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**A newborn's  
heart changes  
a student's heart**

**Our man  
in Cambodia**

**Inside Story:  
Meet the  
President**

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## About this issue

Never before have I edited an issue of COLUMNS where the stories have been more intertwined than these. The threads are in many colors.

*Welcomes and farewells.*

*Beginnings and ends.*

*Students and teachers.*

*Birth and death.*

*Doing. Learning.*

*Going.* To a place like Cambodia, reluctant home of the killing fields. Our new president scarcely gets in the front door of Wright Hall before he and his wife are called upon to fulfill an earlier commitment involving a visit to Phnom Penh. They are in the middle of it while the frightening events of July 4 to 12 occur around them. Though their story itself could fill several pages, here we focus on a young grad who lives there year round.

*Giving.* Our stories describing how one of Southern's 137 named scholarships came to be, and how four young college men poured their hearts into giving the good news of Christ's love in Jamaica were already on these pages when the word came. One of the most "giving" people on campus, the man who had worked with friends of the school to develop nearly all of those scholarships, was gone. His 24 years at Southern leave a legacy of brick monuments as well as an example of unstinting cause-focused devotion we could all do well to emulate. db

## A note to alumni

With this issue of COLUMNS we introduce our new president, Dr. Gordon Bietz. Actually he doesn't need much introduction. Many of you already knew him as our Georgia-Cumberland Conference president. You will find Dr. Bietz a strong supporter of the special values that have made Southern the educational institution that it is.

Southern's commitment to the student mission program is stronger than ever. During Homecoming, all offerings given Friday night and during both church services on Sabbath are helping support this excellent mission program.

On your next visit to Southern, please take a few minutes to visit the beautiful new Hickman Science Center. See the state-of-the-art classrooms and labs inside and the Walkway of Honor outside. I'm sure some of the names on the bricks will bring back memories. Orders for bricks may still be placed by calling my office at 423-238-2839.

Remember, you're always welcome to stop by the Alumni Office, even if only to say hello. If you're not in the area but you have access to the World Wide Web, come see us at <http://southern.edu/~elam/index.htm>. We'd be happy to hear from you via e-mail. Our address is [alumni@southern.edu](mailto:alumni@southern.edu). Use this to keep us up to date on your address, telephone number, children, job, or any other news you might wish to share in a future issue of COLUMNS. You'll still have to use "snail mail" for your pictures.

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Jim Marlowe

# Ladies and Gentlemen,

by Doris Stickle Burdick

In his first days as president of Southern Adventist University, Dr. Gordon Bietz has combined learning and leading.

“I’ve learned that the job will never be done,” he remarks with a grin. “I’ve learned that the job is very much the same as my previous job, as well as very much different,” adds the former president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, with its 109 church pastors almost matching the number of salaried teachers

(111) who are employed on Southern’s campus this year.

“It’s the same from the standpoint that I’m dealing with people, their concerns and needs. It’s very much different because the people are in close proximity as compared with the two-state area of church administration.”

He has found that the presence of 1500

students creates an exciting atmosphere, and he’s enjoying it a great deal.

## Why did he come to Southern?

“Good question,” he chuckles. But he quickly turns serious. “I found that the gifts I have and the needs of the university seemed to coincide at a propitious time,

and it seemed like the Lord was leading in this direction.”

In a way, he was coming home. From 1981 to 1994 he was senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church on campus. Daughters Gina and Julie graduated here. Their double wedding—to Jeff Gang and Peter Kroll, respectively—is still a warm memory among his congregation.

"It was an exceptionally beautiful wedding," recalls Inelda Hefferlin, '58, church secretary. "The girls let their individuality come through. I remember, too, how Pastor Bietz added a touch of his own when vows were being said. He accidentally used a new middle name for his almost-son-in-law, Peter!"

After leaving the Collegedale Church pastorate, Gordon Bietz and his wife, Cynthia, continued to live in their home near the Collegedale campus. His conference travels took him not only 50 miles down I-75 to his Calhoun, Ga., office but all over Georgia and east Tennessee.

Many who have never met her know Cynthia's voice, for she has answered the



Gordon and his wife, Cynthia, have twin daughters, Gina Gang of Orlando, Fla., and Julie Kröll of Loma Linda, Calif. Both daughters graduated from Southern in 1992 and are employed as physical therapists. Left to right: Gina and Jeff Gang, Cynthia and Gordon Bietz, Julie and Peter Kröll.

**What's he really like?**

Who better to ask than his wife of 30 years, Cynthia. They met at La Sierra after he saw her picture on another fellow's dresser. "You ought to date her—she'd make a good minister's wife," he was told.

**Okra and grits?** "They're OK. The one thing he doesn't like is eggplant. And he's not crazy about cooked carrots. The one food he loves is his mother's cheesecake."

**Cats?** "Yes, cat, at least. Slippers, our cat."

**Books?** "Right now, it's books on leadership. He enjoys biographies, Winston Churchill and others."

**Computers?** "Especially his laptop. It goes everywhere. He sees it as a valuable communication link."

**Change?** "He's conservative in that he accepts the good things of the past, but he's willing to reach out and try new things that will bring improvement, make things better. I think some people confuse liberalism with progressive thinking."

**Music?** "Lots of kinds. He'll turn on classical or religious. He likes to sing. In college he used to sing bass in a quartet. No, he doesn't sing in the shower."

**Fixing things?** "He's a pretty good fixer-upper. Not like some who can do everything. But if something breaks, he will try to fix it himself."

**Sports?** "He loves raquetball. But the orthopedist just told him his knee-twisting sports days are over. He still likes to play softball with the guys, but he has someone run for him."

**Cooking?** "He enjoys it but never has time. The other day though, he was stirring up something and we talked about how rare it was. His style is different from mine. He does it meticulously."

**Parenting?** "Very much so. Our daughters really look up to him. When they were little, it was he who fixed their cuts. They may consider me their best friend, but they look to their daddy for counsel. He is so wise."

**Hiking?** "Oh, yes. The outdoors. Camping. Gardening. Nature study. He's the kind who has to read everything along a nature trail."

**Work?** "He tends to be a bit of a workaholic. He always enjoys his job. Just last night, after getting home late because of a meeting, at ten o'clock he left again to see stars through the new telescope the physics department just got. He said, 'I enjoy going to everything.' He has to control himself, or he wears himself out."

**What is he not like?** "He's not perfect. But he's a very unselfish person. He's nonjudgmental. He's not moody. And he's not highly affected by criticism."

# the President

main phone line thousands of times as part-time receptionist in Wright Hall since 1987. During much of that time she also was the secretary for the Committee of 100, a volunteer organization of Southern supporters.

## A background check

The new president earned his doctor of ministry degree at Andrews University (Michigan) in 1976. His undergraduate degree is from Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus (California), in 1966. In his junior year of college he attended Séminaire Adventiste du Salève in France. In the fall of 1991 he was a Merrill Fellow at Harvard University Divinity School.

His writing has been published in several church periodicals, and his Fenton Forest parables have appeared weekly as a column in the *Chatanooga Times*. The series just concluded September 7 after he found that his new schedule allows less time for writing.

Building relationships with people is where he finds his greatest satisfaction.

"Strangely enough, I enjoy doing that in meetings," he says. "I'm one of those strange people who enjoy committee meetings—well-run committee meetings and boards, and so forth.

"And I get major satisfaction out of creating an environment where people can do their best work, where they are not distracted by issues that decrease productivity." He feels so strongly about this that each week he is currently showing the administrative staff a video segment in the series, *Building a Great Place to Work*.

"Everybody wants to succeed, to do their best," maintains Dr. Bietz. "I have yet to meet someone at the university who wants to fail, students or faculty.

"The goal of leadership is to help everybody to creatively exercise their gifts, to become what God created them to become."

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William Vargas

## Down to the core

One of the new president's objectives for teachers and staff meeting together at fall colloquium was to come to consensus



on why we're here. He invited Adventist consultant Roy Naden to lead a participatory exercise in values identification for the university.

It's been said that what an institution is, is a reflector of the person who sits at the top. If so, it's worth asking the president what *his* core values are.

"I highly value integrity and honesty. And caring about people," he replies quickly.

"And communication. I think that many of our broken relationships and problems can be solved through a transparent, open, communicative relationship with each other.

"Another thing I would say, it's not an oxymoron to say I value an *intelligent faith*. I think we need a reasoned faith, a thoughtful reflection in an academic environment on the reasons for our beliefs."

## If wishes were horses ...

If there's one thing the 23rd president could change on campus, he says he would wish for a \$100 million endowment.

"I'm serious that we need to focus on ways to make it easier for students to come here. I know there are young people out there who are missing out on the Southern experience because of the affordability issue."

Southern's new leader feels that he came to the university at a time when things weren't broken: "The physical plant is in very good shape. I'm grateful that there is an opportunity when the university is strong to prepare for the 21st century rather than having to do some major fixing, either of the program or the buildings."

He's not hesitant to express appreciation to Don and Weslyne Sahly. Dr. Sahly had completed 11 years as president when he left in May for his new position as an associate director of education at church headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. "The Sahlys provided the institution with significant ministry, stability, and growth," he said.

But he doesn't plan to just ride the status quo into the blue yonder. "Clearly one of my major objectives is to develop a strategic plan with broad-based input from all concerned individuals.

"I think the university is in a transition stage as we have moved from a college to a university and are beginning to offer some graduate level education.

"It is very important that we not lose our central mission of ministering to undergraduate students while at the same time we provide cutting-edge education for the needs of certain professions."

When it comes to money matters, the new president knows his way around a financial statement.

"There is a great window of opportunity as we approach the next millennium to solidify our strong financial base," says Dr. Bietz.

Dale Bidwell, senior vice president for financial administration, adds his two cents: "I'm glad to see the new president continuing to help keep the finances of Southern strong. This is mandatory to our success."

## What the hunters hunted

"Fiscally responsible" was but one of more than a dozen qualifications identified by the search committee as it hunted for a new president last spring. The list also specified: unquestioned personal integrity, academically qualified, committed to making education affordable, experienced in administration, articulate, approachable, strong family life, sense of humor, and physical stamina.

"My own observation in the 16 years I have known Dr. Bietz confirms the fact that he eminently fulfills the qualities we were looking for," said Malcolm Gordon, chair of Southern's Board of Trustees. He also chaired the 17-member search committee.

"The new president's strong emphasis on dialoguing with all who make up the university family is noteworthy," Elder Gordon continued. "I am very pleased to see the direction of the university under his leadership."

Perhaps a student's opinion matters most:

"I like it that Dr. Bietz wants to be connected with the students. I like it that his actions say, 'I enjoy my job and I want to make you feel welcome. I want you to feel that Southern treasures you being here.'" ❧



Luke Miller



Twenty-four years of high-energy service to Southern ended abruptly for Jack McClarty on Monday, Sept. 8.

The dynamic band leader (1972-79 at Southern) and the enthusiastic fund raiser (1980-97) had returned the previous Friday from a successful week-long fund-raising trip to the West Coast. Dr. McClarty was seeking gifts for the students he served—gifts which would fund scholarships, hold the line on tuition, and keep up with technologies and environments that impact their life and learning.

That Monday, shortly after Dr. McClarty came in from his routine early-morning jog near his home on White Oak Mountain, he collapsed and died from a massive heart attack.

Over the past 17 years he was instrumental in raising \$25 million, not only increasing endowments from zero to over \$12 million, but helping to fund construction of Mabel Wood Hall, Brock Hall, and the \$6.6 million Hickman Science Center dedicated last February.

He poured enthusiasm into making friends and inspiring gifts for Southern. The fiscal year which ended May 31 was his banner year, with \$2.4 million received in cash gifts for scholarships, Hickman Science Center, and other purposes. His written proposals and personal visits were directly involved in most of those gifts, especially the larger ones.

Dr. McClarty was a pioneer for the scholarship endowment concept among Adventist colleges and universities. Each year now, earnings from over \$9 million dollars are helping hundreds of students attend Southern. The first fully endowed



# Jack McClarty

1938-1997

chair on any Adventist college campus was set up in 1986, with four others added since, to a total tune of \$2.5 million.

Through the years Dr. McClarty's successes did not go unrecognized. In 1991 his office won two national honors. Competing among 14 Adventist educational institutions, his written presentation of the objectives and accomplishments of Southern's Development Office brought home to the college an award of \$35,000.

Building monetary support among Southern's board members was always an objective for Dr. McClarty. A written entry concerning this fund-raising project won a national award from CASE [the Council for Advancement and Support of Education]. Besides a trophy and \$500 prize, this win yielded another \$5,000 for the school from a second source.

Dr. McClarty devoted time to the interests of his wife, Dr. Wilma McClarty, and their children as they grew up—particularly baton twirling for Julie, who performed with his band and went on to earn over a thousand trophies and medals before she turned 21, and music endeavors and Little League and softball for Stacey.

For several years Dr. McClarty was a church elder. He was chapter president for the National Society of Fund Raising Executives from 1993-95. He served on the Tennessee Wellness Council and for two years chaired United Way in Collegedale. For seven years he volunteered as director of the Standifer Gap Church School

band. As with the college band he directed for seven earlier years, he sought opportunities to motivate and showcase the group. He took the children to perform at two General Conference sessions, at Braves and Hawks games, and dozens of other occasions.

He was often asked to help write proposals for projects, sometimes for an academy, sometimes a youth camp. He frequently volunteered his time and energy for the sake of young people.

This campus would not be the same today without the work of Dr. Jack McClarty in the past.

Nor will the Southern Adventist University campus be the same tomorrow without him. ❧

*Editor's note: See page 27 for obituary.*

**“He always gave of himself 100%.”**

—Jim Ashlock, Alumni Director

**“Jack was tireless in his work and relentless in his commitment to his church, family, and Southern. His greatest joy was raising funds for endowment to help students attend SAU.”**

—Ron Barrow, VP for Admissions

**“There is no way to measure his loss.”**

—Ken Wetmore, Student Assoc. President

**“He used to stop by our farm in California to say hi even after I graduated. He was a friendly, outgoing person. Someone you would want as your friend.”**

—Jim Huenergardt, '87 graduate



## Where I am

Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Wow, I'm a long way from home. How can I describe this place, this country, this culture, and do it justice? How can I bring the reality of living in Cambodia into *your* home? If I can only open a small window for you and let you have a peek.

Imagine rice fields stretching for miles; verdant green patchworks of terraces interspersed with stately sugar palm trees. A farmer plods behind a water buffalo as he plows a field, barefoot with mud reaching up to his ankles. He has a colorful khmer scarf wrapped around his head to keep off the sun. A woman sits on a wooden cart pulled by two skinny cows. The rutted dirt road makes the cart creak as it sways slowly side-to-side, bumping in slow motion over potholes. A huge load of thatch for the roof of their house is piled 6 feet high in the back of the cart.

Nearby, naked kids are jumping off a bridge into a pond, their bodies glistening with water and mud. Laughter reaches into the village where wooden stilt houses are clustered. It is a slow, down-to-earth life but one where poverty leaves most families struggling to just survive.

Annual floods or other disasters often leave families short of food for two or three months. When the rice runs out, children go hungry. Bloating bellies from malnutrition are common. But poverty exists in the cities as well. Beggars on the streets of Phnom Penh are an all-too-frequent sight, many of them missing limbs from the tragedy of land mines.

Ah, Phnom Penh. I call this city home now—along with more than 2.5 million other people! What used to be a beautiful city is now a shell of decrepit structures and crowded low-rise buildings. The wide avenues and tree-lined streets are evidence of its former glory. The many years of war have really had an effect. However, it is still a city of great character, and I love its many charms.

Open-air markets flourish, and Phnom Penh-ians do all their shopping in these great outdoor bazaars. Everything from fresh mangoes to motorcycle parts to roasted spiders to Nike tennis shoes! Outdoor cafes and noodle stalls on the streets are great places to socialize—an important part of Cambodian life.

There are more motor-scooters and bicycles than cars. Traffic is a nightmare—not because it is so deadlocked, but because there are no rules.

The magnificent temples of Angkor are monuments to the great civilization that laid groundwork for modern-day Cambodia. But Cambodia's recent history has been turbulent. The Pol Pot years were especially tough. Most have lost loved ones; some are sole survivors of their families.

## Why I'm here

Adventist Development and Relief Agency International (ADRA) has been left with a challenge. Poverty is endemic. Rice farming supports 80% of the population. To illustrate Cambodia's needs, UNICEF's *State of the World's Children 1997* lists some stats.



Per-capita GNP is just \$200, contrasted with \$25,580 in the U.S. Infant mortality rate is 110 per 1,000 live births. (The U.S. rate is 8.)

Only 33% can access safe water. Female literacy is 22%. Under 50% of the population has access to health care. The challenge for ADRA is enormous and at times overwhelming, but we keep working. We are making a difference. One life at a time.

This has to be one of the most rewarding jobs in the world. To see a woman smile as she reads a book that just four months earlier was only a confusing jumble of letters. To watch a mother hug her child

who has just received immunizations that will probably save its life. Digging wells and bringing clean water to a village that has never had a safe water source. Building clinics and training Community Health Volunteers and Traditional Birth Attendants. Training farmers in new agricultural techniques. Bringing life, bringing hope.

It is hard work. Long hours. But there can be nothing more fulfilling than meeting the needs of God's children.

Bringing the love of Christ—being His ambassadors—it is a great responsibility, but it is true Christianity. Love in action.

And I love doing it. And that's partly what brought me into international development work.

In 1991, I graduated from Southern with my AS in nursing. Looking for a bit of adventure, I signed up to work in a remote ADRA clinic in northern Thailand.



I found out it was a really *remote* clinic—in the middle of the jungle in a small village of Karen people. I not only survived but thrived. It was an experience that changed my life. I came back to Southern and finished a BA in religion (1994). Although I can't credit my years at Southern entirely for the end result, my experiences and my teachers there were instrumental in bringing me to where I am today.

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After Southern I wanted to pursue missions and went to Andrews. I completed my MA in missions in 1995 and called my old boss at ADRA. To make a long story short, I accepted a country-director internship in the Asia-Pacific Division. Following three months in Vientiane, Laos, as acting country director while the director was on furlough, I was sent to Cambodia. Here I have been for 12 exciting months.

## What I'm doing

My job is nonstop. My title is "assistant director" but as an intern I am involved in every aspect of the country's program. I am managing the women's literacy and health education projects and am assisting in administering the country program.

Much of my time is spent writing project proposals, learning basic accounting and bookkeeping (boy, how I wish I had taken Intro to Accounting back at Southern!), and basic office work.

But I get to travel quite extensively, which I love. The majority of our projects are in the rural areas in the provinces, so I make management and evaluation visits to the different project sites quite often. Sometimes we fly, other times take a 4WD vehicle on muddy back roads to reach the projects. It is seldom boring, and I love the challenge. That may be one of the reasons I do love this job. The challenge, the rewards, the living-on-the-edge feeling of *real* ministry.

No, I am not making much money, and no, it is not always lots of fun. It can be lonely and discouraging. But depending on God has never let me down.

## A son writes home

*E-mail excerpts shared by Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Nyirady. Stephen chairs the Biology Department, and Laura teaches nursing.*

### Date: 04 Jul 97

Things are quite exciting here lately, with firefights in the streets and Pol Pot rumored to be captured (I'll believe it when I see it)....

Things are not really unsafe at this time, but people are a bit nervous....

Recently the Cambodian Mines Action Group (de-mining here in Cambodia) detonated some mines out near the airport on a routine exercise. The whole city panicked thinking fighting had broken out again. Schools emptied as kids ran screaming home. Adults left work to find families. Phones overloaded and died. It was a mess for 2 hours. CMAC offered an official apology....

### Date: 05 Jul 97

All afternoon we could hear fighting around the city—heavy mortar fire and machine guns. It got closer and by evening shells were falling in the city—one landed near the mission.... From what we hear this is basically a coup attempt by Hun Sen....

The airport is closed, and things are shut down.

Power and phones are still on (for now). We have generators and HF radios for communication.

Tanks have moved in around the city.

We have moved all ADRA staff to either here at the office or to Murray's house. The mission staff are at the mission. These are among the safest places in the city, and are strong cement buildings.



Yes, the ADRA/ Southern Union group is here. We canceled our project trips and sent them back to the Juliana Hotel where they have bunkered up until they can fly out (either via normal airline, if things clear up, or by a U.S. military evacuation if things worsen). I feel in a couple days things will be safe enough to fly them out normally. A few of them are a little nervous, however. SO things are quite exciting.

I got a copy of the international edition of Newsweek yesterday—front cover is Pol Pot. Had a good section on Cambodia. The truth is, however, that Pol Pot is not the news and not the problem. It is not even about the Khmer Rouge, though any news you hear on the situation will likely tie them into the story somehow because that is what people want to hear.... The army has divided loyalties. Each side has its own troops (one wearing red and the other blue stripes with cloth ties on their weapons to identify sides since uniforms are almost identical). Plus a supposedly neutral section (wearing yellow tags) and the "police" force, controlled by another powerful politician/soldier. Basically it is anarchy...coming to a boil—or at least a bit more bubbly for the time being. Keep Cambodia in your prayers.

### Date: 07 Jul 97

Independence weekend has really shown us some fireworks, but it seems the worst of the fighting is over.... People are starting to come out from their boarded-up homes and shophouses. The fires around town have been mostly extinguished. It was an intense three days. Tanks and red-scarved soldiers are at every major intersection, and military units are patrolling the city.... No one is sure what the immediate future



holds. Fighting has been really heavy here—shells falling within a hundred meters of the mission. This morning Murray and I went down to the Juliana Hotel and met with the group. They seemed in good spirits.... Fortunately, they are in one of the safest areas in the city.... We were able to buy some groceries (and some emergency rations from an enterprising street vendor) so we are OK supply-wise. Power is on now after a day and a half off. Phones are working sporadically. Amazingly, e-mail has been working some of the time.

**Date: 11 Jul 97**

Things are quiet now in Phnom Penh but people are tense. Many are scared this incident will become a civil war. We are sending out the women and children. Work in the province will continue as possible. The U.S. is encouraging non-essential personnel to leave. Countries evacuating their citizens are not doing so for safety as much as for a political statement that tells Hun Sen the present situation is unacceptable. He held a press conference today and it was quite amazing.

**Date: 12 Jul 97**

Yes, we got the group out safely. We put them on a charter plane with Orient Thai Airlines to Bangkok.... Only Murray, Colin, Ben and I are left as expats—the ADRA crew.

Evidently the tower is functional—only bullet holes in the glass and into a few electronics. I talked my way up into the tower today and was able to take some photos. Also walked all through the terminal and it is totally stripped—trashed. Departures leave from an open-air pavilion with makeshift customs desk and ticketing.... The embassies have desks there as well, keeping track of their departing citizens. For several days there were military evacuation flights on C-130 planes from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, and yesterday, Australia. Quite a sight...like you picture those wartime evacuations. Today was calmer, but still quite a flood leaving. Yes, fighting is still a threat around the country.

The coup d' état was successful and Hun Sen has control of the government.... Several local journalists have been arrested. Things are quite a mess. Humanitarian aid has been cut or put on hold from the majority of donors. ADRA's work will definitely be affected. How much is yet to be seen. Right now we are trying to keep things going for our projects and overall program at a subsistence level until things calm down and straighten out a bit. ✍

# it's a good thing

**Saturday, Nov. 15, 8 p.m.**

Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra (free)

**Saturday, Dec. 6**

Southern Adventist University Concert Band (free)

**Friday, Sabbath, Dec. 12, 13, 8 p.m., 3:30 p.m.**

Messiah and Rutter Gloria, Southern Singers, Orchestra, and Brass (free)

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m.**

Warren Miller's "Snowriders II" film

**Tuesday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m.**

Lauren Pelon: The Living Roots of Music

**Saturday, Jan. 17, 8 p.m.**

Pops concert, Southern Adventist University School of Music

**Sunday, Jan. 25**

Sigma Theta Chi mother/daughter banquet

**Sunday, Feb. 1**

Symphony concerto concert

**February 14 to 16**

Fiddler on the Roof, produced by SAU School of Music

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

Daniel Heifetz and the Classical Band

**April 5 and 6**

PreviewSouthern, for high school seniors and college transfer students

**Sabbath, April 11**

Sonrise Resurrection Pageant

**Sunday, April 12**

Southern Adventist University Concert Band

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

Symphony Guild dinner concert

**Saturday, April 25**

Die Meistersinger Concert

**May 1 to 3**

Commencement Events

# On the Road Again. And Again. And Again.

Victor Czerkasij on the work of admissions and recruitment at Southern Adventist University

## The numbers

"If you can't bring Mohammed to the mountain, then bring the mountain to Mohammed" has served to illustrate those determined to make ends meet. It also reflects the responsibility of Southern's Admissions Department: providing the service needed to any interested student exploring their higher education options.

"We do whatever it takes," says a smiling Dr. Ron Barrow, who for 19 years has overseen growth and changes on the campus. His role is vice president for admissions and university relations. And doing whatever it takes is borne out by the latest news on the enrollment front.

Comparative enrollment head count for undergraduates in

**On the Collegedale campus 97 percent of undergraduates identify themselves as Seventh-day Adventist, the highest number on a college campus in the North American Division.**

Collegedale is 1,583, up by 72 over last year. Adding to this 84 baccalaureate nursing students in Florida, 20 business students on the affiliated campus at Helderberg College in South Africa, and 27 current graduate students makes a grand total head count of 1,714.

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Seventh-day Adventist, the highest number on a college campus in the North American Division. Fifty-five countries represented make this a truly global university. Also, SAU is a diverse campus. There is an increase this year in every minority group but Asian.

Fifty-nine percent of the students are from the Southern Union, with Alabama leading the greatest increase, and Bass Memorial, Fletcher, and Collegedale academies contributing the \*greatest increase in students as compared with a year ago. From outside the union, large growth has come from California, Michigan, Colorado, and Ohio.

The School of Nursing has 323 majors (190 AS and 133 BS) The School of Business has 258 declared majors. The School of Education has 217 students who have chosen teaching as their professional objective (134 elementary and 83 secondary), 81 psychology majors, and 27 current graduate students. The School of Religion has 189 majors, 35 more than last year, and the School of Computing has 45 majors. Most of the 16 other departments show growth.

Barrow knows Who to credit, "We praise the Lord for all His goodness to us, and pray for strength and wisdom—not only for us, but for every young person and family represented in our campus family."

## What makes us special

Why do students choose Southern? Ken Wetmore, Student Association president,

doesn't hesitate answering, "Even though my parents work at another college, I am here because of the reputation of the School of Religion. I think it's the most solid program in North America. Also, this is a friendly campus, a place where you can grow spiritually."

He says, "My first day here, I didn't know anyone, and was feeling pretty lonely. As I walked by the Garden of Prayer, a group of students having a prayer session called me over. They've been some of my best friends since."

Heidi Van Arsdale, a transfer student from Andrews University, voices another view. "SAU has a full social calendar where events have been planned for the students. I live in the village, so it's important for me to feel involved."

David Cook, '97, Southern's assistant chaplain, took his time finishing his degree in theology: six years, with stints as Student Missionary on the island of Pohnpei and part-time classes with a heavy work load.

"Southern was definitely a good experience!" Cook says. "I had great mentors among the faculty, the spiritual life on campus strengthened me, and of course, I met Kristen Bergstrom, '96, who is now my wife as of August 10."

## Recruitment philosophy

Southern did not always have advisers out on the road. But as the university heads for its third century of service, it finds that today's students demand a staff trained and knowledgeable for every imaginable situation.

"They're sophisticated and smart and know exactly what they want," according to Mike McClung, one of Southern's admission advisers.

"Students know the difference between a fad, which becomes yesterday's news, and a trend, which focuses on principle. What Southern does is continue to work on our reputation for offering the highest quality of academic excellence in an environment of traditional Adventism. That's a trend."

We are a team that trains and works hard to be in the forefront of professional recruitment, but in the end, we have to give it to God. We take Christ's words to heart for successful enrollment: "I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all . . . to myself." John 12:32 RSV.

## A-team history

Ron Barrow has seen many changes over the past two decades. "In the early days, we traveled in an old station wagon, six of us jammed shoulder to shoulder, with our luggage and material. During the gas crisis, we even carried a five-gallon can of gas to ensure we would make it to the next school.

"Hilda Fern Remley was our only field representative when I arrived. We had no videos, viewbooks, or toll-free number, but she loved meeting with young people, no matter where they were, and they loved her."

After Remley's retirement in 1985, Merlin Wittenberg, '70, stepped in and for the next 12 years developed a coordinated approach to visitation tied in with his talent in media and technology.

Bob Silver also arrived that year. Though sometimes referred to as the "campus postmaster," he is largely responsible for creating Southern's telecounseling program, which handles calls to the 1.800.SOUTHERN line, and responds to requests for videos, applications, and catalogs, and other information.

Doug Martin came on the scene in 1988. This allowed Wittenberg to develop a burgeoning public high school work, while Martin formed a basis for academy and international recruitment, which under Barrow's direction has matured into the program of today.

## The here and now

Today Barrow coordinates a team that is one of the smallest teams among Adventist colleges, but still maintains impressive figures of return. Barrow is quick to point out why. "Our people know the field, today's market, and Southern's niche. Parents want safety, in spiritual and physical terms. Students want the same, and more. We have the degrees they want, in excellent facilities, with the finest of faculties. And they have a pretty good time, too!" Barrow should know; all four of his sons chose to be at Southern.

The work in the field is shared by three individuals, all alumni of Southern, and coincidentally, ministers and former Bible teachers.

In my fifth year at SAU, my responsibilities include regular visitation schedules with 14 Southern Union academies. Each fall, we visit the seniors one-on-one. Traveling with us are teaching faculty from the campus. We discuss ACT scores, GPAs, award scholarships, and explain what it will take for the student interested in aviation or architecture, wellness or law. This is a crucial time in a senior's life, but a wonderful opportunity for Southern to reaffirm for them our commitment to knowledgeable, personal service.

Throughout the year, I also have opportunity to visit the students who aren't seniors and to teach Bible classes. I've had the privilege to conduct a week of spiritual emphasis on each campus. We are a resource to our schools, and they, in turn, are more than happy to call and use us for their programs. The travel keeps me busy, with speaking requests from all over the country, some two years distant. I believe that as long as Southern maintains the direction of solid Adventist values, our reputation for sound theology, and a truly wholesome lifestyle for the young adults who choose to come here, the future's bright.

Mike McClung, '85, who taught Bible classes for 11 years at Fletcher and Indiana academies, continues the work of recruiting Adventist public high school students. Mike knows these students well; he was a PHS student, too. "Often times, these students feel left out. Many of them don't really want to be in a public high school, and circumstances prevent them from

being at an academy. So when they get a visit or a phone call from us, inviting them to our campus, their first reaction is 'How did you find me?' And of course, 'I'm so glad you care!'" McClung also conducts weeks of prayer and is developing programs to serve the many junior academies in the Southern Union. "You'd be surprised how early the young people of today are making college plans. Southern is ready to help."

In addition, graduate recruitment on the campus is in the process of implementation as well. "Just as we thought we'd perfected the methodology and implementation of what undergraduate recruitment should be, now we have the master's programs, too!" laughs Barrow. "But it's a relief to know that each faculty member in those particular MA programs is on the front line with us. We are not alone."

## And then there's Florida

The numbers are impressive. With nearly 40,000 members, 160 churches, and a large educational system, this is the Florida Conference. It's home to Greater Miami Academy and Forest Lake, one of North America's largest academies. As a result, it was decided that a conference this wide-ranging warranted a full-time field recruiter based in Orlando. The man who works the 'magic' for the entire state is Bert Ringer, '83.

"Florida provides Southern more students than any other state, except for Tennessee," Ringer reports. "As the population



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in Florida grows, so does the church, and with that the need to provide personal advisement for the smoothest transition to Collegedale.”

The work in Florida finds Ringer at camp meetings, academy and public university campuses, and overwhelmingly, right in people’s homes. “A family in Fort Pierce wanted to hear about Southern’s programs so they requested a visit. We had a warm and inspiring time together. As I was leaving the home, the son happened to mention ‘I don’t know if it matters, but we are not SDA. However, I am excited about attending a truly Christian university.’”

Ringer visits SAU only a few times a year, mostly for major weekends. But he can be counted on calling throughout the week with a need for more catalogs, applications, and videos. When pressed for defining his ministry in Florida, Ringer is clear. “For me, the bottom line is to help every young person to achieve what God wants for their life.”

the most enriching, thrilling experiences of my life. The subject (Life and Teachings of Jesus) and the students were remarkable. What a privilege to teach the life of Christ and interact with the students.”

“We know our campus is love at first sight for many students,” comments Barrow. “And when some 86 percent of students stay on for the fall semester after their SmartStart experience, something special happened in their lives.”

Even though students and their families can visit SAU anytime that is convenient to them, two special weekends are set aside for introducing the campus and its programs to prospective scholars.

ViewSouthern, campus visit days geared for Southern Union academy students, brings over five hundred seniors to the campus in October. PreviewSouthern campus visit days, April 5 and 6, 1998, will target interested out-of-union seniors, public high school students, and undergraduates considering transfer from other colleges or universities. Seminars, tours,

workshops and great entertainment are all on tap; to be part of the fun, call the Admissions Office at 1.800.SOUTHERN a few weeks before the weekend of choice.

### Everyone works here!

The admissions team is not alone in its work. Each fall they are joined by the faculty themselves as the tour of the Southern

Union academies begins. Barrow enjoys the cooperation given by many of the schools and departments on campus.

“Having your faculty colleagues along for the presentations gives the school validity when we say ‘We care.’ Professors can explain so much better what is expected from the new undergraduates-to-be since we don’t teach. It goes without saying that, in addition to what our students bring to campus vitality, our faculty certainly go the distance to make Southern the outstanding program that it is.”

Linda Marlowe, the admissions and progressions director of Southern’s School of Nursing, has been on the team since 1990. “I enjoy very much visiting the students and giving them an overview of what to expect in nursing. I give them an understanding of how to plan and pace their program. This visit benefits Southern, but even more, the prospective student.” Marlowe has some of the reddest hair on campus, and she laughs about the response of students when they meet her again. “They remember me, and why not? We became friends before they even arrived at Southern.”

Dr. Bert Coolidge, business professor, has taken his turns to represent the School of Business for the last seven years. “Our visits undoubtedly help our program. There’s always a positive experience when we interact with prospective students. They’ve got questions, fears, and even misinformation. We use our knowledge to address their concerns on their turf. Particularly for the college-bound, this is a useful interchange.”

The schedule for the 1997-98 school year is set months before the start of the school. This allows faculty the opportunity to choose what dates are planned, and what schools to visit. Very few faculty can visit every school, every year. But with our long-range calendars, and especially thanks to the cooperation of our academies, we’re able to have a significant presence on a fairly regular basis.

### Alumni support

Alumni of our school, whether as far back as junior college status or today’s growing university, can add immeasurably to future admissions work thanks to their influence and experience at Southern. If you are aware of a young person who is interested in SAU, or is looking for a program like the one we have, it’s easy to get in touch with us. A simple phone call (1.800.768.8437) to the Admissions Office will get the process going.

We have the resources, the experience, and the people willing to work to discover what gifts God has given our young people today, so that our Father in heaven may be glorified. It is to that end we take Southern to a new millennium. ❧



### Plenty of programs

One of the great innovations was the development of SmartStart, the free “fourth session” summer program. Every August, over four hundred students (491 this fall) earn three semester hours and live in the residence hall, for no charge.

Classes for the August 1997 session saw the biggest head count in the last five years, with 450 students. Dr. Jud Lake, '82, a new professor of religion at Southern, counted his exposure to the classroom as “... one of

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# Students Touch Lives

by Brinne Busch, senior public relations major

**W**hen four religion students led out in a Bible crusade a mile from their Collegedale campus in the spring of 1996, they had no idea that 15 months later they would play a part in 76 baptisms in the Caribbean.

Their outreach was one of several involving Southern students in recent months.

Steven Hunt, originally from Jamaica but whose home is now in Florida; Robert Delridge, from Michigan; Moises Guerrero, from Spain; and Adam Ferguson, from Washington state, were invited by Samuel Lewin, pastor of the New Haven Adventist Church in Kingston, via Ken Rogers, SAU chaplain, to hold a series of meetings in Jamaica. These were to take place July 20 to August 17 in a tent pitched in a city park.

The students arrived in Jamaica on July 6 with 5,000 handbills and two weeks to prepare for the meetings. Robert and

Steven decided to alternate nights preaching. Adam was to direct music and make Bible study visits with Moises, who was in charge of door-to-door evangelism.

A typical day for the four began with morning devotions, continued with Bible studies and visitation during the day, and meetings from seven to nine-thirty in the evening. Once or twice a week they tempered their pace with a bit of fun and relaxation at the beach.

"My own spirituality was strengthened by witnessing to the people of my homeland," Steven commented.

"People thought we were kids at first," concedes Robert. "I think we exceeded their expectations. God made a difference through us."

**C**loser to home, two Field Schools of Evangelism were held this past summer, involving 23 students.

This type of practical learning involves six weeks of study and hands-on experience in planning and conducting public evangelistic meetings.

One was headed by Douglas Bennett, religion professor emeritus. He and Ron Halverson, Southern Union director of church growth, were joined by 12 juniors and seniors in Atlanta.

North Atlanta and Duluth churches hosted the series, which

was held in a middle school auditorium. There students had duties ranging from caring for the children's meeting room and setting up chairs, to offering prayers and building a computer data-

base of visitor names and addresses.

Four of the 12 students left at the end of the field school to begin ministry as the others headed to seminary at Andrews University or returned to Southern. "We each felt the six weeks was some of the best time we could have invested for the Lord," says Dr. Bennett. The joy of the harvest came as they saw 32 baptized, with more preparing to take that step.

Dr. Bruce Norman, associate professor of religion, coordinated the second field school. Eleven religion majors accompanied him to Tampa, Fla. Most of the students were gaining the last hours of academic credit required for their graduation,

while some had already graduated.

Students had classes in the morning, visitation during the day, and meetings in the evening. Specific evening duties included running the sound system, coordinating the musical programs, and—since the skills were represented in the group—providing translation for Korean and Spanish-speaking attendees. By the time they left Tampa, 30 people were baptized, and 20 more were preparing for baptism.

**A**s fast as students with a burning passion for evangelism graduate from Southern, new ones arrive. One such example is Levi David Taito, a freshman religion major from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Last October he spoke at an evangelistic series in the Samoa-Tokelau Church. "Born and raised" in that church, his pastor invited him to speak at the final meeting.

Nervous though he was about his first preaching experience, Levi says he enjoyed

doing it. The close of probation was his topic, and at the end, Levi made an altar call. Sixty-five people came forward, and 54 were baptized soon thereafter. Levi feels that he was able to make a difference in the lives of the people he spoke to.

What does Levi plan to do with his religion degree after he graduates? He says simply, "...whatever I can do to serve God." ❧



In Jamaica, four students from Southern helped prepare 76 people for baptism.



Adam Ferguson, senior, and Steven Hunt, Robert Delridge, and Moises Guerrero, juniors, held the Jamaica meetings.

- The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education has fully accredited the teacher education programs at Southern Adventist University. Tennessee is an NCATE state which means that all colleges and universities which offer teacher education must meet the high NCATE standards; however, Southern has received both NCATE and State of Tennessee accreditation. The accreditation team visited our campus last April. The report indicated that *all* of the nearly one hundred standards had been met. Special mention was made of the excellent Teaching Materials Center and the technologically advanced 21st Century Classroom training center.

- Graduate degree programs in education began in the summer of 1996 with an enrollment of 52 students. These programs included master of science degrees in outdoor teacher education, inclusive education, and multiage/multigrade education.

The summer of 1997 brought additional programs. Education continued to grow with the introduction of a master's degree in educational administration. In the psychology area a new degree in community counseling was added. The counseling degree is a very large master's program taking 60 semester hours plus 900 hours of clinical work to complete. Yet another new program is the MA in religion.

The summer and fall of 1997 have brought to Southern a large increase in graduate students reaching a total of 107 for this year. "To grow from no graduate students to 107 within two summers is excellent and clearly indicates a need for the programs we've started," says Dr. George Babcock, vice president for academic administration.

- At the request of Helderberg College in South Africa, Southern has concluded an affiliation agreement between the two institutions. The request was prompted by

the need of the business department at Helderberg to be affiliated with an American university. Business students completing their work at Helderberg will receive Southern Adventist University degrees. Both institutional boards and the regional accrediting agency (SACS) have approved the arrangement.

Spicer College in India, Caribbean Union College in Trinidad, and Bangladesh Adventist Seminary and College have also requested to affiliate with Southern Adventist University. Their needs in addition to the fact that Southern has become a university led to these requests. Actual agreement documents will be considered in due course. "Affiliation benefits to Southern include teacher exchange, additional foreign students, a chance to serve the world field, and a larger role in spreading the Word of God through the education ministry," explains Dr. Babcock.

- A joint agreement was signed September 3 which set up an affiliation with American Humanities, Inc., an alliance of organizations which trains administrators for nonprofit organizations. Other Chattanooga-area colleges signing the agreement were the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Covenant College. Dr. Pam Harris, chair of the Journalism and Communication Department, indicates this consortium is the first of its kind, a model for cooperation between public and private universities for nonprofit leadership.

- The only person who has walked through all 50 states in 365 straight days, Rob Sweetgall visited the campus October 1 and 2 to kick off Southern's walking program. An evening walk and an early walk the next morning complemented his presentations. Southern conducts a wellness program for its employees. Students are involved in PAW, the Partners at Wellness program in which students plan activities for their peers.

- Southern's new minor in aviation took off this fall with three students beginning the 18-hour curriculum offered through the Technology Department. Flight training originates at the nearby Collegedale Airport, in cooperation with Aviation Specialists, Inc.

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## New telescope brings heavens closer

If students and teachers are seeing stars at Southern, it may be due in part to a new telescope. Provided through a gift from the Alden Trust, the 8" diameter, Schmidt-Cassegrain reflector telescope is digitally controlled.

"After aligning on two bright stars (and telling the computer which ones they are), the telescope can automatically seek out 65,000 stellar objects, including all Messier objects and real-time positions of the moon and planets," explains Dr. Ken Caviness, chair of the Physics Department, and author of the proposal presented by the Development Office to Alden Trust. "This makes it easy to view several objects within a short time, quickly switching from one to another."

On one of its early demonstration uses, President Gordon Bietz and others showed up to see Jupiter and four of its moons, and Saturn, its rings and one of its moons.

"Advanced physics students will have access to our new CCD camera, which will allow long exposure photography of faint objects invisible to the eye, analysis of spectroscopic data," adds Dr. Caviness.

- A fall tour to Ohio, a February tour to Oakwood College in Alabama, and a spring tour to Florida are in the schedule for the Southern Adventist University Symphony Orchestra this year.
- A **President's Prayer Breakfast** brings together about seven employees every Wednesday at 7 a.m. The breakfast participants rotate weekly at the invitation of the president.
- At its August meeting, the university's Board of Trustees approved construction of a 38,000 square foot addition to the **Southern Carton Industry** inasmuch as the volume of cardboard being recycled for a local manufacturer has more than doubled. This campus enterprise provides employment for 50 students and 2 full-time employees.
- A group of 51 Southern students and nine others left the campus on the day of graduation for a 10-day tour to **Russia and Finland**. The Southern Singers, directed by Dr. Marvin Robertson, gave seven concert performances.

"The reception at Zaoski was just outstanding," Dr. Robertson reports. He has been a visiting professor at the Adventist seminary there for two quarters, and was able to combine the Russian and American choirs on some numbers.

The other performance that stands out in memories was singing at the Rock

Church in Helsinki the night before the group returned. Because a major portion of the church is built within rock, the accoustical properties were unusual.

Choral groups, the symphony orchestra, and concert



In between performances, some students from the Southern Singers touring group take time to catch this attraction in the Kremlin. The canon was never actually used because it could not effectively fire the enormous cannonballs.

band follow a rotation for major tours. Dr. Robertson had last taken Southern Singers to Russia in 1990. A three-week tour to Greece, Jordan, and Israel gave Die Meistersinger Male Chorus a taste of overseas travel in 1994.



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### Faculty tell students, We-Haul

When students returned to campus the end of August, many of them found teachers or other staff at their service. At least 101 employees signed up to help students with the move into their residence hall rooms. At the beginning of SmartStart a month earlier, the same We-Haul initiative greeted new students coming for their free-tuition summer session. With the July thermometer approaching 100, cold lemonade was an added attraction. Parents visiting the campus also found the voluntary service helpful.

## New center targets learning success

This year's students have a new resource available—the Center for Learning Success.

Established especially to assist students with learning differences, the Center functions under the direction of Ken Norton, director of the Student Support Office.

In the past, when students with special needs have approached faculty members and asked for accommodations to meet those needs, teachers have sometimes been hesitant to make such accommodations. The hesitation stemmed not from indifference or lack of compassion, but from a desire to be fair to all students and a concern for possibly making the situation worse for the requesting student.

Now, such teachers are able to refer requests for accommodations to the Center for Learning Success. The center then researches the student's special needs, confirms certification(s), recommends, and even provides appropriate accommodations.

Sheila Smith, director of the center, developed the educational program for this area's children's emergency shelters while serving as regional coordinator for the Helicon Schools. She held this position just prior to accepting her full-time position at Southern. She earned her master's degree in English and did postgraduate work in special education at the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga.

# Heart for Olivia

by Stephanie Gulke, senior journalism major

The tip of my nose is freezing. My hands are wrinkled and red from the chilly evening air. I am surrounded by thousands of children dressed in dark green and khaki. That's right—Pathfinders. Not exactly where I pictured my 1994 summer vacation evenings. But it's here, at the Dare to Care Camporee high in the Colorado mountains, that I have been truly blessed.

Each morning I look forward to the nightly meetings at Red Rock Amphitheater and the inspiration that they bring.

The featured speaker, Pastor LeClare Litchfield, has kept my attention and touched my heart in ways that few speakers

have ever been able to. I feel closer to Jesus here than I have in a long time. And I like it.

The speaker shares with us his excitement. His passion. His friend. His God.

My interest is piqued and I wait in nervous anticipation for "Litch" to come on stage as he has been sharing with us the story of a sweet child. A baby born only a few weeks earlier who now fights a valiant struggle for her life. A baby from the mountains of North Carolina who has entered our hearts and prayers even though we've never seen her.

A baby that we've come to love.

We wait for news of how she is doing, hoping that our heavenward petitions will be powerfully answered.

A baby of hope.

A baby named Olivia.

Just a few months before, all was optimistic and exciting for Sherrie and Lonnie Maize, Olivia's parents. After eleven years of a childless marriage their dreams were becoming a reality.

They were thrilled. They were going to have a baby. But tragedy loomed.



In Sherrie's fifth month of pregnancy, the child was diagnosed with hypoplastic left heart syndrome, a disorder that causes the left ventricle of the heart to develop improperly.

Usually fatal at birth or shortly after, the only hope for the couple's baby was a heart transplant.

The Maizes enrolled with the Loma Linda University Medical Center, and left North Carolina on June 18 for California in search of a miracle for their unborn child. In the eighth month of pregnancy, Olivia was put on the national heart donor list.

Baby Olivia was born on July 1, 1994, by Cesarean section and one hour and 40 minutes later became the youngest child in the world to undergo successful heart transplant surgery.

After 13 days, little Olivia went home with the best of wishes and highest of hopes. But on July 24 Olivia began a massive rejection of her new heart. In the next 12 days Olivia would face aggressive treatment and fight courageously to survive.

It was during these 12 days that I first heard of this precious little one. This tiny person who battled fiercely against the trauma she had so early been faced with. This infant who had blazed new trails in the medical field. This infant who grasped life and struggled to hold on.

She captured the spirit of hope and optimism. The spirit of compassion and giving.

We wanted her to win.

It was on August 6 that we heard the news. Even though over 10,000 Adventist youth had prayed for our beautiful, strong Baby Olivia, she had died late the night before.

As I listened to Pastor Litchfield relay the story of the previous evening's tragic turn of events, I felt a tingle in my nose and burning in my eyes as tears formed. Tears for prayers that were not answered in the way I thought best. Tears for an innocent child who lived a brave struggle. Tears for a family who had hoped for so much, deserved happiness, and experienced pain.

What a grief. What a sadness. What a sorrowful loss.

I thought of Baby Olivia and her family much in the next month. Wondering how they were coping, how the medical field had been affected, how the thousands of hearts across America that had been touched were changing their lives, their opinions, their goals, because of this one little girl.

I didn't wonder for long.

Starting at a new college that fall, I was shocked to find that my adviser, Dr. Pamela Harris, was Baby Olivia's aunt.

With Dr. Harris, I had the "inside scoop." I listened with intense interest each time she spoke of her brother, Lonnie, and his wife, the heart donor family, and their quest for organ donation education across America.

It was through Dr. Harris that I learned of *A Heart for Olivia*, the two-hour account of the Maizes' efforts to save the life of their newborn daughter that was produced by CBS for the televised news documentary *Before Your Eyes*.

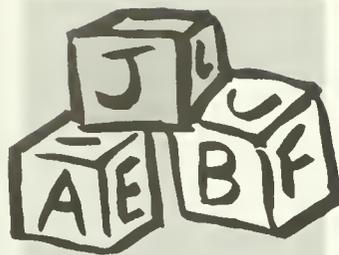
*A Heart for Olivia* followed Sherrie and Lonnie with cameras rolling through the entire fight for Olivia's life.

Introduced along the way were the brilliant physicians and caring nurses. The family that desired a new addition so much. The courageous and supportive family of the heart donor, Martin

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and Julee Erkela from Washington state, who put aside their personal tragic loss of their own baby daughter Kaitlyn, to donate her heart for a new chance at life for Olivia.

Introduced was the remarkable community people of Murphy, N.C., who sold handmade quilts and red heart pins with Olivia's name painted on them to help raise money for the Maizes' mounting expenses.

A community who surrounded the Maize family with love and prayers for their soon-to-be born baby. A community who bought "Olivia Lettuce," grown by her daddy, at \$1 a head to help raise money for the California journey.

A *Heart for Olivia* answered my questions about the life of Olivia, her family, the team of gifted doctors, the donor family, and the emotional stress that faced them all. It gave me a first-hand glimpse of the touching saga that tugged at my heart.

I knew that Olivia's story could not end there.

I knew that it might not ever end, as lives will be changed from its inspiration. Its courage. Its hope.

I knew that all of the positive repercussions could not be counted, or even known.

A small child who had meant so much would touch lives forever.

Her story would be retold. Her donor family's selfless gift would be a powerful testimony to all who heard it. Her family's

ongoing dedication to organ donation awareness would affect and change lives for years to come.

I never met Olivia, or even saw her. Yet, she has changed me. My attitude. My goals. My selfish heart.

Who knew?

Who knew that at a camporee, along with zillions of crazy marching Pathfinders,

I would learn about an infant who would teach me so much about myself? So much about my life. So much about my God.

Who knew that this tiny child would leave such a lasting impact?

I guess God did. ♪

In remembrance of Baby Olivia, the daughter of Sherrie and Lonnie, '78, Maize and of Olivia's grandfather, Pastor Oliver Maize, The Maize Family Communication Scholarship Endowment Fund has been established at Southern.

The scholarship also honors Joane Wallace Maize, '79, Lonnie's first wife, who died in an auto accident in 1981 when eight months' pregnant.

Members of the Maize family and others donated a \$5,000 initial gift toward the scholarship fund, a thousand of which was raised by selling goods at a flea market. The earnings generated from the principal are designated for scholarships.

"I'm very pleased that my family has decided to support communication majors," says Dr. Pamela Maize Harris, '75, chair of Southern's Communication Department, and Lonnie's sister.

Communication has always been an important part of the Maizes' lives, says Harris. Her father became a Christian through The Voice of Prophecy brought to him over the airwaves of a homemade crystal radio. Pastor Maize, a long time supporter of religious broadcasting, was an on-air personality beginning in college and throughout his career.

"We've determined that something positive come out of Olivia's tragic death," says Harris of her niece. "This is one channel we have chosen where we can make a difference."

The scholarship will be awarded to a journalism and communication major or minor. To apply students must have a GPA of 2.0 or above and submit an essay exploring issues related to: (1) religious communication; or (2) how media can be positive or negative in shaping public awareness of organ/tissue donation.

Southern has 137 named scholarships/loans.

Since May 1996, scholarship endowment funds for students have been established in the names of the following: Laurel Wells, Drs. Jerome and Ann Clark (History), Maize Family (Communication), Floyd Greenleaf (History), Don and Weslynn Sahly, Gregory Lee Barrow, Joseph and Helen Sahly, the Mathematics Department, Howard and Linda Brown, Willis E. Cushman, Katie Ann Towerton-Lamb (Nursing), and Ed Lamb (Community Service).

To contribute to any of the above endowments, to others such as the McClarty Family Scholarship Endowment, or to explore setting up a new named scholarship, readers may communicate with the Development Office by phone at 423-238-2829 or by mail at SAU, Collegedale TN 37315-0370.



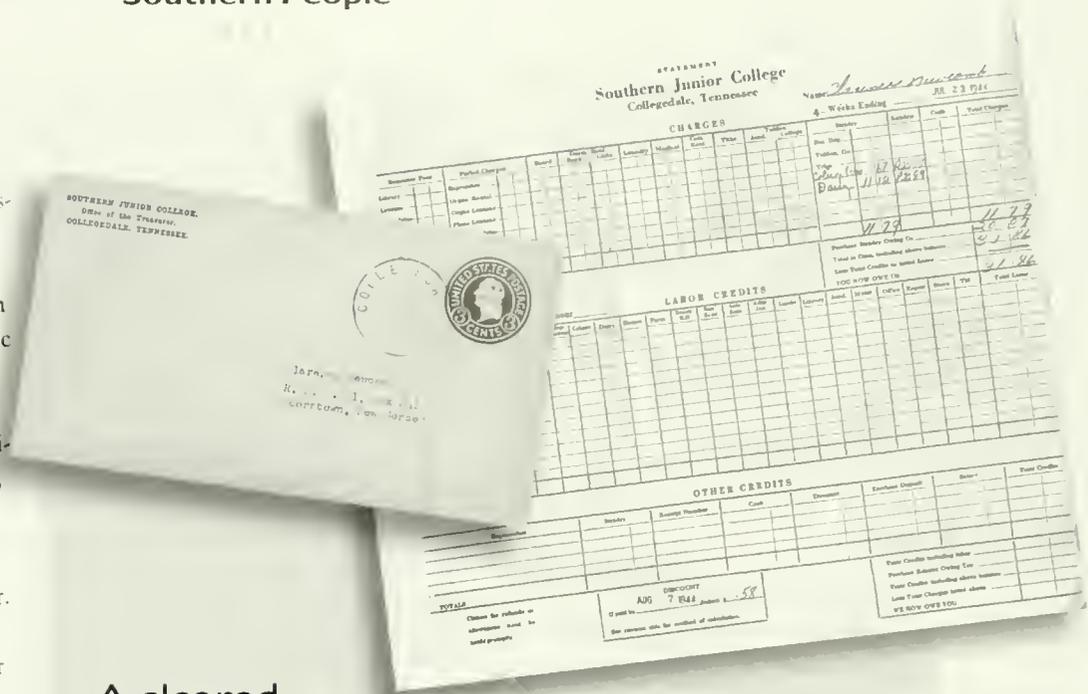
- **David Cook**, a Task Force volunteer, is assistant chaplain at Southern, working under the direction of Chaplain **Ken Rogers**. Students assisting in CARE Ministries (Collegiate Adventists Reaching Everyone) include **Chana (Mahorney) Waters**, Campus Ministries director; **Ryan Ashlock**, Creative Ministries director; **Eric Stubbert**, Collegiate Missions director; **Luis Gracia** and **Richard Stephenson**, Destiny Drama co-directors; **Kerensa Juniper**, public relations; and **Reggie Thomas**, sound technician.

- **Desiree Batson**, '78, has joined the School of Nursing as an assistant professor. She earned her master's at the University of Wisconsin last year. She has worked for seven years as an intermediate care staff nurse at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wis. After graduation from Southern, she worked in Wisconsin and Florida before taking six years out to be a stay-at-home mom.

- **Brandon Beck** joined the School of Music faculty as an associate professor and director of the Southern Adventist University Concert Band after 10 years at Auburn Adventist Academy. He has also taught music at Cedar Lake Academy (Michigan), Shenandoah Valley Academy (Virginia), and Hermiston Junior Academy (Oregon). His master's is from Vandercook College of Music. His primary instrument is trombone.

- **Jeffery Erhard**, new assistant dean of men, most recently taught computers, religion, and physical education at the junior academy in Dade City, Fla. From 1981 to 1991 he was assistant dean at Broadview Academy. He also has taught at Spencerville Junior Academy in Maryland. He earned his master of arts in teaching at Andrews University. He and his wife, Darla, a nurse, have two sons, Nicholas, 15, and Neal, 13.

- **Wayne Hazen** has come to Southern as chair of the Art Department. Experience includes teaching at Andrews University, Atlantic Union College, and Montemorelos University in Mexico. He has also worked as a designer for the McDonald Corp. and for the US Army in Germany. He earned his MFA at the University of Notre Dame. In 1981 his award as Michigan Artist 80/81 brought him a



## A cleared conscience

"I'd like to pay what I owe Southern," the visitor told the receptionist. The envelope and statement in his hand were dated July 31, 1944.

En route home to Louisiana from a visit to Richmond, Va., Clarence Newcomb, 69, came back to the campus on April 29, 1997, to make things right.

As a 15-year-old with no family ties strong enough to keep him in Jacksonville, Fla., he hitchhiked with a buddy to Collegedale where the older boy was in school. Sympathetic faculty found Clarence a job in the dairy at 25 cents an hour. He was allowed to stay in the dorm and eat in the cafeteria. Things were looking up.

But one day his good fortune soured. His buddy took off, carrying with him the suitcase they had shared and leaving Clarence only the clothes he was wearing.

With borrowed money, he went into Chattanooga to buy a change of clothes. Would he ever get on the credit side of the ledger?

During spring break, a sophomore friend, Ben Liebel, invited him home to Moorstown, N.J. Ben came back to school but Clarence found a job in Philadelphia. That summer a statement for \$31.86 from the college caught up with him, but the balance remained unpaid for 53 years.

"I never forgot about it. I kept that statement all this time," said Mr. Newcomb. "It feels so good to hand over this check!" The amount included a generous gift.

In 1945 Clarence joined the Navy. Upon separation from the service, he ventured to New Orleans to visit his sister. While there, he met and married Sybil. They look forward to their golden anniversary in three years. The Newcombs have four children and five grandchildren.

"There has always been a special place in my heart for this school and the people who run it," says Mr. Newcomb.

\$4,000 award. He has worked on a dozen painting and sculpture commissions. Fluent in Spanish, he has traveled in Europe and the Americas. He and his wife, Maria, have three sons.

- **Brian Jackson** is the new periodicals librarian at McKee Library. His experience includes working at Andrews University's James White Library and teaching English at Andrews. As an undergraduate, he spent a year teaching at Taiwan Adventist College. He holds two master's degrees, one in English and the second, earned at the University of Arizona last May, in library science. His wife, Cheryl, also holds master's degrees in English and library science and is employed at McKee Library and the Teaching Materials Center.

- An evangelistic crusade brought **Dr. Jud Lake**, '82, into the Adventist Church when he was 17. He and his wife, Bonnie, met at Southern, and now he has returned as an associate professor in the School of Religion. His dissertation for his doctor of ministry degree was on time management in the ministry. For the past two years he has taught Bible and served as pastor at Broadview Academy in Illinois. Experience also includes pastoring several churches in Alabama and Mississippi (the Gulf States Conference). The Lake children are Shelly and Joshua.

- **Yvonne Morris Scarlett** joins the School of Nursing as an associate professor. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Alberta and has been working in a

"Healthy Beginnings" public health program. She has worked in a number of hospitals, both in Canada and the West Indies. Research grants and the University of Alberta Hospital's Special Recognition Award for Innovation and Customer Service have come her way.

- **Dennis Schreiner** is the new director of the Service Department. He has been project manager for Turner Construction since 1988, and previously worked in construction in Memphis, Tenn., and Murphy, N.C. As a student here in the early '80s he supervised stock and janitorial crews at the Village Market.

- **Dr. Rhonda Scott-Ennis**, has joined the Chemistry Department as chair. Since earning her doctorate at the University of California, Riverside, in 1984, she has taught chemistry at Loma Linda University (Riverside, and under contract with the School of Medicine), and at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls, where she directed research projects with undergraduate participation. She has been published, given presentations, and pursued research under grants. She has also served as distinguished visiting professor for the UW System Women's Studies Consortium's Women and Science Program.

- **Sheila Smith** is plowing new ground as director of the Center for Learning Success, a component of Southern's new Student Support office. Tennessee has been the locale for Sheila's experience as regional coordinator for Helicon, Inc., representative for Adventist Community Service, field supervisor for STARS, a program of Project 714, Chattanooga City Schools, and teacher at Red Bank Middle School. She has also taught at Atlanta Adventist Academy. Over the past 8 years, she has done adjunct teaching and/or tutoring of English at Southern.

- The new School of Business dean is **Dr. Donald Van Ornam**. He joins the faculty after teaching in the graduate management program at the University of Maryland. Prior to that, he directed the adult evening program and was associate dean at Columbia Union College. Other positions he has held: vice president for financial administration at La Sierra University, director of development and construction for the new

by Jennifer Artigas

## Awards granted at Southern graduation

### 1997 Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award

**Dr. Ronald du Preez** is the 1997 recipient of the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award. He joined the Religion Department in 1992. However, he left Southern this fall to teach at Solusi University in Zimbabwe, Africa.

He is a member of several professional organizations, and his research interests include ethical issues such as abortion, AIDS, capital punishment, and polygamy. Some of his work has been published in journals and magazines. His interest in archeology has led to participation in digs in Jordan and Israel.

He developed a weekly television broadcast, "Searching the Scriptures," and he has been active in sponsoring and participating in mission trips and student outreach programs. He is also an avid race-walker who has won many awards.

"He is a man packed full of wonderful information," says Michael Brackett, a religious studies and business administration senior. "He's really committed to doing God's work in life, committed to service, and dedicated to helping people."



### 1997 Distinguished Service Medallion

**Bonnie Hunt** was hired by Southern in 1977, and has "retired" to tutoring after teaching nursing at Southern for 20 years. Prior to coming to Southern, she worked at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and served as head nurse at Cleveland Community Hospital.

"She has become known by colleagues and students as a person of principle and integrity. She embodies Southern Adventist University values of scholarship, service to humankind, and a personal relationship with her Savior," said Katie Lamb, chair of the faculty affairs committee, when presenting the award at spring commencement.

"Bonnie's personal professionalism and Christian approach to life have been a constant role model for students and colleagues. She is a leader among her nursing colleagues, the church family, and the professional community."



**Clarence W. (Skip) McCandless**, another distinguished service recipient, also retired this spring. He was hired by Southern in 1978, and directed the Service Department for the past 16 years. Prior to coming to Southern, he served as greenhouse director at Mount Vernon Academy, Ohio, for 11 years.

As director of services, he was responsible for the custodial service in assigned buildings, package delivery, program setups, and the supervision of all employees related to this work.

His presentation noted that "Skip went about his responsibilities with a smile on his face and with a sense of humor that has been a blessing to all. If there has been something to be moved, set up, or taken down on campus, you called Skip, knowing that it would be promptly taken care of."



### Southern Adventist University's First Honorary Doctorate

**Orlo Gilbert**, professor of music and conductor of Southern's Symphony Orchestra, has received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree, the first to be awarded by the university.

In the 30 years that Gilbert has been at Southern, he has built the university's symphony from a 15-member chamber orchestra into a full 87-member orchestra acclaimed in ever-widening circles. He has organized eight international tours to 43 countries, with performances in major concert halls of the Orient, the South Pacific, Europe, and the U.K., as well as at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Gilbert received his M.A. in music in 1967 from Madison State College. He studied musicology with Siegfried Reidel and violin with Gilambardo at the University of Minnesota. He also studied violin with Alfred Walters at Loma Linda University, William Starr of the University of Knoxville, and Dr. Shinichi Suzuki of Japan. He studied conducting with Herbert Bloomsteadt of the Danish Radio Symphony and Siegfried Landau of the Brooklyn Philharmonic. He is currently studying organ with Southern's Professor Judy Glass.

He has also directed Spalding Elementary School's String Ensemble and developed its Suzuki Program. In addition to this, he is a member of the 1st violin section of the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra, and has served as conductor of the Chattanooga Youth Orchestra, and assistant conductor of the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra.



Philippine Union College campus, and business manager at Solusi College in Zimbabwe. He became a certified public accountant in 1970, and earned his doctorate at the Peter Drucker Center at Claremont Graduate School in 1995.

- **Dr. Robert Webster** is also joining the School of Business and will be heading up the long-term care administration program.

He holds a doctorate in health science from Loma Linda University, and has held CEO and administrator positions in many health care settings. He and his family have been living in Ashland, Ill.

- **Dr. Joyce Azevedo**, associate professor of biology, was chosen as the 1996-97 Adviser of the Year. She provided academic counsel for over 30 appreciative advisees.



- **Dr. Carl Swafford**, associate professor of education, has been named 1996 Project Wild Facilitator of the Year. The award was presented at the Tennessee Conservation League Awards Program in Pickwick Landing State Resort Park, Tennessee, on May 17, 1997. These awards are made in cooperation with the National Wildlife Federation.

Dr. Swafford is a longtime facilitator and supporter of Project Wild, and incorporates the program into his college classes.

His interest in birds led to his membership in the Tennessee Ornithological Society, and the American Birding Association, and Federal Fish and Wildlife licensed him for bird marking and salvaging. Previous awards include the Zapara Award for Teaching Excellence and the Alma McKibbin Award for Teaching and Leadership in Education.

"He is always encouraging other educators to become involved," said the president of the Tennessee Conservation League, Larry M. Richardson, when presenting the award, "providing them with information, and helping them attend workshops."

- **Terrie Ruff**, assistant professor of social work and family studies at Southern, received the 1997 Harold Love Outstanding Community Involvement Award. Ms. Ruff was one of ten recipients in the state of Tennessee.

Awards were presented on July 25 at Tennessee State University. This statewide award is given to faculty and students, from both private and public institutions, who volunteer their time by participating in various community service activities.

"She has gone the extra mile and beyond in her service to the community," said Dr. Gordon Bietz, Southern's president, upon nominating Ms. Ruff. "Not only does she participate in many outreach programs, but she puts her whole heart and soul into her projects."

Ms. Ruff is a volunteer for many organizations, among them: Chattanooga Big Brothers, Big Sisters Association, Senior Neighbors, and Chattanooga's Department of Human Services.

Other awards she has received include the 1995 Honor for Volunteerism from the

Chattanooga Human Services Department, and Volunteer Appreciation Certificates from the South Carolina Department of Youth Services and the Senior Neighbors Intergenerational Program.

- **Ron Clouzet**, associate professor of religion, has received word from Fuller Theological Seminary that his doctoral dissertation has been accepted, and his D.Min. degree will be awarded before Thanksgiving.

- The largest music scholarships for freshmen are claimed this year by **Marlene Millburn** (violin, a South Lancaster Academy graduate), and **LeAnn Dyke** (voice, from Mount Pisgah Academy). The first was awarded \$10,000, and the latter, \$8,000, spread over four years of success in meeting terms of the scholarships.

- Two Caltech graduates on the staff of a small university? For those who know what having two PhDs from the California Institute of Technology represents, this fact is remarkable. On top of that, one of them—chemist and Dr. **Bruce Schilling**—has extensive industry experience.

"This is rare for SDA college/university teachers," comments his Caltech fellow graduate and Southern's senior teacher/researcher, Dr. **Ray Hefferlin**. Dr. Hefferlin, though officially retired, continues his research with physics students, and occupies the Chair for International Research in Physics.

In June he served on the scientific committee for the 1997 International Arctic Seminar, held in Murmansk, Russia, north of the Arctic Circle. He, a current, and a former student presented a paper.



by Cindi Bowe

## Peach enjoys Fulbright Grant

Dr. Mark Peach is the first professor at Southern Adventist University to receive a Fulbright Grant. Peach returned this July from a 10-month session of architectural research in Berlin, Germany.

The history lecturer is working on a book manuscript he hopes to complete next summer.

He was in Germany focusing on how a group of pre-Nazi era architects set out to change the construction of the "Victorian" style buildings in Germany to make them more comfortable and practical. These "reformers" hoped their modern designs would "transform" and "liberate" society

Dr. Ben McArthur, history chair, praises Peach for his accomplishment. The fact that Peach was chosen out of 200 applicants as one of three American scholars to study in Germany is a credit to the school's university status, says McArthur.

In explaining about his research, Peach said the pre-Nazi era was dominated by automobiles and airplanes; modernists believed homes should be similar: streamlined, light, and efficient.

Figuratively speaking, modernists wanted to mass produce homes the way Henry Ford mass produced model Ts, said Peach. He explained, ideally there would be little differentiation between houses among the social classes.

"In many respects, German history during the first half of this century is characterized by a failure to respond constructively to the social changes caused by rapid modernization," said Peach. "Modernists in general (and modern architects in particular) believed they could help German culture make this transition. Their failure may help us understand how a culture failed (and a Holocaust happened)," Peach added.

McArthur notes that Peach will now be able to integrate what he has learned into the courses he teaches at Southern. "He will be able to make reference to living in modern Germany while teaching world civilization and geography," says McArthur.

Peach teaches mostly World Civilization and Classics of Western Thought classes. However, as a result of his study, he is interested in teaching "topic" courses that will run for just one semester. This is the fourth time Peach has applied for the Fulbright Grant and a number of other grants. He believes he succeeded this time because he had a more competitive approach. Each year he improved his proposal and developed relations with German scholars who wrote letters of recommendation for him. He published many book reviews and familiarized himself specifically with Berlin's archives and libraries. Peach wrote an article relating to housewives in that era, entitled "German Modern Architecture and the Modern Woman," which appeared in the November 1995 *German Studies Review*.

Peach received his PhD from the University of Chicago in 1992. He joined the Southern College faculty in 1987. He studied in Austria for a year before he graduated from Walla Walla College in Washington state with majors in history and German.

The Fulbright legislation is named for Arkansas senator J. William Fulbright. For 50 years it has been funding international study and cultural exchange. Currently 130 countries participate in the program which benefits scholars, lecturers, and students.

"My experience this year has reinforced what I learned while researching a dissertation in Munich some time ago: the importance of being persistent and having sufficient confidence in the viability of my project to spend weeks following leads that end up going nowhere—without becoming anxious," Peach wrote via e-mail while in Germany

Compiled by Andra Armstrong

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Oliver, attended, and **Laura (Ashby) Holmes**, attended, live in Apison, Tenn. **Boone Holmes**, attended, Oliver's brother, died Dec. 17, 1996.

**Masie (White) Jameson**, '23, who arrived as a teenage student on the campus in time to help teachers unpack after the 1916 move from Graysville, passed away Aug. 17, 1997. A Collegedale resident, she was 98. As a little girl, she heard **Ellen White** speak at her home church in Nashville. (She was the subject of a story in the Summer 1992 *COLUMNS*.)

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**Coyne**, attended, and **Jean Knight**, attended, live in Anna Maria, Fla., where they are retired, happy, and healthy.

**Carol (Klooster) Moore**, daughter of of **H. J. Klooster**, president of Southern (Junior College, then) 1927-37, died Feb. 8, 1997, in New York City. Her husband, **John**, died three weeks earlier. She was a professional musician. Her brother, **Judson Klooster**, is dean emeritus of the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University.

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**Hoyt**, '41, and **Hazel (Lewis) Hendershot**, live in Florida, where Hoyt retired after 40 years as a minister for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**June McGlawn (Loach)**, '49, lives in Bayonet, Fla., and is working part time. She enjoys spending time with her three-year-old grandson.

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**Richard Arthur**, '58, moved to Healdsburg, Calif., in 1995 following retirement from 30 years of performing electroencephalograms, EKGs, and evoked potentials (responses). The April 21, 1997, issue of *U.S. News and World Report* published his e-mail letter regarding life after death, topic of an earlier cover story. This past year he taught ESL classes to Asian students at Rio Lindo Adventist Academy. Classmates can reach him at [Richardarthur@CompuServe.com](mailto:Richardarthur@CompuServe.com).

**Velma (Walker) Boyd**, '53, of Ooltewah, Tenn., died Aug. 8, 1997. Prior to retiring, she taught public school in the Chattanooga area for over 30 years. Her husband, **Charles**, predeceased her. Survivors include son, **Chuck**, of Chattanooga, and daughter, **Susan Miller**, of Collegedale.

**William Catron**, attended, works for the state of Florida as a senior public assistance specialist for children and families. **Linda**, his wife, is a cashier in patient accounts at Walker Memorial Hospital in Avon Park.

**Alex Clark**, attended and his wife, **Betty**, live in Laurel, Md., where Alex is self employed in the carpet and furniture cleaning business. Their children are **Robin**, **Kristen**, and **Scott**.

**Fred O. Eberhart**, '57, married **Florence (Fuller) McDonald** on March 2, 1997, in Dahlonga, Ga., where they reside. The bride's son, **Andy McDonald**, '77, performed the ceremony. Fred retired in 1994 after 27 years in broadcast television engineering.

**Hildur Carlson Griffin**, attended, lives in Dade City, Fla. Her first husband, **Nobel Carlson**, '54, died in 1985. He taught for 35 years.

**Carol (Smith)**, '56, and **John Palsgrove**, attended, are grandparents. Their son, **Michael**, '86, and his wife **Patricia Dodd-Palsgrove**, attended, welcomed **Matthew** on Nov. 6, 1996. **Michael** and **Patricia** are in the process of adopting four-year-old **Diane**.

**Ralph C.**, '56, and **Dorothy (Baumbanther) Workman**, '56, live in Hendersonville, N.C. **Ralph** is chaplain at the Park Ridge Living Center, plays trumpet in the Fletcher Brass Group, and is active in two camera clubs. He and **Dorothy**, an elementary school teacher, have three children. **Ralph** retired as a U.S. Army chaplain (LTC) in 1980, served as Fletcher Hospital chaplain until 1985, then as an associate pastor of the Fletcher Church until 1991. They returned to Germany to direct the Frankfurt Servicemen's Center until 1994.

**William Forrest Zill**, '51, and his wife, **Mary Alice**, celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 22, 1996. They reside in Apopka, Fla.

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**Ronald**, '72, and **Glenda (Jansen) Brown**, '67, live in Longwood, Fla. **Glenda** is department secretary for pastoral care at Florida Hospital, Orlando, where she works with several Southern graduates who are chaplains.

**Sharon (McLaughlin) Carroll**, '65, is a Century 21 real estate agent in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

**Walter Kirst**, '61 and '63, is a radiologic technologist for Florida Hospital, Avon Park. He will become a grandfather this November.

**LuWana Kumalae**, '66, is administrative secretary for General Conference children's ministries. She and her four children live in Bettsville, Md.

**Gwen (Young) Platt**, '66, is enrolled in a master's program at Johns Hopkins University.

**Ric**, '69, and **Nancy Pleasants**, '71, have two daughters, **Natalie**, 17, and **Michelle**, 14. **Ric** is an associate pastor at Forest Lake Church in Apopka, Fla.

**Virginia (Schuler) Smith**, attended, is director of the General Conference's children's ministries. She and **Calvin**, her husband, live in Laurel, Md.

**James E. Thurmond**, '66, has served as ministerial secretary for the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference since 1988. He lives in Madison, Tenn., with his wife **Judy (Conner)**, attended. They have four children. **Lara** graduated from Southern in May with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. **Amber** is a sophomore at Southern. **Stephen** is enrolled at Chattanooga State Technical Community College. **Jonathan** is an eighth-grader at Madison Campus Elementary.

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**Don**, '74, and **Mary (Cook) Bvard II**, '72 and '73, live in Arkansas where he pastors the Springdale Church. Their teenage daughters are **Wendy**, **Julie**, and **Brenda**. Before moving to Arkansas in 1995, he had pastored for over 20 years in West Virginia and Maryland.

**Deborah (Hill) Chinn**, attended, graduated from Loma Linda University in 1980 with a bachelor of science degree in physical therapy. She and husband, **Jeffrey**, have two children, ages 13 and 11.

**Pamela Fennell**, '77, is assistant director of surgery at Florida Hospital, Orlando.

**Debbie Flach**, attended, has lived in Louisville, Ky., since 1974. After graduating from the University of Louisville with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice she became a probation and parole officer for the state of Kentucky. Her father, **Charles Flach**, '69, has retired as a Southern Union principal and teacher, and her mother, **Barbara**, has also retired as a Southern Union teacher.

**Marc**, '70, and **Meredith (Sammer) Genton**, '69, live in Zephyrhills, Fla. **Marc** has been chaplain at East Pasco Medical Center since 1990, and **Meredith** has taught at the church school there.



## The Ride of Your Life

Book by alums heads for second printing

When Alex Bryan, '93, and Andy Nash, '94, hit on an idea for a book that would address concerns which young Adventists find with the church, they felt they needed one more person aboard: not a Generation X'er nor a full-fledged Boomer. Pastoral or teaching knowledge would be nice, but they wanted to avoid a scholarly approach. The focus would be on real world experiences with a twist of humor. Together, they nabbed Victor Czerkasij, '83.

"I wasn't sure how to take it," relates Czerkasij. "Here I was being asked not to use my head too much, and go with my heart. And it was exactly the approach the book needed."

The result of their collaboration is *The Ride of Your Life: Being A Young Adventist Is Not For The Faint of Heart*. Published last spring by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the authors have just received notice that the initial run is nearly sold out and in "imminent danger of going into reprint." Laughs Alex Bryan, "It's a lot better than being in the bargain bin."

These alumni have stayed busy; Andy is an associate editor at the *Adventist Review* and saw the successful publication of his solo project, *Growing Up Adventist*. "That book touched a real chord in the hearts of many fellow church members. They realized that there is more in common than separates us, as Seventh-day Adventists."

Alex is a frequent contributor to the *Adventist Review*, both with articles and commentaries. He is also busy with a church planting project in the Metro Atlanta area.

Since publication, Victor has pulled the laptop out for another book ("It gets in the blood"), and seen a recent cover article in the *Review* and some published devotional work.

The three keep in touch regularly. Is there another book in the future? "Sure," chuckles Victor. "*The Ride of Your Life, Part Two: Being An Old Adventist Ain't Easy Either*."

since 1986. Their daughter, Michelle, graduated from Forest Lake Academy and is attending Southern Adventist University this year. Their son, Matthew, is enrolled as a junior at Forest Lake Academy.

Marvin, attended, and Eileen (Rutledge) Glass, '73, live in Poplar Bluff, Mo., where Marvin has pastored since 1992. Their two daughters, Tracy and Tricia, attend Southern.

Mickey Greene, '71, has identified about 1,500 birds internationally and about 700 nationally. He returned from a birding trip to Guadalajara last June, and he says his latest interest is long distance bicycling. Mickey has a medical practice in Morehead, Ky., where he and Cindy, his wife, and children live.

Elven Hudson, '71, is a public school teacher working in special education for grades K-5 and is the local prison ministries coordinator.

Betty Nugent, '79, teaches fourth graders at Orlando Junior Academy in Orlando, Fla. Betty says that she enjoys Evert, her husband, and their children.

Milca (Bermudez), '78, and Dan Pabon, '79, live in Florida. Milca is administrator for Florida Hospital Volusia Home Care Services. Dan is a home health chaplain for Florida Hospital.

Sharon (Swinson) Priest, '71, teaches grades K-2 at New Port Richey Adventist School in Florida. Her daughters, Cherie and Becky, are English majors at Southern.

Richard Travis Speight, attended, lives in Takoma Park, Md., where he is working as an architect.

Robert, '79, and Jackie (Liles) Sperrazza, '77, welcomed their fourth child into the world this summer. Jackie enjoys home schooling the older children, Justin, 11, Juliana, 10, and Jeremy, 6. Robert is the chief of anesthesia at a hospital in Albany, Ga.

Roger, '76, and Ruth (Earle) Wiehn, '76, live in Punta Gorda, Fla., with their two children, Heather, 14, and Brian, 16. Ruth is a home health nurse, and Roger teaches at the Port Charlotte Adventist School.

Beth Best, '80, enjoys teaching adults for the Families First program through Chattanooga State Technical Community College.

Steve Dobias, '88, was promoted in January to principal in the health care group of Whipple & Company, CPAs/Management Consultants/Financial Advisors of Indianapolis, Ind.

Susan Hersch-Frey, '83, says she is happily married to John. They live in Florida where Susan works in the department store business, and John is a glass installer. They have a new "addition to the family," Samantha, their white boxer.

Donna (Goodson) Gibson, '81, and Don married in 1983. They have two daughters, Katie LeAnne and Hannah Marie. The family lives in Texas. Donna works at La Petite Academy, and Don works at the Towne of Addison animal control.

Mark, '81, and Kimberly (Wolfe) Gilbert, '90, married May 25 in Ooltewah Church. His medical degree is from the University of South Florida, and Kimberly is pursuing her master's in nursing at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Wayne Goffin, '84, and his wife, Barbara, have a new baby girl named Kaitlyn. They live in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Margie Hogan, '80, enjoys working as a charge nurse in the operating room at Shands Teaching Hospital. She also likes living in Gainesville, Fla., and participating in outdoor and indoor activities. Both of her children are adults.

Jim Huenergardt, '87, married Sonia Mirza, on Nov. 17, 1996. He has started an internet design company, Day Star Interactive, in Colorado Springs. A site he created for Domino's permits net surfers in that city to order pizza on-line. His address is jim@day-star.com.

Wes, '82, and Marilyn (MacBournie) Johnston, '76, live in Fairfield, Maine. Wes is campus chaplain for an adolescent group home agency. He earned a master's in divinity from Andrews University in 1986 and a doctorate in ministry from Bangor Theological Seminary in 1997. Marilyn is a nursing supervisor at a specialized nursing home. Their four children are Julie, 19, Jana, 16, Wesley, 14, and Johanna, 11.

Tamara (Lang), '80 and '82, and Wayne Johnson, '83, and sons, Bradley, 6, and Brett, 4, live in Louisville, Ky. Wayne is controller for Columbia Healthcare, Kentucky division, and Tamara is a nurse in emergency.

Lisa (Vollberg) Klein, attended, is a nurse at a local hospital in Punta Gorda, Fla. She and her husband, Dan, had their first child early this year.

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**Jim Malone**, '88, is the director of operations for Output Technologies, a business communications solutions provider, located in Miami, Fla. Before joining the company in 1994, Jim taught math at the day academy in Greeneville, Tenn., for three years. He and his family live in Pembroke Pines.

**Steve Martin**, '82, and his wife, Mary (FitzGerald), live in Skokie, Ill., with their two daughters, Karly and Katelyn. Steve has worked for about 15 years as the band director and as a physical education teacher at North Shore Junior Academy in Chicago. Steve earned a master's degree in music education from VanderCook College of Music and has produced four sacred recordings. Friends and classmates can reach Steve at [steve-martin@juno.com](mailto:steve-martin@juno.com).

**Sam McBride**, '81, continues to teach at DeVry Institute of Technology near his Pomona, Calif., home. In June he completed his Ph.D. in philosophy, with a dissertation titled "Performing Laurie Anderson: the Construction of a Persona." Sam's wife, **Debbie (Redden)**, '83, is a case manager for workers' comp with CorVel Corporation. Their daughter, Rachel, is 8, and they expect their second child next March.

**Wilfredo Nieves**, '84, is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Central Florida. He and his wife, Aida, live in Lake Mary, Fla.

**Margorie Polycarpe**, '84, is employed as a nurse and as the home health coordinator at the East Pasco Medical Center. She is living in Tampa, on the west coast of Florida.

**Harry Selent**, '80, assisted the IIW Internet team launch for Mark Finley's Net '96 audio on the Internet. He and wife, Rachael, live in Punta Gorda, Fla.

**Jook-Ting "JT" Shim**, '86, lives in Longwood, Fla., and has an e-mail account. His address is [74532.2002@compuserve.com](mailto:74532.2002@compuserve.com).

**Deanette (Robertson)**, '82, and **Jim Sisson**, attended, work at Huguley Memorial Medical Center. Deanette is director of patient services for Home Health, and Jim is director of the Cardiac Catheter Lab. Their daughters are Ashley, 9, and Jayme, 7.

**Eddie**, '86, and **Milca Soler**, attended, have celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. They have a daughter, Jacqueline, age 7. Eddie is controller at Florida Hospital, and Milca is a case manager.

**Erik L. Wolf**, '86, graduated from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in May. He and his wife, **Rebecca (Everett)**, '85, moved to Porterville, Calif., where Erik practices dentistry. Their two girls are Kaitlyn, 4, and Lauren, who was born in January.

**Geoffrey Blomeley**, '92, is a financial analyst for Florida Hospital and says he enjoys the "winter" weather in Florida.

**Deborah Lynn Boyer**, '91, graduated from East Tennessee State University this spring with a master of arts degree.

**Brent Burdick**, '97, has joined the Canada District staff of the General Conference Auditing Service. He is based in Oshawa, Ontario, but his work takes him across the country. He has also had some temporary duty in New England this fall.

**David Castleberg II**, '97, is applying his accounting degree with employment at McNeilus Truck and Manufacturing in Dodge Center, Minn. His wife, **Cora (Weiss)**, is also a '97 graduate.

**Delton Chen**, '96, lives in Calhoun, Ga., where he teaches fifth and sixth grade at Coble Elementary.

**Stacy (Spaulding) DeLay**, '96, is a staff writer at the San Bernardino County Sun and recently won second place in a local contest for her story on detecting the presence of date raped drugs. **Scott**, '96, is a second year master's degree student at Loma Linda University, studying Poison Arrow Frogs.

**Laura Dukeshire**, '95, teaches at the church school in Port Charlotte, Fla.

**Leigh Faerber**, '92, now a certified nurse midwife, has joined the Women's Institute for Specialized Health in Chattanooga. Her 23 years of nursing experience includes 15 years in obstetrical nursing at Erlanger.

**Brian**, attended, and **Tamara (Wolcott) Fisher**, '91, live in Avon Park, Fla. They are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Jacob Brian, born Nov. 28, 1996.

**Crysta (Lovin) Fletcher**, '90, married Tracy Fletcher on June 29, 1997, in Cincinnati, Ohio. They moved to Roanoke, Va., where Tracy is principal and teacher. Crysta was job hunting at the time of writing.

**Ronnie Hold, Jr.**, '93, and **Ashley (Hall)**, '94, were married June 15, at the Ooltewah Adventist Church. Ronnie attends the School of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee at Memphis, and Ashley works as a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Melanie Halvorson**, '97, a summa cum laude graduate, is now enrolled at Vanderbilt University School of Law in Nashville, Tenn.

**David Huff**, attended, received his AAS degree in nursing this May, and passed the NCLEX-RN. He is a nurse at Doctor's Regional Medical Center in Poplar Bluff, Mo., and is pursuing his bachelor of science at Southeast Missouri State University.

**Penny Duerksen-Hughes**, '92, is assistant professor in the biology department at Georgia State University. She has a boy, 6, and a girl, 1.

**Jennifer Langlois**, '94, graduated with distinction from Ohio Northern University School of Law in May.

**Dame Looby**, '91, is communication assistant for Adventist Communication Network and editorial assistant for *Adventist View* magazine. She lives in Takoma Park, Md.

**Gerald**, '90, and **Susan (Rempher) Peel**, '91, and their two children live in Collegedale. Gerald is general manager of WSMC-FM 90.5, and Susan is a homemaker.

**Christine (Ipes) Sager**, '96, is beginning her studies at East Tennessee University's Quillen College of Medicine. She and her husband, **Donald**, '96, live in Johnson City.

**Justin Skoretz**, '96, and **Melody Gaynor**, '95 and '97, married August 31 at the Collegedale Church. She is a nurse with Erlanger Health Systems, and Justin is employed by Associated Financial Planners, Inc.

**Daniel L. Snow**, '90, is program services director at Open Arms Care in Ooltewah, Tenn., and his wife, **Michelle (Watkins)**, '91, works for the Northwest Georgia Council on Child Abuse. The two are members of McDonald Road Church where they help with Pathfinders.

**Ruth Tangunan**, '90, an RN, is a case manager in home health care. She has four children, two in Loma Linda and two at home in Florida.

**Deborah Thompson**, '94, received a master's degree in nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 1996. Deborah is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nurses and the American College of Nurse-Midwives. Earlier this year Deborah joined Women's Institute for Specialized Health in Chattanooga.

**Jennifer Vaughn**, '97, has begun her teaching career with fifth-graders at A. W. Spalding Elementary in Collegedale.

## At Rest

**Chan Shun**, 80, died May 25, 1997, in Vancouver. Over the past 40 years the Chan family foundations have funded over 100 medical, educational, and cultural projects globally. The philanthropy of this Seventh-day Adventist businessman is recognized in the naming of two amphitheaters in Southern's new Hickman Science Center.

At a young age he learned to sew garments and repair sewing machines at his parents' tiny workshop. He overcame his disadvantaged background, founding Crocodile Garments Ltd. in Hong Kong, which grew to be a publicly listed clothing company.

Jack McClarty, 59, vice president for development at Southern Adventist University, died suddenly of a massive heart attack on Sept. 8, 1997.

He joined the faculty in 1972 as professor of music and band director, but had directed fund-raising efforts at the school since July 1980.

Last summer Dr. McClarty received the Trailblazer in Philanthropy award at the triennial convention of Seventh-day Adventist development officers. He was a Certified Fund Raising Executive and was area chapter president for the National Society of Fund Raising Executives from 1993-95.

Born in Kalispell, Mont., on July 11, 1938, Jack received both his bachelor of music education and his doctorate in education at the University of Montana. His instrument of choice was the trumpet.

He attended Andrews University in Michigan for his master's degree. His baptism, graduation, and marriage were all in Pioneer Memorial Church on that campus.

Prior to his service here, he taught music at Milo Academy in Oregon, Kingsway College in Canada, and Southwestern Adventist University in Texas.

His wife of 35 years, Dr. Wilma (Doering) McClarty, chairs Southern's Department of English. Their son, Stacey Jack, is a senior biology major. Their daughter, Julie Smith, of Belton, Mo., is a 1987 elementary education graduate and the mother of grandsons Shawn and Tyler. A brother, Elwood McClarty, of Kalispell, Mont., also survives. His parents and a sister predeceased him.

Memorial gifts may be directed to the McClarty Family Scholarship Endowment Fund at Southern.

Laurel (Pendley) Wells, 70, died April 9, 1997, in Mena, Ark., as the result of a stroke. She came to Southern Missionary College as a secretary in 1964 and retired from her post as director of student finance at Southern College in 1988.

Born in Avinger, Texas, on Feb. 25, 1927, she attended Jefferson Academy, then worked in Texarkana and Houston for 16 years before she and her husband, Harley, moved to Tennessee.

During her 21-year career as director of student finance, she assisted thousands of students in reaching their educational dreams. She became a recognized expert in financial aid circles and in the U.S. Office of Education. She was an active leader in the Tennessee, Southern, and National Associations of Financial Aid administrators. Her year as president of the Tennessee Association was recognized with an outstanding leadership award.

In 1989 Southern honored her with the Distinguished Service Medallion. Mrs. Wells was also active in her church as treasurer for 8 years and a Sabbath school leader for over 25 years.

Survivors include her husband, Harley, and son, Harley Wayne, both of Mena, Ark. Gifts in her honor may be directed to the Laurel Wells Scholarship Endowment Fund at Southern to carry on her legacy of love for students desiring a Christian education.

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