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# Significance

Many things define who we are: our personality, our physical characteristics, our past experiences, our hobbies. The items and memories we collect tell part of our story. Even if it's just junk or clutter, most people collect something that brings them joy. Because collections are so personal, what fascinates one person may seem boring to the next.



Visiting Claude Monet's garden in Giverny during my last trip to France.

My experience as a collector began at a young age. I had a bookshelf in my bedroom that I would fill with souvenirs from trips, like a mini Eiffel Tower, a basket from Africa, a miniature replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa and a black lacquered Russian spoon. I keep these small treasures because they remind me of the foreign travels I enjoy so much.

In 2002, my husband Zach and I were packing for a move to Savannah, Georgia. We took all of our letters, pictures, notes and memorabilia from childhood, high school and college and put them in a large green plastic tub. The label reads, "Things we keep because they help us remember how we got here." While we don't need these things for everyday life, we treasure them because they represent milestones in our past.

We currently have one collection that literally grows daily. Before we were married, Zach purchased large houseplants whenever he bought groceries at Four Corners. His shopping cart looked like a tropical forest. Today, many of those plants still grace our home. (And now I'm the one that can't pass a plant section without buying something for our collection.) We both enjoy watching the plants grow, flower and create a nice atmosphere for our home. They help us with another hobby—cooking. To have fresh herbs for recipes, we grow basil, thyme, parsley, rosemary and chives. Our collection is alive. New flowers open, new roots grow and new leaves open.

With the recent death of my grandfather, Robert Kerr, I realized that the joy I receive from plant collecting was passed down through the generations from him to me. Grandpa Kerr always had plants inside and outside his home, and his green thumb nurtured flowers and vegetables. He grew violets, green beans, kale, tomatoes, irises and roses. I always asked Grandpa Kerr for help if one of my plants was waning, because with his years of experience, he had advice and told me how to help it. Now that he is gone, my plant collection has a new meaning

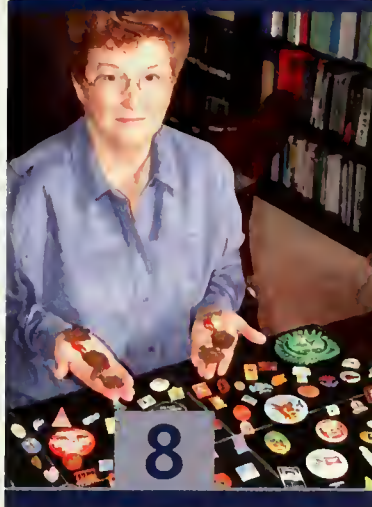
as I remember his influence on me through plants.

Collections are not necessary. I don't need a mini Eiffel Tower, or a letter from an old boyfriend or even a pot of chives. The point is that each of these items describes me in some way, and reminds me of the things that I think are important. I hope that as you read our feature story on the collections of Southern Adventist University and its faculty, you will gain a new insight into what defines Southern and makes us distinctive.

Ruthie Gray

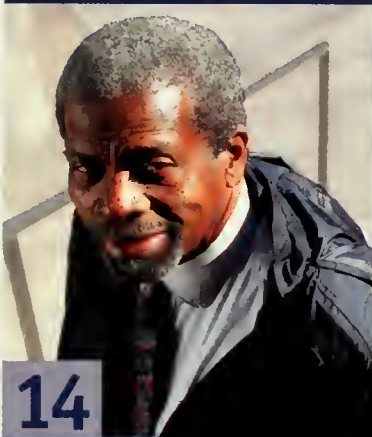
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## Keeping Up with Kuhlman

The [Fall 2003] article about Henry Kuhlman brought back many memories. We lived in an upstairs apartment above Henry's parents. It was with great interest that we observed Henry as a young child during the time we lived there. I taught trumpet to Henry's older brother. We have wondered many times about the two boys and were very pleased to read the article about the Henry Kuhlman family. It was a very informative and interesting article.

Lyle, former faculty, and Helen Hamel,  
former staff and student

I thoroughly enjoyed the article on the Kuhlman family, especially since I knew H.H. and Marian, Henry's uncle and aunt. However, the "University of Purdue" should have been Purdue University. My husband pastored nearly eight years in this university city of West Lafayette, Indiana. Having lived in Indiana eighteen years, I couldn't help noticing its misnaming.

Janice B. Short, '61

I want to thank you for your kind words in the Fall 2003 COLUMNS. Southern's students and staff, along with the Collegedale community, have been very good to our family since we arrived 35 years ago. Henry and I remember many students and community members as they embraced our children's lives. Even son-in-law Marty Sutton attended Southern from 1991 to 1994, in addition to other family members listed in the issue.

I really enjoyed the whole family theme. A friend proclaimed this issue a "keeper!" Since the supply of the Fall 2003 issue is scarce, kindly forward any extras you may have to Henry Kuhlman at Southern's address.

Thank you Collegedale community, at large. Sincere wishes for a good year.

Patricia Kuhlman, attended

## Petpourri

Mr. Snyder's letter [Fall 2003] regarding the story of pets [Spring 2003], while merely expressing his opinion, struck a nerve with many who consider that "homely iguana" a close and personal friend. I first met Iggy—he does have a name—at a Sabbath dinner at the Dietrich's

home in Orlando many years ago. Hundreds of students at Forest Lake Academy have shared the experience of watching him grow from an 8-inch baby to a 5-foot adult. His attachment to his family is far from distasteful. In fact, there is a strong bond between Iggy and his family, and over the years, he has shown he is quite capable of demonstrating his likes and dislikes. Perhaps Mr. Snyder missed the point of the story, which is the positive impact that pets have on the lives of many people in the Southern community.

David L. Vining, '72

## Chick Fleming

Thanks so much for running this beautiful tribute to Chick Fleming [Winter 2003]. He is without an equal as an innovative and visionary leader. Southern Adventist University can thank him deeply for blessing us with his vision and care.

Ruth (Risetter) Watson '49

## Job Well Done

I just finished reading almost all of your latest COLUMNS on family. It was wonderful! The articles and pictures got my undivided attention, whereas I usually read a little here and there and toss it.

My dad was in the first graduating class after it became a senior college. That was in 1946 and there were only six in his class. I was sort of the school mascot back then. We lived in what was known as the Yellow House.

Joyce (Wellman) Williams, attended

My God bless you and your service for God. Thank you for the magazine and news about Southern Adventist University.

George A. and Willie-Mae Surkey, '74

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# Not Always Black or White

by Phil Garver, School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness

During more than 30 years of teaching, I have discovered that no one, myself included, has all of life's answers. My first year as a teacher, I taught more than 350 students at Mount Vernon Academy. I owe my teaching career to a number of those students that were willing and able to help me see things in ways I had not yet been exposed—things that were valid, appropriate and consistent with what I was trying to accomplish.

For years I've been in the role of teacher, but more often than not, my students end up teaching me, giving me fresh perspectives I'd never considered. It is a challenge to make a health class fresh and interesting for college students who are required to be there, but I embrace this challenge fully as my passion for teaching health helps me to learn a little something from my students.

One of the areas that students have had a positive impact on my thinking is regarding "gray" issues in our culture. I define a gray issue as something that people have strong and varied opinions about, but that is not necessarily a matter of salvation. Examples of these gray issues are diet, entertainment, music, jewelry and Sabbath observance. I am not a theologian, but I consider each of these to be health related issues from a holistic perspective.

Since young adults often have strong opinions on topics that are controversial, I ask students in my Health for Life class to write a one-page paper on issues that they view as "gray." In the essay, I ask the students to discuss how gray issues impact us as Christians on our journey both within our social environments and with our Savior.

Each semester I read many helpful insights in these essays, such as the student who suggested that gray issues might actually be more positive than negative. Because no two people are at the same place on their spiritual journey, sometimes it is better to agree to disagree. By doing this, we allow the Holy Spirit to work. Even if we don't agree with or accept something a person does, we can still value them as an individual. Students remind me to concentrate on removing the beam in my own eye and forget about my brother's splinter.

Closely related to this concept is the idea that the closer we get to Christ, the less we will be concerned with gray issues in others' lives. Salvation is a personal thing, and Jesus Christ, the one person with the right to judge us, never forces His children to do anything. A Christian's objective should be to teach and preach by example: live the Christ-like life, trust fully in a divine plan and move forward with joy.

I know that each of these ideas is somewhat controversial—such is the nature of gray issues. Ultimately, however, students have reminded me that when it comes to God and Satan, there is no gray between the two.

Too often I think teachers dismiss what students have to say simply because they are students. I would like to thank my students for sharing with me, however, and helping me feel a need to be more open and honest. You have made a positive difference both in my professional and spiritual growth and development that is still serving me today. You continue to inspire me on my journey. ✧





## Harvey Hillyer

### A Successful Jokester

You know the rule in the Talge Hall handbook that states no pellet guns are allowed in the dorm?" asks Harvey Hillyer with a proud smile. "That's there because of my friends and me." After talking with Harvey for 25 minutes, one gets the feeling that he would have been quite a handful for an unsuspecting college dean. Long time friend Daryl Cole remembers that he and Harvey were in a toy store during their freshman year at Southern, found some toy guns and decided that a dorm-wide shootout was in order. "We had a bunch of guys go out and buy similar guns and then we ran around the whole dorm playing war." Hence the revised Talge Hall handbook.

Full of energy and enthusiasm, Harvey "talks faster than most people can think," says Rob Howell, director of marketing and university relations. Daryl, who roomed with Harvey for three years at Southern, describes him as "hyper—but not in a bad way." According to Daryl, Harvey is always talking, or into something, or laughing, or joking around or goofing off. This

energy has served him well, however, in the 11 years since he graduated from Southern with a degree in Business Administration. In this time he has completed a second degree in physical therapy from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga (UTC), married Ann Warner, and started Benchmark Physical Therapy, with 28 successful facilities in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina.

Harvey didn't always plan on entering the medical field, but by his senior year at Southern, he was restless and decided that he no longer wanted to pursue business. One class shy of graduating with his degree, however, he completed his business requirements, while adding all of his science prerequisites for physical therapy school. After finishing at UTC, Harvey went to Georgetown University Medical Center in Washington, D.C. to complete his residency.

Harvey's transition into a successful business owner hasn't come as a surprise to his close friends. Although he certainly loves to have a good time, he is highly motivated as well. "He can play both roles," Daryl says. Although his business keeps him busy, Harvey still finds time to have fun with his friends. He and Ann live on Harrison Bay in Ooltewah, Tennessee, and

whenever possible, he likes to invite friends over to eat, laugh and spend time on their boat.

Even though Harvey has accomplished a lot



## Myrna Ott

### Broadcast with Love

When she started working on campus as the office manager of WSMC, Myrna Ott could have been an older sister to the station's student announcers. A few years passed by and Myrna was roughly the age of their parents. "Now I could be their grandmother!" she says, laughing.

For more than 25 years Myrna has been a fixture at Chattanooga's classical radio station, WSMC-FM90.5, but her slight accent indicates that she is not a native of Tennessee. Born and raised in southern



Brazil to German missionary parents, Myrna has lived in the United States for almost 40 years.

One of the areas that made her a good addition to Southern's radio station was her multi-lingual background. Myrna's parents first taught her German, but quickly switched to Portuguese when, during World War II, many Germans (including her father and grandfather) were imprisoned as suspected spies. Later on in life, Myrna learned both English and Spanish. Since WSMC broadcasts classical music, Myrna's knowledge of four languages has allowed her to help many announcers pronounce the names of famous composers.

After finishing her schooling in Brazil, Myrna met and married fellow German Helmut Ott with a bit of matchmaking help from her sister. After their marriage, the Ott's worked in Brazil and Uruguay, before moving to La Sierra University in 1965. Next, they made a stop at Mile High Acad-



since his pellet gun days, Daryl says that not much has changed. With a laugh, he says, "He's still the same Harvey."



emy in Denver, Colorado, before coming to Southern in 1972. Helmut retired as chair of Southern's modern languages department in 2000. But twenty-five years and nine station managers later, Myrna is still keeping WSMC on track. Myrna describes herself as a sort of intermediary between the student announcers and the management, facilitating communication between both parties. "Mrs. Ott is the most important person here at the station," says Brian Lauritzen, station announcer. "And you can quote me on that."

In addition to her interaction with student workers, Myrna loves the contact she has with the station's listeners. During WSMC's pledge drives and throughout the year, Myrna takes an interest in finding out what callers enjoy most about public radio FM90.5. She likes to downplay her role at the station, remaining mostly behind-the-scenes, but anyone who has had any contact with WSMC will tell you that Myrna Ott has only become more valuable with time.

## Stephen Nam Outside of His Box

**W**hen Stephen Nam has to wipe the beads of sweat from his sticky forehead and swat at the bugs in his apartment, he realizes that he is way outside of his comfort zone. "Sometimes I think, where am I?" Born in South Korea, Stephen has lived in San Francisco, California, most of his life and is a self-proclaimed "city boy." Before beginning his Master's in Business Administration degree at Southern, he had to ask a friend exactly where Tennessee was located. Now, thousands of miles from home, pursuing a career he never imagined he would, Stephen has learned to think outside of his box.

In 1998 Stephen graduated from La Sierra University with a double major in history and political science, planning to teach in the Adventist school system. After a year at Loma Linda Academy, however, he decided that teaching just wasn't for him. "I was only 23 at the time," he says, "and parents were always coming in the classroom asking where the teacher was."

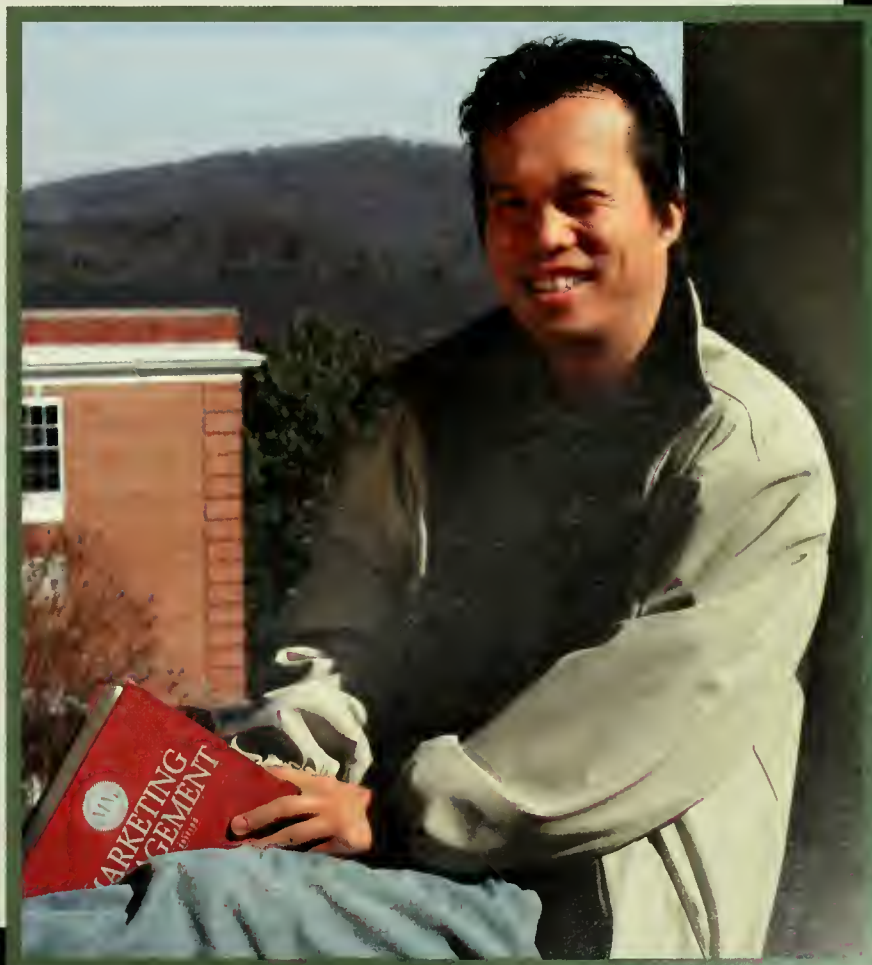
About the time his sister got a job with the GAP Corporation, Stephen decided it was time for a change as well, and

moved in with her to begin looking for a new job. After being turned down for many jobs because he was over-qualified, Stephen was eventually offered a position in accounting with a logistics consulting firm. Although he was thrilled to be employed, both Stephen and his sister were somewhat stumped on

how Stephen got the job with no previous business experience. He trusted that God had a plan, however, and two years later, because he enjoyed his job so much, he decided to pursue his MBA.

Stephen trusted God with his career path, but he didn't realize that his choice of colleges would be yet another exercise in faith. He knew that he wanted to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school, so he applied to Andrews University. Stephen had friends at Andrews, and with the big city of Chicago nearby, he felt a little more at home. After seeing an advertisement for Southern's masters programs, however, he began to do some research—starting with the exact location of Tennessee.

Stephen never dreamed that he would end up living in Collegedale. "When I decided to come out here, many people thought I was crazy," he said. Now a full-time graduate student, Stephen plans to finish his master's degree next July. Despite the "unbearable" humidity and the bugs, Stephen says he's very happy with his decision. He acknowledges that trusting God with one's life can be a scary experience, but incredibly rewarding at the same time. If you're willing to follow Him outside of your comfort zone, he said, "you never know where you'll end up."







# **COLLECTIONS** **more than a hobby**

Collecting is a popular pastime. Many colleges collect art, books, artifacts and more to recognize things important to them.

Southern has several collections of note, and many faculty and staff around campus also enjoy this well-liked pastime.

by Ruthie Gray, '99, and Kelli Gauthier, Heidi Martella, Janell Pettibone, students



# SOUTHERN ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY COLLECTIONS

## Collections in the Making

Collections tell a lot about a person. Offering a glimpse into what they hold important, a collection speaks volumes about its owner. That is, if anyone ever sees it. No matter how unique or exceptional the collection, it doesn't do anybody any good sitting on a shelf collecting dust. This is the philosophy of Southern's Public Art Committee. With several collections already underway, committee chair Ben Wygal hopes to see Southern grow as a collector. "Public art is a great way to convey our purpose," Wygal says.

Southern's sculpture collection, which is just beginning, is certainly representative of Southern's mission. The first item in the collection will be a sculpture depicting the story of Elijah passing his mantle (cloak) to Elisha. Found in I Kings 19: 19, the story illustrates the passing of knowledge from faculty to students, something Southern considers a primary goal. Wayne Hazen, dean of the school of visual art and design, is carving the sculpture, and when completed it will stand 28 ft. tall.

While the sculpture collection is just underway, Southern's collection of memorial trees has been growing for almost 20 years. Since 1984 when the So-Ju-Conians donated the first tree, Southern has collected ten memorial trees, and hopes one day to obtain arboretum status. "More identification, mapping, and labeling need to be done before we can have that classifica-

tion," says Mark Antone, director of landscape services.

Southern also has several pieces of antique furniture. Collectors, Harold, '66, and Peggy, '75, Elkins, donated four antiques from their collection to Southern. The ornate furniture is displayed at the Student Center, Heritage Museum and in the president's office.

In addition to making collections accessible to students and faculty, the committee is eager to raise awareness in the community as well. Make sure to see some of the collections mentioned when you visit campus.

As an educational institution Southern wants to provide quality educational resources through various collections around campus. "Public art both instructs and inspires," says Wygal. "And that is what Southern is all about."

## Vessels in Time

A Syrian clay model of a chariot, a stone mortar and pestle, and several metal spearheads are only a few of the Near Eastern artifacts housed in the



School of Religion. With more than 600 pieces this is the largest teaching collection of ancient Near Eastern pottery in North America. Called the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum, this compilation will soon find its home in the newly renovated Hackman Hall.

The museum is composed of two main collections: the University of Arizona "Centennial" Collection (with more than 260 whole artifacts), and the William G. Dever Sherd Collection (containing more than 300 pottery fragments). The collections have been on permanent loan to Southern since January 2000.

"The value of this collection is in bringing the biblical times to life," says Michael Hasel, museum curator and professor of religion.

Southern's museum collection is invaluable because it is now virtually impossible to export artifacts from Israel. To archeologists and scholars these collections are priceless.

The Arizona "Centennial" Collection is composed of stone, pottery, weapons, and other utensils. Spanning from Chalcolithic period (about 3400 BC) to the Arabic period (about 1500 AD), it contains complete sequences of oil lamps and dipper

juglets. The series show the changes in pottery over time. Also included in this collection are ceramic jars, jugs, bowls, platters, lamps, metal objects for work and war, and toggle pins used to fasten clothing.

While only fragments, the Dever Sherd Collection is also notable.

"The great thing about the sherd collection," says Michael, "is that I can pass the pieces around class for students to handle because they're already broken." Now students can touch and actually experience history rather than just read about it. The artifacts help bring history to life.

The projected opening for the museum is fall 2005. For information, visit the archaeology web site at [archaeology.southern.edu](http://archaeology.southern.edu).

## Southern's Legacy

One of the most unique artifacts in Southern's Heritage Museum is a set of indentations in the floor. Created by decades of students paying their school bills in Lynn Wood Hall, the floor has footprints worn into it where the cashier's window once was.

Visitors to the museum see history's impact on Southern. Old machines and pictures speak of long ago and new additions speak of the university's growth and development. The Heritage Museum contains items from every decade of Southern's existence—pictures, furniture, machines, books and other memorabilia.





Helen Durichek, '58, and June Blue, '43 are the Heritage Museum's primary curators. Helen orchestrates donations, which come from alumni, faculty and the community, while June organizes the museum. She is a walking history book about Southern's past and the museum's contents.

"You name it, we have it. There is no way to know how many things we have," says June. "We have bushels of pictures."

The oldest museum item is a 1850s 3-D viewing device called a stereoscopic viewer from the G.H. Baber family. The most recent addition is a toolbox from Southern's hosiery mill that closed down during the Depression.

"We need to know our roots," June says. "It's a vital part of who we are."

In every issue of COLUMNS, the Scrapbook page features an item found in the Heritage Museum to highlight Southern's unique history. (See page 39.)

The museum is open on special request, for meetings, and for Alumni Weekend.

## It Grows and Grows

Some collections just keep getting bigger and bigger. Since



1984 when the So-Ju-Conians donated the first tree in memory of the Graysville campus, Southern's collection of memorial trees hasn't stopped growing. Whether planted to remember a person or a place or to commemorate a unique event or holiday, each memorial tree is special to the campus and helps enhance the beauty for which the university is famous.

The Garden of Prayer, a serene tree sanctuary, is home to one memorial tree given by the McKee Group Insurance Department. The 1995 donation of the Willow Oak was in remembrance of McKee Foods founder, O.D. McKee.

Just south of the Garden of Prayer, two memorial trees stand near the intersection of Industrial Drive and Hickman Drive. The first was planted in 1986 by WSMC to commemorate Arbor Day. This Zelkova Elm was joined the next year by a Scarlet Maple in honor of Dr. Harold Messinger, an alumnus of Southern who practiced medicine in the Collegedale area for many years.

In 1992, Southern celebrated 100 years of service in education. To commemorate the special event, The Centennial Oak was planted on the K.R. Davis Promenade across from the Jones Parking Lot. This Willow Oak was relocated from other university property at Collegedale's Four Corners. Throughout the years, Southern has received 10 gifts of memorial trees.

## Bringing History to Life

You would expect to find a lot of books in McKee Library, but you may be surprised to learn that it also owns a \$10 check signed by A. Lincoln. The library's Thomas Memorial Collection contains 3,000 Civil War books along with many original artifacts, maps, photographs, paintings and periodicals.

Known as the Lincoln Library, it is rumored to be 11<sup>th</sup> largest collection of books and items relating to Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War.

The collection originated with three men who had a fascination with history and with books. After graduating from medical school in 1951, Vernon L. Thomas set up his practice in Keene, Texas, where he also started his book collection. Eventually, Thomas collected 30,000 volumes relating to the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, and the area of humanities and social sciences. A long time friend of Frank Knittle, former president of Southern, Thomas donated most of his book collection to the Lincoln Library and to the general book collection.

The collection began with Dr. Russell C. Slater who lived in La Salle, Illinois, and spent a lifetime collecting 1,900 primary source books, periodicals and other artifacts. The collection of attorney John W. Fling, Jr., who lived in Wyoming, Illinois, consisted of some of the best resources about Abraham Lincoln.

Other people have made smaller contributions.

"We have not added to the collection for years because we don't have enough space," says Lorraine Grace, the technical services librarian who helped organize the collection.

The library displays two of the 60 remaining books titled "The Life of Lincoln," a biography written by John Locke Scripps and the only one authorized by Lincoln. Looking at various photographs of Lincoln that are displayed on the bookshelves, it appears that he had some interesting haircuts in his lifetime. The library also has the Vicksburg *Daily Citizen* newspaper from July 2, 1863. Printed on wallpaper, the last column reads, "This is the end. Grant has caught the rabbit and dined in Vicksburg."

"Some of these things aren't found anywhere else, so it is an important collection," says Bill Schomburg, assistant librarian responsible for the Lincoln Library.

The Lincoln collection is used to enhance the education of literature and history students. Wilma McClarty, English department chair, brings her American literature students to the library to introduce them to the collection. A history seminar class as well as honors classes meet in the Lincoln Library where students have hands-on research experience with the historical documents.

"The atmosphere is conducive for research," says Ben McArthur, history department chair.

## A Boxed up Collection

Two years ago, the modern languages department discovered a notable antiquarian book collection. The heirs of Raymond Denny, long time University of the South professor, decided to sell his first edition books.





Accumulating nearly 200 original volumes, Denny sought out 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century works during his decades of world travel. The books, in excellent condition, are written primarily in French, with some in Italian. Topics within the collection include literature, philosophy, religion and science from authors such as Voltaire, Montesquieu, Rousseau, Flaubert and others. The oldest book is dated 1711. A few books contain illuminations or hand-painted illustrations.



"Many of the books are well-known," says Carlos Parra, chair of the modern languages department. "It's remarkable and sig-

nificant that they are first edition books."

Now the collection sits safely packed away in a vault on South-

ern's campus, waiting to be displayed. "It would be nice to have the books accessible to faculty and students alike," Carlos says. "It's also something special for the community."

Before the rare books will be available for the public to view, special display cases are needed along with transparent book covers on which to place identification labels. The books also need to be catalogued. Until then, the collection will remain boxed up.

## FACULTY AND STAFF COLLECTIONS

### Shell Sharing

**Keith Snyder**  
**Biology Department**

He was just like any child picking up seashells and putting them in a sand bucket. Only Keith Snyder was a young adult and his bucket was a 55-gallon drum.

While a student missionary in Manado, Indonesia, Keith collected cowries, cones and other shells from 15 different reefs. Returning to the states, he enrolled in a class to help identify his enormous shell collection.

"I don't do much collecting anymore," Keith admits. Following a friend's advice, Keith decided to shift from collecting to distributing. His first shell donation went to Andrews University. Another friend requested some shells for display at Union College. Southern's biology department has several black display boxes with Keith's shells. Keith also gives his shells away to children's Sabbath School classes. "I've given an awful lot away," he says. "I have shared my collection with many students."

Keith passes on his fondness for shells by taking students on a marine biology trip to Manado to explore the reefs. Many reefs are

disappearing or dead now, so the group of nearly 20 people SCUBA dive in a protected area. Next summer Keith plans to take another group of students to Manado.

Keith also collects large insects, but as he jokes, "Not as many people want bugs."

### Just the Right Addition

**John Beckett**  
**School of Computing**

John Beckett is a computer geek. In 1971, he used more than a month of his army salary (\$421) to purchase the first sci-

entific pocket calculator, and since then his love for "any plastic box with electronics inside" has only grown. While all calculators fascinate him, his collection includes mostly calculators of historical influence. For instance, John owns an HP-12C, which he believes helped bring about the fall of Communism by lifting Russia into the time-value-of-money world of capitalism. He is currently on the lookout for an HP-65, the model used for navigation on the Apollo-Soyuz mission that paved the political way for current opera-

tion of the International Space Station. Over the years John has lost count as to how many calculators he has, but thinks it's around three dozen. "We have a rule in our house," he says, "I don't count my wife's dolls and she doesn't count my calculators."

As there aren't many used calculator stores to be found, John has become adept at looking for additions to his collection in other places. Some have been passed down from his father, some were sold to



him by Southern faculty and some he found at garage sales or the Salvation Army. John says that by far the best place to find calculators is at a store called Unclaimed Baggage in Scottsboro, Alabama, where all baggage that has been left on U.S. airplanes is sent. "If you want to collect calculators," John says, "it is Mecca."

John graduated from Southern in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in communication, and followed that with both a master's and a doctorate in business administration. Embracing his passion for electronics, John now instructs in the School of Computing.







## Drumsticks Gather No Dust

**Renita Klischies**

**Allied Health Department**

Since high school, Renita Klischies has been fascinated with the Hard Rock Café. She began collecting t-shirts and pens, but they faded and got lost. Then a few years ago she was on a business trip to New Orleans and wanted to bring something back for her toddler son. She discovered that Hard Rock Café sold engraved drumsticks that were cheaper than the t-shirts and more fun for her son.

Now she has 12 sets of Hard Rock Café drumsticks, including sets from Los Angeles, Chicago, Cancun, and New Zealand. She is still figuring out how to display them, but for the moment they are in her children's toy box—to be brought out for impromptu pots-and-pans concerts.

"A lot of collections get dusty or lost and I wanted something that would get used," Renita says. "I'm not a dust collector."

## Mapping Out History

**Ed Lamb**

**Social Work & Family Studies Department**

Highway maps—especially from old oil companies—are his specialty, but any map will bring a smile to Ed Lamb's face. In fact, he has hundreds of them.

"Maps are entertaining and educational," he says. "They've

given me a lot of pleasure over the years."

Studying and contemplating maps fascinates Ed Lamb. "They're a social commentary of any given geographic entity," he says. While modern maps leave off small towns, older maps included every town and its population. Through these census figures, Ed can trace population growth and spread. He says that it's interesting how the interstates and exits changed the country.

Oil companies such as Shell and Exxon Mobil used to hire well-known artists to create decorative covers, and they gave the maps away for free. Now some of those oil companies are out of business—like the Lion Oil Company—and Ed treasures the maps he has from them. His oldest map is about 150 years old.

Friends have given him recent maps from their travels overseas, and he enjoys those, too. Most of the time Ed finds his maps at antique stores and used-bookstores. He also compares and trades with other map hobbyists. Even when they are too expensive to buy, Ed loves looking at the maps.

## The Mega Collector

**Wilma McClarty**

**English Department**

Wilma McClarty is a woman with many collection interests. Instead of one collection, she has many. She has signed books, letters and manuscripts. She has magnets and sculptures. She has

music boxes. She has twigs, bricks, bullets and water. Yes, water—Walden Pond water, to be exact.

"I have dozens of small items, mostly of literary interest," Wilma says. "Since I teach American literature I've concentrated on American authors."

Wilma owns books signed by authors such as Robert Frost, Carl Sandburg, Charles Dickens, Eudora Welty, Helen Keller, William Faulkner and others. "My students enjoy seeing these signed copies of books written by authors we study," she says.

Her collection began many years ago when her late husband, Jack, purchased a signed book of

## Insect Infestation

**Wayne Hazen**

**School of Visual Art and Design**

There are a lot of creepy-crawlies at the Hazen's home—beetles, large and small, roaches, moths and butterflies. But thankfully, they're tucked safely away in glass cases.

Wayne Hazen now has around 20,000 insects in his collection. He started collecting insects with his father Leslie Hazen, an entomology research associate at Dartmouth College. The passion for bugs has continued to the next generation with Wayne's sons



poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay for their anniversary.

"The process of collecting makes life so very interesting with the 'collecting journey' being as much fun as the 'owning-them destination,'" Wilma says. "I would encourage everyone to collect something."

Xavier, Harper and Theodore. "Our whole family enjoys it," says Wayne. "And Theodore wants to be an entomologist."

Whether catching a rare butterfly that only survives in the treetops of the Amazon or chasing a blue-winged grasshopper, Wayne enjoys studying nature. His unique collection includes bugs from Asia, North America and South America. He's learned a lot during his collecting, which requires a lot of nature observance.

"You can never go wrong when you look at God through nature," he says.

Wayne likes to share his collection so others can see the amazing insects that God cre-







ated. From vibrant colors and intricate designs to solid, dull colors, each insect has features that offer insight into God's personality.

Wayne shares some advice for those interested in the insect world. "Your curiosity has to outweigh the fear," he says. "You have to realize that bugs will prick and bite you. Be respectful of that." Lastly, he warns, be careful because your curiosity can get you in trouble.

## Pin Wild

Katie Lamb

Academic Administration

When Katie Lamb taught in the School of Nursing, she displayed her collection on a wall in her office. It was blanketed floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall with pins. Katie's collection includes World War II cause pins, computer and computer software pins, travel agent pins and all the Chattanooga Riverbend pins. But her main focus is on nursing and political pins.

"In the last few years I've tried to focus on categories," she says. "There are so many types of pins, I just can't keep up with all of them."

Katie's political pin collection began when her father handed her five Confederate soldier reunion pins that her Uncle Dorthy, a Confederate

soldier, had received at reunions in the 1930's.

Her nursing pin collection began with pins from nursing conventions. Then she started noticing old pins in antique stores. "I love to go antiquing and I just started looking for old pins," Katie remarks.

Friends started bringing her pins from conventions they attended and the collection kept growing. That was almost 25 years ago and now she has close to one thousand pins.

Right now all the pins in her collection are safely stored in Ziploc bags and packed away in boxes.

Sometimes during the presidential elections the McKee Library borrows and displays some of Katie's political pins. A few of the pins even date back to the 1896 election.

## Collecting the Unknown

Ray Hefferlin

Physics Department

I had come to Berkeley, California, fresh from Europe, to begin my grade-school edu-

cation. My first collection was of the colorful small round lids from milk bottles. It was a challenge to arrange them in geometrical patterns on the living-room floor. A tin-soldier collection followed. Then came a major stamp collection, whose crown jewel was a stamp issued by Spain as an appeal to the American people for help in its Civil War against Generalissimo Franco. Several of these collections disappeared because I repeatedly disobeyed my father's request to clean up the "mess!"

In high school I took up astronomy. After constructing the requisite telescopes—because I had no money to buy one—I "collected" observations on planets, moons, comets, asteroids and Messier objects. These objects are nebulae and galaxies which a French astronomer cataloged in order to save himself the embarrassment of announcing the discovery of a faint comet that turned out to be a permanent object.

After exhausting what could be seen with my small telescopes, I began to use prisms and gratings to study stellar and "laboratory" spectra. When light is emitted by stars or nebulae and spread into a spectrum by prisms, it makes more than just a rainbow of colors; there are bright or dark lines that give away the identities of the atoms or molecules that are in these astronomical objects. For instance, the light from the sun is like a rainbow but with narrow slices of color missing because of absorption by sodium, iron and more than 70 other elements.

Then I struck electric arcs of any pieces of metal I could find

to make a collection of photographs of the spectra they gave out. It's amazing that I did not ignite my parent's house!

This interest grew and eventually morphed into my doctoral dissertation and present research into the properties of molecules. These properties include how much energy is needed to yank one electron out of the molecule, or to pull the molecule heartlessly apart. My students and colleagues worldwide col-



lect these properties to see what kinds of patterns they make. Sometimes we spread computer printouts and graphics all over the floor to discover patterns that result in periodic charts, somewhat like the chart of the elements.

In pursuing this study, we have made our latest collection which includes about 20 classifications of small molecules. This unique compilation resulted from meeting many of the scientists who created them. It's also unique because most of the entries are shadows, projections, or unfoldings of architectures in multidimensional space. ✧







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H O L L I S J A M E S

# Outside the classroom, Hollis James supports students with disabilities and academic needs.

by Kelli Gauthier

Hollis James may not be one of the most well-known faces on Southern's campus, but his job is certainly one of the most important. Tucked away in the farthest corner of the top floor of McKee library, Hollis spends his days helping students with disabilities achieve academic success. Since August, Hollis has enjoyed every minute as the Disability Coordinator in the Center for Learning Success (CLS).

Born in Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean, Hollis attended the University of the

CLS caters to current students' needs, purchasing special equipment as needed. The CLS resources include a speech to text program for those with difficulty writing, a text enlargement program, Braille equipment and a microphone amplification system for the hearing impaired.

Although Hollis works primarily with students who have disabilities, he is also involved with general academic success, which is beneficial to most students. Steve Pawluk, Southern's vice president for academic administration recog-

nizes the universal benefit of the CLS. "I think it is important to remember that the Center for Learning Success exists to help all students, regardless of ability or disability."

In addition to offering tutoring to anyone who wants extra help in a given subject, the CLS offers videos and seminars on speed-reading, study methods and reading comprehension. Felicia Ford, junior nursing and English major can attest to the benefits

of the CLS. After recently attending a seminar on how to study, she was amazed at how many practical skills she could still benefit from as a junior. "I am planning on going again," she said. Many times Hollis simply offers students help with time management. With their class and work schedule in hand, Hollis maps out the student's week, finding all of the available study time. He then helps the student create a reasonable schedule to optimize each hour of their day.

While Hollis enjoyed his time at Walla Walla, he wanted to do more than instruct others how to teach special education; he wanted the opportunity to work directly with students with disabilities. In 2003, Southern gave him that opportunity and Hollis became the Disabilities Coordinator.

Since coming to Southern, Hollis has enjoyed the one-to-one connection he has made with many students. "This gives me a chance to bring them hope," he says. With a strong commitment to helping anyone who needs it, the

West Indies before becoming chair of the School of Business and Secretarial Studies at Caribbean Union College, a Seventh-day Adventist college in Trinidad and Tobago. In 1987, he moved to the United States and found himself in charge of a rowdy classroom in Brooklyn. A life-long teacher, Hollis realized for the first time that some students truly have a difficult time in school. "I wanted to figure out why some kids are reluctant to learn," he said. With an MBA from Andrews University, Hollis embraced this new challenge and completed a doctorate program in special education at Auburn University in eastern Alabama. Hollis then took a job teaching in the School of Education and Psychology at Walla Walla College.

Despite the fact that Hollis James' office is somewhat hard to find (this is soon to change—see sidebar), the time, energy and resources he brings to students across campus are invaluable. ✧

## Onward and Upward

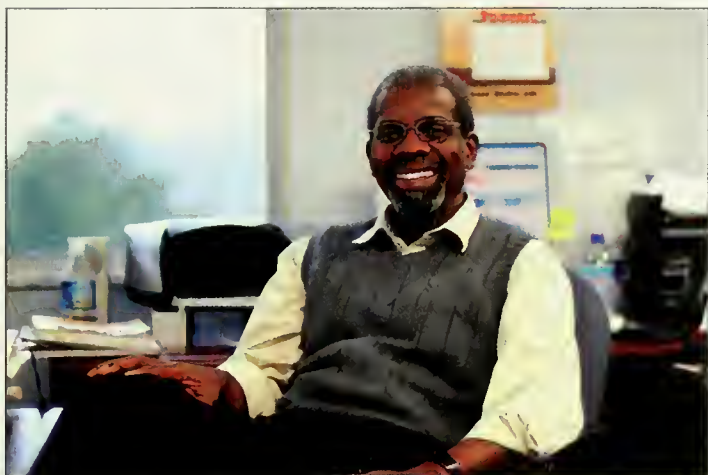
Two student support services on campus, the Center for Learning Success (CLS) and Testing and Counseling are joining forces and moving into the same building. Currently the CLS is located in the top floor of the McKee Library while Testing and Counseling is in the Student Center of Wright Hall. The move will place both departments on the third floor of Lynn Wood Hall, the oldest original building on campus.

Six years ago, Gordon Bietz, university president, suggested that the two departments be moved together because of their cooperative functions. Administration hopes that both will be used more with their centralized location in Lynn Wood. "It will

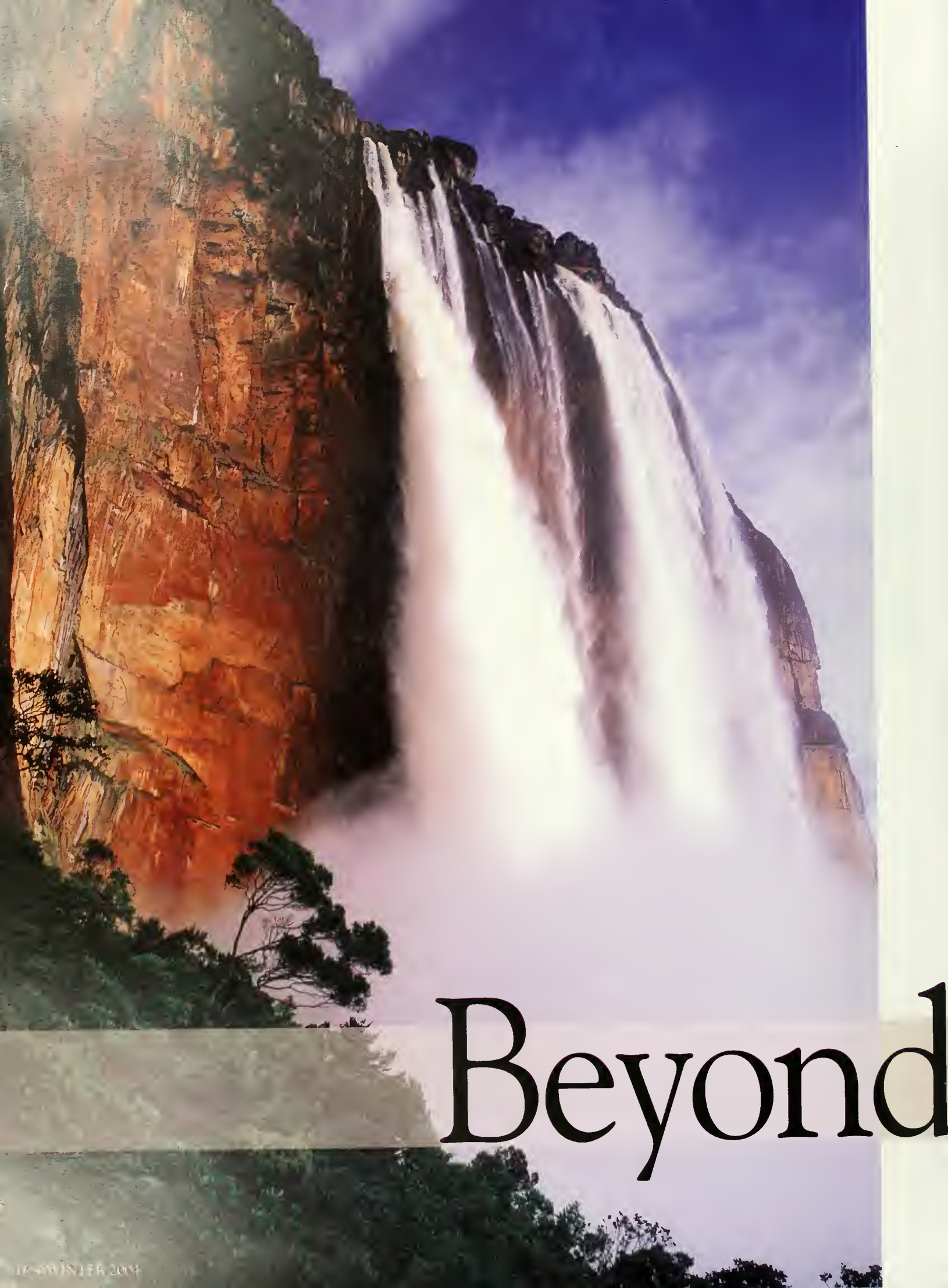


be appropriately located right at the heart of campus," said Bill Wohlers, vice president of student services. Joining Testing and Counseling and the CLS will not alter the services that are offered in either department, but rather place all student support services in one location.

With the recent completion of Hackman Hall renovations, the third floor of Lynn Wood Hall is next in line for remodeling. The area has been mostly gutted, as construction will soon begin. The two departments are expected to be under one roof by fall 2004, when they will be jointly renamed the Student Success Center.







# Beyond

The usual murmur of airport noises slowly focused into a single irritating voice to my right, jostling me awake. I was sitting in a food court in Caracas, Venezuela, and had been napping for a few precious minutes until a terminal janitor noticed me at one of his tables. I rubbed the sleep from my eyes and stretched my legs as he talked to me rapidly in Spanish. Evidently he considered my public dozing improper. I gave him a thin smile for his trouble, and after a final finger-shaking frown, he walked away. I went looking for water.

The last time I'd been in this airport was in 1998, and not much had changed. The temperature was still stifling, the humidity tangible and the language unfamiliar. This time, however, a drought had caused severe water shortages and none of the toilets, faucets, or drinking fountains had water. With only \$22 in my wallet, I decided not to buy an overpriced, ice-cold water bottle in the nearest shop.

So began my spring break mission trip to Venezuela, organized by the Missionary Kid's Club at Southern. This wasn't quite the adventure I had in mind when I forked out a few hundred dollars to buy my ticket. Honestly, I was more excited by the novelty of foreign travel, taking great pictures, seeing Angel Falls (the tallest waterfall in the world), and flying over the jungle with Bob Norton, an independent mission pilot. Whenever classmates had asked me about my plans for spring break, I was quick to fill them in on all the exciting details. Now, sitting in clammy clothes in Caracas, I figured I'd leave this out of my post-trip stories.

Hours later, with a tired neck, sweaty body and dry mouth, I watched the black jungle slip past the dim headlights of

our diesel bus. Piles of luggage threatened me from the aisle, and I barely slept through the hot, sticky night.

Around 3 a.m., our driver idled to a stop just outside a sleeping barrio. We ran out of gas.

But gas stations weren't open, so we waited with the bus for morning. Thirsty gnats and mosquitoes flew in the open bus windows.

That night I wrote a lot of my frustrations in my journal. For months I had been angry with God about facets of my life. I had a list of things that I chalked up to "God's will," and I was angry that He had let them or made them happen. I had a falling GPA, a car that wouldn't work, no money and no girlfriend. My schoolwork and internship projects kept piling up faster than I could finish them. I was also worried about the future and what I would do after my upcoming graduation. My hand grew tired as I wrote on into the night.

## ARRIVAL

Finally we arrived at our work site, the SDA school Colegio Gran Sabana in Aldea de Maurak. More surprises awaited. For one, the showers were cold.

Our rooms were occupied by numerous bugs, with a thin tin roof that transformed the entire dorm into an oven. The only drinking water available was hauled from across campus. Another kill-joy was the news that we definitely wouldn't be flying. Fuel shortages had stopped most flights, and aerial sightseeing was out of the question. At supper, we discovered the cafeteria gave small portions, leaving most of us hungry.

I've traveled a lot, and had frustrating experiences doing it, but for some reason this situation seemed worse than others. I typically travel alone and the complications of traveling with other group members was irritating, especially when tired and grouchy. I knew we were on a mission trip, and I didn't

# Angel Falls

by Ryan Wallace, '03





want to spoil the mood, but it was getting harder to silence my complaints.

That Sunday, we were up before the sun. After a quick worship, we went straight to work without breakfast. We split into three groups to maximize efficiency: one for a medical and dental clinic, one for construction, and one for a Vacation Bible School. Without a knack for gauze, syringes, or children, I joined the construction team. We had two buildings to raise: a house for volunteer pilot Bob Norton and a hangar for the mission plane. Our mission team was a mix of Southern students and members from several Tennessee, Georgia and Michigan churches that donated funds for the project.

## THE WORK

Bricks. Now the term will always bring to mind hours and hours of dripping sweat, crusty hands, blinding sun and a parched mouth. I joined the 'mud' crew, mixing cement for the masons. When they had enough mud, we smoothed the rough edges off bricks then hauled them to whoever needed more. They were big bricks, cinder blocks, and hard to grip. My hands cramped.

Before lunch, Bob Norton drove up and called me to his truck. Since fuel shortages and a labor strike had crippled his flight schedule in past weeks, he had just enough gas for one more flight.

He needed to pick up missionaries working in a distant village. He had room for an extra passenger. Would I like to go? Yes!

"I always have a prayer before I take off," Bob said. "Let's bow our heads."

After prayer, we took off.

## FEELING LUCKY

I hadn't told my friends where I was going, and they didn't find out until they saw me waving from Bob's plane as we buzzed over the work site. For the rest of the week, they grimly reminded me that not all of us were so fortunate.

I didn't care about that now, though, as we circled around the school again. Houses and people grew smaller as we climbed altitude. For miles ahead and behind, all I saw was the dense jungle below and the blue sky above. Occasionally there were small or large clearings with villages, marked only by smoke until we flew close enough to see the structures. Rivers wound through valleys and around hills, occasionally forming deep blue pools beneath gushing waterfalls. As we climbed higher, the jumbled surface of tree-tops faded into a smooth green lawn. Yellow and purple-blossoming trees became small flowers, and rivers became thin blue snakes, winding through the grass.

I talked to Bob as we flew. I asked him about the mission aviation program and what it was

like to live and fly in Venezuela. He told me about struggling to keep a supply of fuel, evacuating sick people, delivering missionaries to remote villages and seeing Angel Falls.

As we got closer to the village, the hills beneath us grew into mountains, and we now flew between them, not over them. A light cloud layer formed above us, swallowing

the taller peaks in mist. We weren't in danger, because Bob knew the route well.

Skirting a wet rock wall of a sheer cliff, we turned into a large canyon. There, on the far wall ahead of us, Angel Falls dropped 3,212 feet off the edge of Devil Mountain. I tried to take pictures, but the falls wouldn't fit in the viewfinder. The stream of water fell so far that it was nothing but mist by the time it reached the valley floor. We circled around the canyon to take another look. I had no idea why I was so fortunate to see this, but I was thrilled.

## THE LANDING

As we approached the village where the mission workers waited, Bob began his pre-landing checklist.

"This is one of the worst runways that I land at," Bob's voice sounded very calm.

"Oh really?" My voice didn't sound very calm.

"Yes, hardly anyone lands here. Most bush pilots won't even touch it." He smiled.

"Why?" I asked. I didn't know what else to say.

"You'll see when we get there" Bob replied. "We'll fly over once and take a look, then come around and land." He was already beginning to concentrate on the strip beneath us, so I stopped talking. I didn't want to distract him.

The runway went over the top of a small hill, with one half going uphill and the other half going down. With a hill at one end and a river at the other, this runway wasn't even as wide as my neighbor's driveway. It was shorter than my neighbor's driveway, too. In fact, just about the only thing they had in common were deep ruts. Bob set the nose wheel down in a zone less than two-feet wide. To make matters worse, the high temperature would later mean poor takeoff performance. Our palm-tree windsocks indicated a brisk quartering crosswind.

"I can see why you pray about these flights!" I said as I tightened my seatbelt.



Bob didn't reply this time, and I didn't volunteer more conversation. I'm not sure how long he's been a pilot, or just how much the angels helped us touch down, but we made it on the first attempt. I wiped the sweat from my forehead as we rolled to a stop.

A group of natives with gap-toothed grins waited for us at the end of the runway, but they didn't approach until we cut power to the prop. Their shouts and greetings were warbled in the heat waves rising from the sandy ground.

Bob and I refueled the airplane while the missionaries said their final goodbyes. They hugged and spoke with each person gathered, not forgetting the children. In a few minutes, we had the plane fueled and ready to go. We loaded their few luggage items in the back. Bob looked a little worried about our weight for takeoff, but he didn't say anything. Just before we left, we all gathered in a circle for one final prayer. I silently thanked God for His protection.

THE MISSIONARY COUPLE

Once we cleared the runway and began climbing altitude, Bob told me more about the couple in the back seat. They didn't get to see their adult children much. They lived for a month or two in their home by the school, working and farming for their money and food. Then they would leave everything they had, hop into Bob's plane, and fly to a remote village where no Seventh-day Adventist had been before. There they would live with the locals for a couple of months, preaching, teaching and living God's love. They had no official commission, but they were real missionaries. They lived to tell others about Jesus and what He's done for us.

"How often do you fly out and check up on them?" I asked Bob.

"Oh, every month or so."  
"Do they mind the flying? Do they ever get sick? Do they know how dangerous it is sometimes?" I was fascinated.

"No, not really. I don't think they can tell the difference between a risky landing and a normal landing. It's all the same to them."

"How long have they been at that village?" I turned to point, but the risky runway was already out of sight.

"Oh, a couple months, I think. Just before they're ready to come home, I take the local pastor up with me, and we have a big baptismal service. There's a church group in that village now," Bob revealed.

"How do they afford to do this?" I asked. "They don't have sponsors. Who pays for their supplies?"

Bob gave me a surprised smile. "They do, of course. They work extra hard while they're at home, and they save all the money they can. They even sell the food from their garden. When they have enough money, they go. When they run out of money, they come back and do it again."

I looked back over my shoulder at the man and his wife. They looked the same as other villagers I'd met. Frankly, they looked poor. They both wore old clothes and flip flops, looking out the windows with folded hands in their laps. The man's Bible was wedged firmly between them.

I didn't say much the rest of the way home. I kept thinking about the kind of dedication it takes to do what this couple does—to surrender your entire life to God, risking your future for mission service. Then I remembered that Bob buys aviation fuel with his own money, operating only as donations make it possible. Jeff Sutton and the other student missionaries from Southern gave a year of their lives to this project. And here I had been grumbling about the petty little things that bothered me. All the complaints I'd listed in my journal seemed smaller than the tiny houses beneath us as we flew home. What was I worried about? Hard work, meager meals, hot days and cold showers? This was just one week of mission work!

Bob and I returned to the school around suppertime. There wasn't much work left to do at the site that day, but I was one of the first of the team out of bed the next morning.

I had some catching-up to do, and I did it with a good attitude. I worked hard that week. I got dirty. I took cold showers. I got sunburned. Some meals I went hungry. I came back to school more tired than when I left, but for all that, I felt refreshed and refocused on life.



BACK AT SOUTHERN

The next week, back in Southern's cafeteria line, I didn't take as much food as usual. I took my tray to the air-conditioned dining room and sat down with friends.

One of them turned to me.

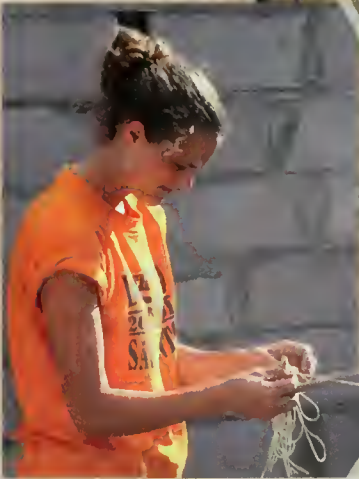
"So, how was your spring break?" He asked between bites.

"It was good for me" I replied.

"What did you do?"

I didn't tell him about tropical adventures, getting a tan, or foreign travel. Instead, I told him about laying bricks, cold showers and hot days. I told him about Bob Norton, the mission aviation program, and the student missionaries. I told him it was a good thing to do something for others. I told him about the missionary couple's sacrifices and dedication.

And I didn't even mention Angel Falls. ✧





# HOW to

by Mike McClung, '85

## Demystify a Computer Purchase

I often get telephone calls from parents who want to know what kind of computer to buy for their child who will be attending Southern. There are hundreds, perhaps thousands, of different computer types available at varying prices with varying features. How do you sift through the choices to make a sensible purchase?

The good news is that you don't have to be Bill Gates to make a wise choice. Armed with knowledge of the options, some computer terminology, and a good idea of your uses for the computer, you are ready to break through the marketing glitz and purchase a computer.

### STEP 1 Choose the right computer system.

As personal computers become mainstream, there are two major offerings—Windows systems (generally referred to as PC) and Apple systems (also known as Macintosh or Mac).

Apples generally cost more than their PC counterparts. However, since Apple is the only manufacturer of the key components in their systems, the result is a fast, reliable and enduring



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system. In contrast, there are many PC makers. Main manufacturers include Dell and HP/Compaq, but there are many others—from large corporations to smaller online distributors to

“mom and pop” stores—capable of building quality systems from the best components manufactured globally.

So, should you buy an Apple or a PC? Many “followers of the fruit” are very passionate

about their Macs. PC users feel the same way about their PCs. Having used both systems, I can safely say that it is hard to go wrong with either. It would be ideal to sample both an Apple and a PC. Both are designed to be user friendly, but no two people think alike, so one operating system might make more sense to one than another. The type of system you use at work may be easier for you to use at home.

Another consideration is the availability of software. Specialized software is not widely available for the Mac. However, all the major software packages, such as Microsoft Office, are available for both platforms. Where the Apple shines is in graphics and video editing software, leading the vast majority of publishing houses and design companies to use Apples. On sheer looks alone most people would agree that the Apple is the clear winner. Over the years, Apple has produced innovative machines that reveal thoughtfulness

and attention to detail. PC's were traditionally seen as business machines and are just beginning to break away from the “beige box” stereotype.

### STEP 2 Decide whether your preference is a portable or a desktop computer.

Now that we have addressed the Apple verses PC question, let's tackle another issue—to choose a laptop or a desktop. I enjoy the portability of a laptop. As I write this article I am sitting comfortably on my couch with my computer perched on my lap. I just checked my email and will go to my favorite local news website to check tomorrow's weather before I go to bed, all using wireless technology and a laptop computer.

Other than the obvious size and use differences, cost is a significant factor between laptops and desktops. Due to cramming a lot of technology into a small space, laptops tend to cost 25 to 30 percent more than desktops and are slightly slower. If speed is your main concern, then a desktop is what you need.

### STEP 3 Learn the basic technology.

Before we go any further, let's discuss some terminology. You may very well surprise and impress your friends if you can explain what RAM is (hint: it is not a truck made by Dodge). RAM is short for Random Access Memory



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## The Lingo

RAM Random Access Memory

CPU Central Processing Unit

GHz Gigahertz

MB Megabyte

GB Gigabyte



and is often known simply as "memory." Data placed in RAM is kept until the computer is

switched off. Any important information stored there is moved to the computer's hard drive before the system is shut down like when you save a document for example. RAM, however, is much faster at retrieving data than a hard drive, which explains why you can never have too much.

The hard drive is where data is stored permanently. However, permanence is relative in this case since catastrophic failure and user error can erase important data in a heartbeat. It's like the terrible feeling of locking and closing your car door with the keys still in the ignition, except your car doesn't disappear afterwards. This issue makes it necessary to consider backup options such as a CD burner, also known as a CDRW drive.

DVD drives are also available for your computer, which allow you to watch movies or other video presentations on your computer.

CPU is another term that you may already be familiar with. It stands for Central Processing Unit and is the brains of the operation. The faster the CPU, the faster the computer. A 2.8 gigahertz (GHz) CPU does not make a computer twice as fast as one with a 1.4 GHz CPU. The actual speed difference is 20 to 30 percent faster because of other factors affecting system speed.

## STEP 4 Analyze your purchasing criteria.

"What is more important to me—price or quality?" The old adage that you "get what you pay for" generally holds true for computer purchases. Some companies have better reputations than others. It is always a good idea to do some research on reviews of specific companies

and models to find out what others have experienced as far as quality and customer support.

If you have access to a computer, you may want to go to a website such as Google.com and do a search on the system you are interested in. If you are on a tight budget, an inexpensive unit starts looking pretty good. To bring the price down, the company must cut back somewhere, and the result could be a less than stable and dependable computer.

You may also want to consider the warranty offered with the system. Most companies, whether a name brand system or a custom system built in a local computer store, should offer a one-year warranty. Many offer extended warranties of three or four years—for a price. If you are purchasing a laptop, it is highly recommended that you include an extended warranty because of the abuse caused from running into walls, tables, people, etc., with your computer.

## STEP 5 Evaluate the unique features of your new computer system.

"What specifications should I look for?" My best, and most erroneous recommendation is—get the biggest, fastest and most sophisticated system you can afford. In this way, you will stave off obsolescence for as long as possible. If you have owned computers in the past, you know that they are outdated the day after you buy them. This is absolutely true for laptop computers, whose upgrade options are limited.

More specifically, try to purchase a machine with at least 256 to 512 megabytes (mb) of RAM, a 40-gigabyte (gb) hard drive, and a CD writer for back up and archival purposes. If you

are looking for a minimum CPU recommendation, you should get at least a 2 GHz Intel or AMD processor on a desktop system, or a 1.7 GHz Intel Pentium M CPU or 2.4 GHz Pentium 4 CPU on a laptop, budget allowing.

If you intend to use your computer to capture and edit video, you'll want to beef up your system by including more RAM and a second, much larger hard drive as video uses a lot of hard drive space. Digital pictures also take up considerable amounts of hard drive space, so plan accordingly.

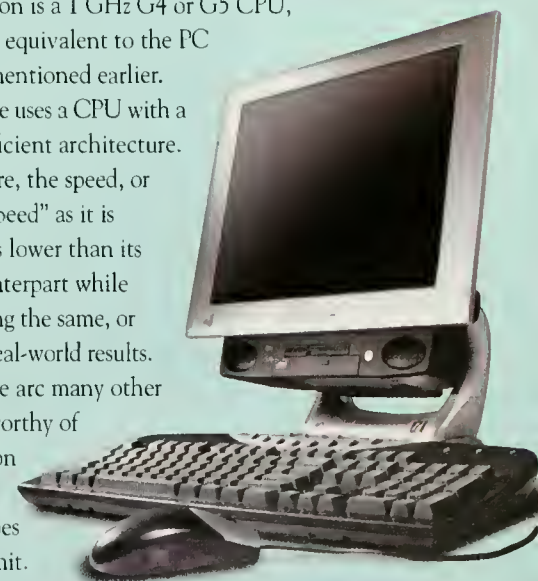
If you decide on an Apple, the considerations above are also applicable. The one difference would be the CPU. A good minimum recommendation is a 1 GHz G4 or G5 CPU, which is equivalent to the PC speeds mentioned earlier.

Apple uses a CPU with a more efficient architecture. Therefore, the speed, or "clock speed" as it is called, is lower than its PC counterpart while producing the same, or better, real-world results.

There are many other things worthy of discussion that space does not permit.

As you continue to research the right computer for you, visit [www.css.msu.edu/PC-Guide](http://www.css.msu.edu/PC-Guide) and click "Buying a Home PC" or visit [www.apple.com/](http://www.apple.com/) switch for more Apple information. Hopefully you are now better equipped to sift through all the options and purchase a system that will meet your needs today and in the future. ✨

Mike McClung is the computer workstation support supervisor at Southern Adventist University.



Courtesy of Gateway



# Involvement



Whether he's eating lunch with students in the dining hall or competing with them at Southern's triathlon, Gordon Bietz is a president whose leadership is defined by extensive involvement.

by Garrett Nudd, '00

It's a special occasion when a United States Senator visits Southern's campus. So when Fred Thompson was scheduled to speak for a Thursday morning convocation in January 1998, Gordon Bietz, university president, knew he needed to do something special.

It was a big event and Southern's students, faculty and staff were joined by students from

Collegedale

Academy and A.W. Spalding Elementary as well as guests from the community and members of the Chattanooga media.

After the general announcements concluded, Gordon approached

the podium to introduce the speaker. He shared a few pertinent facts about Senator Thompson, and then announced that he had discovered Senator Thompson's favorite food – his mother's coconut cream pie. Gordon then reached into the podium and pulled out a coconut cream pie that he had baked *himself* the night before.

He summoned Thompson to the podium and handed him a fork. Thompson took a bite and smiled while he chewed, savoring the pie's decadence. Laughter rolled across the audience. And after finishing the bite, Thompson looked at Gordon and said, "Thank you. That was good, but it sure ain't as good as momma's!"

The audience broke out in applause, concluding Gordon's introduction of Senator Thompson.

## Welcome to Southern

During Southern's annual Strawberry Festival in the spring of 1997, Chaplain Ken Rogers announced that the presidential search committee had offered the job to Gordon, then president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. The entire student body was gathered for the event, and they cheered at the announcement. When Gordon stepped to the

stage and Rogers handed him the microphone, students rose to their feet in ovation.

Since starting at Southern, Gordon has enjoyed popularity among the students. His hospitable demeanor and witty sense of humor have suited him well throughout his tenure.

Shortly after becoming president, a life-size cutout of Gordon was created by the marketing

and university relations office. It was a huge hit with students as they posed to have their picture taken with the model.

Throughout the years the Gordon cutout has been in high demand. A pastor borrowed it for a sermon

illustration and a student set it up at a surprise birthday party for a fellow student.

Perhaps the funniest use of the model was at the 2000 Southern Adventist University Golf Classic when the life-size cutout was placed in the center of the driving range and Gordon walked along the practice tee challenging golfers to hit him with a golf ball. Under the title of "Bean Bietz," the event was extremely well received.

While Gordon is grateful for the support of the students, faculty and staff, he is most appreciative of the support from the individual closest to him, his wife Cynthia.

Married for 36 years, Gordon recognizes that she has played a huge role in his presidency. "Cynthia has been absolutely supportive of the work that I do," Gordon says. "She is

a caring, sensitive person who helps me sense the pulse of the institution and who, in her own position (Wright Hall receptionist and switchboard operator), creates a part of the hospitable atmosphere that we seek to create on campus."

Hospitality is important to Gordon. Every year as students move into the residence halls, Gordon participates in We-Haul, a program in which faculty, staff and alumni assist families with the moving process. The movers also help answer questions that students and parents have about Southern and make them feel welcome.

Gordon laughs as he recalls several We-Haul occasions when he has spent 20 minutes with a family helping them unload and carry belongings from their vehicle to their student's room. After getting everything unloaded, more than once an unsuspecting parent has introduced themselves and asked, "What is your job at the university?"

Erica Chu, senior business administration major, recalls Gordon helping her move into Thatcher Hall her freshman year.

After helping Erica and her parents empty their car, Gordon left to assist other students. That's when Erica's roommate informed her that the university president had just helped her move into the dorm.

"We were impressed that someone of his position was helping students move in," Erica says. "It gave us a wonderful first impression of Southern."

It's not just students and their families that experience positive first impressions of Southern under Gordon's leadership. Business leaders have grown to recognize Southern as a valuable partner in the greater Chattanooga community.

In March 2002, more than 200 members from the Rotary Club of Chattanooga visited Southern's campus for a dinner concert. For many it was their first visit to Southern.

"More than one individual said that the dinner concert at Southern was the best event Rotary ever had," said Russel Friberg, '72, Rotarian and master of ceremonies for the evening. "Gordon's thrust to include Southern in the greater Chattanooga community is a wonderful step," Friberg says.



*Presenting his homemade coconut cream pie to Senator Thompson.*



*With wife Cynthia at the Bietz's Barn-N-Yard festival*



"It is important for us to connect and rub shoulders with others in the community if we are going to have any influence with them," Gordon says. "Being a part of a community means that we are a part of the community not just for services that we receive but *"for the services that we offer as well."*

## Beyond First Impressions

**I**t's been 22 years since Gordon arrived in Collegedale with his family to pastor the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church. For 13 years he served as senior pastor. In 1994 he became president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. Three years later he turned his focus back to Collegedale as president of the newly renamed Southern Adventist University.

Gordon is a highly qualified academic and religious leader in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He completed his undergraduate studies at La Sierra University and his Master and Doctorate of Divinity degrees from Andrews University. In 1991 Gordon took a sabbatical after receiving the Merrill Fellowship from Harvard University to complete further studies at Harvard Divinity School, Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Like many intellectuals, Gordon is also an author. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Adventist Education*, *Chattanooga Times Free Press*, *Adventist Review* and other periodicals. He has authored *Witness* and *Parables of Fenton Forest*. The latter is perhaps his best-known published book and is a collection of stories written so simply that even children can understand them.

"Gordon has such great wisdom that he easily fits in with academic scholars," says Jeff Gang, '91, his son-in-law and young adult pastor of the Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist Church. "But the beauty of the Fenton Forest parables is their simplicity. People of all ages can relate."

Gordon's ability to relate and his broad appeal is what makes his leadership so effective.

"He communicates with people about everyday life and that connects him with them on a personal level," says Zach Juniper, '03. "When President Bietz eats lunch in the cafeteria, he sits with students and talks with them about last night's basketball game."

Under Gordon's leadership the university has experienced dramatic expansion. Since 1997 undergraduate enrollment has increased nearly 35 percent. Six new apartment buildings (phases I and II of Southern Village) have been

constructed on campus to accommodate the influx of students. Building renovations and expansions have included Wright Hall, Hackman Hall, Lynn

impact he can make on students is to be personally involved in everything from administrative leadership to participating in student association events and other social functions.

"My inspiration for work is derived from three sources," Gordon says. "Students who are changed by their experience at Southern; alumni who are making a positive difference in the world; and faculty and staff who continually challenge me with their commitment and ministry to students," Gordon continues. "That's what drives me."

Gordon attends most on-campus events, making time to talk and interact with students. He joins an intramural softball team every year and participates in the all night softball tournament. This year his tournament batting average was an uncharacteristic .846. Last year when the national champion wheelchair basketball team visited campus for an exhibition game against Southern students, he grabbed an extra wheelchair, threw on a jersey, and rolled out on the court too.

Illustrating his support on the administrative level, when faculty and staff have annual workshops, Gordon is involved, joining breakout groups and participating as much as possible.

"Guest speakers always comment on how unusual it is to have the president of an institution sit in and participate at workshops," Sauder says.

## A Leader on the Move

**P**erhaps Gordon's greatest asset is his adaptability to change. He continually reads leadership and religious philosophy books, and he strives to benchmark Southern with the best practices in the educational world.

Embracing technology, he can put together a PowerPoint presentation as well as anyone on campus and key in an Excel spreadsheet formula as fast as an accountant.

"Bietz's comfort with technology is refreshing," Sauder says. "I remember one occasion when I watched him kneel beside a frustrated office manager and show her how to do a processing function on a Word document."

Gordon is also a champion for physical fitness. In a newly remod-



*Interacting with students Kelli Gauthier and Steven Nielson outside of Hackman Hall.*

Wood Hall, Daniells Hall, Southern Carton Industry, Transportation Services, Thatcher South, the Student Center, and portions of Brock Hall. New projects on the horizon include the Wellness Center, the Welcome Center hotel, and an addition to Talge Hall.

"Southern's multi-level growth has been nurtured and cultivated under Bietz's leadership," says Vinita Sauder, vice president for marketing and enrollment services. "He's an innovative thinker and he allows his leadership team to try new ideas that push the boundaries."

For many college administrators, long hours in the office and the responsibilities of making a university operate create a natural distance from students. But Gordon realizes that the best



*Making apple cider with Ed Wright at Bietz's Barn-N-Yard festival.*

eled barn behind his house, he has a small collection of weights and exercise equipment that he has accumulated from used sports stores and other sources.

Every morning at 5:30 he works out, and Ed Wright, senior pastor of Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, frequently joins him. The two have been close friends for about 20 years.

"We used to play racquetball together and run together and even cut wood together, but now working out in his barn works well for us," Wright says. "It gives us a chance to connect personally.

"We visit, catch up on the news and sometimes pray together," Wright says. "It's motivating to know that he is there waiting for me to workout each morning."

Gordon's commitment to physical fitness is rooted in his conviction to making positive lifestyle choices.

"Much of the disease that confronts the population in the United States today is because of lifestyle issues," Gordon says. "We need to teach the young people at Southern a lifestyle of health and wellness so they can be missionaries of healthful living wherever they are when they graduate."

He further encourages his university colleagues to make physical fitness a priority. In Bietz Byline, his monthly news report to university employees, Gordon typically mentions something about his exercise routine and challenges his colleagues to a higher standard of physical fitness and wellness.

Last fall Gordon tested his stamina by competing on a relay team in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Sunbelt Co-

hutta Springs Triathlon sponsored by Southern. Teaming with his twin daughters, Gina Gang, '92, and Julie Kroll, '92, he anchored the team by completing the 18-mile

bicycle race, the middle leg of the competition.

"I jokingly told Julie ahead of time that I didn't want her to finish the swim too quickly because if she did, I knew that there would be a lot of bikers that would pass me on that portion of the race," Gordon says.

Much to the president's dismay, Julie did well which put Gordon fairly high in the order of bikers. But the team's strong start was cut short as Gordon left the transition area without his bicycle helmet.

"There must have been a lot on my mind," Gordon admits. "It's funny. You know that you're not going to win the race and you know you're competing just for fun, but the excitement and the crowd definitely gets the adrenaline going."

After returning for his helmet, Gordon hopped back on his bicycle in a hurry to make up lost time.

"I kept getting passed," he says. "It was frustrating to be biking as hard as I could and have twenty-some-things pass me like I was using a walker," Gordon says with a laugh.

But what he enjoyed most about the experience was bonding with his daughters. While Julie and her family live in Nashville and Gina and her family live in Orlando, the three trained individually for the event. Together they shared a common goal, and competing as a team together brought them closer. Gordon's collaboration with his daughters is a direct reflection of the teamwork and community environment that he strives to create at Southern.

Each year Gordon and Cynthia invite the entire faculty and staff to their house. Sometimes it's a Christmas open house, this year it was a fall Apple Festival in their yard. Cynthia is the consummate hostess and she delights in entertaining people at their home.

"Creating a sense of community is essential to maintaining the living-learning environment that we try to provide at Southern," Gordon says. "It begins with the faculty and staff and works its way down through the students."

Clearly one of the aspects that Gordon enjoys the most about being involved in a university is the ever-expanding community. Each year as students graduate and become alumni, Southern's community grows.

"When I travel people constantly talk to me about how grateful they are for the experience that we provide at Southern," Gordon says. "There are students who have turned their lives around, settled on a career, and found a life partner, and they are eternally thankful for the part that Southern played in that experience."

For a university president, there is no other reality that could be more rewarding.



*Finishing the 18-mile cycle segment of the triathlon.*



*Gordon and his two daughters, Gina Gang and Julie Kroll, at Southern's triathlon.*

*Learn more about Gordon Bietz online at [president.southern.edu](http://president.southern.edu).*



# ALUMNI WEEKEND

2003

## *Images*



REGISTRATION IN THE CHURCH

### HOMEcoming FUN FACTS

*O*ne man braved the Ladies Luncheon. Congratulations to Dr. Bill Richards, '71, who attended in order to accompany soloist Joelle Crook Ringer, '82.

*M*ore than 800 registered for the weekend's activities.

*S*outhern's newest affinity group, the So-Mi-Conians, was organized and met for the first time. This group is for those who attended Southern Missionary College between 1956 and 1965.



ADELPHIAN QUARTET  
SINGING AT CHURCH



WINSOME (GALLANT) CROKER, '73  
AND BETH (ADAMS) JEDAMSKI, '73



CELLOIST ELAINE  
JANZEN





BARBARA (STINCHFIELD) PLATT, '63  
HELPS AT THE REGISTRATION DESK



GREG CREEK,  
JUNIOR THEOLOGY MAJOR



PRESIDENT GORDON BIETZ,  
BRIAN STRAYER, '73

*S*tudent recipients for 2003-2004 of the So-Ju-Conian Birthday Scholarship awards were Stacey Cunningham, Hughes Hilton, Jr., Tara Ericson and Marcella Colburn. A scholarship criterion is for the student to have a relative who attended Southern Junior College, Graysville Academy or Southern Training School.

*T*he best-attended event of the weekend was Friday night vespers.



SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST



BRIAN STRAYER, '73,  
AND EVIE VANDEVERE



JAN HAVEMAN,  
HELPS WITH REGISTRATION



CHUCK AND CHARLENE (VAN ALLEN)  
ROBERTSON, '86, WITH DAUGHTER  
CHERYL (ROBERTSON) SEARS, '76,  
AND BABY GRANDAUGHTER





WINSOME (GALLANT) CROKER, '73, JANEY (BALLARD) SCHNEIDER, '73, CAROL (HAMM) SOMMERVILLE, '73



HUGO CHRISTIANSEN, '55, VISITS THE WALL OF PRESIDENTS IN THE HERITAGE MUSEUM



JOHN DURICHEK, '58, BEVERLY (TRIVETT) RAWSON, '72, DICK RAWSON, '73



EVONNE (KUTZNER) CROOK, '79 AND ELLSWORTH MCKEE, '54

*David and Carol Cotton have only missed one alumni homecoming weekend since David graduated in 1979. That's 23 trips to Collegedale!*

*The SMC-ite annual gift to the Student Missions program was \$10,500. An additional \$1,039.12 was given during the vespers offering.*



SO-JU-CONAIN HOSTESS JUNE (THORPE) BLUE, '43, AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HUGHES HILTON, JR., '04, STACEY CUNNINGHAM, '04, MARCELLA COLBURN, '04



BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT ALUMNI BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING

*More than 50 people visited the Heritage Museum on Sabbath afternoon.*



ALUMNI LUNCH





SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Southern Golf Classic had 144 players. At the end of the event, there was one broken club and one severely bent club, due to the club throw contest. During the game, five people became addicted to golf for life.



STEVE, ALAN, JONI AND

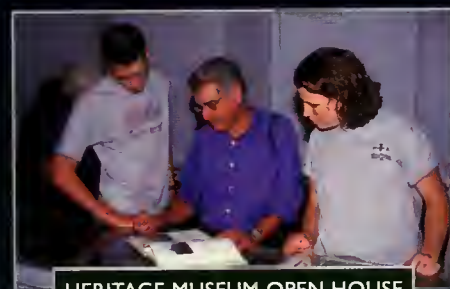
JACLYN DARMODY

STEVE DARMODY DURING HIS SABBATH AFTERNOON CONCERT



DAVID, '85, AND LUMI (IORGA) BUTLER

Over 400 Little Debbies were consumed at the golf tournament.



HERITAGE MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE



DOUG PENNINGTON, '58, BILL HULSEY, '55, AND CHICK FLEMING

## Golf Classic



2003 GOLF CLASSIC AT THE BEAR TRACE, HARRISON BAY



# Meet the

# BOARD

Composed of individuals from a variety of backgrounds and professions, Southern's board of trustees brings a collective wisdom to the leadership of the university. Over the next several issues, Columns continues to feature board members to give readers the chance to know each one personally.



**Frank Potts**

**Occupation:** Managing partner at Potts & Young Attorneys, L.L.P

**Family:** Wife Cindy and three children

**Home:** Northwest Alabama

**Hobbies:** Aviation and recreational flying, spending time with family and friends, and traveling to new places

**College:** Southern Adventist University

**Why do you serve on the Board?** To give something back to a school that gave so much to me.

**Favorite place to visit:** Wherever there are mountains

**One piece of advice:** Don't let temporary set-backs become permanent stumbling blocks.



**Scott Hodges**

**Occupation:** Orthopedic spine surgeon

**Family:** Wife Angie and two children

**Home:** Ooltewah, Tennessee

**Hobbies:** Traveling, outdoor sports and farm work

**College:** Southern Adventist University

**Why do you serve on the board?** Southern is a great university and I want to give back to the school for allowing me to achieve my life-long dream.

**Favorite place to visit:** London, England

**Last book he read:** *Spine Pearls*



**Joan Coggin**

**Occupation:** Medical doctor, now in full-time administration

**Home:** Loma Linda, California

**Hobbies:** Reading and traveling

**Colleges:** Pacific Union College, La Sierra University, Columbia Union College

**Why do you serve on the board?** I am proud to be associated with the best University in the denomination.

**Favorite place to visit:** England

**Last book she read:** *The Nanny Diaries*

**Piece of advice:** Do not be afraid of failure.



**Gordon Biets**

**Occupation:** President of Southern Adventist University

**Family:** Wife Cynthia and twin daughters

**Home:** Ooltewah, Tennessee

**Colleges:** La Sierra University, Andrews University

**Hobbies:** Gardening, biking, weight lifting and reading

**Favorite place to visit:** Switzerland

**One piece of advice:** Take time to become acquainted with people whose personalities and interests are different than yours – you might learn a lot.



**Richard Hallock**

**Occupation:** President of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference

**Family:** Wife Connie and two sons

**Home:** Nashville, Tennessee

**Hobbies:** Travel, snow skiing, photography

**College:** Union College

**Favorite place to visit:** Grindelwald, Switzerland

**Last book he read:** *The Transformational Leader*

**One piece of advice:** Life's greatest happiness comes through a life of service to others.



**Melanie Graves**

**Family:** Husband George and two children

**Home:** Dunlap, Tennessee

**Hobbies:** Reading, water aerobics, walking and scrapbooking

**College:** Southern Adventist University

**Why do you serve on the board?** It has given me the opportunity to give back to Southern.

**Favorite place to visit:** Hayden Lake, Idaho

**Piece of advice:** Don't put off investing deeply in your relationship with Jesus—now is the time.



**Gordon Retzer**

**Occupation:** President of the Southern Union

**Family:** Wife Cheryl, two children and two grandchildren

**Home:** Decatur, Georgia

**Hobbies:** Piano, music, golf, jogging, nature and snorkeling

**College:** Southern Adventist University

**Why do you serve on the board?** I want to see the school continue to be a place where students develop a love relationship with Jesus and learn to serve in their communities.

**Favorite place to visit:** Maui

**Role model:** Gordon Biets



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## Showcase of Service

The Student Association at Southern developed a "Showcase of Service" to introduce students to different nonprofit organizations in the Chattanooga area. The Showcase, held last October, allowed students to discover more about volunteer needs of over 30 local organizations that participate in Southern's Community Service Day.

"Many students want to be involved but don't know where to go," explained Rachelle Kerr, Community Service Day director. "So we brought service opportunities to them."

The Showcase coincided with the annual Promenade Supper where students and guests are free Blimpie sandwiches.

During the Showcase, Bill Thurman, from Read Aloud Chattanooga, gave several comments about the "energy on campus." Read Aloud Chattanooga had over 150 students and

three clubs sign up to read to children or install rain gutter bookshelves at local reading centers.

"We were just slammed with interest," Thurman said. "We're working on a response to put

something together there on campus that would be convenient for the students who want to read to children in the early learning centers."

"Our hope is for students to connect with a



nonprofit and make a difference throughout the year, not just on Community Service Day," Kerr said. Southern's Community Service Day is scheduled for April 8, 2004.

## Christmas Comes to the Promenade

Shortly after returning to school from Thanksgiving break, Southern students kicked off the holiday season with "Christmas on the Promenade" on December 2, 2003. Students, employees and the community enjoyed music, refreshments, decorations and drama as they walked along the K. R. Davis Promenade.

"I like that we got to move around instead of staying in one place," said Ansley Howe, fresh-

man nursing major. I also really appreciated that the community came—it was fun to see little kids excited about Christmas.

Greeted by Santa, visitors to campus heard the caroling of I Cantori, Southern's select choir. The Collegedale Children's Choir, SilverBrass, Collegedale Academy Band, Students of Deaf Adults and the Collegedale Academy Bell Choir also gave performances. Near Miller

Hall, Destiny Drama Company presented a live nativity scene.

In addition to performing groups, "Christmas on the Promenade" featured brightly lit red and green buildings, many strands of Christmas lights and wreaths on every lamppost. The technology department presented their version of a Christmas "tree"—a mass of scrap metal and car parts welded together in the shape of a tree.

## University Enrollment Surpasses Record

Once again, Southern Adventist University's enrollment broke all previous records.

The count for fall semester 2003 was 2,377 graduate and undergraduate students. This surpasses the record set in 2002 of 2,290 students. Enrollment is steadily climbing, setting new records each year.

"As a private Christian university," says Vinita Sauder, vice president

for marketing and enrollment services, "we are blessed with students and faculty who are seeking the unique spiritual, social and academic environment we offer."

Approximately 70 percent of the undergraduate students live in university residential housing. To keep up with Southern's ever growing student population, the university is building a new addition to Talge Hall, the men's residence, which will add 260 beds. The addition will be ready by fall 2004.

Also, two new apartment complexes in Southern Village were constructed during the last year to accommodate the increased student enrollment.





## Southern Celebrates Diversity

With colorful flags, cultural plays and international cuisine, Southern celebrated Diversity Week, November 17 to 21, 2003. Each day in the cafeteria at lunch, there was a program featuring a different country. While answering trivia questions about selected countries, students ate food from the country as well. "The whole atmosphere had a sort of festivity in it," said Sa-fawo Gullo, chair of the diversity committee.

Southern has 109 international students on campus who represent 42 countries around the world. "Education about diversity helps us to get rid of some of the stereotypes and prejudices we harbor in our minds," said Gullo. "Our God is the God of diversity."



## Missions Expo Promotes Student Service

Introducing Southern students to the world of service, the Campus Ministries Office organized the annual Missions Expo on November 8, 2003. Held in the Student Center, the event featured booths about 30 of the countries where students have served. Former student missionaries in exotic costumes shared their experiences with the crowd and encouraged their peers to serve as a student missionary.

"The Student Center was transformed into a bizarre of nations," said Jondelle McGhee, assis-

tant chaplain. "It was loud and hard to hear, but it added to the aura of what a lot of countries are like."

At one booth, student missions coordinators Sherrie Norton and Alex Sanchez distributed packets for students seriously considering serving as a student missionary or task force worker next year.

The chaplain's office estimated 300 to 400 people were exposed to various mission opportunities. "It was always crowded," McGhee said.

"We want to encourage students to get involved in missions in the United States or in the world at large," she said. "It will change their lives and lives in the world."

Currently there are 89 student missionaries and task force workers serving in 27 countries.

## Social Work Program Re-Accredited

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) honored the social work program at Southern Adventist University by granting a full eight-year cycle of accreditation. The academic accreditation follows a yearly self-evaluation process conducted by the social work faculty, such as Valerie Radu, Larry Williams and Ed Lamb.

"The Council commended the program on its student-centered approach and its commitment to working individually with each social work student to ensure his or her academic experience is a success," explained René Drumm, chair of the social work and family studies department.

"Many people on our campus are still not as aware of the social work program as we would like them to be," Drumm said. "We want to be an integral part of the campus family as well as a department that has a reputation of outreach and service to the larger community."

As a recommendation from the Council, the department plans to hire additional faculty in the near future. To celebrate the occasion, the department hosted an open house.

CSWE is a national association that preserves and enhances the quality of social work education for practice that promotes the goals of individual and community well-being and social justice.



## "Blog" Mania

Six freshmen have been selected to participate in a yearlong online feature called web logs or blogs. These weekly live journals allow these Southern freshmen to show academy and high school students across the country how they are adjusting to college life and what they are discovering about the atmosphere on campus.

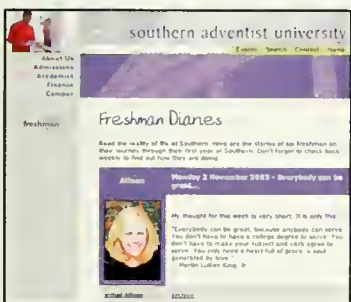
Every Sunday, each of the six participants writes their weekly entry which is then posted online for all to read. "I like to read about what they're saying because it's an experience I can relate to," said Tareica Lewis, senior graphic design major. "Everyone's been a freshman before, and it's fun to read what other people think about it."

The addition of the online journals to the university's web site follows the current blog trend on the web. The majority of live web journal sites allow users to write about anything they

choose and to update their journals at any time.

To view

Southern's freshman journals, click on the Weekly Freshmen Diary link at [www.southern.edu](http://www.southern.edu).



## Students Recognized at Film Festival

A number of film and animation students won awards at SONscreen, a Seventh-day Adventist film festival held this past fall in Orlando, Florida.

Senior character animation student Andy Hass and Southern graduate Holly Adams won first place for "El Dunato" in the animation and graphics category.

In the short 3D computer animation, an overweight vacationer gives his one ray of sunshine to a less fortunate boy.

Scott Fogg, junior film major, received the second runner-up in the mini-feature and narrative category for "Skylar Anne," an exploration of "When you do it unto one of the least of these, you do it unto Me."

"We Have Been Led," a documentary video by junior film student Melody George about Southern's development of the first Seventh-day Adventist film school, received the second runner-up award in the documentary and promotional category.

Students received a total of \$600 in prize money along with matching funds for the university.

Christian filmmaking, however, has not always been viewed positively. "We are crippling ourselves if we choose to overlook film as a valid form of evangelism," Hass said.

"Our goal is to empower and encourage



Christian filmmakers," said Stacia Dulan, festival producer. "We support, encourage and mentor positive filmmakers."

SONscreen was sponsored by Adventist Communication Network.

## Synchronizing Southern

Thirty new atomic radio clocks are synchronizing Southern's campus. The clocks receive a radio signal from the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Fort Collins, Colorado. They are synchronized to the second and will automatically adjust when daylight-

saving time ends. Robert Moore, a mathematics professor, installed the 30 clocks, which were a parting gift from the graduating class of 2003. Students and faculty alike appreciate the gift.

"This will be a great addition to campus and alleviate much trouble with time synchroniza-

tion," said Steve Bauer, religion professor.

In the past there have been time-keeping discrepancies between buildings on campus, causing confusion, but these clocks should improve the situation. The goal is to someday put an atomic clock in each classroom.

## 9/11 Chaplain Visits Southern

Chaplain and author Ray Giunta spoke for Southern's convocation at Collegedale Church on the anniversary of September 11, 2001. Giunta is a full-time grief counselor from Sacramento, California, and wrote the book *God @ Ground Zero* recounting his personal

experiences while working side-by-side rescue workers at Ground Zero in New York City.

Giunta encouraged students to accept that adversity is inevitable, but that everyone can do something. "We must not lose hope," he repeated, "and we must not be afraid to pray." Giunta also

presented a challenge to be like the prophet Isaiah and offer yourself willingly in times of tragedy.

Giunta's work as a grief counselor began in 1987. He has ministered to victims' families following disasters in San Francisco, Oklahoma City, Columbine and New York City.



## Retired School of Religion Chair Receives Recognition for Life of Service

To acknowledge his life of dedication to volunteerism and philanthropy, the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) honored retired School of Religion Chair, Jack Blanco, on November 5, 2003. Representatives from Southern Adventist University attended the National Philanthropy Day event held in Chattanooga at the local Southeastern Tennessee chapter of the AFP.

Every year the AFP honors a volunteer, a philanthropist and a fundraiser. In addition to these three, the institutions present are allowed to nominate an individual whom they feel has dedicated their life to service. Given this opportunity, the university chose to nominate Jack Blanco.

Although Blanco officially retired from Southern in 2000, he continues to teach a class for the School of Religion. Currently, he also volunteers on the boards of both the Lynn H. Wood Archaeological Museum and Southern's Committee of 100.

Carolyn Hamilton, vice president of advancement, describes Blanco as a "wonderful donor" and an "active fundraiser." Many people also know Blanco as the author of *The Clear Word*, a paraphrase of the Bible published by the Review & Herald.

The university's American Humanities program was also honored by the AFP. Students volunteered at the National Philanthropy Day event by serving at the registration table.



## The University Celebrates International Day of Peace

Southern Adventist University chose to observe the International Day of Peace by gathering for a spirited concert rather than the typical moment of silence.

More than 2,000 students, faculty and community members gathered in downtown Chat-

tanooga at Coolidge Park to participate in the "In the Spirit of Peace" concert on September 19, 2003.

Coordinated by the campus-based ministry Younger Generation, the concert featured contemporary Christian music, drama, prayer and

praise while paying tribute to the overall theme of international peace.

"In a time of war and conflict, taking time to reflect and celebrate peace is paramount," said Gordon Bietz, university president.

"We are gathered here to celebrate peace," said Kelly Razzouk before the concert. Razzouk is taking a year off from Southern to serve as a United Nations Liaison for the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Ten artists, selected through an audition process, performed songs matching the theme of peace as exemplified by the words of music major Shawna Stigge's song: "We can make a difference, we can make the world a better place."

"We put a great emphasis on the importance of peace, not only from country to country, but also from home to home," said Greg Batla, student and producer of the Younger Generation ministry.

The United Nations organized the International Day of Peace in 2001 as a time to promote world peace. The day is typically observed through a moment of silence at the noon hour. Countries around the world planned festivities and the United Nations hoped for a global cease-fire.

"We are here because we believe in peace," Razzouk said. "It's our Adventist message."



## The Housing that Southern Built

Construction on the addition to the Talge Hall men's residence began last July and should be completed in time for the upcoming academic year.

"We have a detailed construction schedule that we're following," says Marty Hamilton, director of leaseholds for Southern Adventist University. "As of December we're a couple of weeks behind, but we have plans in place to make that time up in January. The holiday season is not the best time for construction projects."

The Talge Hall expansion follows the October completion of two additional Southern Village apartment complexes.

When completed, the Talge expansion will provide space for an additional 260 male students.

# Southern's Most Hands-on Department

by Jennifer Jas, '92

Although it's a non-traditional area of university education, the technology department has been rolling out students with a combination of sharp minds and skilled hands since the 1940s. "This combination is what makes us unique, and also challenges us," says Dale Walters, department chair. The department offers a toolbox of hands-on classes in the areas of automotive maintenance and repair, woodworking, welding, drafting and printing. For the past five years, it has offered a two-year Auto Technology (AT) degree in automotive, and also offers a one-year auto mechanics technology certificate, and minors in auto service and technology.

A unique aspect of the department is the auto lab. "We don't just take the same parts in and out of the same cars like they do at many tech schools. This is a real-world repair business," says Walters. Last year, the department billed \$387,000 worth of repair work for people on campus or in the community, and it has consistently funded over half of the department's operating expenses.

Step inside the lab when it's busy, and this is what you might hear: the hiss of vehicle lifts, the scream of impact wrenches, the high-pressure spray of engine parts cleaners, engines, and the occasional clinking of tools on the floor. You may see students talking, solving problems and discovering new methods. And although well ventilated, you will smell gas and oil. This learning environment is where auto students receive 70 percent of their education in the department, right from the start.

"Since my second or third week of school, I've been thrown into real-life situations every time I'm in the department, whether in auto repair or welding classes," says Josiah Heisey, a freshman working towards the two-year AT degree. "We have to figure things out for ourselves, although we can get help if we are really stuck. It's a great experience."

Thanks in part to the hands-on lab time, the technology department turns out high-performing, degreed auto technicians with a double charge of real-world experience (in the lab and during a practicum), plus 12 hours of business classes. That's why more than 80 percent of graduates find a job in their field immediately after graduation. "There is always a high demand for skilled technicians," says Walters.

Earning potential is also high. "A computer-savvy auto tech can easily earn \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, especially after three or four years in the field," says Walters. "Most people are surprised by that." He adds that people are unaware of car complexity, "A new car can have 50 to 80 computers."

This fall, 12 majors and 2 minors were enrolled. "The best thing going for the department right now is the small size," says Heisey. "It has a lot of

specialty equipment and it's a technical field. All of us need special attention, and we are able to get it."

About 75 students take classes in technology each semester. Many elect to take technology classes for fun or as a practical life skill. Walters believes every student on campus should be required to take a technology class.

In woodworking, students design and build a piece of furniture. Most choose to build a bookcase, table or computer desk. In the auto maintenance class, students learn practical skills such as buying, servicing and maintaining a car. They work on their own cars or the cars of their

friends. (This semester half of the auto maintenance class members are women.) The department also offers a graphic production class that will soon be required for graphic design majors. With a better understanding of print processes, they will create better designs.

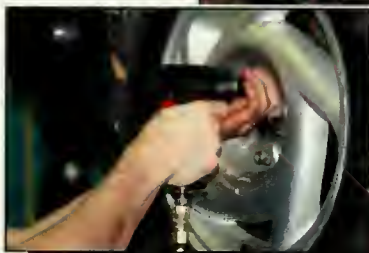
A strength of the technology department is its ability to keep up with changing trends and equipment. For example, the department just bought a new computerized scan tool for mechanics, and it is in the process of buying a \$13,500 printing press.

Another strength is the faculty and staff. "You can't possibly get a better teacher than Mr. Walters," says Sheldon Wright, AT automotive major. "He's very patient and good at explaining things." Walters has been chair of the technology department

since 1992. He is the only full-time professor, although he sees the need to add another. Adjunct faculty member Ray Carson teaches drafting, woodworking, welding and auto maintenance classes, and Ron Smith teaches a graphic arts class. Long-time faculty member John Durichek retired this fall. The department also has two full-time technicians and an office manager.

Walters' plans for the future include adding Carson as a full-time professor, and adding another degree—possibly a drafting technician degree.

Although the methods of technology have changed dramatically over the years, Southern's technology department is staying current and training the skilled hands-on troubleshooters, thinkers, builders and technicians of tomorrow.





# Hitting Close to Home

by Greg Creek, junior, theology major

The idea of service is not uncommon to a Southern Adventist University student. For example, every year a large group of students serve in the Student Missions Program sponsored by the Chaplain's Office. Last school year, I was one of the students who felt the call to be a student missionary. From the very beginning I had instilled in my mind that I was going out to help others, to show them a better way; I was going to touch people's lives.

One might imagine that my two-day journey led me to an exotic destination in the heart of some jungle, or across the ocean. But, no, it led me to Upper Columbia Academy in Washington State. I found, however, that having such a long time to think about the next ten months of my life made me feel like time in a jungle might have been the easier option. My mind was racing with scenarios. What if they don't like me? What if they don't respect me? What if they won't listen to me? Generally, being the taskforce dean of men at a boarding academy isn't a position that elicits immediate respect from 97 guys in a dorm. I finally came to the conclusion that it didn't matter because I was doing this for God and no matter what, He was going to use me to touch people's lives—whether they respected me or not.

The next two months went by about as quickly as a sprinter in a 50-meter race. Things were going well. Kenneth Scribner, the head dean, was a great boss. He would take the time to explain why a rule was in place, why a student would act differently on a Tuesday than on a Thursday and how to respond to them. I started to feel fairly accustomed to deaning. I would show up for work void of the "deer in headlights" look as students would come to me with questions, funny stories from their day, or to just hang out in the office.

Dean Scribner wanted to make sure that I didn't wear myself out, so he made it a point to keep me from getting involved with other things on campus. And after a few months, I knew the system fairly well and was quite used to

the daily routine—if there is one—to dorm life. I was very excited about taking my role of ministry outside the dorm. Our school had around 300 students, with a third of them living in the dorm. I became involved with Wednesday night school worships, Friday night vespers, Sabbath evening vespers, and a myriad of other things that happen on a boarding academy campus. As involved as I was, as hard I was trying to let my light shine and to reach people, no one really came to talk to me. I mean, yes, they would come and talk to me about little stuff, "my roommate kept me up

last night because he was tossing and turning" or "I've got so much homework." The students would generally go to Dean Scribner with the "big" problems. I wasn't jealous, but I started to wonder if I was doing something wrong, wondering if maybe I could try a little harder to reach the guys in my dorm.

I started spending more time with the guys, almost to the point of prying them for information about their life. The information never really came, but I kept spending time with them. I remember being sick for a couple of days and having two of my guys come down every day and pray for me. I remember meeting with a group of students every Wednesday night and discussing anything from what color our hair will be in heaven to the nature of Christ. I remember having opportunities because of my young age to be included in discussions that no other faculty at that school were allowed in.

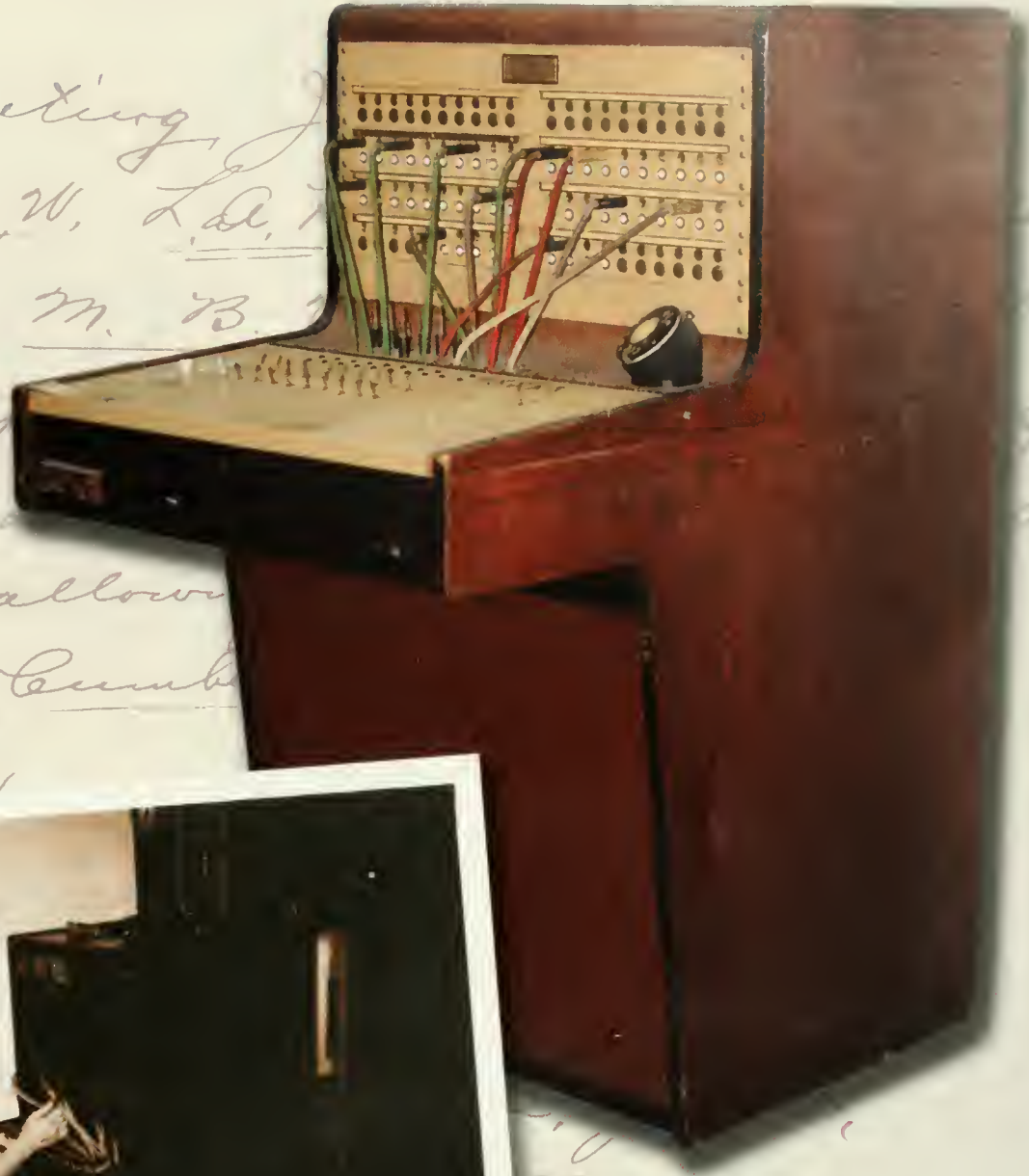
I remember now that all those meetings, all the discussions, all the little things helped me chisel a better picture of evangelism. Before going to UCA, I wanted to be a pastor. Now, because of an incredible year, I have a decided to become a dean. The guys in my dorm helped me realize that it's the little things that are important. When guys needed help with their struggles of the world, I wasn't always their first stop for advice. I realized, however, that the struggles of the world only come so often. It's the nine times out of ten that matter. They helped me redefine my approach to reaching people. My mission was to touch people's lives. Ironically, the ones I went to touch are the ones that touched me. ✧



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**W**ith a current telephone system that includes 118 trunk lines, it's hard to imagine life on Southern's campus without phones. In 1920, however, a donation by J. H. Caldwell enabled Southern to install its first telephone system.

In 1938 the cranking of the original side winding phones was replaced by automatic dialing. By 1943 the need for a new and larger system was met by installing this switchboard in the administration building. The system, which was run by five full-time operators, served Southern as well as the Collegedale community.

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# 40s

Paul, '50, and Pauline (Polly Davidson) Haynes, '48, are both retired and live in Blairsville, Georgia.

# 50s

James Fulfer, '50, and his wife, Olive, have celebrated 60 years of good marriage and live in a North Carolina retirement center. They spent half their career pastoring churches in the south and east and the other half as church administrators in the Caribbean. They thank God for their good health.

P. William (Bill) Dysinger, '51, is researching and writing the history of Loma Linda's public health and medical evangelism. His oldest grandchild, Evangeline, recently married, and his grandson, Wayne Dysinger, '82, is chair of Preventive Medicine at Loma Linda School of Medicine.

William (Bill) E. Jones, '52, recently retired from his volunteer work of 17 years as the Exhibit Coordinator for the Adventist Laymen's Service and Industries (ASI) National Convention. Bill has watched the exhibit develop from only 52 small table top displays in 1987 to almost 300 spaces in 2003.

Lloyd N. Sutter, '53, recently had back surgery, allowing him to use his legs again. He sends a greeting to all his classmates.

Vernon C. Hill, '56, and his wife, Gresilda, recently retired from their work with Pathfinders, which they began in the late 1950s. Vernon is still in the Civil Air Patrol and occasionally does substitute teaching. The couple's two grandchildren, Erica and Adam Clayburn, both attend Mt. Vernon Academy.

Lynn, '56, and Helen Sauls, '52 and '63, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2002. They have retired in the Collegedale/Chattanooga area. The couple's son is a physician in Massachusetts and their three granddaughters live there, too.

Herold, '56, and Aida Weiss, '58, live in Berrien Springs, Michigan. In May 2003 Herold published his book *A Day of Gladness: The Sabbath Among Jews and Christians in Antiquity*.

Doug Pennington, '58, retired as maintenance person and custodian at Spalding Elementary School in 1999. He now drives buses for AmeriTrek Tours and Southern Adventist University, works in maintenance for Morning Pointe Assisted Living, and works for Dove Health-care. He is also chair of the Collegedale Memorial Park.

Les Pendleton, '59, has retired, but he enjoys spending his time doing nature photography.

# 60s

Donald E. Hall, '61, teaches half-time in the early retirement program at California State University, Sacramento. He recently became the organist for St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Carmichael. Last summer Don visited his son, Karl, in Budapest, where he is an assistant professor of history at Central European University.

Darleen D. Sanford, '64, has three grandchildren. Her husband, Bob, died June 8, 2003, but she plans to continue spending winters at Disney World.

Jerry, '65, and Elizabeth (Travis) Albritton, '65, welcomed their first grandchild, Gavin Samuel Albritton, in July. He was born to Joel and Marlo Albritton in Pomona, California.

Mike Clark, '66, owns and operates a vegetarian foods wholesale business. His wife, Daisy, is a medical auditor for Vanderbilt Medical Center. They have two grown daughters and three grandchildren. The couple lives 30 miles north of Nashville and would love to see old friends.

Caroline Christensen, '67, teaches seventh, eighth, and ninth grade at Mobile Junior Academy in Alabama.

Gloria (Geyer) Hinson, '67-'68, married her husband, Arthur, in 1971, then did colporteur part-time in 1981. Now she and her husband live in southeast Ohio, where they have been church planting since 1999.

Rick Wilkin, '68, served as an Air Force chaplain in Europe during "Operation Joint Forge," April-June 2003. He also enjoyed going to South Africa to visit his son, Rich, who is serving in the U.S. Peace Corps.

Bill, '69, and Dixie (Halvorsen) Strong, '69, have lived in Ohio for 16 years, where Bill pastors two churches near Columbus. The couple has two daughters: Sheri, a stay-at-home mother of two, and Karin, a physician in Detroit, Michigan.

# 70s

Marie (Meyer) Spencer, '71, lives in the Portland, Oregon area and is a member of the Unity Church, embracing all spiritual philosophy.

Daniel William, '72, and Richa (Rowlands) Stevens, '72 work together in children's ministry as Christian clowns and co-directors of a puppet team. They present workshops on children's ministry and health education, and participate in Maranatha trips, as well. Richa recently finished her C.P.E. and is a chaplain in pastoral services. Their two sons, Joel, 27, and Josh, 24, both attend Columbia Union College.

Front, L to R: Ron Adams, '72; Terri (Adams) Rice, '86; Lori (Adams) Abbott, '83; Nathan Abbott, current; Kristi Cook, att.; Kathy (Hanson) Cook, '81. Back, L to R: Kevin Rice, '86; Joshua Abbott, '00; Tim Cook, att.; Michael Abbott, '83.



Ron Adams, '72, has retired from teaching but works part-time for the Florida Hospital System. His wife, Sharon, is retiring this year from a home health nursing position with the Florida Hospital System. They live in Grand Island, Florida.

Betty (Williams) Allen, '73, lives in Oneida, Kentucky, near her daughters Marti and Davie and her son Erhan. Her husband, Homer, passed away on New Year's Eve 2002, and she asks for prayer.

Willie Mae Surkey, '74, and her husband, George, live in Wildwood, Georgia. They make time every day for morning and evening worship together, and they would love to hear from friends.

Michael Fleischmann, '76, moved back to Chattanooga from Indianapolis to be near family and so that his children can attend Seventh-day Adventist schools in Collegedale. He recently purchased a new home in the Collegedale area.

Daniel Bennett, '77, is engaged to a beautiful Christian Ukrainian woman. They plan to marry on Daniel's birthday, February 15, 2004.

Danny Hall, '78, and his wife Susan moved from Michigan to Atlanta, Georgia in November. Danny is a pastor.

James "Jack" Butler, '78, makes his home in Trussville, Alabama, with his wife, Candice, and two children, Rhett and Victoria.

David '79, and Irene (Ruprecht) Kay, '75-'78, will be living in Rwanda, Africa for the next two years. David will be Vice Consul at the U.S. Embassy in Kigali, and Irene will work on her master's degree in education. Their four children, Nathan, Marlon, Brian, and Stephanie will remain in the United States.



Richard A., '79, and Carol Williams, '79, live in Dayton, Ohio. Rick recently returned from Afghanistan, where he flew MEDEVACS. Carol is a busy fourth grade teacher at Spring Valley Academy.

## 80s

**Chuck**, attended '80, and **Maureen M. Wisener**, '84, moved to Paradise, California last year. Maureen is the Director of Marketing and Volunteers, and Executive Director of the Feather River Health Foundation. Chuck works part-time and attends school part-time, working on a degree in graphic design. They have three children, Jeff, 10, Keith, 7, and Stacy, almost 2.

**Jeff**, '81, and **Valerie (Aikman) Beck**, '79, have been married for 18 years and have three children: Chantal, 10, Dillon, 9, and Scott, 6. Valerie had a rare form of lymphoma in her brain six years ago, but, though forgetful, she still does almost everything as before.

**Tim**, attended '81, and **Kathy (Hanson) Cook**, '81, live in Ooltewah, Tennessee. Their daughter, **Kristi**, attended, is taking classes at Avondale College in Australia.

**Lucia (Gilkes) Tiffany**, '81, enjoys living in northern Michigan. She is home schooling her two boys, Ben and Jeremiah, and is doing health education in her church and community. She would love to hear from her old classmates.

**Kevin**, '83, and **Terryn (Kurzynske) Shaw**, '81, '84, have lived in the Worthington, Ohio area for 12 years, working in an outpatient nursing clinic at Grady Memorial Hospital and technology at Bank One. They have two sons, Tyson, 18, and Tristan, 15, who both attend Mount Vernon Academy.

**Michael**, '83, and **Lori Abbott**, '83, have taught at Spring Valley Academy in Dayton, Ohio, for seven years. He teaches history, religion and technology, and she teaches business and computer. Their son Nathan is currently attending Southern, and daughter Kelsey is at Spring Valley Academy.

**Sharon Renee (McClellan) Honeycutt**, '83, and her husband Tom and have been married for 16 years, and Sharon has been working at McKee Foods Corporation for 22 years. They home school their daughter Sara, 9, and invite their friends to visit them in McDonald, Tennessee.

**Ed**, '85, and **Rhonda (Hallock) Lyons**, '83, work at Fletcher Academy. Rhonda is a librarian and Ed teaches math and physics. They have two daughters: Angela, a junior at Fletcher, and Tiffany, a seventh grader at Captain Gilmer.

**Beverly Dickerhoff Helmer**, '83, lives in Angwin, California, with her husband, Douglas. Beverly is a women's dean at Pacific Union College.

**Justin**, '86, and **Carol (Gilmore) Lyons**, '85, have a new baby girl, Karis Faith, born in March. Their son, John, age 7, is her proud big brother.

**Kevin**, '86, and **Terri (Adams) Rice**, '86, live in Memphis, Tennessee, with their daughters, Karli and Taylor.

Kevin is an ophthalmologist with his own practice and Terri is a stay-at-home mom, volunteering with her daughters' swim team.

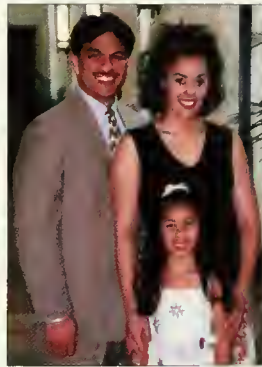
**Carol M. (Hilgens) Kunan**, '86, is the patient care executive at Portland Adventist Medical Center.

## 90s

**Keely (Hannah)**

**Goolsby**, '91, and her husband, Greg, have five children and live in LaPorte, Indiana. Keely is an emergency room nurse at LaPorte Hospital, and Greg is working at Packaging Group. They recently started a motocross race track. The couple would love to hear from their old friends.

**A. Allan**, '90, and **Deirdre (Rivera) Martin**, '87, '90, are the pastoral family for the Celebration Seventh-day Adventist Church, a newly planted congregation in Celebration, Florida. The couple co-founded "dream VISION ministries," dedicated to empowering young people in Christian lifestyle and leadership. They are also co-presenters for the This Day Forward Marriage Conferences, sponsored by the North American Division Family Ministries. Their daughter, Alexandria, 7, attends Montessori Children's House of Celebration.



**Quentin A.**, '92, and **Kim (Sigmon) Purvis**, '90, live in Michigan. Quentin pastors the Kalamazoo SDA Church and Kim teaches and takes care of their girls, Katie, age 10, and Kaila, age 4.

**Debbie (Rojas) Reed**, '99, and her husband Nathanael thank God for their first baby, Giovanni Estehan, who was born on May 19, 2003.

**Mark**, '99, and **Crystal (Candy) Weigley**, '99, enjoy living near family in Central Florida and look forward to starting a family soon. Crystal is the morning reporter for the CBS station in Orlando, Florida, WKMG-TV6. Mark serves as the Patient Financial Services Director for Florida Hospital Fish in Deland.

**Traci McFarland**, '99, is working on her Master's of Social Work degree at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is a nurse at Erlanger in the mother and baby unit and an intern at Catholic Charities of East Tennessee, Inc., Crisis Pregnancy Center, serving as coordinator. Upon graduation in May 2004, she will become a full-time coordinator.

## 00s

**Josh Abbott**, '00, lives in Columbus, Florida, with his wife Karli.

**Todd Russell Henderson**, attended, is currently serving his country in Mosul, Iraq, with the 65/503rd Military Police Battalion which is currently under the 101st Airborne Division. Todd thanks everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

**William Carroll**, attended, is in the doctoral program at Purdue University.

## In Remembrance

**David E. Wagner**, '50, passed away July 6, 2003, at his residence in Hendersonville, North Carolina. He served as a medic during World War II and was a pastor for 32 years. He died at the age of 86, leaving behind his wife, Julia Jones Wagner, four daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

**Dahlia Harriet (Dolly) Nelson**, '63, passed away July 11, 2003 at her daughter's home. She was 62 years of age and is survived by five children, three brothers, one sister, 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Elaine Giddings**, chair of the Liberal Arts Division from 1945-50, passed away September 26, 2003. She founded the Southern Accent and was Southern's first female faculty member with a doctorate. After teaching at Southern Missionary College, she was the first professional scriptwriter for the Faith for Today telecast. She also taught at Andrews University for over 20 years. Elaine died at the age of 95.

**Archa Dart**, '24, passed away October 27, 2003, two days after turning 100 years old. He taught at Graysville Academy for 10 years. He worked for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the education department for 40 years. He is survived by his wife, Sadie, and two children.

**Wayne VandeVere**, business professor at Southern for 40 years, passed away on March 24, 2003. Wayne was chair of the department for most of the 40 years. He also chaired the Collegedale Credit Union Board, served as Collegedale city commissioner and mayor, and was a prominent member of the Collegedale Church. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, four children, and nine grandchildren.

**Correction:** Phillip, '76, and Debby (Howard) Worley, '75, were listed with incorrect information in the Summer 2003 issue of COLUMNS. The couple has celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary and their daughters are Joyelle, 16, and Melissa, 20, who is attending Union College. We apologize for this oversight.



# Diversity Struggles

by Laura Cates, senior, mass communications major

As a little girl, I remember asking God that if it was okay with Him, I'd like to live in a dormitory environment before I went to heaven. It sounds crazy and simple, but I had heard stories about when my Mom lived in the dorm during college and I wanted an opportunity to make those kinds of memories, too.

After graduating from Blue Mountain Academy I got my wish: that fall a good friend of mine and I moved into our freshmen residence of Thatcher Hall 376. In retrospect, living in the dorm was everything I could have hoped. I remember late-night study sessions, cooking breakfast on Sabbath mornings and laughing till the wee hours of the morning. Having a roommate was like having a sister, someone to swap clothes with, someone to talk to about your day, someone to seek advice from when things got a little chaotic.

After a couple of years, I realized I had grown past needing a roommate. More than needing someone to talk to at the end of the day, and swap clothes with, I needed my own space. In fact, I've found that rooming with a person can ruin an otherwise close friendship. That's why moving out of the dorm and in with my brother last year suited me perfectly.

But then I decided that Tennessee was boring and that I needed to trade in my comfortable room at my brother's apartment for a tiny dorm room in the southwest corner of England with beds smaller than a "standard" twin-size. And of course, I traded in the quiet whirr of my computer for nightly snoring in the bed next to mine.

Suffice to say, I'd given my sense of singular serenity a jolt with the addition of a roommate. A Korean roommate.

Eun Joo was cool, though. Her shampoo, covered with strange dots and strokes and dance music with Korean lyrics seemed comical to my western eyes and ears. I learned to answer the phone in Korean and confuse callers. It was cool that Eun Joo is Korean and different than me.

But then there were times when the slapping sounds of her skin care regimen distracted me from studying and jarred my every sense down to my toenails. Listening to her chatter in a language that I don't understand gave me a headache. I didn't understand why she must wear shoes from her bed to the phone when it was no more than five steps away. At those times it was annoying that she was Korean and different than me.

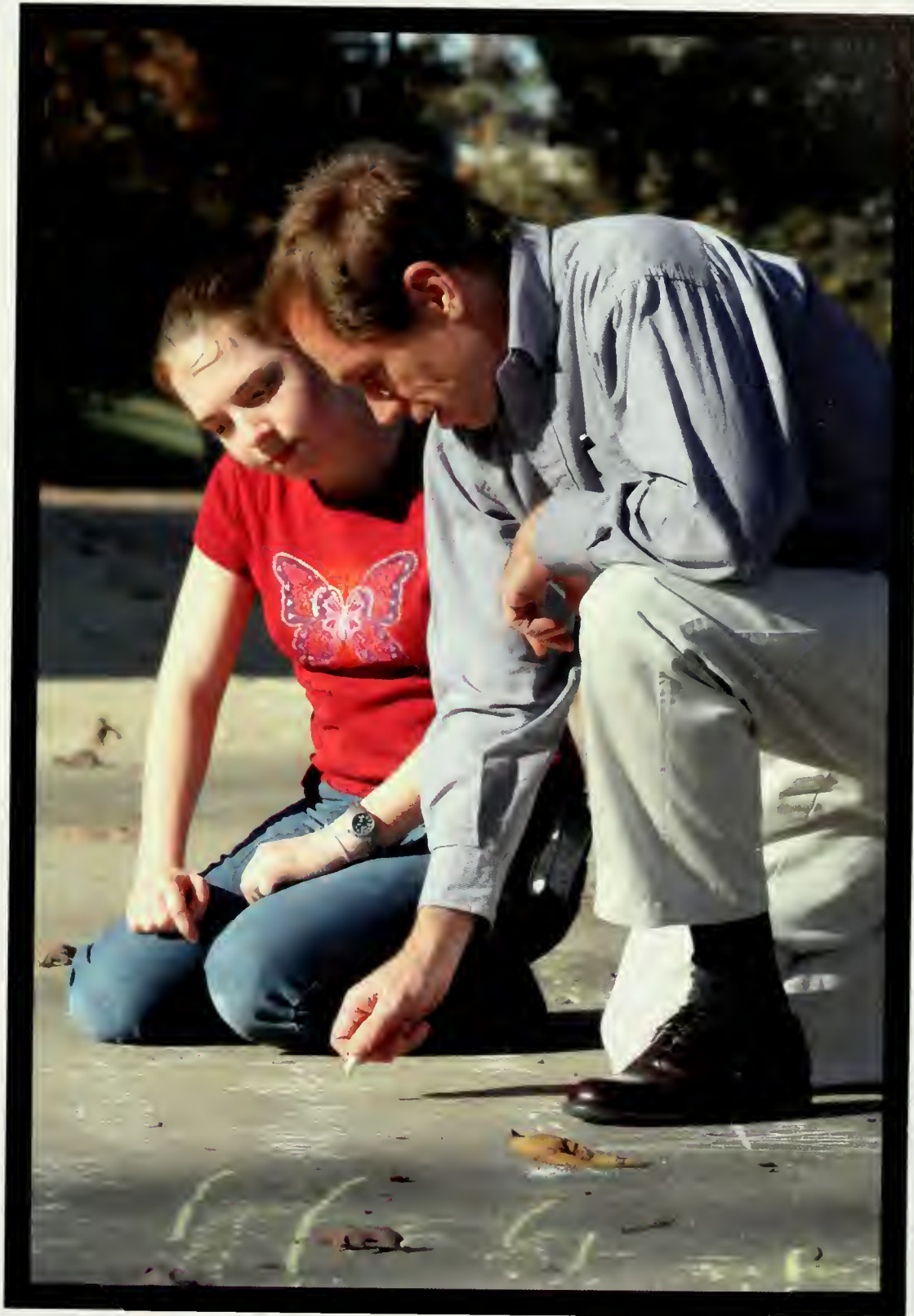
So I clammed up. I didn't talk. I'd leave the room whenever she was there. I wouldn't say anything to her because it was my fault and my problem.

Once I started talking to her again, the annoyance faded. I'd tell her stories of my family and friends, and she'd laugh at my jokes as we'd start our banter: I'd tease her about her English skills, and she'd tell me I needed a boyfriend. She always said I looked cool when I sang along with the radio holding a teaspoon as my microphone. She'd tell me about Korean fashion and cook seaweed soup, eager for me to have a taste of her culture. And I was reminded that she is a cool person even if she is different than me.

Although I am back at Southern and living once again in my own little space with my brother, I haven't forgotten what Eun Joo taught me. More than learning to love seaweed and that moisturizer is an important daily ritual, Eun Joo taught me to appreciate—and re-

spect—diversity in my relationships with others. Now I'm eager to learn about other cultures and ways of life, how those people think and what's important to them. Sure, not everyone is like me, but that's okay. If they were, from whom would I learn? ✧





Bob Moore, mathematics professor, and Kelly Littell, freshman math major, work to solve a trigonometry problem during one of fall's fine days.  
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