the youth ministries department of the General Conference. The two have been involved in various aspects of the church for almost 30 years, including 8 as missionaries to Peru, Ecuador, and Brazil. Judy and Bob have 3 sons in their twenties. One is in Japan and the others are at Union College.

**Timothy Manning**, '67, is the executive director of a 250-bed sub-acute care nursing and rehabilitation center in Greensboro, N.C. He and his wife, Sharon, have a son, Tim, Jr., 20, who completed an honors history major in December and plans to begin his PhD program in August at the University of South Carolina. Their daughter, Christi, 18, is a freshman majoring in religion and communication at the University of Redlands.

**Verne Miller**, att., took a Caribbean cruise and reports it was the best vacation ever. He is a senior account executive with Transworld Systems, Inc. He and his wife, **Jeanne (Pettis)**, '61, live in Loma Linda, Calif.

**M. Patricia Miller**, '67, tends elderly patients in her Afton, Va., home. She and her retired husband teach CPR classes. Their son works in McKee Library at Southern.

**May (Flory) Sue Pierson**, '63, volunteers at Florida Hospital and pursues her love of art and nature by painting. Her son, **Phil Sue**, attended Southern and now his son, **Jaron**, has also chosen Southern. May lives in Avon Park, Fla., and thanks Southern for helping make her life joyful.

**Roby Angelina (Hirst) Sherman**, '68 and '74, was director of nurses at Yerba Buena Hospital in Mexico, and Wildwood Hospital in Georgia. Then she finished medical school in Mexico in 1983 and returned to Wildwood as a physician in 1988. She and husband, **Bill**, att., have made mission trips to Russia, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Mexico to give health lectures. For 8 years Bill directed the life-style educator course at Wildwood. He has served as head elder of the church there for 6 years.

Larry Soule, att. '69-'72, works in the chronic pain center at Florida Hospital. He and his wife, Pia, did short-term work in Nepal and Barbados recently with Maranatha Volunteers International.

## 70

Betty (Williams) Allen, '73, and her husband, Homer, are enjoying retirement and say that their life is like a continuous vacation. They live near Oneida, Ky., in a log cabin on the Kentucky River in the heart of Daniel Boone National Forest. Betty volunteers for the Manchester Adventist Community Service Center.

Ronald Boatright, '77, is an RN, certified emergency nurse, and EMT paramedic with Duke Life Flight and Lifecare. He is retired from the Navy nurse corps where he saw service in the Gulf War. Ronald is married and has two grown children. He and his wife enjoy living in Apex, N.C.

Kenneth Bonaparte, '72, married Brenda Joyce Jones April 10, 1995. He earned his master's degree in 1993, then earned an educational specialist degree in 1996. He lives in Midland, Ga.

Charlie F. Brown, '77, is a registered nurse. He was awarded a service excellence award in 1998 and nominated for clinical excellence in 1999. He is an officer for the shared governance committee for professional practice and lives in Atlanta.

Steve '75, and Debbie (Erskine), '76, Brown live in Wisconsin. Steve is the computer teacher at Wisconsin Academy, and is planning a new computer lab. Debbie is a home health care nurse. They have 2 children, Kristy, a sophomore at Andrews University, and Erik, an academy junior.

Jack, '70, and Carol (Eldridge) Carey, att., have moved to Florida after 15 years in California. He works for the AE21 Project for North American Division, Southern Union, and Florida Conference.

Janice (Williams) Carlson, '76, lives in Punta Gorda and works at a surgery center. She and Gary are parents of Kirsten, 17, and Andy, 15.

Margaret (Palmour) Clarke, '70, has a master of nursing degree from Loma Linda University. She and her husband, Robert, live in Richmond, Va., near family. She works with spinal cord injury patients at Medical College of Virginia Hospitals.

Sally (Pierson) Dillon, '79, and her husband, Bruce, live in Timberville, Va. She and her son, Michael, 16, each had a book published simultaneously by Review & Herald. Sally's was the year 2000 preschool devotional book, and Michael's was the year 2000 junior devotional book.

Linda (Fifield) Franklin, '74, is a substitute teacher for Brandon, Fla., public schools. She and her husband, Rees, have 5 grown children.

Ileana (Montalvo) Garcia, '78, worked with her husband in Africa for seven years. They are now in Nepal where he is the administrator of Scheer Memorial Hospital and she works in the personnel office. They have a daughter and son in Nairobi at Maxwell Adventist Academy.

Dan Hall, '78, pastors the Ann Arbor Church. His wife, Susan (Brougham), '75, works as a home health care nurse. Both have been involved in campus ministry at the University of Michigan. Their daughters, Sharon and Carolyn, attend Southern.

Florence (Fairlamb) Hursh, '79, has become legally blind and is taking classes for the visually challenged. Florence is learning Braille and home management. Three of her 4 children are RNs. She stays busy with church, friends, and family. She retired in 1995 and lives in Lake Mary, Fla.

Patricia (Brenneman) Jacobson, '72, works for Silicon Spice, an internet/telecommunications startup in Mountain View, Calif. Patricia reports that she puts in many late hours but loves the work.

Carlene (Bremson) Jamerson, '70, became president/CEO of Gordon Hospital in Calhoun, Ga., on March 20, 2000.

Karen (Cansler) Jamison, '75, works in an adolescent medical clinic. Her husband, Jerry, owns an advertising company. They married in 1997 and moved to Chula Vista, Calif., in 1999.

Sheila (Baskin) Kelly, '78, left nursing to be a full-time mother and wife. She and her husband, Woody, have 2 daughters, Sarah, 7, and Maria, 3.

Elton Kerr, '71, is OB/GYN professor at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio. His oldest child, Ruthie, '99, married adjunct art professor Zachary Gray, '99, in August 1999.

Leslie David Louis, '73, is principal at Madison Academy. He has served Adventist education for 27 years. His wife, Carole (Dendy), also attended.

Vicki (Johnson) McDonald, '77, completed her ARNP from Andrews University in December 1999. She coordinates the associate degree nursing program at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. Her husband, Andy, '77, received a DMin from Andrews in 1998. He is senior pastor at the Florida Hospital Church. They have two children.

Rebecca (Collver) Murray, '76, and her husband moved to Hawaii in 1996. Missing friends and family, they moved to Texas in 1998. In 1999 they moved again, to Columbus, Ohio, where Rebecca started school again with a major in architecture, another dream she is fulfilling after a 20-year career in nursing.

Cynthia (Dittman) Myers, '77, teaches at a 1-8 school in the Upper Columbia Conference. She is the mother of 2 girls and lives in Ephrata, Wash.

Mike Pethel, '78, pastors the Athens and Auburn churches in Georgia. In the last 22 years he has pastored in Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Florida. His wife, Cathy, att., is an RN at a local hospital. They have 3 children. Stacie lives with her husband in Knoxville. Timothy attended art school in Atlanta, and David is a technical school student in Athens.

Terry Phillips, '71, and wife, Kathy, are living in Newport, Wash. They have two boys who are grown and on their own. Terry stays active in his local SDA church and is still administering anesthesia at Newport Community Hospital.

Carol (Neall) Reynolds, '77, has returned to the United States after nearly a decade as a medical missionary in Thailand with her husband, Byron, and Jonathan, now 14, Michael, 12, and Daniel, 10. They treasure their overseas experience, but are glad to be home. They live in Centerville, Tenn.

Kimberlee (Blevins) Ross, att. 1975-1976, graduated with a master's in social work from the University of Southern California. She works for Kaiser Permanente and lives in Huntington Beach. She and her husband, Paul, have three children: Heather, 11, Jason, 9, and Brandon, 7.

Joseph Rudd, '75, was a police officer before returning to school for a nursing degree. Now with a PhD in biomedicine and traumatology, he heads orthopaedic traumatology research at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He is president of Davis Indian Foundation and Kamarata Missions which builds and operates churches and schools in Venezuela and Guyana. His wife of 28 years, Clarice (Nathaniel), att. '69-'75, is a respiratory therapist for the NICU at T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital.

Sandy (Seigel) Shrader, '76, has completed her dermatology residency at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She lives in Satellite Beach, Fla., and has joined a large multi-specialty group.

William Taylor II, '75, is managing principal at Hazlett, Lewis, & Bieter Healthcare Advisors, a new venture of Chattanooga's oldest accounting firm. He has 18 years of health care experience.

**John "Mic" Thurber**, '78, accepted the pastorate of the Pacific Union College Church in December 1998. He and his wife, **Jana (Boling)**, '76, have three children: Gina, Darrin, and Kaylin.

**Janet (Cagle) Tooley**, '74, teaches adults at South Florida Community College. She and Chester, married for 23 years, have a daughter, **Sheena**, a junior at Southern, and Howard, who attends Forest Lake Academy. Sebring is home.

**John Woolcock**, '78, teaches chemistry at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He is married to **Ruth (Jacobson)**, '78, a physician.

## 80

**Ron Aguilera**, '85, and his wife, **Lori (Johnston)**, '86, live in Silver Spring, Md. He pastors the Burnt Mills Church. She cares for their two girls, Chelsea, 8, and Janene, 6. She is reading specialist for the Beltsville Adventist School and is the special needs consultant for the Potomac Conference.

**Richard Bird**, att. '80-'83, works for an aerospace corporation in Kalamazoo, Mich. He and his wife of five years, Linda, reside in Portage, Mich.

**Jennifer (Uffindell) Bonney**, '87, and husband, Stephen, have settled in Fletcher, N.C., after living all over the country. They hope to stay put for some time. Jennifer is home schooling two of their three children. Stephen is an anesthesiologist.

**Ken Bradley**, '83, was in *Orlando Business Journal's* 1999 "Forty Under Forty"—chosen among central Florida business and community leaders. He is administrator of Florida Hospital at Kissimmee.

**Jay Brand**, '82, is a cognitive psychologist at Haworth, Inc., and adjunct professor at several higher learning institutions. He and his wife, Michelle, are fixing up an old house. They live in Holland, Mich.

**Terry**, '85, and **Tammy (Rasmussen) Cantrell**, '84, live in Newbury Park, Calif., with sons, Tyler and Taylor. He works in video production at the Adventist Media Center. She is a part time RN.

**Kim (Vice) Carrion**, att. 80-81, is recently divorced. She lives in Sebring, Fla., works in home health nursing, and is mother to Ashley, 15.

**Nancy (Jimenez) Castaneda**, '84, and Edward, her husband of 14 years, have two sons, Christopher, 11, and Benjamin, 9. They live in Newmarket, Va. Nancy is an RN at the obstetrics unit and intermediate care nursery. She would like to hear from friends: nancast@shentel.net.

**Teddie (Bei) Dameff**, '86, lives with her physician husband, Emil, and their two "children," two exotic birds, in Arcadia, Fla.

**Julia (Newlon) Danforth**, '82, works two half-days a week as an MD in an indigent clinic. The rest of the time she focuses on her four-year-old and helps her parents with their care. Julia and husband, Todd, have been married 10 years and live in Marietta, Ga., where Julia grew up.

**Mark Driskill**, '80, is director of planned giving and church relations at Piedmont College in Demorest, Ga. In June he achieved the Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) designation.

**Gerry Dulin**, '80, recently started going back to church. He has been witnessing to a large Sunday church about the Sabbath and the Ten Commandments. He says that it helps him study the Bible more. Gerry lives in Garland, Texas.

**Penny Duerksen-Hughes**, '82, teaches biology at Georgia State. Her husband, Jim, a CPA, is CFO for a computer connectivity company. They have two children Joey, 9, and Lorelei, 4, and live in Clarkstown, Ga.

**Troy Fraction**, att. '81, has worked as a project manager for AT&T since college. He is married to Elaine (Robinson), and they have a son, Brandon, 5. The Fractions reside in Snellville, Ga.

**Richard Gayle**, att. '83-'85, and his wife, Suni, have 2 children Mi-Yang, 3, and Drew, 2. He owns a real estate brokerage and she works for Hewlett-Packard. The Gayles live in Tustin, Calif., and would love e-mail at: rgayle@msn.com

**Twyla (Shank) Hornick**, '89, has a home-based secretarial business. She and her husband, Brendan, live in Nashville. E-mail: Twyla.Hornick@ibm.net



**Sandra (Sheffield) Hughes**, '87, is married and homeschools two sons. She runs a beauty shop at home and plays piano for a local church.

**Greg King**, '81, chairs the religion department at Pacific Union College. His wife, Mary, homeschools their two sons, Jonathan, and Joshua, and works on a PRN basis at the local hospital.

**Nedra (Shields) Krause**, '81, teaches kindergarten at Standifer Gap elementary in Chattahoochee and lives with husband, Braithe, 2 children, and 2 dogs.

**John**, att. '80-'83, and **Teresa (Becker) Krum**, '84, have been back in the U.S. for a year, after serving as missionaries for four years with daughters, Lisa, 11, and Rachel, 9. John is a pressman in Asheville, N.C., and she home schools their girls.

## Reprise for Golden Graduates

They marched in 1950. They never dreamed they'd do it again in 2000.

Southern Adventist University and its Alumni Association saluted members of the graduating class of 1950 by inviting them to participate in this year's May 7 commencement. Garbed in the traditional green school color, they were seated with the new graduates.

Thirteen of the 62 original class members showed up for the occasion. The Alumni Office has current addresses for 40 of the 62. Shown in the foreground at right is Preston "Don" Woodall. Others attending: Thomas Ashlock, Billie (Turnage) Caudill, Andrew Chastain, Harold Flynt (class pastor), Forrest LaVerne Fuller, George Paul Haynes, Roscoe Mizelle, Ernest Morgan (class vice president), Betty (Cummings) Phillips (two-year class president), Harold Phillips, Nelda (Mitchell) Reid, and James Harold Turner.

"I was thrilled with the turnout," says Carol Loree, alumni director, "and with the warm response of the audience when the 50-year grads marched in. I think we have a new tradition here."



Frank Spain



**Don, '87, and Maria (Holley) Kutzner, '87, live in Hurst, Texas, with Adam, born last November. He chairs the local church school board, and set aside a 12-year music teaching career**

to work with computers for DSS Research. Maria traded a nursing career for that of full-time mother. Both are active in church and sing together.

**Paul, '81, and Argenta (Chappel) Le Blanc, '84, have moved to Meridian, Miss., where Paul pastors the Meridian Church. Argenta stays home to care for Aerlice, 4, and Sabra, 2.**



**Deborah (Merren) Lewis, '88, and husband, Mark, helped a team from Andrews University with an ADRA-sponsored center for abandoned children recovering from drug addiction near Santa Cruz, Bolivia. At**

home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., she is a nurse at a medical center in PICU and NICU, and he is a sales and marketing consultant for an internet company.

**Melissa (Cox) Meyerhoffer, '87, is an endoscopy nurse. Her husband, Scott, is a landscaper. They live in Appomattox, Va., and love the country life. On January 4 Caroline Elizabeth joined the family.**

**Heidi (Snider) Moon, '82 and '84, works as a nurse manager of critical care at Hutcheson Medical Center in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. She has been divorced for a year and lives in Chattanooga.**

**Tommy, att., and Page (Weemes) Morton, '84, recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. They also completed construction of their dream house. The Mortons have a daughter, Lindsay, 10.**

**Shawn and Kathy (Chaij) Nelson, both '89, had a baby last September, Jared Andrew. Kathy enjoys being at home and Shawn likes his job as chief CRNA at UPMC. Shawn and Kathy have also been helping to construct a new Adventist church near their home in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

**Michael Palsgrove, '85, moved to Avon Park, Fla., in 1999. He is free-lancing in anesthesia.**

**Mark Rice, '85, and '87, is a computer consultant for Software Architects on location at Lockheed Martin. His wife, Laura (Lynn), '94, is a social worker for a Maryland program called Treatment for Mothers with Addicted Newborns. They are considering going back to school, Mark to get his MBA and Laura to get certified in play therapy.**

**Charles Arlin Richert, '87, and Shauna (McLain), '88, started practicing in Olympia, Wash., after finishing their residencies in Pittsburgh, Pa.**

He is affiliated with the transplant pathology department at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a dermatologist and teaches part time at the University of Washington. The two had their first child, Luke, in August 1999.

**Victor Rivas, '88, finished his master's degree in urban planning at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is a planning associate for the Metropolitan Planning Council in Chicago. This fall he will start a transportation infrastructure research program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.**

**Jack Roberts, '85, lives in Nashville. He is now employed with Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP, after working 7 years with Mariner Health. He would love to receive e-mail from old friends; write to JACROBERTS@dtus.com.**

**Bill Robertson, '82, is the new CEO of Adventist HealthCare, Inc., which oversees Shady Grove and Washington Adventist hospitals., as well as 8 nursing homes in Maryland and a hospital in New Jersey. Prior to that, he was CEO of Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Kansas. He's the oldest son of Marvin Robertson, former dean of Southern's School of Music.**

**Davona (Jarrett) Rosa, att. '80-81, celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary with her husband, Benito, in June. They are the parents of Nicholas, Zachary, and Emily. They live in Chantilly, Va.**

**Kathe (Michaelis) Schellman, '80, is full-time wife of Richard and mother of Madeline, Melanie, and Michael. She sings baritone for an award-winning women's barbershop quartet, Peach Jam. Her home is in Marietta, Ga.**

**Mattie (Thomas) Sherard, '88, '90, returned to Chattanooga in 1998 after marrying her husband, Jerome, and separating from the military. They named their son, born November 18, after his dad.**

**Deanette (Robertson) Sisson, '82, relocated to Kansas City last June to take a position as director of St. Luke's Shawnee Mission Hospice. She has two daughters, Ashley, 11, and Jayme, 9.**

**Eleanor (Shepherd) Vance, attended '82-'83, lives in Pell City, Ala., with her husband, Leighton. In 1998 she left nursing to become a full-time mother of sons, Zachary and William.**

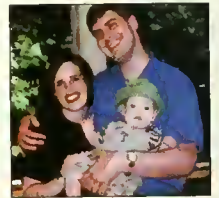
**Teresa (Lang) Weisgerber, '83 and '85, is an RN in a pediatric cardiac intensive care unit. She is married to Kevin and they have a son, Andrew, 1. The family lives in Atlanta.**

**Lori (Fales) Williams, '81, lives with her husband, Doug, and daughter, Megan, in Martinsburg, W.Va. Lori is the human resources director at the Review & Herald Publishing Association.**

**Daniel Bates III, '98, is now associate pastor of the Hamilton, Ontario, Church in Canada. He and Anita Zinner, '00, married on May 14.**

**Aaron Brewer, '93, is a cost analyst at McKee Foods and was recently named Office Professional of the Year, the first-ever recipient of this award for professional growth. He has worked with McKee for 7 years. His wife, Heidi (Skantz), '92, is an RN in the neonatal intensive care unit at Hutcheson Medical Center. They have two sons, Andrew, 5, and Adam, 3.**

**Janene Burdick, '92, and her husband, Jack Burdick IV, are the proud parents of John Alfred, born Feb. 8, 2000. She's happy to be a stay-at-home mom in Dunwoody, Ga. Jack is a financial analyst at Scientific Atlanta.**



**Chris Carlson, '94, is finishing his thesis and starts a new job at Micron Technology, Inc., in their research and development division, in Boise, Idaho, at the end of the summer. He and his wife, Heather (Owen), '92, welcomed their first child, Abigail, on January 3.**

**Jose Cintron, '95, worked two years as an exercise physiologist for the Heart Institute in Chattanooga. Last summer Jose moved to Loma Linda to earn a master's in public health.**

**Joe, att., and Amy (Beckworth) Cirigliano, '93, were married on Sept. 5, 1999, in Atlanta. Joe is completing his seminary training in Michigan and they are returning to the Georgia-Cumberland Conference to team minister in August.**

**Don, att. '92-'94, and Melissa (Castleberg) Crownover, '95, moved to Weyauwega, Wis., 11 days before the birth of their son, Caleb. Their other sons are Bryan, 3, and Zachery, 2. She works part time in labor and delivery and med-surg. He works part time as a CT and radiology technologist.**

**Ray, '97, and Rebecca (Wagner) Descalso, '98, live in Orlando where he is youth pastor at the Markham Woods Church. She is a marketing/PR coordinator for Celebration Health.**

**Shannon Dortch, attended '96-98, is studying health care administration at Towson University in Maryland.**

**Paul Eirich III, '93, is director of alumni relations and development at Georgia-Cumberland Academy. He joined the staff October 1999.**

Anne Marie Fentress, '94, has a master's in marriage and family therapy and is working full-time in a drug/alcohol outpatient center.

Jeff, att., and Kim (Bourgeois) Fisher, '95, married in 1995. He graduated from Loma Linda's dental school and is in a two-year residency. She is an RN in Loma Linda's NICU but cut back to special per diem since the birth of daughter, Tiffany, in November 1998. The family lives in Colton, Calif.

Jill (Lafever) Furbish, att. '92-'93, was a missionary in Djibouti when she met her husband, Gregory. They married in June 1999. The couple now works for the U.S. Embassy in Angola, where Jill is the community liaison officer.

Rachel (Bates) Jameson, '92, and her husband, George, live in Yaak, Mont. He does drywall. At their small church, she is clerk, treasurer, and cradle roll/primary Sabbath school leader, and Vacation Bible School leader. They also helped with Net99. Their children are George Jr., 3, and Michael, 1, and they are expecting a third.

Holly (Miller) Joers, '92, and her husband, Skip, live in Harker Heights in central Texas. Elijah Lawrence was born April 9, 2000, and Holly enjoys staying home with him. Friends may reach her at hollyj@dashlnk.com



Laura (Deming) Kelsey, '91, moved to St. Louis, Mo., to pursue a graduate degree in social work, and met her husband, Michael. They have been married 8 years. He is a computer programmer and Laura is a full-time mother of their two children, Hannah Rose, 4, and Joshua Ross, 1.

Stephanie Kime, att. '94-'95, completed her master's degree in violin performance at the University of Cincinnati in June. Her summer plans include participating in a Cleveland, Ohio, music festival. She performs both solo and with various groups, and gives violin lessons.

Joy (Mavrakos) Litten, '96, and her husband, Lowell, welcomed their first baby, Nicholetta, this new millennium. They live in Maryland and both teach math in the local Adventist school system.

Geysa Mastrapa, '99, had an internship at Florida Hospital's adolescent unit, as a part of finishing her master's in counseling at Southern.

Jonathan Michael, '96, pastored in Columbia, S.C., for two years. He is now in Michigan working toward his master of divinity degree in December.

Sarah (McKinnon) Moss, att. '90-'92, married Markell Moss in Alberta, Canada, in 1999. The

couple lives in Winnipeg and attends the Henderson Highway Church, where they sing in the choir.

Randal, '91, and Brenda (Parrick) Peterson, '91, live in Cleburne, Texas. He co-owns a gymnastics company and coaches gymnastics for Southwestern Adventist University. She is a physical therapist working in home health. The couple also teach people how to start their own Internet-based businesses. They have two girls, Kaitlin and Alyssa.

Lindsey (Scott) Pitts, '99, had a whirlwind of events since graduation. She met her husband, planned a wedding in two months, got married, then quickly moved to Andrews University so Lindsey could start her one-year master's program.

Terry Rice, '99, is a "multi-purpose" teacher at Lakeland Adventist Junior Academy, grades 5-10, in Florida.

David, '91, and Sandy (Skeggs) Ringer, '90, live in Hamburg, Pa., where David has been the dean of boys for the past 7 years at Blue Mountain Academy. Sandy does some home health IV nursing, but most of her time is spent with their two boys, Mark, 5, and Jonathan, 3. They would love to hear from friends: dsringer@hotmail.com

B. Angela Rosa, '92, teaches grades 3-6 at Lakeland Adventist Junior Academy in Florida.

Cristina Ruiz, '99, is in a three-year management residency with Adventist Health System's leadership development program. She was previously an account representative assisting Spanish-speaking clients with managed care questions for Health One Alliance/Georgia Health Plus.



Stephanie (Pirl) Skinner, '95, lives in Waialua, on the Hawaiian island of Oahu. She has been married to an army officer since 1998. She works at Healthsouth Surgicare. Last October Jeffrey Andrew was born.

Stacy Spaulding, '96, began a stint in May as a content producer for USATODAY.com to learn more about digital journalism. She is a full-time journalism instructor at Columbia Union College. Stacy plans to complete her master's degree in interactive journalism in May 2001. On Feb. 20, 2000, she married Brian Syfert.

Jennifer (Wing) Wright, '94, lives in Florida with her husband, Kenneth, '96. She completed her MBA in healthcare in March and accepted a position at Florida Hospital's Celebration Health.

Carrie Young, '96, is the host of CONNECT, a

new teen-oriented video magazine launched by the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Producer is fellow alum Jamie Arnall, '99.

**Editor's Note:** Sorry that space ran out before alumni news did. Look for more in the next issue—or soon on the new alumni.southern.edu web site.

..... **At Rest** .....

Brett Jeremy Affolter, 23, a senior at Southern, died May 13, 2000, in a Chattanooga hospital as a result of a heart defect.

Brett had just completed all but his student teaching for an education degree. The son of missionaries, he lived in several countries.

Survivors include his wife, Dawn (Grafe) Affolter; parents Gary and Dianne Affolter, currently of Gentry, Ark; a brother, Bryan, '95; and a sister, Brittany.

Rose (Meister) Allen, '21, at 103 years of age Southern's oldest living alumna, died Jan. 30, 2000, in Cleveland, Tenn. She was a missionary teacher in India and Thailand for many years and married in her 70s. She was profiled in the Spring 1996 issue of COLUMNS.

Horace Beckner, first full-time pastor of the church on campus, died July 10, 2000, in Knoxville. The Southern Missionary College Church (now the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church) had 750 members when he arrived in 1947. When he left in 1960 to become president of Madison College, membership was over 1,400.

Last year he donated his collection of handmade evangelistic illustrations to Southern's Heritage Museum. It dramatizes communication advances during his long, productive lifetime.

His wife, Vida, died a year ago.

Evlyn Lindberg, 92, associate professor emerita of English, passed away in Collegedale on May 24, 2000.

"Miss Lindy" taught at Southern from 1959 to 1977, then retired in Collegedale.

Students spoke of her remarkable abilities to "pull the creativity out," to make grammar exciting, and to prod minds into clear, logical thinking. In her first four years alone, 168 manuscripts written for her classes were accepted for publication.

The 1963 *Southern Memories* honored her.

Dale Stuart Tyrrell, 69, died July 8, 2000, after an 18-year battle with cancer. He had semiretired in Cohutta, Ga., in 1998 after eight years as director of campus safety at Southern, a role he had previously filled at Andrews University.

He was the father of four children, and then four more when he and his wife Sandra married in August 1975.

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October 26-29

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Three Worship Services at Collegedale Church  
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**Dr. John McVay '80**  
Dean, SDA Theological Seminary



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**David Gates '80**  
Director, ADRA Guyana



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