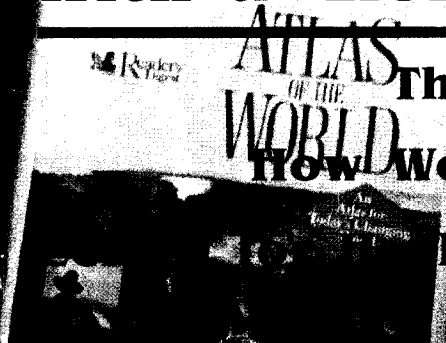


Southern **Tidings**

July, 1986

With a Global Spirit



The Open World
College
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by Ron Quick

Here it is . . . summer already, you're an academy age student and you're still not sure what school to attend this fall. If you're a parent of an academy age student and this question has crossed your mind too, then consider these features about Mount Pisgah Academy located in the mountains of western North Carolina.

On the Cutting Edge

Whether you like it or not, there's a technological world waiting for you when you leave high school. So, one thing that should be on the top of your list when considering a school is . . . "How technologically advanced in the computer sciences is it equipped."

Consider this. Mount Pisgah Academy is on the cutting edge. Recently, the Academy upgraded its computer system to include the

data line is needed to keep response from slowing to a crawl.

State-of-the-Art Phone System . . . plus E-mail

If Pisgah Academy is your choice, then communication will never be an issue. With the new state-of-the-art phone system you'll have your own "voice mailbox." This will allow Mom or Dad to leave you a message anytime, day or night. With your own "voice mailbox" you'll never miss a call. With your own "voice mail" number you'll be able to leave your friends on campus a message, too.

Add to this the advantage of communicating with anyone in the world by way of electronic mail (e-mail). E-mail is becoming a primary means of communication in today's world. There were two reasons the Academy installed a connection for Internet e-mail: (1) to enable this new type of communication; and (2) to educate



PHOTOS BY RON QUICK

(This picture and also cover.) Going to Pisgah Academy is like attending an academy in Europe. Some of the countries represented by students who attended Pisgah last year were Germany, Russia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, and Estonia. Pictured exchange students proudly pointing to where their home is located on the globe. Pictured from the left are Alla Yakubchik, Russia; Lia Kiik, Estonia; Johannes Lohums, Estonia; Liuba Litvinkova, Estonia; Tim Schroeder, Germany; Helen Kohjus, Estonia; and Dima Didenko, Ukraine.

High-Tech Academy

latest and fastest computers. The computer lab is equipped with 15 modern computers (486 DX2/66's or Pentium 100's). In addition, all staff members have computers in their offices that are attached to the campus network, enabling file sharing and campus-wide e-mail. And "to boot," a computer has been installed in each dormitory for student use. All the computers are running Windows 95, the much talked about operating system.

The Internet Connection

By means of the Internet, students have access to the libraries of the world's greatest universities. With the stroke of a few keys, research material can be accessed from virtually any university in the world. You can merely tap into any subject the mind can conceive. Research material in print, video or sound is readily available to the user of the Internet. When considering the "Internet Connection," which would be used for e-mail and Worldwide Web access, Pisgah Academy installed the highest bandwidth, a 1.5 Mbps data connection. This high bandwidth would normally be seen only in a college or commercial setting. A slower connection would have been sufficient for e-mail; but when multiple users access the Worldwide Web simultaneously, a high-speed

students on the use of this form of high tech communication. **For example,** a family that lives some distance away with two students at Mount Pisgah Academy might have a monthly phone bill of \$100 or more. Think about this, if you had an inexpensive on-line service at home, (such as CompuServe or America On-line,) that cost may be cut to as little as \$10 per month—virtually unlimited communication between parents and students.

The Academy With a Global Spin

Going to school at Pisgah is like attending an academy in Europe. Wow, what an experience! You'd be rubbing shoulders with classmates from all over the world. Some of the countries represented by students who attended Pisgah last year were Germany, Russia, Bangladesh, Ukraine, Puerto Rico, and several students were from the country of Estonia. Think about it further, **A Global Education.** Now that's an education.

The Spiritual Uplink

As this world rapidly spins to its final conclusion, Adventist young people should be at the head . . . not the tail. Mount Pisgah Academy believes the technology that has been installed at the academy

will better prepare its students for successful lives in our ever-increasing technological society. Perhaps the best benefit of all is the spiritual benefit, one that the Internet can provide. The Internet is a link to Adventist and Christian resources. With the stroke of a few keys, these spiritual resources are readily available. One could easily say . . . **"Simple solutions for a complex world."** ■

The Fardulis twins, David and Kelly, talk with their folks on the new state-of-the-art phone system recently installed at Pisgah Academy.





Jobs-a-plenty. That's correct, there are plenty of job opportunities at this school in the mountains. Adam Hiltner and Heather Coone work on a puzzle with Pisgah Villa Assisted Living Center residents Henrietta Van Arsdel and Miriam Boyd. The Living Center is just one of the many opportunities at Pisgah.

With a Global Spin



Pisgah students, Laura Durkin and Lamar Baptiste, find that it is easier working with the new faster computers. With permission from their parents, students will have access to the Internet and its Worldwide Web.

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—Education—

SC Offers New Math Major

The newest item on the academic menu at Southern College is a major in actuarial studies.

"This major gives an option to students who like math but don't want to teach," says Arthur Richert, professor of mathematics at Southern.

An actuary makes the mathematical calculations and business decisions necessary to maintain insurance

products on a competitive and sound financial basis. They set rates and plan pension funds, says Richert. Actuaries can also be found in government service, in private industry, and as self-employed private consultants.

"We've been considering this new major for two or three years," says Richert, "ever since we saw an article in *The Jobs Rated Almanac* listing the top 200 jobs. An actuary was number one."

SC Accredited at Master's Level

With the start-up of graduate programs this June in the field of education and plans under way to expand graduate offerings to the areas of business and religion, Southern College of Seventh-day Adventists is pleased to already have accreditation approval at the master's degree level.

A letter just received by President Donald R. Sahly from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges granted approval of Southern's application for substantive change, which moves the 104-year-old school from its position as a Level II baccalau-

reate-granting college to Level III, which confers the master's as its highest degree.

Classes began June 3 toward a master of science in education (M.S.Ed.) degree with three choices of emphasis—outdoor teacher education, multiage/multigrade teaching, and inclusive education.

With its new self-standing master's program, Southern's role as an extension campus for LaSierra University is being phased out.

The college, with 1,591 students this past year, is in its 46th year of continuous accreditation by the SACS Commission on Colleges. Students have a choice of 30+ baccalaureate majors.

Doris Burdick

SC Adds MA in Religion

A master of arts degree in religion, with two areas of emphasis—preaching and church growth—was voted by the Southern College Board of

Trustees recently.

The program is designed to provide an opportunity for experienced ministers in the Southern Union who have not had the opportunity to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary to work

toward completion of a graduate degree.

Plans are for pastors to attend summer classes lasting about two weeks. The core curriculum includes practical, theological, and biblical components.

The thrust of the program is to give opportunity for pastors to improve their preaching, administrative, motivational, and evangelistic skills.

The program is scheduled to begin in

the summer of 1997.

On the undergraduate level, during the school year just ended Southern College had 140 religion majors, whereas in 1986 there were 76.

Faculty in the department are Jack Blanco, Ron Clouzet, Ron du Preez, Norman Gulley, Donn Leatherman, Derek Morris, and Bruce Norman, all of whom are ordained ministers with graduate degrees.

SC Awards Scholarships

Scholarships totaling \$61,400 were awarded to high school seniors who auditioned for music scholarships or won subject area competitive tests this spring.

Thirty-one students of voice, piano, violin, and many other musical instruments had prepared numbers for the audition, met scholastic criteria, and were recommended by their current music teacher.

Music majors qualifying for \$5,000 scholarships are: Chip Everts (Spartanburg, S.C.), Eiren Mounce (Forest Lake, Fla.), Timothy Rumsey (College View, Nebr.), Suzanne Seeley (Madison, Tenn.), Benjamin Taylor (Jacksonville, Fla.), Michael Tompkins (Madison, Tenn.), and Kim Weron (Collegedale, Tenn.).

Qualifying for \$2,000 (and not necessarily music majors) are: William Gager (Biloxi High School, Miss.), Brian Liu (Collegedale, Tenn.), Jeffrey Wickham and Christy Yingling (Fletcher, N.C.), Wesley Leeds (Heritage, Tenn.), Norman McNulty (Highland, Tenn.), Allan Delacruz, David Dieppa,

Melanie Gibson, and Penny Krueger (all from Forest Lake), Gina Rovetti (Newbury Park, Calif.), and Mark Loney (Thunderbird, Ariz.).

These scholarships are awarded over a 4-year period providing the student maintains all scholarship requirements.

Winners of subject area testing at ViewSouthern who received \$400 scholarships in April included: Bible: Jeanne Buckman (Collegedale), English: Edward Hollingsworth (Fla.), Mathematics: Bryan James (Collegedale), Science: Russell Cwodzinski (Great Lakes, Mich.).

History: Tim Dutton (Spring Valley, Ohio) Journalism: Stephanie Swilley (Madison). More than 600 prospective students participated in ViewSouthern and were eligible to compete for these special awards.

Recognition was also given to Jeremiah Weeks who achieved a perfect 1600 score on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). He and Bryan James (both of Collegedale) are National Merit Award finalists and Becky Priest (Forest Lake), a semifinalist.

In addition, 41 medals were awarded

to first, second, and third place winners in track and field events of The '96 Games. These outdoor events were

conducted for the visiting students in celebration of the '96 Olympics to be held in nearby Atlanta this summer.

Update

Olympic Hospitality

Georgia Cumberland—Lodging accommodations in Atlanta during the summer Olympics have been sold out for months. In addition, thousands of homeowners will earn large sums by renting all or a portion of their residences to visitors.

Against that backdrop, Atlanta Host is asking 10,000 families to provide free housing for the families of Olympic athletes. Hosts will provide bed, breakfast, and access to public transportation. Orientation is

provided to host families to clarify expectations and provide information on the culture of the guests' country of origin. One hundred ninety-seven nations will be represented.

Seventh-day Adventists are among the 28 Christian denominations involved in Atlanta Host and its parent organization, Quest Atlanta 96.

Those interested in providing hospitality may call (404) 522-HOST for a recorded message that includes other numbers for personal contact. Applications are being accepted through the first of July.

ees, followed by a greeting by Maurice Abbott, Jr., executive secretary and treasurer. Just as the audience was relaxing, Steve Boalt, guest musician for the weekend, was introduced. Steve, a former ordained Baptist minister, lives where he works for the International Bible Society. He "preached" with voice and piano. Several remarked "he was a real inspiration the entire weekend."

The keynote address Friday evening was presented by Douglas Batchelor, speaker of Amazing Facts and also pastor of the Sacramento Central church. His messages Friday night, Sabbath morning, and Sabbath afternoon kept the audience virtually "on the edge of their seats."

An exceptional Sabbath school entitled "World Sabbath" was the program of the day. Mission Spotlight presented the African-Indian Ocean Division via video. Before the divine worship service, a special project of ASI was announced by Sines. The project this year is to build ten new churches in Cuba. A challenge goal of \$50,000 was presented to the congregation. Batchelor preached a sermon entitled: "Open Your Windows." At the close of his sermon, an announcement was made that more than \$68,000 had been received in the offering. This will be more than sufficient to build those ten churches in Cuba.

The ASI National Convention will be July 31-August 3 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Kay Fowler

Adventist Carry Olympic Torch

Nineteen Seventh-day Adventist youth and young adults have been selected to carry the Olympic torch on its 15,000-mile trip to the Olympic site in Atlanta.

The Olympic torch began its North American journey April 27 in Los Angeles. More than 10,000 individuals will serve as torchbearers and the flame will cross through 42 states finally arriving at the Opening Ceremonies in Atlanta July 19. Five

thousand-five hundred of the 10,000 torchbearers will be "Community Heroes." The qualifications for these torch bearers required that the individual have a proven track record of community service and other actions on behalf of humanity. (Jeannie Edwardsen, Crister Delacruz).

Southern Union Olympic torch bearers are Melissa Blosser of Calhoun, Georgia; Katie Owen and Justin Gatling of Madison, Tennessee.

C. Elwyn Platner

Cohutta Hosts ASI Convention

Southern Union—The 1996 Spring Convention of ASI (Adventist-Laymen's Services and Industries) convened

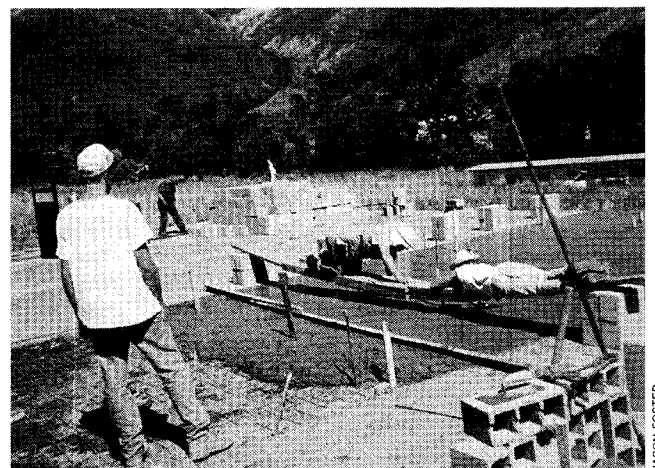
the weekend of April 12, 13 at Cohutta Springs.

John Sines, president of Southern Union ASI, officially opened the service with a warm welcome to the more than 300 attend-

Students Help Students

Georgia-Cumberland—In January a group from four Layman's Foundation institutions—Laurelbrook School, Heritage Academy, Advent Home, and Harbert

Hills—went to eastern Venezuela to build a multi-purpose building for Alborada, the only Adventist boarding academy in that part of the country. Twenty students and five staff members stayed 10 days and completed the walls, roof, and electrical wiring. The



Students lay the foundation of the multi-purpose building at Alborada.

JASON FOSTER

foundation had been prepared in December by a group of eight students and four faculty from Heritage Academy and Laurelbrook School under the direction of C. D. Carter.

The new building will house a dining room, kitchen, food storage, bakery, and offices. The dining

room will also serve as a temporary chapel until another facility can be constructed.

Students and staff returning from both trips were thankful for the opportunity to help another school by helping to build the facility. It was an experience they will never forget.

James Brenneman

Pathfinders Organization Fulfills Elijah's Message

South Atlantic—The Pathfinder organization's purpose, among others, is to fulfill Elijah's message of Malachi: to turn the "hearts of parents toward their children and children's hearts toward their parents."

When Bethel's parents and church members work, worship, play together, and participate in Pathfinder activities, the so called generation gap disappears in a bond of common experience. One of several Pathfinder's philoso-

phies and objectives is that children learn best by example; and involving Pathfinder's members as full partners in every aspect of the church's ministry to its members, community, and world is part of the goal at Bethel.

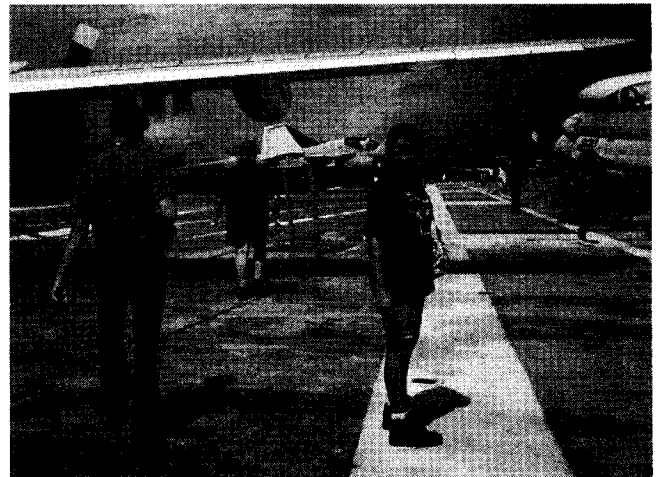
The 99th Pathfinder club is committed to fulfilling the purposes and objectives which were established. The name 99th came from the 99th Fighter Squadron from WWII, which was a group of black pilots trained at Tuskegee Institute.

The 99th Pathfinder Squadron are members of Bethel church, located at 238 South French Broad Avenue, Asheville, N.C.

Jonathan Harkness



The 99th Pathfinder Squadron attends Bethel church in Asheville, N.C.



Pathfinders tour the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Yorktown.

Lakeland Pathfinders Get Glimpse at History

Florida—Twenty-eight Pathfinders of the Lakeland church relived a part of history when they participated in a camping program aboard the World War II aircraft carrier Yorktown at Patriots Point in Charleston Harbor, S.C. "This is like camping in a museum," said one Pathfinder.

Lakeland Pathfinder leadership takes their youth on three to four campouts a year. "This trip was an eye-opening, educational experience for kids to live a part of history," said Conference Pathfinder director Cheeko Cotta who also made the trip.

"For kids to stay on this carrier and to bunk where military men bunked, to see the lockers where the men kept all their worldly possessions, and get a glimpse of the sacrifice of leaving home, or shot at, helped them appreciate what young men and women did for this country during WWII to maintain our freedom," said Cotta. "It gave

them a sense of respect."

The youth experienced staying in tight quarters, eating morning and evening meals in tight quarters, and experience water rationing aboard the Man-of-War. "I never appreciated my country until I stayed here," said one youngster.

The Lakeland Club joined the Plant City and Jacksonville Mandarin Pathfinder clubs, along with boy Scouts and Girl Scouts as they also toured World War II submarine Clamagore; WWII destroyer Laffey; and WWII Coast Guard cutter Ingham. They also took a boat ride to Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor where the Civil War began; visited The Citadel, and saw a military parade there which included a White House official.

At press time a camping trip was scheduled Feb. 23-25 in Florida's Keys. They will join the Homestead Pathfinder club to host worship services at the Marathon church in the Keys, snorkel, and work on fish, coral, and camping skills honors.

Judy Smith, Cindy Kurtzhals

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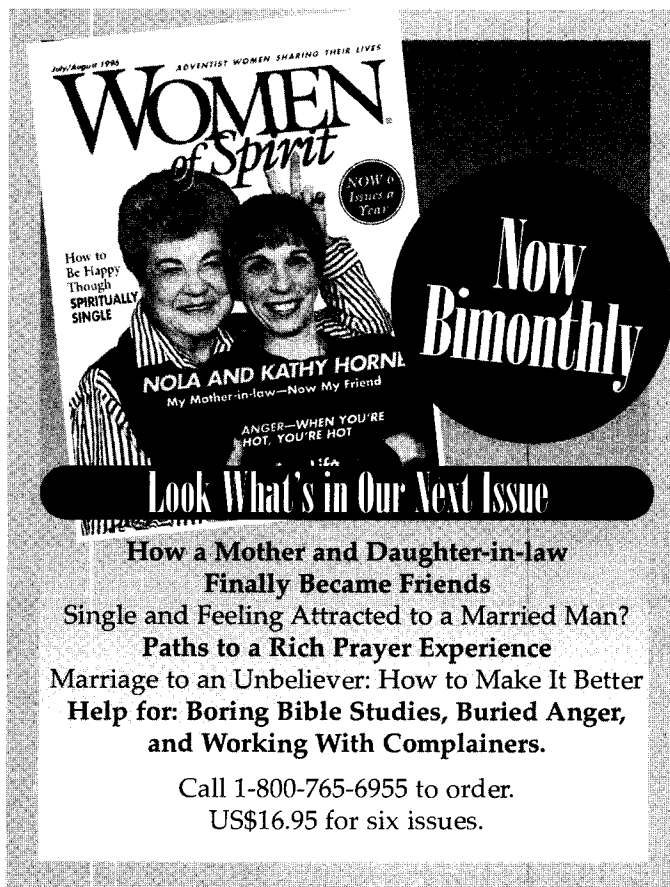
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Regular Session of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the next regular meeting of the membership of the Southern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Hyatt Regency Knoxville, 500 Hill Avenue, S.E., Knoxville, Tennessee, at 4:00 p.m., September 8-10, 1996, for the purpose of electing a board of directors and the transacting of such other business as may properly come before the membership. The members of this association are the accredited delegates in attendance at the regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated).

M. D. Gordon, President
W. D. Sumpter, Secretary

Regular Session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the first meeting of the fourteenth regular session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will

convene at the Hyatt Regency Knoxville, 500 Hill Avenue, S.E., Knoxville, Tennessee, at 4:00 p.m., September 8-10, 1996 for the purpose of electing officers and the transaction of such other business as may come before the membership. The regular delegates to this session are appointed by the local conferences of the union on the basis of one for each 1,000 members or major fraction thereof, plus one for the organization.

M. D. Gordon, President
W. D. Sumpter, Secretary

Carolina Conference Session

Notice is hereby given that the 38th regular session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch in Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting is called for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 1996. The session will continue through Sunday, August 25, 1996. The session is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing term and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the session. Each church is entitled to two delegates with additional delegates prorated to

churches according to size as outlined in the Carolina Conference constitution.

Kenneth R. Coonley, President
Ronald G. Schmidt, Secretary

Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that there will be a legal meeting of the Carolina Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, Incorporated, under the laws of the state of North Carolina, in connection with the regular session of the Carolina Conference, which will be held in the auditorium at Nosoca Pines Ranch, Liberty Hill, South Carolina. The first meeting is called for 6:30 p.m., Thursday, August 22, 1996. The session will continue through Sunday, August 25, 1996. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and trustees and to transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. The delegates of the 38th session of the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are the delegates of the association meeting.

Kenneth R. Coonley, President
Louis Canosa, Secretary



Carolina

Hands Across the World funding is assisting the **SHELBY BUILDING PROJECT**. Some of the work of constructing the 5,000 square-foot church debt free, has been contracted, but the majority of the work will be performed by volunteers.

MOUNT PISGAH ACADEMY GRADUATED 51 seniors May 26. Principal Arne Nielsen is moving to Kenya, Africa, to be principal of the Academy in Nairobi.

More than 300 individuals attended Ron Halvorsen's **EVANGELISTIC SERIES** on the Plan of Salvation for three weeks in Columbia, S.C.

Gospel Workers attending the camp meeting acquired more than 85 **BIBLE STUDIES**. Twenty-

six students enrolled their friends and families for studies.

On Hilton Head members are raising funds to construct **A NEW CHURCH**. Ten large bags of yarn and needlepoint thread were offered for sale during camp meeting. All proceeds were given for the building project.

Sabbath morning in January as many as 40 visitors appeared at the Greenville, S.C., church, the same morning several former members attended. Then, requests for Bible studies began coming in and all at once there were more than 200 Bible studies in progress. In preparation for **NET '96** the Conference had aired a radio spot on several Asheville stations. There were a total of 297 requests for Bible studies in the Greenville area.



Florida

A group of volunteers from Miami's Bradmore Spanish church distributed 100 copies of *Steps to Christ* to mothers in the community adjacent to the church building as part of Mother's Day **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**.

About 120 people attended **EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS** May 1-22 at the Northwest Spanish church in Miami. Fernando Fernandez, a layman from New York City, focused on Christ's Second Coming. Several of the 30 non-Adventists who attended requested Bible studies.

Friday, May 24, **CAMP MEETING** began. With Forest Lake Academy's gym under construction for NET '96, meetings were held at the Forest Lake church, in Apopka, and televised via satellite to more than 90 churches across the state. More than 290 phone inquiries were received from 40 other states, Puerto Rico and Canada, requesting information about the satellite camp meeting schedule.

The South Orlando church has started a **SOUP & SALVATION** outreach program to prepare for the NET '96 meetings this fall. After a light supper, five teams visit people who requested Bible lessons, while another group sets up the Bible school records and materials. A third group engages in prayer for all involved.

Students from Forest Lake Academy (FLA),

Apopka, joined teens from around the world to participate in a **30-HOUR FAMINE**. The famine was designed to heighten awareness of the needs of homeless people. With one drink, one piece of fruit, and cardboard boxes to cover and protect them from the outside elements, 130 FLA students experienced what is for some, a way of life. Another youth group, in Ocala, solicited sponsors for their "30-hour-famine" and raised \$300 for the Adventist Disaster Relief Agency (ADRA).

The Apopka Highland church, in Apopka, held an **EVENING SERVICE ON ARMED FORCES DAY** to show appreciation to the military. All members of the Armed Forces, past and present, were invited to attend the annual event.

Eugene Torres, recent pastor of the Lady Lake/Leesburg church district, was invited by Representative Everett Kelly, of Lake County, to offer the opening prayer and serve as Minister of the Day for the Florida House of Representatives. Torres went on Wednesday, April 17, 1996—the same day the school prayer amendment was passed by the House in a 79-36 vote.

Lady Lake church opened a new **THRIFT SHOP** on the church grounds. The shop is called H.O.P.E.—literally translated as "Help Outreach to People Everywhere" and has already become just that for many in the community.



Georgia-Cumberland

ZAPARA AWARDS were awarded to Barbara Livesay from Coble Elementary in Calhoun, Georgia, and Dixie Owens from the Spalding Elementary School in Collegedale, Tennessee.

THE AUGUSTA FIRST FOOD CO-OP conducted its first cooking demonstration April 15. Nearly 40 people attended. The co-op was started from interest generated at previous cooking schools where individuals complained of the high prices found in local health food stores.

Bruno Nojima, a sixth grader at Duluth Jr. Academy, finished in second place in the **GEORGIA STATE GEOGRAPHY BEE**. Joel Willis, an eighth grader at Coble Elementary in Calhoun, Ga., has qualified the past two years to participate in the state competition.

Atlanta Belvedere church youth distributed flyers in conjunction with Family Consultation Services (FCS) as part of the community service initiative of **QUEST ATLANTA**. FCS organizes volunteers to revitalize the Summerhill neighborhood sur-

rounding the Olympic Stadium. Quest Atlanta is a multid denominational outreach and service project to lift up Christ's name at the Olympic Games.

The newly remodeled **COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTER** of the Cumberland Heights church that was officially opened in August of 1995 is a witness in the community. Alice Stewart and Debbie Collier work full time sewing quilts that are sold for \$60.00 to help fund the activities of the center. Monies earned through the thrift store pay utilities, improvements, and provide cash to purchase new dishes, flatware, bedding, towels, etc. for families who have homes destroyed. The year-end sale of dolls, electric trains, stuffed toys and handmade wooden toys netted approximately \$1,000. The Investment corner sold handmade gifts adding \$200 to the fund.

The Atlanta North church sponsored a **CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL CONCEPTS SEMINAR**. Speaker for the worship service was Larry Burkett, presi-

dent and founder of Christian Financial Concepts. Bob Louder, the Atlanta area coordinator for Christian Financial Concepts, gave presentations

on Sabbath and Sunday. Fifty-five were in attendance with the majority coming from the community.

Gulf States



In April, the Columbia church ended a four-week **AMAZING FACTS SEMINAR** conducted by evangelist-in-training David Clevenger of Biloxi, Miss. The meetings began in the National Guard Armory with 21 guests in attendance. Three requested baptism and two others were rebaptized.

Brookhaven, Miss., pastor Paul Clark recently had part in the local **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** with several hundred people in attendance.

Ten regular attenders and two at-home spouses now breathe free of tobacco because the health/temp. dept. of the Panama City Church held a **BREATHE FREE PROGRAM** in April at the Bay Medical Center medical office building.

THE 1996 ZAPARA AWARD was awarded to Tom Huntress at SDA Jr. Academy in Birmingham.

The Adventurer Club and Community Services of Birmingham First church sponsored an **ANGEL TREE** which benefited 52 children of Jefferson County.

The Decatur, Ala., Winn-Dixie allowed a box to be set up for a **FAMILY BIBLE DRAWING**. The store manager and local pastor, Neil Dye, drew the winner. The other names in the box were each visited by church members and offered their choice of a *Bible Readings for the Home* or a *Desire of Ages*. Many Bible studies resulted.

Kentucky-Tennessee



Bill Bremner, pastor of the Ashland/Morehead Ky. churches, reports that the church(es) raised, in individual donations and pledges enough money to purchase **TIME ON A LOCAL CHRISTIAN TELEVISION STATION** airing the Kenneth Cox videos. There is a potential viewing audience of 200,000 reaching Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Bill Dysinger, M.D., reports that nearly 70 residents from the rural community of Centerville Tenn., signed up to participate in **"HEARTBEAT '96"**, an ACN program downlinked live by the 30-member Martin Memorial church, May 21.

Cyril Miller was the special guest speaker for the **EASTERN KENTUCKY CAMP MEETING** in Prestonsburg, Ky. Music was provided by David Pitt and Jennifer Lalauetta.

A **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WEEKEND** was conducted at Indian Creek Camp this year. Guest speaker was Larry Buckner, Disaster Coordinator for NAD. Seventy-seven individuals received certificates for the Disaster Training, Level 3 course.

The Ky.-Tenn. Conference Business and Professional Foundation conducted its annual **SPRING RETREAT** March 29-31. Robert Spangler, recently retired from the General Conference, was the

guest speaker. Music was provided by Praise Three, a group of three young men from the Collegedale, Tenn., area.

SIX YOUNG LIVES WERE DEDICATED to the Lord, March 23 in the Franklin, Ky., church. Pastor Ed Sharpe, and former pastor Rufus Lloyd officiated. Pastor Lloyd is great-grandfather of three of the children.

Casey and Barbara Casebolt are a prime example of the work retirees perform for the Adventist church around the world. Recently, a number of Ky.-Tenn. pastors, along with the Conference president, educational superintendent, and elementary educational supervisor, **TOURED THE HOLY LAND** with George Reid as their tour guide. The group stayed at the Adventist Study Center in Jerusalem where their host and hostess were Casey and Barbara Casebolt from California. The Casebolt's retired in October, '95, and worked at the Study Center for a total of eight months.

The Highland church **PATHFINDERS SHARED THEIR LOVE** recently with the senior citizens in the Portland and Highland community. The youth provided both entertainment and food for more than 50 adults who attended.

South Atlantic



ABNEY CHAPEL COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER CELEBRATED ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY April 20. Calvin Watkins, personal ministries director for the Conference, presented a \$2,500 check to the Center. Abney Chapel has won 24 awards

over the years and has been honored five times by the governor of North Carolina. Watkins also presented checks for \$1,500 each to the Eastern Federation and Western Federation representatives.

Southern College



THE FIRST EVER GRADUATE CLASSES to be offered by Southern began on June 3 toward a master of science in education degree (M.S.Ed.) with three choices of emphasis-multiage/multi-grade teaching, inclusive education; and outdoor teacher education. The Southern College campus has served as an extension campus for other schools in the past.

Scores of people are helping to **PAVE THE WAY** by ordering a personalized brick for the walkway to the Hickman Science Center, scheduled for completion in 1997. The project was undertaken by the alumni office but is open to anyone.

The 1996-97 **SOUTHERN COLLEGE CATALOG** is in the mail to students accepted for the new school year. It is also available to prospective students by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

Dates are set for **VIEWSOUTHERN AND PREVIEWSOUTHERN**, special days for campus visits by prospective students. ViewSouthern is scheduled for October 13 and 14 and planned especially for academy seniors. Public high school seniors and students considering college transfer are particularly invited to ViewSouthern on April 6 and 7, 1997. Campus visits can be arranged at other times by calling 1-800-SOUTHERN.

CAROLINA

When **Anita Shelton** isn't actively supporting her husband's ministry in eastern Carolina, she is a frequent traveler to Europe. Shelton, along with **Ann Pendleton**, and **Carl and Glenda Ashlock**, will attend women's ministries meetings in St. Petersburg and another location on the Black Sea this summer. They will be a guest of **Natasha Ivanova** who was a featured speaker in Carolina last year at the women's retreat.



Greg Taylor, pastor of Foster Memorial church in Asheville, recently qualified for the elite of all marathons, the Boston Marathon. As well as competing in several local marathons, Taylor has run in the Honolulu, New York, Columbus, and Washington marathons.



FLORIDA

Christy Raettig, a 1996 graduate of Forest Lake Academy, received a \$56,000 academic scholarship to Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.



Rollins, the only comprehensive liberal arts college in Florida, receives close to 1,800 applications every year but only 400 are accepted. Because of an ACT score of 32 and a SAT score of 1320, Raettig was offered the academic scholarship and plans to pursue a pre-med degree this fall.

Raettig is a member of the Markham Woods church in Longwood.

GEORGIA-CUMBERLAND

You're never too young to use your talents for Jesus. **Megan Brady**, 7, a third-grade student at the Cumberland Heights church school enjoys singing for church and has participated in



Mel Eisele, New President

After much prayer, soul searching, and examination of 28 candidates by the Gulf States Conference Executive Committee on May 6, the Lord led to the unanimous decision to ask **Mel Eisele** to be the new conference president.

Eisele brings with him pastoral experience in Missouri and Kentucky, besides his accounting abilities as the former Conference treasurer.

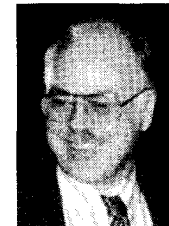
Under his able leadership in the finances of the conference, the Lord has blessed abundantly. Eisele's sound understanding of business principle coupled with his devotion to the cause of God will greatly benefit the Gulf States Conference in the coming years.

Mel and Phyllis (she is the women's director) Eisele are loved and respected for their three years of dedicated and committed work in the Conference.

Sharryn Mahorney

a singspiration benefit raising money to help with medical costs of a neighbor. Megan sang "The Band-aid Song" which was broadcast over the local radio station WSGM in Tracy City, Tenn. There have been numerous requests for this song since it was first broadcast.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE



The office staff and families honored **Lew Van Allen** with a farewell party at the Olive Garden. Lew and Faye, his wife, have accepted a call to serve as ABC

manager in the Gulf States Conference. Lew has been manager of the Ky.-Tenn. Conference ABC for the past ten years. When he took over operations, there was a negative net worth and money was owed to the Conference. Lew has built up the working capital to more than a quarter million dollars. Sales during 1994-95 totaled just under one million dollars. There was a \$34,000 gain in 1995.

SOUTH ATLANTIC



Esther Lakeysha Wheeler, a member of the Ephesus church in Winston Salem, N.C., was crowned Miss Kimbrough Hall at Pine Forge Academy recently. For the contest, Wheeler

modeled an outfit, answered a question relevant to today's society, and performed a stand-up comedy routine.

Regrick Howard is a member of the Ephesus church in Winston Salem, N.C. Recently, Howard was asked to speak at the Mayor's breakfast regarding funding for the youth summer program of Winston Salem which is being cut due to lack of funds. Howard was speaking to the mayor and her officers to emphasize the importance of this program for the city's youth. Howard is a senior this year and is very active in his church and community.

Ray Lewis made a sizable contribution to the church operating fund recently. In addition, he also set aside \$25,000 for a new school building (Ephesus Jr. Academy), authorized the purchase of six new computers with software, and he purchased a new refrigerator and microwave for each classroom. Ray was baptized by E. E. Cleveland in 1948, but he left the church for 34 years. During that time he remained active in giving funds to the church. He is a native of Wilmington, N.C., but has lived in Winston Salem since 1941.

John R. Shoffner joined the East Market Street church under Elder J. S. Green around 1932. Baptized at the time were L.V. Minor, Willie Brooks-Foust, Lillie Mae Seagals, and others. Many who joined at the time under the tent effort either passed on or moved away. Shoffner and his wife Lillie Mae were dedicated workers for the Lord. Today, Shoffner still continues to come to the house of worship. Though his sight and hearing is not what it used to be, his desire is to grow in grace and serve the Lord. Not all warriors can say they preserved to the end. He celebrated his 96th birthday December 25th.



SOUTHEASTERN

Max Charles invited **Nathaniel Myrttil** to Guilgal/French church in Orlando. From January 14 to February 17, Myrttil preached to standing-room-only crowds. Because of his labors, God blessed with 102 souls. This result makes him the first centurion for Southeastern in 1996. Myrttil may very well have established a record for baptizing 100 or more persons this early in a calendar year.

Myrttil pastors the 640-member Sinai/French church in Ft. Lauderdale where 1,000 are in attendance on any given Sabbath.



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There are five schools in North Carolina that have been selected to be represented in carrying the Olympic torch through the state in preparation for the Olympic games. Kelly has been chosen to represent her school, Fletcher Academy. She will be the center of attention as reporters from newspapers and television come by to witness the historic event.

The staff and students at Fletcher Academy are proud to have such a quality young person representing their school. Kelly is a young lady who lives the Olympic spirit every day.

OAKWOOD COLLEGE



Akunna M. Iheanacho, senior Huntsville High School senior, has been named an All-American Scholar by the USAA (US Achievement Academy). Scholars must

earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average and are accepted upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, etc. Once nominated, Akunna will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook which is published nationally.

Nannetta Joiner Pressley was the recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" Award presented by the North Alabama Alumni Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers at their annual banquet held February 29.

Pressley is a graduate of Oakwood Academy ('76) and Oakwood College (*summa cum laude* 1989). She graduated from the University of Wisconsin (1981) on full scholarship and completed with a master's degree. She currently teaches biology at Oakwood Academy.



Chaplain Capt. **E. E. Cleveland** of Huntsville, Ala., was recently named "Chaplain of the Year" by the Alabama Wing of the Civil Air Patrol in Birmingham, Ala. The Civil

Air Patrol is an auxiliary of the US Air Force that specializes in search and rescue missions, cadet training, aerospace education, and other emergency services. Cleveland has completed four chaplains training courses at Maxwell Air Force Base and in 1995 impacted thousands with his preaching and Moral Leadership Lectures.

In 1995, two Huntsville boys were lost in the mountains near Huntsville. Cleveland remained with the mother for three and a half hours at the base of the mountain providing comfort, prayer, and encouragement until the boys were found. Huntsville Police Rescue Unit effected the recovery of the boys with its usual efficiency.

Cleveland is a native of Huntsville, Ala., and a lecturer in the department of religion at Oakwood College.

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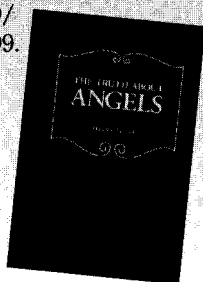
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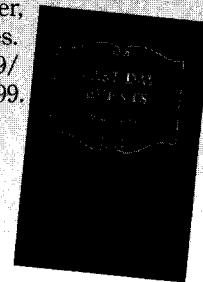
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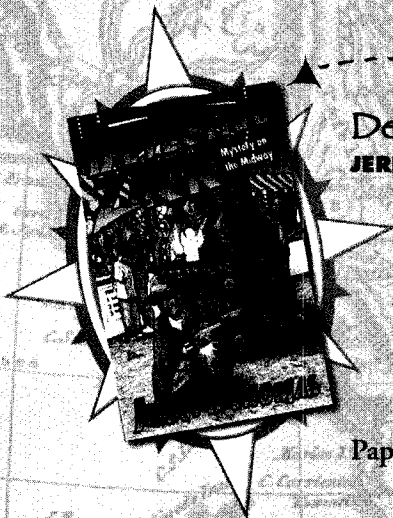
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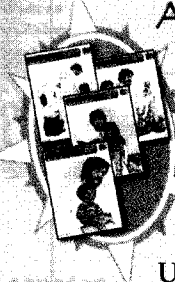
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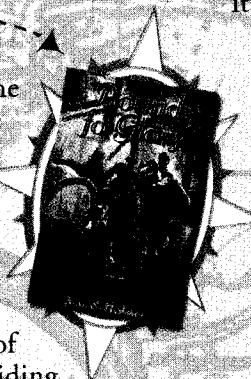
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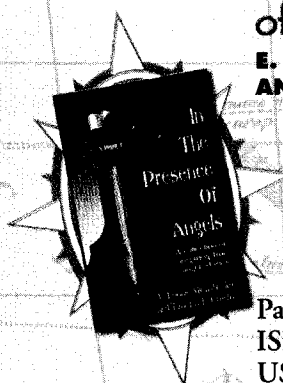


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Carolina

Carolina Conference and Association Quadrennial Session—Aug. 22-25. Nosoca Pines Ranch.

Florida

Visions ... Divorce/Grief Recovery Support Group—Every Thursday night. Altamonte Springs church. Details: (407) 291-8321.

Evangelistic Meetings

June 29-Aug. 10. Interlachen. Bob and Mary Goransson.

July 5-Aug. 10. St. Augustine. Lester and Zula Pratt and Roy and Amy Pauley.

July 27-Aug. 19. Bradmore Spanish. Jose and Ofelia Fuentes.

Aug. 3-Sept. 14. Winter Garden. Bill and Cora Waters.

Aug. 3-Sept. 21. Shuler Memorial. Art and Margo Swaningson.

Aug. 24-Sept. 28. Northwest Dade. Bill and Marilyn Bornstein and Lorraine Bullis.

Aug. 24-Sept. 28. Wimauma Spanish. Robert and Mary Goransson.

Extreme Adventure Camp—Boundary Water Canoeing (ages 16-25)—July 14-21. Camp Kulaqua.

Pathfinder-Island Navigator

July 19-21. Marathon Key.

Sept. 13-15. Marathon Key.

Pathfinder Bike-A-Thon—July 28. Shark Valley. South Florida.

Adventist Singles Ministries Fellowship Dinners

Aug. 3. Florida Hospital.

Aug. 10. Forest Lake and West Palm Beach First.

Aug. 17. Deltona English and University.

Aug. 24. Kress Memorial

Young Adult Sailing Expedition to Bahamas (ages 18-35)—Aug. 4-11. Cost \$385. Details: Youth/Young Adult Ministries (407) 644-5000 x129.

Forest Lake Academy General Registration—Aug. 11. School begins Aug. 12.

Greater Miami Academy. Registration—Aug. 11. School begins Aug. 13.

K-10 Schools Open—Aug. 15.

Hispanic Convention—Aug. 17. James L. Knight Convention Center, Miami, Fla.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 23-25. Camp Kulaqua.

Pathfinder Reville (Friend)—Sept. 13-15. Camp Kulaqua.

Women's Ministries Directors' Workshop—Sept. 20-22. Pine Lake Retreat Center, Groveiland.

Southern Union Pathfinder Camporee—Sept. 25-29. Cherokee, N.C.

Georgia-Cumberland

Ministers' Retreat—July 28-31. Cohutta Springs.

Fannin County Dedication—July 27.

Pathfinder Leadership Convention—Aug. 16-18. Cohutta Springs. Pre-registration required.

First Day of School—Aug. 19.

Hispanic Convocation—Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Cohutta Springs.

Professional and Business Retreat—Sept. 20, 21. Cohutta Springs.

Gulf States

Conference Executive Committee—July 2. Montgomery.

Pathfinder/Youth Ministry Convention—Aug. 2-4. Camp Alamisco.

LE Summer Rally—Aug. 8-11. Camp Alamisco.

Conference Executive Committee—Aug. 11. Camp Alamisco.

Ministers' Meeting—Aug. 11-14. Camp Alamisco.

Bass Memorial Academy Registration—Aug. 11.

Kentucky-Tennessee

Pewee Valley Junior Academy Reunion—July 5-7. Details: (502) 222-4300.

Southern College

Academic Schedule

July 1. Third summer session begins.

July 28. Registration for SmartStart.

July 29-Aug. 23. SmartStart for new students. Fourth summer session. Call 1-800-SOUTHERN for more information.

Southern Union

Family of God Festival—July 4-7. Radisson Grand Resort, Fort Mill, S.C.

Community Services Workshop—Sept. 5-7. Cohutta Springs.

Union Session—Sept. 8-10. Knoxville.

Medical/Dental Congress—Sept. 12-14. Gatlinburg.

Union Camporee—Sept. 25-29. Cherokee, N.C.

Out of Union

125th Anniversary Commemoration Services Dodge Center, Minnesota Seventh-day Adventist church—Aug. 30-31, 1996. We are anxious to hear from former pastors, teachers, members and friends. Please contact either: Mrs. Robert Christenson, Rt. 1, Box 55, Dodge Center, MN 55027-9708; phone (507) 374-2433; E-mail—EleanorMn@aol.com; or Marge McNeilus—Fax—(507) 374-6072.

Lyle and Helen Hamel will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 23. While living in the Southern Union, Lyle Hamel directed the band and taught music lessons at Forest Lake Academy from 1955-1959 and also at SMC from 1959-1964. Those wishing to send congratulations may do so at their address: 35509 Oleander Avenue, Yucaipa, California 92399.

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Charleston, S.C.	8:32	8:30	8:27	8:23	8:17	8:11
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Huntsville, Tenn.	8:03	8:01	7:58	7:53	7:47	7:40
Jackson, Miss.	8:11	8:10	8:07	8:02	7:57	7:51
Louisville, Ky.	9:10	9:07	9:03	8:57	8:51	8:43
Memphis, Tenn.	8:18	8:16	8:12	8:07	8:01	7:54
Miami, Fla.	8:16	8:15	8:13	8:10	8:06	8:01
Montgomery, Ala.	7:56	7:54	7:51	7:47	7:42	7:35
Nashville, Tenn.	8:07	8:05	8:02	7:56	7:51	7:43
Orlando, Fla.	8:25	8:24	8:22	8:18	8:14	8:08
Wilmington, N.C.	8:27	8:25	8:22	8:17	8:11	8:05



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On the Move

Florida

Jeanne Wolfe, who has served as secretary to the Florida Conference Pathfinder department, is now the assistant Pathfinder director in charge of the Adventurer program. **Roger Parker** has joined Florida Conference as computer services associate director, coming from the Southern Union Conference. **Keith Trumbo** has completed his theology degree at Southern College, and now serves as pastor of the Lady Lake church. **Carlos Turcios** is now associate pastor of the Forest City Spanish church, coming from Australia.

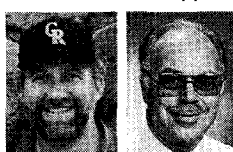
Georgia-Cumberland

Kelly Bock is the new vice president for education. Bock comes from the Oregon Conference where he was principal of the Columbia Adventist Academy. **Reed Christman** from Maryville, Tenn., is now pastor of the Johnson City, Tenn., district. **John Cooper** from Johnson City is

the associate pastor for the Knoxville First church. **Greg Daniel** from the LaGrange/Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia district is at Maryville, Tenn. **David Hakes** from Augusta, Ga., is pastor of Apison, Tenn. **Bill Henson**, pastor of the Conyers, Ga., church, has retired. **Fred Knopper** is the newly elected assistant to the president for communication. **Don Livesay** accepted a call to the Oregon Conference. **Clark McCrain** is the newly elected wildlife director at Cohutta Springs. McCrain comes from Thornton, Co.

Gulf States

Lew Van Allen, formerly ABC manager in Ky.-Tenn. Conf., began managing the ABC in Gulf States in April. He replaces **Mark Thomas** who has returned to school. **Marlyn Kurtz**, coming from the Indiana Conference, is pastoring the Dothan district.



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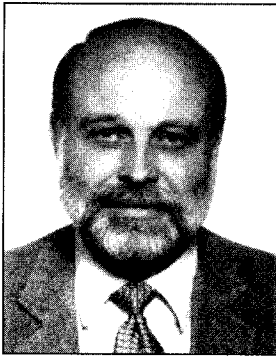
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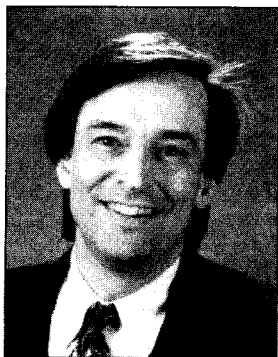


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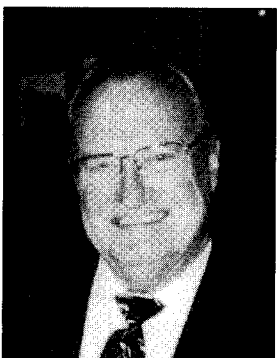
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How We Got to College

by Doris Burdick

Jannett and Delroy Myrie had finished high school and found work in Atlanta, she as a medical secretary at Emory and he as a psychiatric assistant at West Paces Ferry Hospital. But she felt the urge to become qualified for more focused service to others. At a camp meeting in Florida she saw and was impressed by a college display. Though her husband was hesitant at first, they prayed, quit their jobs, and arrived at Southern College in November 1992 with their son (18-month Anthony) in his carseat, \$600 in their pockets, and faith in their souls. To register, they needed \$1,700 each.

Donna Myers, assistant director of the Student Finance Office, put together a customized "financial aid package" of scholarships, grants, loans, and student employment for them. Jannett's first campus job was in the education department, but now she is enjoying the schedule flexibility of employment at the Conference Center. Delroy works part time as a certified nursing assistant for a nursing agency. They are in student housing near the campus, and Anthony has attended a day-care program at the campus church.

Advice for others a bit older and thinking about college? Jannett: "Pray about it. Then just go. Don't tell anybody. They will try to discourage you. Make the initial first step, and God will open the way. You won't regret it. Our teachers are beautiful . . . like when I've had to bring Anthony with me to class a few times, they've been so understanding. And the other students are wonderful. Classmates seem to appreciate the maturity you bring."

"We both plan to graduate next spring with our Associate nursing degrees. Then we can work as R.N.s while we finish up our B.S. degrees. We would like to give back, maybe working with Native Americans, and eventually we'd like to do overseas mission work. By working on a reservation or in certain other areas of need, some of our educational debt will be cancelled."

Travis Patterson wore cap and gown May 5 as a prospective summer graduate and is now attending Southern's Field School of Evangelism in Columbia, South Carolina.

His parents, Brenda and Harry

Patterson, attend the little Adventist church in Woodruff, South Carolina, with its 24 members. He is head deacon and she is church clerk and Sabbath school superintendent. She's a public school teacher of fifth graders, and he worked as an industrial engineer before a disabling back injury.

Travis is the second of three children, only a year behind his sister. "We just didn't think we could afford sending him to Southern," says Brenda. "It didn't seem possible, but we applied for financial aid anyway, and said we will try it one year at a time. We went on faith. Travis really wanted to go. He was insistent. We supported him all we could. Even got him an old car." (It's a five-hour drive back home.)

Travis enrolled as a broadcast journalism major. But he wasn't at Southern long before he changed his major to religion. Brenda recognizes that this wouldn't have happened if he had been enrolled at the nearest university. Travis does well in school, so some of his scholarship assistance was based on academic merit. Motivated and energetic, Travis has worked on maintenance, at the College Press, and as a residence assistant. During his senior year, his front desk duty in the dorm began at 4 a.m. and gave him intermittent study time on the clock. During vacations and whenever he got the chance, he earned cash by playing the piano on Sunday for other churches. One summer he worked at a gospel radio station, and he also has summer camp experience. During his two years as a student missionary on the Pacific island of Majuro, repayment was deferred for the educational loans Travis had already taken out.

Sending Travis to an Adventist college gave him opportunities he wouldn't have had elsewhere. His mother says, "I realized that at graduation. Especially when Travis spoke on Sabbath. (Six students spoke about Turning Points as part of the Sabbath school planned by the senior class.) This was HIS place. I realized then how very meaningful his mission work was. How it matured his spiritual life. Sending him to Southern was more than worth it."

"The Lord does provide," says Brenda. "I don't mean it will be easy. And it's not over yet. There are still loans to pay."

The next step for Travis is back across the water. He has accepted a call as chaplain and youth pastor in the Guam-Micronesia Mission. "I really like having him in the States,"

admits his mother. "The Lord and I came to grips on that," she says with a laugh. But you can tell that nothing is more important to his parents than that "he really loves the Lord" and is willing to go where He leads.

Brian Adams is working as much as 12-hour days during the summer.

"You have to be willing to sacrifice a little bit, but it's worth it. I would not be able to come here without my job. It's an answer to prayer," he comments. He has stayed to work during some breaks but not all of them. His parents live in Dyersburg, Tennessee, where his father is an assistant manager of a Hampton Inn and his mother is a teacher's aide. They have helped him some financially, but with three and a half years of independence before he came to college at 21, he found it less than delightful to be considered a dependent (until this fall when he turns 24) by financial aid definition of the U.S. Department of Education.

A junior corporate/community wellness management major who is also entering the A.S. nursing program this fall, Brian has worked at the same campus job for two and a half years. He generally works four hours a day, takes a full load of class work, and maintains a healthy B average.

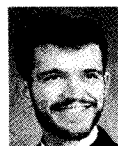
His job—at Southern Carton Industry, a campus enterprise which subcontracts recycling of cardboard shipping boxes for Little Debbie snack cakes—requires dependability and speed.

On top of his hourly rate (which has now reached \$8.25 per hour) he receives incentives when certain production goals are exceeded. During the past school year Brian has worked nearly 800 hours and earned more than \$8,000. In his freshman year his church sent \$500 to help. And income from the college's Scholarship Endowment has funded scholarships totaling \$4,500 for him in the past two years.

"He is extremely faithful. His word is worth an awful lot to me," comments Wayne Janzen, SCI manager. "I'm really proud of the way he has developed his work skills."

Campus jobs are going begging. Right now, Janzen could use 25 more students like Brian. Students who opt for off-campus jobs sometimes don't realize what the required car and commute time are costing them.

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Generation X—



Angie Nero (left), and Dwight and Serena Laubscher of the Jackson Pathfinder club.

by Bill Wood

Youth and young adults are making an impact throughout the Gulf States Conference. Their influence is felt on the Conference executive committee, in Pathfinders, in Sabbath schools, and youth ministries. They are serving as elders in their churches, taking an active part in the ministry of the church, and making a difference with their youthful and enthusiastic presence.

For the first time in the history of the Conference, a young adult is serving on the Conference executive committee. Norm Hobbs, from Montgomery, is a member of the conference executive committee. He and his wife, April, lead out in the youth department of the Montgomery church. When asked what his feelings were about serving on the executive committee he stated, "It's been enlightening



The Mavrakos and Huffs leading out in a praise song service at the 9:15 a.m. worship service in Mobile.

and challenging. I had no idea as a kid growing up, what was involved in the operation of the conference."

The Mobile, Alabama, church young adults are taking an active part in a creative worship service emphasizing praise, music, and drama along with the traditional sermon. This service at 9:15 on Sabbath mornings, is, an attempt to attract young adults who are interested in a more active church service. Paul and Terra Mavrakos and Tom and Tammy Huff lead out each Sabbath with singing and praise. Paul, Tom and Tammy are recent graduates of Andrews University's physical therapy program and Terra is a graduate of the Southern College nursing program.

In Decatur, Alabama, Tracie Fris-toe is making a difference. As the church youth leader, she involves the young people in local events as well as conference-wide youth events. She plans socials, Bible study sessions, and outreach activities as well as making sure "her youth" are at Conference functions. She is a regular attendee at the Gulf States Youth Ministries Convention held each August to learn how to be a more effective leader.

Katie Dewees, a University of Alabama premed student, finds time in her busy class schedule to assist Geri Holweger in providing various activities for the youth of the Tuscaloosa church. Although Katie was offered a more lucrative summer job, she is returning to work at Camp Alamisco this summer as a counselor and rock climbing instructor because, "I just feel like this is what Jesus wants me to do."

The Pathfinder club in Anniston could not function without the help of three former Pathfinders who are now young adults. Director Angie Hammond says she could not operate the club without the leadership of Jay Green, Walter Israel, and Staci Grissom. Staci, a college freshman, has recently been appointed as deputy director. Walter is a new Adventist and was baptized by former pastor Dan Whitlow as a result of his involvement with Pathfinders.

The Birmingham First church has a Pathfinder club directed by Robert and Nicki Hill. Robert and Nicki are young adults who feel a burden for the Pathfinder age group of the church. They revived a club that had stopped functioning a

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few years ago and are determined to keep that ministry alive in the south part of Birmingham.

Scott Manley, a full-time student at Auburn University, serves as an elder and youth leader of the Opelika-Auburn church. In addition to conducting prayer meeting and helping in other areas of ministry, he is also found in the pulpit on Sabbath morning filling in when the pastor is not there. Scott has also been working with starting a ministry on campus at the University for Adventist students enrolled there.

Dwight and Serena Laubscher have been active members of the Jackson, Mississippi, Pathfinder club. Dwight, a young engineer and former Pathfinder, not only returned to Pathfinder ministry as a young adult but introduced his wife to it as well. Serena, who was raised a Mormon, was recently baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church as a direct result of the ministry of Pathfinding. Dwight credits the early influence of Pathfinders as a key factor in his recommitment to Christ and returning to this important youth ministry. His parents, K.C. and Mildred Laubscher, were long time Pathfinder leaders in the Jackson church. Dwight and Serena have recently been elected to the Conference Pathfinder Council and he is the editor of a special Pathfinder newsletter, *Cotton Tales*. The Laubschers have recently been transferred to Corinth, Mississippi, where they hope to take an active role in the church by starting a Pathfinder club there.

Angie Nero is also an active leader in the Jackson Pathfinder club. Angie, an accountant, has chosen Pathfinders as her special ministry. When asked why she is involved with the club she states, "I am getting tired of seeing our youth leave the church after they are 15 years old. I want to do my part in keeping them committed to the church."

Robert Pitman, a young attorney, is leading out in the youth activities of the Pensacola, Florida, church and will be chairing their newly organized youth council. Kristin Boettcher, a foreign exchange student from Germany who has been living with Pastor David Hartman and his wife this school year, was raised in a Seventh-day Adventist home. She has made her decision to be baptized primarily

as a result of Robert's leadership and positive influence in her life.

Albert and Xiomara Mercado are assuming the leadership of the Pensacola Pathfinder club next year. Both Mercados have been active in their local church carrying out various responsibilities. Hartman states that they both want to see young people give their hearts to Christ. Xiomara led a Pathfinder club in her native Guatamala before coming to Pensacola.

Barbara Tow, a member of the Gadsden, Alabama, church, attends Jacksonville State University and leads out in the youth Sabbath school as well as taking an active part in the music ministry of her church.

Other churches that are experiencing the influence of the X Generation are Huntsville where a group of X'ers have started a singing group to be used in ministry. They recently appeared at the Southern Union Singles Retreat held at Camp Alamisco. Floral Crest church is still continuing the traditional Friday night M.V. meeting and young adults are involved in the planning of those meetings.

Yes, "Generation X" is a vital



Albert and Xiomara Mercado (left), and Robert Pitman of Pensacola.



Traci Fristoe, of Decatur, looking at the camera, planning an outreach activity with her youth group.

part of active ministry in Gulf States Conference. The familiar quotation rings loud and true: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be carried to the whole world!" Gulf States young adults are doing their part to finish God's work. ■

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Xiomara and Albert Mercado (left), Robert Pitman and their youth group of Pensacola at an outdoor worship service.

Norm and April Hobbs leading out in youth Sabbath school in Montgomery.



New Center for Health Enhancement

Teaches How Mind, Body and Spirit Work Together for Total Health

by Suzanne Beranek

A recent *Newsweek* article stated that a large majority of Americans are over stressed. If you're one of these people, you've probably noticed the affect this stress has had on your health and energy. This correlation has been proven in studies. In fact, studies show that all three dimensions of ourselves — mind, body and spirit — work together for our total health.

Knowing this, and after much research on the subject, Florida Hospital recently established the Center for Health Enhancement. The Center offers a program which teaches individuals how to activate the mind, body, and spirit to promote good health. Addressing these three dimensions, the Center focuses on eight universal health principles: nutrition, movement, rest, choice, attitude, social support, environment, and spirituality. These principles have scientifically demonstrated effectiveness in prevention and disease reversal.

The Center offers an eight-week Health Enhancement Program which applies the eight principles and teaches participants how to take control of their health. Many organizations, such as Loma Linda University, Harvard University, Stanford University, and the National Institute of Healthcare Research support this mind/body/spirit approach.

Health Enhancement Consultant Dick Tibbits, D.Min., says, "No one dimension of health is a magic bullet. They all interact and are cumulative. When you pay attention to all of them, you may move into a lower risk category for certain diseases. Or, if you already have an illness, working on all the dimensions might hasten your recovery, reduce the frequency or intensity of symptoms, or help you manage and cope."

The Center's program, which is run by a multi-disciplinary team of health care professionals, looks at fascinating studies which prove that applying the eight universals of health can improve your health. For example, in neonatal intensive care units, babies who are frequently touched develop faster than babies who receive less tactile attention. And, music soothes nerves whether we are sitting in our living rooms or lying on an operating room table. Even smells can have a healing quality. The program is for anyone, but especially for people who have health problems that are worsened by unbalanced lifestyles. This includes people with chronic conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure, multiple sclerosis, lupus, cancer or chronic pain. Those with menopause, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and the Epstein-Barr virus are also encouraged to join the program.

The Center for Health Enhancement's eight-week session program covers each of the eight universals of health and is offered weekly for two hours. For more information, call the Center for Health Enhancement at (407) 741-4729.

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The Center for Health Enhancement focuses on activating the healing systems of your body to improve your health and to increase your body's ability to defend an illness.

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What Price Camelot? What Price Eternity?

Recently, America witnessed a phenomenon that truly boggles the mind. I am referring of course to the Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis auction that was held at Sotheby's Galleries in New York this past April. This amazing event was sandwiched as it were amidst worldwide reports of tragedies and catastrophic upheavals of lives and property.

There played out on the evening news as well as CNN special news bulletins from time to time, an unbridled and blatant display of fiscal irresponsibilities. An incredible 40,000 people patiently stood in line for hours just to get a glimpse of, and perhaps the chance to bid on some of the 5,914 items that were for sale. *Newsweek* commented "It didn't matter much that the art was mostly decorative rather than important and that the furniture was largely reproductions, and a few items (baskets for example) were not far removed from junk. These aforementioned collection of baskets were pre-auction appraised at \$150 to \$200 but actually sold for \$9,200. *Newsweek* went on to report that many were obviously swept away by a giddy rush—a momentary thrill that some seem to experience when spending large sums of money irresponsibly. There seemed, according to published reports to almost be a carnival spirit pervading the auction house. Even as some bidders wisely chose to drop out, others continued their bidding game, encouraged by enthusiastic clapping and cheering as prices soared higher and still higher.

As we now know, the prices paid far exceeded everyone's wildest imagination including the professionals at Sothebys. It seemed that restraint and good sense seemed to have totally vanished. There were, for instance, three cushions that sold for \$25,000, as well as a Tiffany's silver monogrammed tape measure that brought a winning bid of almost \$50,000. Even a bundle of old magazines fetched

a \$12,000 price tag. When the "successful" bidders were asked why they had paid such outrageous sums of money they all without exception pronounced themselves deliriously happy to be bringing home a piece of history—a part of Camelot. They were willing to pay any price just to own something of Jackie O's.

As we shake our heads in unbelief while simultaneously patting ourselves on the back in self congratulation, we sanctimoniously declare that we would never indulge ourselves in such a selfish, wanton and irresponsible manner. If we are really honest, however, we probably have to admit to a few buying errors ourselves. We have succumbed more often than not to the message that relentlessly bombards us via magazines, billboards, and most of all the ad machine generally referred to as the TV. With clever, catchy tunes, and charming or amusing scenes we are fed a diet of smooth talk that urges us to "be good to yourself—you have earned it, you deserve it so what are you waiting for?" The world makes it so easy to want—to buy—to have. The main underlying message whether subtly or openly blatant tells us to have whatever it is they are selling to be happy. What price is your Camelot? Your piece of history?

We all must remember the timely counsel and perspective found in Matthew 6:19-21. "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

I don't want just a piece of history. I want to invest in a piece of eternity. I have made a new determination to recommit my life and means for the promise of life everlasting. Of course I am looking forward to a beautiful mansion prepared especially for me, but most of all the thrilling opportunity of meeting, along with our precious family and friends, my dear Jesus face to face. For I Corinthians 2:9 tells us, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." I choose to make my winning bid for eternity, how about you?

—Hazel Marie Gordon

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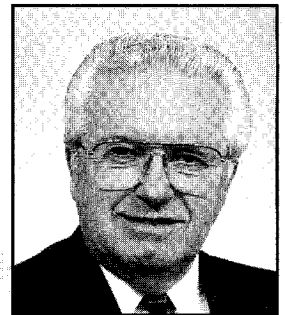
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