Southern Serves!

Many homes near campus remain affected by the April 27 tornado in Apison, Tennessee. To demonstrate Southern’s heart for helping, this year’s “We Serve – Freshman Community Service Day” had a large storm cleanup component. Matthew Harris and 668 other freshmen spread out across the area, with almost a third of them assisting tornado victims specifically. "Truthfully, I didn’t want to work," Matthew admits. "I was throwing a little tantrum in my mind until I felt God tell me, ‘Relax, Matt, be you.’ It was a pretty good day.”
I woke up Thursday morning and started taking pictures of the house and the devastation. I took pictures of the other houses in our area and went up to Clonts [Road] to figure out what happened to everyone. That’s when I heard confirmation of those people we couldn’t find being dead. The people on the other side of our property were also dead. Later that day people from Southern showed up—teachers, students, and others—to cut the trees away from our driveway so we could get out.

As it stands we are staying at Southern Village apartments (on the university campus) and have two rental cars from Southern. We have been getting food and stuff from a ton of people who God has sent our way. Through this whole experience God has blessed us immensely. We haven’t been able to do much with the house since we haven’t had the insurance people out yet, since they have thousands of houses to go. With God’s help and the community around us for support, we will and have started the long road to recovery.

You guys! This verse just rocked my world!!!!
Ezekiel 18:21-23 “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not fair,’ Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair?”
“paradigm shift!”

Katie Partlo, ’06
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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.

Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?”

The King will reply, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

— Matthew 25:35-40, NIV

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SERVING IT UP
Students Touch Lives Near and Far
By Kelli Gauthier, ’06

Photo: Christina Stewart
At Southern, community service is more than a reason to skip a day of classes in January; it’s a way of living. Whether students are planting churches, tutoring kids in inner-city schools, or working as volunteers across the world from Uganda to the Philippines, many of them take time out of their busy lives to give back and help others.

More than 500 participated this year in Community Service Day, 70 served as student missionaries across the world, and hundreds gave up weekend hours to participate in one of the campus ministries.

A vital part of the campus culture, service is even written into the university’s mission statement: “Southern Adventist University as a learning community nurtures Christ-likeness and encourages the pursuit of truth, wholeness, and a life of service.” And it’s a mission that students across campus have taken to heart.

**West Side 4 Jesus**

Eliud, Southern’s outreach director for Campus Ministries, began West Side 4 Jesus. It’s a multifaceted ministry: Friday afternoons are for flag football, GED tutoring, and health expos. On Sabbath, some students participate in the children’s ministry, playing games with kids, praying with people and collecting prayer requests; while others hold Bible studies inside people’s homes. Their goal is to hold an evangelistic series in Chattanooga’s Westside.

Residents have told him that violence and gang activity stops when the students are there, so the community feels safer when the volunteers are around. Sometimes, before students even begin talking, residents will grab their hands and ask them to pray about something that’s going on in their lives.

“I feel God is coming very soon, and all of their friends are doing drugs or in gangs. They want to know why we’re different and how they can get that.”

**Ganbare Nippon**

Leroy Abdouls doesn’t usually cry. But once the videos started playing, it was tough for the junior biology major to keep from getting emotional. Hunched over his roommate’s computer, he first saw YouTube clips of the aftermath of Japan’s deadly 9.0 magnitude earthquake and the devastating tsunami that followed.

“Seeing people screaming and jumping in their cars to get away—there are people who live like we do in the U.S., and they’re in such a desperate situation,” the 21-year-old says. “It really struck me.”

The images stayed with Leroy for days, but it took a Sunday morning phone conversation with his mom several days later for the details of a plan to start coming together.

“It sort of dawned on me, ‘I’m the community service director [for the Student Association], and I have extra money in my budget. I could use my position to organize students to do something about it.’”

That Friday was Asian Club veepers, and Asian Night was just around the corner; why not raise money for disaster relief at those two events?

He talked to Asian Club President Keri Miao, and it turned out she’d been thinking the same thing.

The two sprung into action, launching a campaign titled “Ganbare Nippon,” which is Japanese for “Don’t Give Up, Japan.”

After hearing testimonies from some of Southern’s Japanese students and watching a documentary by Kristine Barkley, senior film production major, students donated $1,100 during a live offering at Asian veepers.

“When we showed the documentary at veepers, some of the responses were overwhelming; some people donated all of the money in their wallets,” Ken says. “The Lord really blessed us.”

The next evening a donation box at Asian Night brought in an additional $2,700.

Through the end of the school year, student leaders like Leroy and Keri put a donation box in the student center and sold red and white “Don’t Give Up, Japan” wristbands and T-shirts. They also visited local churches, encouraging the congregations to support the project.

By the end of the school year, students had raised $7,500. All of the money will be turned over to the Asia-Pacific Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for disaster relief.

Throughout the project, there were countless inspiring stories of people who felt called to give, Leroy says. Junior nursing major Rhina Ursulataz said that God would help her find some money to donate to the project, because she had none of her own to give. The next week, an older woman whom Rhina had been driving around town ran errands and she wanted to give the student $100 for her help. At first Rhina declined, but then realized it was the answer to her prayer.

Students are finding their own ways to serve, with the help of groups like the Student Association.

“One of my goals was to make community service a lifestyle among our student body… to make community service more than just the annual Community Service Day,” Leroy says. “This has given students a chance to see that they can have an impact on people’s lives across the ocean. We’re getting trained to shine out light to people around the world.”

There are few Christians—let alone Seventh-day Adventists—in Japan, Keri says, so she hopes the students’ efforts will help people see Jesus’ love.

“We want to be able to spread the gospel through this disaster and give them a little hope.”

**Therapeutic Riding**

From her perch on top of the horse, the little girl didn’t speak at all. She was about 5 years old and had autism. She may have been quiet, but Joshua Walker, senior architectural drafting major, was struck by the girl’s happiness as he led her horse slowly around the ring.

“Seeing people screaming and jump-
Christian Service Program

Melissa Tortal, ’09, has always been passionate about service. As a junior at Southern, she was a natural at directing Community Service Day, where she organized more than 700 students and faculty volunteers in member organizations throughout the Chattanooga area.

“It’s important for all students to realize that they can use their gifts, skills, and careers in service,” says Tortal. “God hasn’t just called pastors and teachers to serve, but people of all professions.”

Next, she took a year to serve as a task force worker at Camp Kalaqua in Florida. Returning to campus her senior year, Tortal once again led the Community Service Day event. After graduating, Southern hired her for the new position of service initiative coordinator.

For the last year and a half, the University has conducted a pilot initiative to explore an official service-learning program. Tortal has documented existing service projects, assessed community needs, and established a system for helping students find projects relevant to their career paths. As a result, a new Christian Service Program was launched this fall, and a service component was integrated into Southern’s curriculum.

The idea is to give students experiences that will empower them to go into their communities after they graduate, identify the specific needs, and use the precise skills they have developed at Southern to address those needs.

“The new program will help us be sure that all students are involved in service,” says Bob Young, vice president for academic administration. “I believe it will be a blessing to the local community, help our students grow in significant areas, and raise general awareness of the call to Christ’s followers to serve the needs of others.”

Whether through short-term or long-term mission work, community service projects or fundraisers, Southern provides opportunities for students to give back to their communities, improve their leadership skills, and catch the inspiration for a lasting commitment to service.

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“I’m so glad I went, because not only did I get to see another country and its culture, but I got to experience how the country does business,” Figueroa said.

From May 8 to May 27, students kept a journal that they turned in for credit at the end of the trip. The daily schedule typically involved visiting a local business in the morning, and then sightseeing in the afternoon. This created a balance between learning about China’s business practices and its cultural heritage at places like the Hong Kong International Trade and Stock Exchange and the Forbidden City.

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Their final concert, which took place in a cathedral in Warsaw, was stirring for junior nursing major Jeremy Pastor. As the orchestra played inside, people were drawn in from the street by the sound of their music and “as soon as they stepped inside, they became very reverent,” Pastor said. “It felt profound.”

Social Work in Europe
Exposing students to different cultures was the main goal of the School of Social Work’s European tour, according to assistant professor Stanley Stevenson.

The trip was organized to be a cultural immersion experience, in which students would learn about European societies by becoming part of them for nearly a month.

By the end of the trip, students had visited eight European countries. From the crowded streets and Eiffel Tower of Paris, to the pristine mountain air of Switzerland, to the Bohemian atmosphere of Amsterdam, the students had a lot to absorb.

Some students found that they could relate their observations directly to what they are studying in school. Junior nursing/pre-med major Alex Bowen says that this was the case for him and that “seeing the different types of healthcare systems in Europe really gave me a new perspective and broke down any prejudices I had.”

Learning about Europe by reading is beneficial, but it simply does not have the same impact as actually going there. This, professor Stevenson feels, is what makes this trip a very important part of anyone’s education.

“There’s something very tangible and visceral about actually touching and standing in a place you’ve studied in history class that you can’t get by watching a video or reading a book,” Stevenson said.

Archaeology in Israel
Students traveled to Israel to help excavate the biblical city of Khirbet Qeiyafa, which existed during the reign of King David and is believed to be a fortress. The large majority of artifacts found were pieces of pottery, but the most significant and exciting find was the olive press, which is the earliest Hellenistic press found in the city. A libation vessel, one of only a few in the world, was also found, giving evidence of the mixing of religious and cult practices taking place there at some point.

During the trip students gained confidence not only in their archaeological skills, but also in their faith. Through their efforts at the dig site and firsthand observations during weekend tours around Israel and Jordan, the Bible stories they had been told since childhood became more real to them. Junior theology and near east/classical studies archaeology major Ethan White hopes to use what he learned about archaeology in Israel in an evangelistic series, and he recommends the archaeology trip to everyone.

“[As a child] I learned the names of Biblical places in church, and it’s more abstract. But after actually being there and experiencing them, I speak with a vivaciously that I never would have had otherwise.”

Changed Forever
Although these trips cost extra money, most students found it a wise investment and are grateful for the chance to learn in a new, exciting way.

“You can’t put a price on the kind of experience you get on these trips,” Figueroa said. “Going on one really opened my eyes to the things Southern has to offer and helped show me more about what I can do with my career.”

The observations of these students and others show that not all summer school deserves a bad reputation. Sometimes it means a chance to meet new people and explore new places. What more could you want from a summer adventure?

By Angela Baerg, ’06

**Columns**

**CHANGED**

**PROFESSOR’S STUDY AFFIRMS THE ABILITY OF GOD’S WORD TO ALTER PERSONALITY**

Despite growing up an Adventist, Robert Montague, Ph.D., professor in the School of Business and Management, didn’t take his faith seriously until one day in college when a visiting speaker challenged him to read the Bible on a regular basis. 
When I did that, all of a sudden I realized God’s word was powerful,” says Montague. “From then on, my life changed for the better. My grades in school shot up, my relationships changed, and my future became bright with hope.”

Montague’s experience inspired him to conduct a study to find out if the average person’s personality and life habits are altered for the better when he or she engages in consistent Bible reading. He looked in particular at how Bible reading affected the “Big Five” personality traits as defined in psychological literature: openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism. For example, would people who were more intimately connected with God be less “neurotic” because they were more able to cast their burdens on Him?

Since it is impossible to quantify inward spirituality as a result of Bible reading, Montague decided to explore the correlation between personality and something that could be more objectively measured: biblical knowledge. In August 2010, Montague made preparations to scientifically poll members of eight randomly selected Protestant churches of various denominations across the United States to find out if their experiences were like his.

Southern’s School of Business and Management sponsored the venture out of interest in the study’s potential ability to be a witness to the academic community. Graduate assistant Diana Santos, studying toward a master’s degree in business administration, did a lot of legwork on the project, personally canvassing dozens of pastors to encourage them to participate in the research, making hundreds of phone calls, and spending hours entering survey results. When asked why a business professor would conduct a study in the area of religion, Montague asks why not? “I’ve mixed religion in business all of my life, first when I was a hospital administrator and now that I’m a professor,” he says. “As a Christian, I believe the two are inseparable.”

MEASURING THE IMPACT OF BIBLE READING ON PERSONALITY

Although a lot of research has investigated areas of Christianity and generic spirituality, not much has been done specifically regarding the Bible and personality. In Montague’s study, each participant filled out an 84-question survey about his or her personality traits, lifestyle habits, and biblical knowledge. On a scale from one to five, church members rated how much they agreed or disagreed with statements such as “I am able to do things as well as most other people” and “I see myself as someone who gets nervous easily.” Other questions measured where the person scored on a spectrum of Bible knowledge. Questions ranged from common knowledge such as “What was Jesus’ mother’s name?” to more obscure questions such as “What did Abigail do after Nabal died?”

SURVEY RESULTS

Most of the results are now in, and although subsequent data could show otherwise, so far the trends are encouraging. People who know more about the Bible self-report lower on the neuroticism scale, indicating they have fewer negative emotions such as anxiety, depression, and anger. They also self-report having more hope for the future.

Montague hopes to publish the results of his study, highlighting the positive correlations between Bible reading and personality. He also plans to do follow-up studies on these same survey participants and to start a new study to test the modern validity of some of Ellen White’s counsel.

“I think for all of us it’s important to figure out if the strong claims the Bible makes on our lives are true or not,” says Montague. “If they are, they ought to influence our lives and be the motivation for all we do. This research is just one more small brick in the wall of evidence for why we should take the Bible seriously.”

THE BIG FIVE

Everyone has differing degrees of the Big Five traits in his or her personality.

1. Extraversion: This trait includes characteristics such as exciatbility, sociability, talkativeness, assertiveness, and high amounts of expressiveness.

2. Agreeableness: This personality dimension includes attributes such as trust, altruism, kindness, affection, and other pro-social behaviors.

3. Conscientiousness: This dimension includes features such as trust, altruism, kindness, affection, and other pro-social behaviors.

4. Neuroticism: Individuals high in this trait tend to experience emotional instability, anxiety, moodiness, sadness, and irritability.

5. Openness: This trait features characteristics such as imagination and insight. Those high in this trait tend to have a broad range of interests.

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A COLLABORATIVE CAMPUS

Many professors at Southern not only teach classes but also do professional research as a contribution to the academic community. Topics range from finding the most effective strategies for treating health problems to the speciation of cricket communities (and everything in between). Here are a few highlights of the many types of riveting research projects taking place.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

LISA CLARK DILLER

In addition to teaching, Lisa Clark Diller, Ph.D., is writing a book on how religious tolerance developed in England during the 17th century. Many people tend to assume that this just materialized gradually, a natural fit for the Protestants who dominated English culture. What they don’t realize is that although Protestants sought toleration for themselves, it took them quite a while to extend that same courtesy to Catholics. Religious tolerance didn’t just happen; it was fiercely debated and intentionally implemented by passionate individuals.

“We can’t just assume that a liberal democracy like the one we live in has built-in protection for everyone,” Diller said. “Understanding the way religious tolerance developed in the past helps us recognize what that means for our society today, especially for groups we perceive as politically dangerous.”

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

KEITH SNYDER

For the past three years, Keith Snyder, Ph.D., has participated in Gordon Atkins’ long-term study of cricket speciation in the spring and fall field crickets. They have found that calls between the two species are sometimes more similar than call variation within each species and that there appears to be a gradual change in cricket calls, from the north to the south for both species.

Snyder and Atkins are trying to determine how quickly speciation can take place. These results may have ramifications for how fast one species can split into two.

“We are interested in this from a scientific view and from a religious view,” Snyder said. “It is interesting to see how quickly new species can develop after a catastrophic event like the Flood.”

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

NENI DRUMM

When Rene Drumm, Ph.D., and her research team studied spouse abuse within the Seventh-day Adventist Church, they were sad to see that Adventist statistics were on par with other U.S. study populations. Their research showed that many victims had tried to reach out to their churches but had received no response and that even a three-hour training can make a significant difference in a church member’s or pastor’s ability to respond to situations of abuse.

Drumm hopes their study will make a significant difference in the Adventist church to help prevent spouse abuse.

“We are the only denomination publishing results of a study of this magnitude. We are world leaders in the intersection of religion and abuse response,” Drumm said. “We have an opportunity to set the standard of care for church leadership in spouse abuse.”
SCHOOL OF NURSING
HOLLY GADD
As well as being a professor, Holly Gadd, Ph.D., is a family nurse practitioner who works alongside nursing students to assist patients in several different settings, helping patients learn to manage chronic health problems such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, smoking problems, and abnormal cholesterol levels. Data from her work in these settings is used to track which health challenges improve most under direct care from an onsite nurse practitioner, which ones require different strategies to be successful, and what those strategies might be.

"Ultimately, the goal of managing these health problems is to reduce risk of more severe health problems, to maintain the highest quality of life for each individual patient, and to reduce healthcare expenditures over the long run," Gadd said. "My goal is that my research will help my patients live healthier, happier lives."

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION
LINDA CRUMLEY
After student Renee Baumgartner, ’08, saw some negative effects of American gift-giving to locals during short-term mission trips, she began a study with instructors Linda Crumley, Ph.D. and Mindi Rahn, and many student helpers. Their research has revealed that these well-intended gifts often have unexpected consequences such as having people fight over presents, locals developing an attitude of entitlement, or motivating people to become beggars because it is so lucrative.

"With more than 100,000 Americans participating in short-term mission trips each year, it is a potentially volatile situation," Crumley said. "Certainly it is off-target from Christ’s command of making disciples."

Crumley and Baumgartner hope their research can result in better training for good-intentioned missionaries who need direction in selecting gifts that will truly benefit the communities to which they are ministering.

PHYSICS AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
KEN CAVINESS
When Ken Caviness, Ph.D., is not teaching physics to his students, he spends his time researching to better understand it himself. Caviness is currently studying causal networks generated from sequential substitution systems.

Causal networks are rules of cause and effect. In Caviness’ research, substitutions are sequentially made into these networks using a computer program, and the trends generated by the results are studied. These causal networks can be set up so that they reproduce some of the relationships observed in physics, contributing to the search for a set of rules that could potentially explain all physical relationships and reactions.

"Through this project, we hope not only to gain a better understanding of causal networks and sequential substitution systems but ultimately increased insight into the fundamental mechanisms of the universe," Caviness said.

A Full Flight
After hearing university president Gordon Bietz’s student dedication address, which compared a year at Southern to being on a flight with a specific destination, students crowded the foyer of the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists. Nearly 1,200 students were aboard for the first convocation of “Southern Flight 2011-2012,” with 250 of them watching a live screening of the program in an overflow room adjacent to the sanctuary while even more watched from a nearby mothers’ room. This flight was bursting at the seams!
The End of an Era

By Carla Fussel, '11

Learning to write well can be a difficult and nerve-wracking task, but Helen Pyke, associate professor of English, made it enjoyable. Pyke’s smile and warm greetings calmed freshmen nerves about their new environment and grades. Her cookies—creative treats containing anything from chocolate chips to pineapple to raisins and coconut—were baked from scratch for students on days when their papers for her were due. For these reasons and more, Pyke is sorely missed on campus this fall, writing recently after 24 years at Southern Adventist University.

Pyke originally planned to work at College Press, but began teaching composition classes during the summer of 1987 after talking with David Smith, who was chair of the English Department at the time.

“After less than a week in the classroom, I told David that this is where I belong,” Pyke said. “All other teaching experiences had just been training for this.”

Freshmen still anxious about their abilities to perform well in college classes became self-assured writers and all-around confident students after taking classes from Pyke. Senior English major Olivia Nieb was one of these worried new students when she first came to Southern and was assigned Pyke as her academic advisor.

“When I came to school as a freshman, I was very, very nervous and shy,” Nieb said, “but Ms. Pyke had a very friendly smile. She told me what to expect and made me feel right at home.”

Pyke supported writer students as a creative writing instructor and one-year sponsor of the Writer’s Club. Her often-repeated statement, “There is no one way to write; there are millions of ways,” was the core of what she tried to teach. This approach to writing inspired Nieb to write articles for the Seventh-day Adventist magazines Guide and Insight.

She really urged us to share our writing with others and gave great advice on how to get published,” Nieb said. “She made us feel good about what we did!”

Pyke remains passionate about teaching students how to be good writers.

“Anyone who really wants to write can learn to do it right,” Pyke said. “Writers are not born. They learn their craft because they are passionate about sharing ideas and want to write better than they do, no matter how long they do it or how good they get.”

Like Nieb, senior social work major Lauren Souza found inspiration in her relationship with Pyke. Souza started working for Pyke the second semester of her freshman year. Since then, she’s come to see Pyke not only as a good boss, but also as a mentor and friend who was always willing to listen and offer guidance.

“Every time I came to work, we would have wonderful conversations about how to handle situations in life,” Souza said. “One time I had a really bad day, and I just started crying in her office. She came over and gave me an incredible hug I mean, she just squeezed the life out of me! It was so nice to know that she cared, that she loved me.”

The same caring personality and dedication Souza experienced was also clear to all who enjoyed Pyke’s famous cookies, made fresh for days when final draft papers were due. These treats remain legendary in Brock Hall and beyond.

“Those cookies were so good! I really appreciated that she took the time to make them for everyone,” Nieb said. “That, along with remembering each student’s name, showed that she cared about each individual.”

Having positively affected so many people’s lives, Pyke’s absence will be keenly felt.

“Where Did I Go Wrong?”

By Sam Nadarajan, senior religion and computer science major

“I remember one assignment I received in middle school. Circled in red ink was my grade: A+. But that wasn’t what got my attention. At the end of the assignment was a note from my teacher. It read, ‘Congratulations. You went above and beyond the call of duty.’ I had never heard this phrase before, so I asked my teacher what it meant. She explained that I had done much more than what was required for the assignment and that I had done it with excellence.

Since then I have tried endlessly to re-create the feeling I had when I saw that note. To know that I did more than what was required, to give my best, and to do it with excellence seemed worth excessive studying and checking for accuracy.

Hard to Be Perfect

In high school, it was tough to emulate that feeling, yet I somehow managed to do it. Taking six advanced placement classes and completing assignments that my teachers would ask to keep for examples made me strive all the more to go above and beyond. I frequently skipped meals, went to bed early, and turned down offers to hang out with friends for the sake of excellence. When I received my high school diploma, I vowed to make it clear in college too that I was no ordinary student, but one who went above and beyond the call of duty.

As a naive freshman, I signed up for many clubs and activities. It was not until I started receiving emails from each of them and tried in vain to meet their demands that I realized in my middle school years, three years later, I look back at my involvement as a resident assistant, double major, painter at Plant Services, Asian Club pastor and social vice president, Sabbath School leader, Paton Towers volunteer, member of Bible Workers Club, and various other activities that I realize everything I gave up in my attempt to go above and beyond—namely sleep, a social life, exercise, healthy food, vacations, and more importantly, the very desire I started with to go above and beyond. If I had a split personality, managing all of these tasks would have been a lot easier, but I realized I’d been maintaining instead of excelling.

Where Did I Go Wrong?

The other day as I was reflecting with my girlfriend on the challenges of the year and the stress I frequently exhibit, she said something that struck me.

“You’re trying to go above and beyond in every single thing you’re involved in.”

I had never told her about my middle school experience or articulated my vow; nevertheless, she saw what was getting at me. I was involved in too much, and I was trying to be the best in everything. As a result, I found myself struggling in everything.

Since coming to Southern, I can safely say that I’ve done too much. God never designed one individual to do everything, but rather for each member of the body to excel in its job for the function of the whole body (see 1 Corinthians 12). Here are some things I’ve learned in three years of college:

- Life gives us too many options, and Southern is no exception. This isn’t necessarily a bad thing; it just requires wisdom to choose carefully so at the end of the day, after schoolwork, homework, and regular work, we’ll have enough energy left for our extracurricular activities.
- It’s important to plan free time. Free time is just as essential as mealtime and should be treated the same way.
- A lot of stress is avoidable by learning to say “no.” There are some things that we just should not do. It’s okay not to do them, so we shouldn’t be afraid to use that two-letter word.

Modeled After Christ

When I think about Jesus’ ministry, I realize that one of the things that made it so effective was its focus. Even Jesus did not heal, convert, or reach everyone, but his ministry was still effective because he continually trained His disciples to take over for Him when He left. It took more than three years for them to get the point, but after Jesus ascended, the fruit of His labor was found mostly through the work of His disciples and the success of the early church.

The same lesson, I realized, is applicable in my life: Better to go above and beyond in one area and be effective than to mediocre in many things.”
Southern Partners with It Is Written for Evangelism Training

Southern Adventist University and It Is Written are teaming up to offer an ambitious curriculum aimed at increasing participants’ Bible knowledge and enthusiasm for evangelism. Students in the new SALT program (Soul-winning And Leadership Training) enroll in 14 weeks of spiritual study so condensed and focused that they are not allowed to take any additional courses at the same time and are advised against maintaining work responsibilities outside of the classroom. And the coursework is the easy part.

Finding opportunities to share these new truths with others, and being comfortable enough to engage when the moments do arise, is often more daunting than the hours spent diving into prophecy and practical work. To help with this, SALT spends considerable time teaching effective evangelism and one-on-one techniques that make the sharing of beliefs come more naturally to Christians. Classes for the inaugural SALT course positions in Bible work and foreign missions—jobs that Southern helps arrange. While the classes are taught at Southern, largely by Southern professors, SALT is definitely a dual effort with a venerable partner. It Is Written approached Southern with this idea for an evangelistic training program and contributes in several key ways: program promotion, financial backing, scholarship opportunities, and board guidance. They are even sending John Bradshaw, their new speaker and director, to teach at SALT for a full week. Leaders from both partners are excited about the program and anticipate a practical, far-reaching impact for all involved.

“This is a chance for students to not only obtain classroom knowledge, but hands-on experience as well,” Ducoumes said. “Our hope is that SALT graduates will go on to be passionate leaders in evangelism, whatever their future careers!”

For more information, please visit southern.edu/SALT

Professor Publishes Faith-Based Business Management Textbook

Michael Cafferky, professor of Business and Management at Southern Adventist University, has written and published a new textbook, the first ever of its kind.

Management: A Faith-Based Perspective is the only full-length college textbook ever written on management from a Christian perspective. The textbook came of the press in September, and professors at six different colleges have already stated their plans to use it. The book will also be used at Southern starting in winter 2012 for the class “Principles of Marketing.”

Cafferky already has plans to write a business ethics textbook, also from a Christian perspective. Jon Wentworth, associate professor, said that Management: A Faith-Based Perspective is truly a unique resource. says Cafferky.

Students enjoy Professor Cafferky’s engaging style.

“This project has encouraged me to think deeply about what Christians believe and how our religious faith can be brought into our daily life at work,” Cafferky said.

Another testament to the program’s strength lies in just how Southern came to be nominated for the award in the first place. It wasn’t Southern faculty, staff, or students who were seeking to promote themselves. In fact, it was a leader at another institution altogether. David Gobble, director of Ball State University’s Fisher Wellness Center, nominated Southern for the NWI award after seeing program results firsthand. Ball State is a frequent destination for Southern students seeking graduate degrees in wellness management, and Gobble has been impressed with the quality of students Garver has sent his way.

Though pleased with the recognition, the NWI award brings to the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness, Garver has no plans to lean very long on present accolades. In fact, he’s busy working on the next big step to keeping this program relevant on the increasingly visible stage of wellness management.

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—Staff Report

National Wellness Institute Honors Southern for Health Promotion

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Cancer Research Progress Earns Southern Graduate Presidential Award

Southern Adventist University alumnus James Gulley, Ph.D., has been selected to receive a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE). This is the highest honor bestowed by the United States government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Gulley, who entered the tenure track at the National Institutes of Health in 2010, was recently tenured based on his leadership in the field of immunotherapy for cancer. He has brought a vaccine developed in the Laboratory of Tumor Immunology and Biology (within the National Cancer Institute) into human trials through preliminary efficacy studies and now into a phase 3 clinical trial. The study suggested a 44% reduction in the risk of death compared with placebo. Gulley has also proposed a new paradigm to explain the delayed clinical benefit seen with immune therapies as a class.

“I am very proud of Southern and how I got my formal start in higher education there,” Gulley said.

Gulley lives with his wife, Trenise, and their two children in Tacoma Park, Maryland, and is active in Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Student Turns Wakeskate Skills Into Traveling Outreach Ministry

With a pair of sneakers and a wakeskate under his feet, Matthew Manzari, junior theology major at Southern, is in his element—ready to hit the water, jump waves, and try new tricks. Wakeskating is a combination of skateboarding and wakeboarding that requires athletes to balance without foot bindings on a board pulled by a boat. Matthew, a professional wakeskater, began competing when he was 13 years old. By age 15, he had several sponsorships, which now include Nike 6.0, CWB Board Co., Arnette Sunglasses, Sea Doo, and Performance Ski and Surf.

Shifted Priorities

As Matthew became more involved with wakeskating, he noticed that he started to drift from God. His priorities changed as he went to competitions all over the world.

“I didn’t have plans for college,” says Matthew. “I intended to be in this sport! If I was at least 30 and then work as a team manager or something else in the sport.”

One morning everything changed. Matthew woke up unable to ignore the feeling that God was speaking to him and that something in his life had to shift. As time continued to slip by, Matthew felt an urgency to go into ministry—something he had never intended to do.

Wanting to make sure he had heard God’s voice, Matthew waited two months before sharing his thoughts with anyone. The confirmation came when one of Matthew’s friends, whom he hadn’t talked to in a while, said he always knew Matthew was going to be a pastor.

Wakeskating Witness

Matthew still wakeskates, but with a new perspective; it is now an opportunity for him to witness for God and make a difference in others’ lives. As Matthew continues to study at Southern and participate in wakeskate competitions, he realizes why God brought wakeskating into his life.

“One reason is to relate to youth because it opens a door to them, as a rider based in ministry,” says Matthew. “A second reason is that it has been and still is a great life experience. It made me appreciate what we have, being able to travel to other countries and experiencing other cultures.”

Matthew’s religion professors at Southern agree God has gifted him with unique skills and opportunities.

“I admire Matt’s ability to reach people through his profession that no one else can reach,” says Greg King, Ph.D., dean of the School of Religion. Fellow professor Michael Hasel, Ph.D., agrees. “It’s like the feeling when you have a test the next day and you go out to hang out with friends, but as much as you try to enjoy it, you can’t fully because the test is in the back of your mind,” says Matthew. “It became extremely clear what God wanted me to do.”

Matthew told his parents and started searching online for an Adventist university close to Florida that has a good theology program. Southern popped up on the list, and although he had never heard of it before, Matthew scheduled a campus tour. Three weeks later, he was enrolled, following a new passion.

“Coming to Southern has changed my life,” says Matthew. “I can’t imagine doing anything better than studying God’s Word.”

—Carrie Francisco
Pacific Island Trip Helps Complete Book On Fallen Missionary

Rainey Park, ’10, didn’t realize that enrolling in the Library Journalism class from Andy Nash, Ph.D., would lead to publishing her own book, Love, Kirsten.

The class is focused on the art of telling true stories, requires students to turn in one 20-page article that could be a portion of a book. While students were on the hunt for the perfect story, Rainey thought about Kirsten Wolcott, a student missionary from Southern who was murdered in November 2009 while serving on the island of Yap. Rainey says what initially attracted her to the story was that it was close to home and relevant. She also thought the story deserved to be told accurately.

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“I was nervous at first about calling Kirsten’s parents,” says Rainey. “I knew they were still grieving, and I didn’t want them to upset by asking permission to write their daughter’s story.”

As it turned out, Hollis and Karen Wolcott were warm and willing to help however possible. They supplied Rainey with Kirsten’s journals, which became the primary source of insight into Kirsten’s world.

After visiting the Wolcott family, Rainey finished her 20-page assignment and the semester ended, but the journey didn’t stop there. Rainey decided to travel to Yap to gather more information and finish writing the book-length story.

“It was a risky decision,” says Rainey. “I didn’t have a contract with a publisher or even know if it would be successful, but I knew I needed details from Yap if I was going to finish the story. I thought, ‘How can I write about places I haven’t seen or people I haven’t met?’”

Rainey decided to take the risk, using leftover scholarship money to purchase a plane ticket to Yap. While on the island, she met with other student missionaries, interviewed with Kirsten’s students, interviewed two senators, and even met with Kirsten’s confessed murderer.

Upon returning from Yap, Rainey sat down to finish the story. She says that although she had read Kirsten’s journals, she had to start over in the writing process because of the new perspective she gained on her trip to Yap.

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The men’s voices interrupted my thoughts. The other half of our team and supplies were on a second boat, which had steered the boat to the beach. With guns still pointed at us, the men ran-sacked our boat. One by one, I watched as things were taken out of my bag. I could hear my heart pounding in my ears. One of the pirates looked straight at me and asked for my cellphone. “No tengo nada! No tengo nada!” It was all I could spit out, and it was true. I didn’t have anything, not even a cellphone.

He came to search my pockets. The doctor’s wife was crying as he tried to explain to the robbers that we were medical missionaries and didn’t have anything of value.

“We are just trying to help people,” he said. “Don’t look at me. Shut up!” one of the pirates said, as he continued to hold a gun to the doctor’s neck.

I’ve never had so many thoughts fly through my head at once, all bouncing off of each other, going a million miles an hour. I thought about my family and friends—all those I love. I was trying to remember if I had any enemies. I thought about my future and past. I was trying to imagine what it would feel like to get shot or to die. I thought about my life, hanging by the thread of a robber’s impulsive trigger finger. The funny thing was that even though all of these things were going through my head, a blanket of peace covered me.

Right before the attack, I had started the book Don’t Waste Your Life by John Piper. In it he quotes a small poem:

Only one life, Twill soon be past; Only what’s done For Christ will last.

That little sentence hit me hard. The men’s voices interrupted my thoughts.

“Where’s the other boat?” they kept asking.

The other half of our team and supplies were on a second boat, which had gotten ahead of us and was out of sight.

“Where’s the other boat?” they repeated. “What’s on it?” “Angels,” the doctor and his wife said. The robbers started making jokes and laughed.

One of the men kept urging the others to go. The pirates threw some of our bags into their boat and took off as quickly as they came.

Lessons Learned
My point is not to tell you an adventure story. It was terrible, and I would never with the same thing on anyone. What I want to emphasize is just how valuable your life is. Look at the people you surround yourself with, at the kind of life you are living, and make sure you’re on the right path. You only get one life, so be immensely thankful for it. And remember,

Only one life, Twill soon be past; Only what’s done For Christ will last.

Everything else is in vain, isn’t it?

Living in Balance
By Tina Frist Smith, ‘89

For more than three decades, Southern Adventist University’s School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness has focused on holistic training for mind, body, and spirit. Today, the school stays true to form by encouraging an increasingly sedentary society to get moving again.

Phil Garver, Ed.D., current dean and head of the program since 1975, believes God is working through his program to bring balance back to unbalanced lives. “We’ve found that He blesses when we do the right things for the right reasons,” Garver said.

Four Degrees
School professors are preparing students to increase activity in a culture that spends too much time sitting in front of computers, televisions, and gaming systems. This imbalance is contributing to increased health risks for heart disease, diabetes, and osteoporosis. There has never been a greater need for health educators, and Southern has four distinct degrees contributing to that end.

Health Science. Of the four bachelor’s degrees offered through the school, this area has experienced the most growth with pre-professional undergraduates who plan to continue studies in medicine, dentistry, and physical therapy. Some future physicians, for example, are opting for classroom diversity as a counterbalance to hours spent in laboratories.

Wellness Management. More practical applications are being incorporated into this concentration with new classes such as Personal Conditioning. Students will learn how to make more tailored recommendations for their clients.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Future P.E. teachers on this traditional track are following a revised curriculum while earning a teacher certification.

Sports Studies. The school provides a non-teaching qualification with an emphasis in human performance, journalism, management, marketing, psychology, recreation, or public relations and advertising.

Beyond the Classroom
Under the recreation and outreach arm of the department, Southern’s gymnastics team continues to perform nationwide while promoting strong health principles and an anti-drag message. More than half of the student body participates in intramurals and clubs, while thousands around campus—both students and community members—stay active on 20 acres encompassing the track, disc golf course, ball fields, and tennis courts.

Employees on campus also benefit from the department’s focus on health and wellness, with incentives to actively use the facilities and resources. As a direct result, university healthcare costs are consistently under budget.

Administrators and faculty have chosen “Living in Balance: Physical Activity” as the focus for the university’s five-year evaluation process necessary to maintain accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Reaching every student on campus and tracking their activities are just two of the goals set in the early planning stages of this pivotal undertaking, scheduled to begin in 2012.

National Prominence
Regularly recognized among the nation’s healthiest companies, Southern has earned two gold Well Workplace Awards from the Wellness Council of America. And just this past summer, the school received one of only two awards presented by the National Wellness Institute (NWI) to outstanding undergraduate health promotion programs across the United States. In citing why Southern was chosen, the NWI press release described the university as having “one of the most innovative programs in the country.”

Garver plans to keep the momentum of those awards going by hosting an international wellness conference at Southern 2012. Such a gathering would be a feather in the cap for his program while drawing much-needed attention to critical issues that can be overwhelming for individuals who often face these struggles alone.

“Our team’s goal is to empower people,” says Garver. “We educate, educate, and motivate men and women, old and young, to take action to be healthy—body, mind, and soul.”

That’s living balanced.
Daniel Leo, ’55 and Jo, ’55, retired from Kaiser Permanente Medical Center in anesthesiology. He lives in Nittsdale, California, and recently took a mission trip to Uganda, Africa.

Ralph M. Hendershot, ’60, has been retired from the public school system for 10 years. He became the IRS sponsor for the Paul Craig, ’99, family from Rome, Georgia, 14 years ago. He has traveled extensively with the group every summer while Paul has always provided prayer assistance in churches throughout the United States, Canada, and other countries. Ralph enjoys traveling overseas for Southern alumni whenever possible and he has provided lodging for countless friends who visit campus for ProVisits/Southern.

Roland Crawford, ’73, retired in 2009 from the Loma Linda Pine Valley after nearly 54 years in fire service in Missouri and California. Over 52 of those years were spent as chief officer and more than 30 years as fire chief. He is currently consulting for government and businesses and learning on-line protection with an emphasis on wildfire-interurban interface protection. Roland also is involved in international development and travel. He recently returned from a trip to Beirut and is planning an educational group tour there in 2012.

Bill Wolc, ’03, and Beth Summerour, ’77,Jerry’s wife, Sharon, is a nurse case manager at HUG Medical Center’s Proton Treatment Center.

Janice (Thompson) Weid, ’66, is a retired nurse in Paralleo, California. She and her husband, along with their son, Greg, ’99, recently enjoyed a trip to the United Kingdom. The Wolc’s have purchased a second home and are traveling around the western United States.

Arthur, ’77, and Lorraine (Lester) Lecky, ’79, live in Riverside, California. Both are retired and enjoying their new grandchildren and various hobbies.

Stephen Patrick, ’84, is a past president of the Florida Poirot History Society and adjunct professor of the Gulf Coast History Society. He and his wife, Linda, have a total of 44 years, 38 of which have been at Forest Lake Academy.

Randy, ’77, and Jane (Miller) Allen, ’78, married on May 1, 2003, in Walls, Walls, Washington. They have two children: Forest Lake Academy 18 years ago and again at Forest Lake Academy. Despite living on opposite sides of the country during the years since graduation, their paths crossed again last year and they began dating. The couple lives in Apoka, Florida, where Jane is the church secretary.

Les, ’82, and Julie (Miller) Cantin, ’83, live in Vacaville, California. He is self-employed in aviation maintenance, and she is the registration/student assistant at Grossmont College. Their son, Andrew, ’10, went on to graduate as a certified medical technician. Another son, Seth, graduated with a master’s in architecture in 2010. Their daughter, Rachel, began the nursing program at Southern this summer.

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Mark, ’99, and Chana (Malhotry) Watern, ’99, and 99, live in Apopka, Florida. He is a local church pastor. She is an administrative assistant at Forest Lake Education Center, where their three children attend school.

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Oluf Moura, ’97, lives in San Bernardino, California. Following a liver transplant in 2002, he has been serving as a volunteer minister at the Calvary SDA Church.

Kevin, ’97, and Harmony (Buck) Hatcher, ’97, live in Redlands, California. He graduated with a M.Min. degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and is currently a rheumatologist resident at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Their first child, Byasa, was born on April 9, 2009.
adult transplant unit at Loma Linda Medical Center.

Mike ‘79, and Yuki (Higashide) Dvorak, ‘78, welcomed their first child, Morgan Anne, on July 2, 2011. They live in Reno, Nevada. She is attending school.

Neil Comora, 39, lives in San Benito, California, and works as a reference technologist for Lohnites, a local food bank.

Jackson Hanley, ’59, graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in May and plans to specialize in emergency medicine. He married Kristen McHaffie in September 2010.

Barry, ’79, and Christy (Konti) Home, ’78 and ’80, were married and then moved to California last summer. He is a medical student at Loma Linda University.

Genta Shaver, 29, began a new job in February with Chattanooga Kidney Centers in Tennessee.

Artie Tang, ’49, lives in San Diego, California, and is an IT management executive at Loma Linda University Healthcare.

Amanda Toft, ’39, has been teaching for two years in Orlando, Florida. She is pursuing her master’s degree in Inclusive Education (Special Education) through Southern and is considering returning to Collegedale to obtain her Master of Science degree with an emphasis in marriage and families.

Meh Lani Domingo, 10, is completing a bachelor’s degree in nursing at Loma Linda University in California.

Remembrance

Fared Abu-El-Haj, ’71, passed away July 10, 2011 in Riverside, California. He was a retired chiropractor. He is preceded by his first wife, Joan (Matthews) Abu-El-Haj, ’71, and survived by his second wife of more than 10 years, Mrs. Abu El-Haj.

Frances E. Andrews, ’49, retired professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, passed away peacefully at her home in Collegedale on May 27, 2011, at age 98. As a student, she majored in English and was the first editor of the student newspaper, Southern Acrobat, and four years later served as editor for Student Memories, the university yearbook. The cover emblem she designed was later incorporated into the school’s official logo and is still used today in communications for the SMC identity group. She also served as public relations director of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church for several years and manned the church newsletter, Cherubim & Seraphim, in 1979. In retirement she continued to be an active volunteer. In 2007 she was honored by the Alumni Association during Homecoming Weekend as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding contributions to the field of journalism and prestige and dedication to the school for a period of greater than 10 years.

Because He Lives!
The story of Easter came alive April 23 as Southern students, employees, community members, and livestock gathered on campus to present the 16th annual SunRise Resurrection Pageant, an interactive journey of the final days of Christ’s life. Approximately 8,000 people experienced the tastes, sights, and sounds of Jerusalem as they sat in on the Last Supper, experienced the tastes, sights, and sounds of Jerusalem as they sat in on the Last Supper, spent an evening with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, experienced the tastes, sights, and sounds of Jerusalem as they sat in on the Last Supper, and witnessed His return from the tomb. With such a realistic rendition of Christ’s sacrifice, the goal is that many will fully grasp Jesus’ love for them for the first time.
prodigal

You’ve heard of the prodigal son, but have you heard of the Prodigal Father? By prodigal, I mean extravagant to the point of being wasteful. God is like that with His love. This is good for us, since in our broken world His love is the only thing that can fully mend our hearts. We see small indications of God’s total, healing love in our friends, but rarely do we grasp its wide expanse. We fail to view God’s love as a force—a wild and strong force—that pursues us everywhere. As the Psalmist wrote, “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there” (Psalm 139:7-8, NIV).

God’s love is like a gravitational force, drawing us to His heart. You can deal with it in several ways, but no matter what, it will follow you. The question is not whether He loves us, but how we will respond to the extravagant love He pours out.

Unrequited Love

Michael Brown tells the story of a boy who was the apple of his parents’ eyes. “Tragically,” Brown writes, “in his mid-teens, the boy’s life went awry. He dropped out of school and began associating with the worst kind of crowds. One night he staggered into his house at 3 a.m., completely drunk. His mother slipped out of bed and left her room. The father followed, assuming that his wife was in the kitchen, perhaps crying. Instead, he found her at her son’s bedside, softly stroking his matted hair as he lay passed out drunk on the covers.

“What are you doing?” the puzzled father asked.

The mother simply answered, “He won’t let me love him when he’s awake.”

The mother stepped into her son’s darkness with a love that existed even though he did not yet love her back. So it is with God and us.”

We love because He loved us first. What can separate us from that love?

Paul asks, “Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?” (Romans 8:35, NIV). No. “Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (verses 38-39, NIV).

God’s Love Makes Us Conquerors

The confidence we have as a result of God’s love is that “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (verse 37, NIV). God is on our side, not against us. He’s not out to spoil our fun, trip us up, or catch us doing something wrong. Rather, He demonstrated His love and desire to fight for us when He “did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all” (Romans 8:32, NIV). He has chosen you, and nothing can separate you from His love. You are secure in Christ, because of Christ. His love is super-bonding you to Himself. “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?” (verse 31, NIV).

What will be your response? Will you deal with God’s love by running from it, all of your life and then falling to it in the end? Will you reject it and think that it has rejected you? Or will you accept it now and bask in the energy and radiance it brings? Remember, the one thing you can’t do is turn off God’s extravagant love.

You can make His love ineffective in your life, But you can’t make Him stop loving you.

You can construct a shield of amusements to divert your attention from Him, But you can’t make Him stop loving you.

You can create a careless attitude of apathy, But you can’t make Him stop loving you.

You can reject all you have been taught and disbelieve in God’s existence, But you can’t make Him stop loving you.

You can build a hard shell of bad behavior, But you can’t make Him stop loving you.

Just as using an umbrella does not stop the rain, no matter how hard you resist, you cannot stop God from loving you. His love is absolute and unconditional, and it will pursue you until the very end of time.

*Michael B. Brown, God’s Man, reprinted in Men of Integrity magazine (May/June 2002)
Southern Adventist University as a learning community nurtures Christ-likeness and encourages the pursuit of truth, wholeness, and a life of service.

**Our Mission**

**Power for Mind and Soul.** Southern Adventist University is committed to delivering on this promise. With an emphasis on academic success and spiritual balance, Southern provides life-changing experiences in an environment of growth.

We are committed to our students. We strive to hone their skills and passions and prepare them for a strong professional and godly future. We offer more than 80 academic programs in order to meet the demands of an ever-changing job market. New facilities provide the space and technology needed for a comprehensive education. We also provide a positive social environment where new friendships with like-minded Adventists are formed every day.

We are committed to our faculty and staff. Southern is more than just a place to work; it is a place to grow professionally. Professors publish writings (including college textbooks), initiate research programs, and spearhead service projects in their fields. Employees are encouraged to take free classes on our campus so the environment for learning and growing is extraordinary. The Chronicle of Higher Education even selected the university as one of 2009’s Great Colleges to Work For.

We are committed to our community. Southern is part of a thriving, vibrant local community; we choose to take part and interact with the families around us. Most of our special events and concerts are open for community enjoyment. We also deliver the message of holistic living beyond our campus by offering informational seminars and meetings. Most of these seminars are held in our state-of-the-art fitness facility, the Hulsey Wellness Center, where the community is also invited to take part in an active lifestyle.
We are committed to our Church. As a Seventh-day Adventist institution, we are active in spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and instilling in our young people the desire to become Christian servants. Our students have the opportunity to reach the local community through outreach programs or to serve a year as student missionaries in a foreign country. We offer students a variety of worships and convocations aside from the numerous small spiritual groups they organize on their own. In the classroom, we uphold the fundamental beliefs of the Adventist Church and keep our church history an integral part of the curriculum.

As Southern Adventist University upholds its powerful promise to all of its constituents, we continue to see improvements and expansion in many areas. We’d like to share with you the ways God has blessed us in the last five years, and the hopes we have as we carry our commitments into the future.

Our accomplishments in the last five years demonstrate Southern’s commitment to providing a strong education in a holistic atmosphere. Our academic programs, service initiatives, spiritual ministries, and facilities make the tagline Power for Mind and Soul a reality.
Quality Academics

In December 2010, Southern celebrated 60 years of accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

New Academic Programs

Southern offers a wide range of options for every interest. In the last five years, new programs have included early childhood education, outdoor leadership, and mental health counseling. Our latest one-year program is the Bible Worker certificate, and our social work program was reaccredited in 2010. Additionally, recent changes in religion requirements place a greater emphasis on personal spiritual development, integration of Adventist beliefs, and biblical interpretation. The total of current academic programs are:

- 9 master’s programs with 27 emphases
- 64 baccalaureate degree majors
- 17 associate degree majors
- 51 minors
- 2 one-year certificate programs

School of Social Work

The Council on Social Work Education recently reaccredited the School of Social Work’s bachelor’s program. Reaccreditation allows us to continue to offer a Christian perspective on social work, a perspective much different from the field’s typical secular approach. A new master’s program also started fall 2010, with emphases in:

- Child and Family Advocacy and Treatment
- International Social Work
- Mental Health and Stability
- Trauma and Emergency Response
- Older Adult Enrichment

The Social Work program received $500,000 in state grant funds to train Tennessee caseworkers from the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services.

EGW Institute and Adventist Heritage Tours

Southern inaugurated the Institute for the Study of Ellen G. White and Adventist Heritage in 2010 with a visit from George Knight, professor emeritus of church history and Adventist heritage at Andrews University. The institute will launch an annual lecture series, create a church history writing contest for students, continue studies on Ellen White apologetics, and organize Adventist Heritage tours.

Israel Study Tour/Dig

Students can earn three religion credit hours while venturing on the trip of a lifetime—a study tour in Israel. The two-week Middle East Study Tour is both a faith-building and educational experience. Along with the tour, each summer archaeology students partner with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem to excavate the historically significant site of Khirbet Qeiyafa, presumable location of the battle between David and Goliath.

Previous sites included:

- Cyprus in 2003

The annual Adventist Heritage tour gives students the opportunity to relive church history while visiting historic sites in New England.

SIFE—Students in Free Enterprise

Southern’s SIFE team, sponsored by the School of Business and Management, won the SIFE Regional Competition for two consecutive years. Advancing to the national competition, the team had the opportunity to present their projects with 174 other teams. Of the team’s 15 recent projects, one was to launch an awareness campaign for Collegedale’s recycling plant, another to analyze the processes of a hospital in Tanzania, and another to start a for-profit bakery for academy students in Uruguay. SIFE encourages students of every major to use their skills to solve problems in the community, the country, and the world.

Business Encourages Global Leadership

The School of Business and Management offers students the opportunity to learn about business around the world through study trips. Every other summer the school offers a three-week trip to China, where students meet with local executives and learn the true meaning of a global marketplace. During another study trip to Kenya, students were able to partner with non-governmental organizations. They learned how to develop and build projects in economically devastated countries.

Southern Connections

In 2008, we established Southern Connections 101, a freshmen orientation class that has reinforced our goals to support student success and encourage meaningful relationships. As part of the Southern Connections class, the mentorship program pairs student mentors with professors of the same department. The mentor then encourages interactions outside of the classroom and offers advice to new Southern students.
Southern in Practice

Faculty Serve as Mentors

At Southern, relationships between students and professors go beyond activities and lectures. Our faculty offer guidance, advice, and support for students as they pursue both academic and personal achievements.

What started off as a classroom assignment for Rainey Park, ’10, developed into a significant personal achievement in her life. With mentor and published author Andy Nash, professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, Rainey was able to turn her project Love, Kirsten into a published book.

“I really think at Southern you can get that one-on-one attention from professors. They are so invested in you that…” A teacher simply explains something, but a mentor shows you how to do something. That’s what Professor Nash did for me.”

DNA Lab

Students and professors in the Biology Department are working in the new DNA Lab to look for ancient DNA in frozen specimens from the Arctic Circle. This research project is a valuable opportunity for students— an example of the hands-on experiences available at Southern. With the new lab, students are able to conduct research with their own equipment and publish findings in a scientific manner.

Focus on Physical Activity

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools requires Southern to submit a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) as part of the 2012 accreditation reaffirmation. In order to encourage an active lifestyle on campus and maintain its commitment to student well-being, Southern chose to focus on “Living in Balance: Physical Activity” as its QEP.

QEP student learning goals:
- Students will be able to describe the American College of Sports Medicine parameters of physical activity.
- Students will have the skill to assess their current physical fitness level and write a plan to improve or maintain a physically active lifestyle.
- Students will participate in moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity for 30 minutes, five days per week.
- Students will value biblical principles and the Seventh-day Adventist health message in regard to physical activity.

Students Rally for No More Thumbprints

For the 2010-2011 school year, the Student Association organized and headed a campaign to raise $5,000 for No More Thumbprints, a project that supports literacy in El Salvador. Sponsored by Hope for Humanity, No More Thumbprints was a project under the Adventist Intercollegiate Association.

The entire student body came together to work for this cause; they sent in donations, purchased “No More Thumbprints” merchandise, and participated in the various teams competing to show the most support. And when the $5,000 goal was reached, our own President Bietz emerged with purple hair, signifying the purple team had won.

“No More Thumbprints” really showed me how Southern as a whole cares about the world beyond campus,” says Alec Jackson, 2011-2012 Student Association President. “This campaign is something that keeps giving because by teaching one person to read, we’re teaching a family.”
A Culture of Service

**Christian Service Program**
This new program requires students to participate in service learning projects. For example, students in the Modern Languages Department volunteer for several organizations, the most popular being community health fairs and local chapters of Habitat for Humanity and United Way. Through the Christian Service Program, students are using their skills and talents to actively help the community.

**Community Service Day**
For 17 years, Southern students and faculty have participated in Community Service Day. In this year’s Community Service Day, about 500 people signed up for 20 projects in the Chattanooga area. Additionally, a new annual Community Service Day specifically for freshmen started before classes began in 2010.

Volunteer locations include:
- The Chattanooga Zoo
- Nursing homes
- Local schools
- The Greater Chattanooga Area Red Cross
- Local churches
- The Samaritan Center

**Wellness Institute**
The Wellness Institute serves to inform the community on health and wellness through seminars and presentations. It provides visitors to the Hulsey Wellness Center with the tools and education needed to develop a balanced, positive lifestyle. The Wellness Institute hosts two important community events:
- **CREATION** Health meetings teach guests the eight principles of healthy living, as revealed in the Genesis creation story.
- **WELLkids** summer day camp is a two-week program that keeps kids active through various sports and activities.

**Conference Services and Events**
Southern began the Conference Services and Events department in 2010 after recognizing the need to extend our learning environment to visitors and outside groups on campus, particularly during summer months. The department now facilitates an increasing number of opportunities for the university to witness to non-Adventist groups about our mission. Volkswagen’s Chattanooga operations enjoys hosting think tanks and leadership seminars on campus, even taking advantage of the ropes course and team-building exercises.

Life-Changing Spirituality

“The Evangelistic Resource Center (ERC) gives students the opportunity to step out of their comfort zone and spread the good news about our God. Going on an ERC trip to Madagascar was an incredible experience! I learned so much more about my religion and God, and I really grew in my faith in a way I never would have experienced if I hadn’t gone on this trip.”

—Christina Verrill, senior elementary education major

**Evangelistic Resource Center**
Through the Evangelistic Resource Center, the School of Religion has trained and sent students of all majors to preach around the world. In the last five years, more than 10,000 people were baptized as a result of these summer evangelistic trips. The student mission fields since 2006 have been:
- Argentina
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- India
- Madagascar
- Malaysia
- Nicaragua
- Philippines
- Rwanda
- El Salvador
- Tanzania
- United States (Atlanta, Dallas, and Houston)
Student Missions

The Student Missions program sends out 70-130 missionaries each year, offering students the opportunity to minister in all parts of the world. As part of the program, the Student Missions Club supports students who are currently dedicating a year of their lives for mission work.

Student Ministries

Nearly 20 student-led outreach organizations exist to serve the Chattanooga area on Friday and Sabbath afternoons. It is the hope of students that as they volunteer and interact with the community, individuals will see Christ in them. Following His command to serve the hungry, oppressed, and lonely, students:

- Distribute food to the homeless
- Care for the elderly
- Play with kids in low-income neighborhoods
- Witness to the community

Check out videos of our students in action at Southern.edu/chaplain

Small Groups

For the last three years, Southern students have banded together to form Life Groups. These small groups meet periodically for prayer and Bible study on campus. Students join these Life Groups to develop their spiritual lives in an intimate gathering of peers. To support these groups, the Chaplain’s Office added 10 part-time positions for Life Group student leaders this fall.

Renewal: Student-Led Church

Since 2008, students have planned and presented Collegedale Church’s weekly student-led service, Renewal. This leadership opportunity enables our students to use their talents for God and to get involved in the mission of Adventism.

SALT

A new evangelistic and Bible-worker training program called SALT (Soul-winning and Leadership Training) started in August 2011 as part of the School of Religion. Students can earn their certification as Bible workers in four months and sign up for one-year task force positions in Bible work, foreign missions, or evangelism.

Learning on a Christ-Centered Campus

Southern wants every student on its campus to grow spiritually and to develop strong Christian values.

Kiera Edwards, junior business management major, transferred to Southern from a public institution in order to experience our Christ-centered campus.

Wanting to be in an environment that nurtures her spirit, Kiera has already noted the difference. She says she loves the fact that professors pray before starting class. She hopes being in this positive environment will inspire her to tell others they can avoid the life she led before.

“I came here to get away from the negative,” says Kiera. “I want to make real friends and draw closer to God. I want to be the type of person who can offer spiritual guidance to others.”

The SALT program is a collaboration with It Is Written, and that prepares students to impact their communities and churches.

Check out Renewal (and Friday night vespers) via video stream at Southern.edu/streaming

Southern in Practice
Exceptional Facilities

Hulsey Wellness Center
Thanks to the generosity of donors and alumni, the Hulsey Wellness Center allows us to promote and facilitate healthier living for students, employees, and the community. In addition to providing fitness programming and equipment for members, the facility is home to the School of Physical Education, Health, and Wellness and is the training center for Southern’s acrobatic team, the Gym-Masters.

Features include:
- More than 100 workout stations
- Lap pool and salt water therapy pool
- Steam rooms and saunas
- 30-foot indoor climbing wall
- Human performance lab
- Exercise classes like cycling and full body circuit

The Hulsey Wellness Center and Florida Hospital Hall were projects under the Campaign for Health and Healing, which was completed in February 2011. At $17.5 million, this was the biggest campaign in Southern’s history, demonstrating the vision and commitment of Southern’s alumni and friends.
McKee Library

McKee Library was renovated in 2008 to be a more open, student-friendly facility. Renovations included a Knowledge Commons area for events and casual study, plus eight individual rooms for research, study groups, or project preparation. Open for more than 40 years, McKee Library teaches students how to conduct scholastic research and offers them the educational sources needed to achieve academic excellence. Exclusive collections include:

- Ellen G. White Materials (extensive holdings of White publications)
- Mark Twain Collection (a rare collection of Twain books and artifacts)
- Thomas Memorial Collection (materials on Abraham Lincoln and the Civil War)

Village Market

Southern’s campus grocery store, the Village Market, recently updated its interior and expanded operating hours. The entire community benefits from the health-food options available at the Village Market. Deli options are also now included in student meal plans.

All-Steinway School

In 2009, the School of Music joined the prestigious Julliard School and Yale University School of Music in becoming an All-Steinway School. With a campaign organized by board members and friends of Southern, the university was able to purchase 30 Steinway pianos (18 studio uprights and 12 grand pianos) to earn this distinction. Steinway pianos allow our students to study music using equipment of the best quality.

Florida Hospital Hall

The outpouring of gifts from corporations, nurses, and physicians allowed us to equip Florida Hospital Hall with all of the resources and technology needed to prepare qualified nurses. Opened in January 2011, the ample space in this 33,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility allows the School of Nursing to accept 20 percent more students into the popular program each semester. Highlights include:

- Classroom seating from 24-96 students
- Learning resource center for research, homework, and tests
- Simulation lab complete with instructor control room
- Skills lab with 10 stations
- Laptop computers with Electronic Medical Records software

Origins Exhibit

The Biology Department’s new Origins Exhibit depicts a creationist worldview of our beginnings. Sections of the exhibit include the cell, the geologic column, and intelligent design. While walking through the exhibit, students and visitors observe hand-painted versions of the most basic building blocks our Creator used. The exhibit is part of a three-phase plan to establish an institute for origins.

Expanded Biology Trail

Volunteer organization Friends of White Oak Mountain partnered with community members, the Biology Department, and the Outdoor Leadership Department this year to add 11 miles to the Biology Trail. Located on Southern’s campus, the Biology Trail is a popular location for biking, hiking, and running. Its paths and trails feature some of the most beautiful plant life in the area as well as several geocaches for the modern explorer. The Biology Trail is a great place to admire God’s outdoor sanctuary.

Art Students Design Origins Exhibit

Art Students Design Origins Exhibit visitors are touched by our art students’ portrayal of God’s creation. What few know is that the talented students who worked under the leadership of Ron Hight, exhibit art director, experienced something special themselves. During the project’s three years, the students banded into a group of...
In the last five years, the School of Nursing maintained a 96 percent average pass rate on the NCLEX-RN.

problem-solving, professional team players. Students were able to contribute more than they had imagined, often offering ideas better than the original concept. While working on the exhibit, the students coalesced into what Hight calls a “creative machine.” They demonstrated to him the high level of training students receive in the School of Visual Art and Design. “I kept thinking, ‘Look how much they can do, look how much they’ve grown,’” says Hight. “God stretched them in ways I wouldn’t have imagined. For an art director, it doesn’t get better than this.”

Southern is a place of vision, dedicated to going beyond the expected to create the best possible environment for student learning and development. Good planning is part of good stewardship. We are dedicated to keeping the mission and vision of Christian education strong while we continue to provide life-changing opportunities for our growing student body.
**Spirit-Led Vision**

Vision 20/20 is Southern Adventist University’s strategic plan for 2010-2020. The plan is the result of prayer, as well as feedback and visioning sessions with all of our audiences, including students, faculty, community leaders, church leaders, and our Board of Trustees. The plan describes goals the university has set for the next decade in order to maintain a positive living and learning environment.

**Vision 20/20 Goals and Imperatives: Strengthening the Student-Centered, Christ-Focused Living and Learning Environment**

- Increase the six-year graduation rate and improve opportunities for student success.
- Build on market research to identify opportunities for new programs of study.
- Strengthen the integration of faith and learning in each academic discipline.
- Build a small-college focus within the larger university.
- Facilitate meaningful student relationships with advisors and professors.
- Increase a passion for missions and service; increase student and employee mission, service, and civic engagement opportunities.
- Provide an environment where each student has inviting opportunities to grow in a relationship with the Lord.
- Emphasize healthy living and wellness with the campus and community.
- Implement a green-campus initiative.
- Design a facilities master plan that protects and enhances Southern’s natural resources while planning appropriately for growth.

Above all else, the number one theme of Vision 20/20 is to enhance the student-centered, Christ-focused environment. This means that we will strengthen our commitment to providing Power for Mind and Soul as we focus on student success and opportunities for spiritual growth. The plan looks to enhance the integration of faith and academics. By remaining a mission-driven institution that upholds the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we mentor students to apply their values beyond the classroom and integrate them in their careers, ministry, and leadership in their homes, churches, and communities.

Increasing student success is an important goal of the strategic plan, as we seek to encourage every student to succeed in college and move toward graduation. This means strengthening advising, peer mentoring, tutoring, teaching methodology, and helping students learn to achieve and excel in their chosen careers. Building upon the strong academic foundation of the institution, the plan increases resources and attention to help foster the success of each student.

Another major goal of our strategic plan is to maintain a small-campus focus within the university as it grows. Southern seeks to create an engaging, intimate environment that inspires meaningful relationships with peers and with faculty and staff. Our mission is to create a sense of belonging in each student. In order to accomplish this, we plan to continue creating spaces and activities that encourage student connection through intentional small communities for learning, recreation, and worship.
In the Vision 2020 plan, under the theme “Living and Learning in God’s Natural Abundance: A Beautiful and Sustainable Physical Environment” is the goal to create a strategic facilities master plan that will protect and enhance Southern’s natural resources while planning appropriately for growth. We hired Performa, a campus facilities planning firm, to help us identify our facilities’ goals for the next decade.

Check out a video about the power of prayer at Southern.edu/prayer

Housing for Living and Learning
With enrollment reaching record numbers, Southern has expanded its housing options to accommodate a larger number of students. Two new Southern Village apartment buildings have been added, and the Virginia Apartments were renovated.

To create residential space that encourages the development of student communities, the university plans on constructing a new 300-bed residence hall with cluster-style living-areas by the fall of 2013. Instead of long halls, each wing has rooms that all open up to a common living area (living room, kitchen, recreation space) on each floor. Students who live in these types of housing designs naturally form relationships with their peers and participate in an environment much more social than the traditional residence halls. The new facility will also include a chapel and classroom space.

New Campus Center
Constructing a new hub for campus activity is an intentional effort to create a space for student involvement. This new building will be made up of a student center, welcome center, and learning commons.

The new student center will create a vibrant social experience for students of all majors. Besides providing a large enough space for student activities, the student center will also house a new food court that will accommodate a larger student body. All student services, campus ministries, and student government offices will be relocated to the new center, and there will be new prayer rooms, meeting rooms, and student organization workrooms. By placing the welcome center in the new student center, guests and potential students will see campus life from the moment they walk in, creating a sense of belonging from the beginning.

The learning commons will be adjacent to the student center and will provide students with easy access to learning and information resources. Inside, students will have the ability to conduct research and study in groups. The learning commons will also accommodate the programs managed by the Student Success Center, such as career counseling and tutoring. Having all the programs in the same location will strengthen opportunities for holistic student success.

Pedestrian Campus
In order to enhance campus aesthetics and create a more pedestrian-friendly environment, part of our facilities master plan is to re-route traffic away from the center of campus. The portion of University Drive located in the center of campus will close, sending traffic away from a green quad in the center. Parking will move to the perimeters of campus.

These changes will create a contiguous campus with an increased emphasis on promoting interaction and community involvement.

Highlights From Southern’s Facilities Master Plan:
Vision 20/20: Map of Proposed Campus Changes

What Southern has accomplished in the last five years, and what we hope to achieve in the near future, is a possibility thanks to the financial support from our alumni, constituents, and the Church. Our detailed financial information demonstrates that we are dependable stewards of the blessings God has given us.
Academic Programs

Two-Year Degrees
- Accounting
- Allied Health Pre-Dental Hygiene
- Allied Health Pre-Nutrition and Dietetics
- Allied Health Pre-Occupational Therapy
- Allied Health Pre-Physical Therapy
- Allied Health Pre-Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
- Architectural Drafting
- Auto Service
- Business Administration
- Construction Management
- General Studies
- Graphic Design
- Engineering Studies
- Media Technology
- Nursing
- Religion
- Bible Instructor
- Liberal Evangelist

Four-Year Degrees
- Animation
- Character Effects
- Archæology
- Classical Studies
- Near Eastern Studies
- Art
- Art Education
- Art Therapy
- Biblical Studies
- Biology
- Biology, Biomedical Biophysics
- Broadcast Journalism
- Business Administration
- Business Administration/Auto Service
- Business Administration/Public Relations
- Chemistry
- Chemistry, Biochemistry
- Clinical Lab Science (Medical Technology)
- Communication Studies Interultural
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Science
- Computer Science
- Embedded Systems
- Computer Systems Administration
- Corporate/Community
- Wellness Management
- English
- Family Studies
- Film Production
- Financial Management
- -Accounting
- -Finance
- -General
- Fine Arts
- French
- Graphic Design
- Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
- Health Science
- History
- -European Studies
- -General
- Interdisciplinary
- International Studies
- -French
- -German
- -Italian
- -Spanish
- Journalism
- Liberal Arts Education (K-8 TNK; 8-12 SDA)
- Long-Term Care Administration
- Management
- -Entrepreneurship
- -General Management
- -Human Resources Management
- -International Business
- Marketing
- Mass Communication
- -Advertising
- -Media Production
- -New Media
- -Photography
- -Writing/Editing
- Mathematics
- Medical Laboratory Science
- Microbiology
- Music
- -Music Theory and Literature
- -Music Performance
- -General
- -Music Education
- Nonprofit Management
- -Communications
- -International/Community Relations
- Nonprofit Leadership
- Nursing
- Outdoor Emergency Services
- Outdoor Leadership
- -Adventure Therapy
- -Business
- -Cultural Interpreter
- -Naturalist
- -Outdoor Ministry
- -Public Relations/Advertising
- -Recreational
- -Technology
- Pastoral Care
- Physics
- Psychology
- -Clinical
- -Industrial/Organizational
- -Psychology
- Public Relations
- Religious Education
- Religious Studies
- Social Work
- Spanish
- Sports Studies
- -Human Performance
- -Journalism
- -Management
- -Marketing
- -Psychology
- -Public Relations/Advertising
- -Recreational
- -Technical Animation
- Theology

One-Year Certificates
- Auto Service Technician
- Bible Worker

Graduate Degrees
- Business and Management
- -Master of Business Administration
- -Master of Financial Management
- -Master of Science in Administration
- -MSN and MBA (Dual degree)
- Nursing
- -Master of Science in Nursing
- -MSN and MBA (Dual degree)
- -RN to MSN
- -RN to MSN and MBA
- -Post-Master’s Certificate
- Counseling
- -Master of Science in Counseling
- -Arts
- -Master of Arts
- -Education
- -Master of Science in Education
- -MDA—Outdoor Education
- Social Work
- -Master of Social Work

Donations
The support of the Southern Union and donors allows us to offer a quality Adventist education at approximately three-fourths of its actual cost, making it more affordable for students.

Total Amount of Scholarship Money Granted*

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<td>$10,982,983</td>
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*Includes Southern scholarships (including funds from endowed or one-time gifts) and Federal scholarships (SEOG, Federal Work Study, ACG, Smart).

Southern Union Subsidies
The university is very grateful to the Southern Union and its constituent conferences for their support, both financially and in sending your children to our institution. (Note: the subsidies amount dropped from fiscal year 2009 to 2010. This is because 2009 completed a five-year commitment by the Southern Union to provide more subsidies to assist Southern with building additional student housing.)

Enrollment
In the 2010-2011 school year, Southern’s enrollment surpassed 3,000 students. Despite the growing student body, we’re committed to maintaining a small-campus feel. The university is building the facilities and creating the programs needed to encourage campus interaction and develop an engaging, intimate community. In order to preserve personalized education, the student-to-faculty ratio is set at 16 to 1.

Financial Aid
Since 2006, Southern has awarded nearly $50 million in scholarships. Many of these scholarships come from endowment funds given by generous constituents who believe in the power of a Christian education. Beyond established funds, Southern also offers several popular scholarships for certain achievements. Students who receive scholarships:
- Maintain high grades
- Participate in selected extracurricular activities
- Work at Adventist summer camps
- Work as literature evangelists
- Serve as student missionaries
Student Missionary and Task Force Worker Placements During the Past Five Years

During the past five years, Southern has sent 430 student missionaries and task force workers around the world.

Financial Details

Summary of Statement of Position

**Cash:** Operating cash increased from $10.6 million to $15.7 million, or almost 50 percent, over the five-year period. As of fiscal year end 2011, the university had 62 days cash on hand.

**Endowment Assets:** Endowment assets increased from almost $23 million to $24.5 million over the past five years. This is a 6.8 percent increase despite market challenges of the past few years.

**Plant Assets:** Plant assets increased significantly over the past five years, due primarily to the construction of Hulsey Wellness Center and Florida Hospital Hall.Assets increased by $25 million to more than $72 million.

**Bond/Loans Payable:** Bond and Loans Payable increased by almost $9 million to $22 million. These loans were used to build additional student housing, as well as the Hulsey Wellness Center and Florida Hospital Hall. The majority of this additional debt will be paid upon the collection of pledges for the building projects.

**Net Assets:** Total net assets (equity) increased from $73 million to $92 million over the five-year period. This was a 25 percent increase in total net assets.

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<td>10,602,346</td>
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<td>9,989,853</td>
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<td>Endowment Assets</td>
<td>22,906,704</td>
<td>26,004,120</td>
<td>24,980,495</td>
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<td>21,570,281</td>
<td>22,384,421</td>
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<td>Total Net Assets</td>
<td>81,593,225</td>
<td>82,623,915</td>
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<td>92,374,208</td>
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Financial Details during the past five years.
Summary of Changes in Net Assets
The university experienced a net increase in net assets of almost $19 million over the five years of this report.

Operations: Southern experienced an increase in net assets from operations each year. Fiscal year 2011 was a particularly strong year, with a net increase from operations of almost $3.7 million. Operating increases are important in order to provide the cash flow necessary for capital needs and loan principal payments.

Endowment: The Endowment Fund experienced increases and decreases. The decreases in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 were due to the decline in market value of investments. Fortunately, as of May 31, 2011, the Endowment Fund rebounded to show a five-year net increase of $1.5 million.

Plant Fund/Other: The majority of the $10 million increase in the Plant Fund is the result of donations received for capital projects over the past five years.

Summary of Schedule of Key Ratios
Current Ratio: This measures an organization's ability to meet short-term obligations. Southern’s May 31, 2011, ratio of 3.32 means that the university has $3.32 of liquid or near-liquid assets for every $1 of short-term liabilities. Typically a current ratio of 2 or greater is considered financially good. The university has a target of 3.

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Looking Forward

As the Great Commission nears fulfillment, training our graduates to combine career excellence with ministry and global service is crucial.

It is a privilege to serve at a destination for young people who want to mature into adults with purpose and vision. Our university consistently creates powerful student outcomes by mixing strong, professor-mentored academic programs with a vibrant residential environment where life-changing spiritual transformations take place daily. Our network of Christian friends and supporters provides the firm foundation students need for launching into a world of service to family, church, workplace, and global ministry.

Simply put, Southern creates citizens of integrity and purpose, uniquely positioned to give back to the church and carry on the work of spreading the gospel to future generations. For this reason we will strategize and cultivate new ways to influence academic and spiritual success as we continue passing the mantle of knowledge and faith from the older generation to the younger.

Southern is thankful for the support of like-minded visionaries who believe in youth, rightly-trained, as the foundation of our future.

Join Us for Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2011

Sounds of Southern October 27-30

Help celebrate the milestone 50th anniversary of WSMC Classical 90.5, the campus radio station, with special activities planned throughout the weekend.

Homecoming Highlights:
- E.O. Grundset Biology Lecture Series by James Gulley, M.D., ’87
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- Southern Shuffle (5k/1-mile campus fun run/walk)

... and more!


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