

# FACTOR

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## BIETZ BYLINE

Southern mourns the loss of one of our 87 student missionaries. Kirsten Wolcott, a junior liberal arts education major, died Wednesday while serving in Yap. She had reportedly gone jogging by herself before morning classes and did not return. Her body was later discovered, the victim of an apparent murder. A police investigation is underway and an arrest has been made.

Ellen White's comments are appropriate: "The time spent here is the Christian's winter. Here the chilly winds of affliction blow upon us, and the waves of trouble roll against us. But in the near future, when Christ comes, sorrow and sighing will be forever ended. Then will be the Christian summer. All trials will be over and there will be no more sickness or death." (SDABC vol. 7 p. 988) To read more about Kirsten, visit [news.adventist.org/2009/11/adventist-student-mi.html](http://news.adventist.org/2009/11/adventist-student-mi.html)

Earlier in November, it was a great privilege to host Grammy Award-winning pianist Yefim Bronfman. I am not a piano music aficionado, but I attended both concerts and was amazed at his abilities as he performed on our new nine-foot grand Steinway piano. We had a large number of community members joining us for this celebration of becoming the 100<sup>th</sup> All-Steinway School in the world. The quality of our music program at Southern certainly sets a standard of excellence for all of us.

— Gordon Bietz

## Cost Savings Across Campus

Southern's Strategic Planning Committee has set up six subcommittees to study various cost saving ideas in the following six categories.

1. Purchasing, printing, vendor relationships and agreements
2. Personnel-related and Human Resource policies
3. Computers, software, information technology
4. Utilities, grounds, and plant Services
5. Academic programming
6. Student accounts and Student Services

According to Tom Verrill, these subcommittees are to review the ideas given as well as generate their own, and then they are to determine which ideas are feasible and prudent to consider for implementation. They will each report back to the Strategic Planning Committee in January.

## COMING EVENTS

*Employee Christmas Brunch*

Sunday, December 6

*Winter Commencement*

Wednesday, December 16

*Christmas Break*

December 17-January 4

## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person:  
Southern Becomes World's 100<sup>th</sup> All-Steinway School  
*Chattanooga*, November 3

Southern Adventist Student Murdered  
*News Channel 9*, November 19



## **SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA, cont.**

Arrest Made in Murder of Southern Adventist University Student Missionary  
*WDEF News 12*, November 20

Student Missionary from Va. Found slain on Pacific island  
*Richmond Times-Dispatch*, November 23

## **CHANGING FACES**

Fond farewells to the following employee:  
**David Brooks** from WSMC

Best wishes to the following employee in a new position:  
**Scott Kornblum** to director of WSMC

## **VOICE AND PEN**

**Samson Chama** attended the Council on Social Work Education's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, November 6-9.

**Jillian Wills** attended the Transcultural Nursing Society's "Resettlement and Resurgence: The Roles of Transcultural Nursing" in Seattle, Washington.

**Pam Ahlfeld** and **Barbara James** presented at the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing in Orlando, Florida.

**Holly Gadd** attended the Essentials of Emergency Medicine sponsored by the Association of ER Medicine in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Cindy Johnson**, **Kerry Allen**, and **Joelle Wolf** attended a Simulation Conference at Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Tara Hargrove** attended the National Communication Association 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Chicago, Illinois, November 12-15. She went to presentations relevant for her personal research and also took a short course on Teaching Communication Theory.

**Ray Carson** attended the annual convention of the Association for Career and Technical Education in Nashville, Tennessee, on November 19.

**Leslie Evenson** attended the American Public Health Association conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 8-11.

**Carlos Parra** presented at the University of Manitoba in Canada at a conference titled "Strangers in New Homelands: Deconstructing and Reconstructing of 'Home' Among Immigrants in the Diaspora." He presented "Latino Presence: An (Un)Wanted Exchange" on November 13. He also presented at the Hunter Museum of American Art in Chattanooga "Fencing Over the Southern Fence" on October 15.

**Edwin Reynolds** has three items coming out this month: Two critical book reviews and one book, which he refereed for Andrews University Press. The critical book reviews published in *Andrews University Seminary Studies* (fall, 2009) are *Judging the Sabbath: Discovering What Can't Be Found in Colossians 2:16*, by Ron du Preez, and *Saving God's Reputation: The Theological Function of Pistis Iesou in the Cosmic Narratives of Revelation*, by Sigve K. Tonstad. The book he refereed and endorsed is *The Lost Meaning of the Seventh Day* by Sigve K. Tonstad.

**Carlos Martin** presented a paper titled "Biblical Principles for Evangelism Among Muslims" at the Muslim Evangelism Summit held at Berrien Springs, Michigan on October 24.

**Douglas Tilstra** gave two presentations on "Discipleship and Evangelism" on November 14 at the workshops connected with the Pierson Lectureship on Southern's campus.

**Michael Hasel** presented a scientific paper titled "Area D: Excavations of the Fortifications of Khirbet Qeiyafa" and also chaired a session featuring the translation of the oldest Hebrew inscription at the annual meetings of the American Schools of Oriental Research in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 19.

**Ingrid Skantz** and **Katie Partlo** attended an American Marketing Association symposium for the marketing of Higher Education in Boston, Massachusetts, November 16-18.

**Lisa Clark Diller** attended the Ellen White Project conference in Portland, Maine, responding to a paper on White's views on the role of women. She also attended the North American Conference on British studies and was elected to the executive council of the Southern Conference on British Studies.

## **VOICE AND PEN, cont.**

**Ray Hefferlin** presented “Complementary Predictions of Internuclear Separations for 46 new s and p electron diatomics,” at the Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 22. He also wrote “Vibration Frequencies using Least squares and Neural Networks for 50 new s and p Electron Diatomics,” that can be found in *Journal of Quantitative Spectroscopy and Radiative Transfer*. Amy Beard, an undergraduate student, contributed to preparations of data for the journal article.

**Michael Cafferky** presented two peer-reviewed papers at the annual conference of the Christian Business Faculty Association in Rogers, Arkansas, on October 16. The first paper was titled “Leading students to Jesus by teaching agency theory from the Bible” and the second was “The process of faith integration in the development of a first-edition principles of management textbook.”

## **PERSONAL NEWS**

**John Wesley Taylor V** was honored with a plaque at Montemorelos University’s 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its graduate programs in education. Taylor was the founder and dean of the graduate programs at the institution.

**Leon Weeks** welcomed his new grandson, Gideon Luis Weeks, on November 13.

**Dorothy Turner** welcomed her eighth grandchild, Malachi Maxwell Turner, born on October 24.

## **HATS OFF!**

The Robert H. Pierson Institute of World Missions and Evangelism expresses appreciation to the participants of the Pierson Lectureship on November 13 and 14, for which Elder Mark Finley was the guest speaker. Seminar presenters on missions and evangelism on Sabbath afternoon, included faculty members Alan Parker and Doug Tilstra. Afternoon seminars had a combined attendance of 260 including students, faculty, staff, and members from the community.

– Carlos Martin

A special thanks to Evonne Crooke, Jan Haveman, and the host of campus departments and alumni volunteers for making Alumni Weekend a wonderful occasion.

– Christopher Carey

The Advancement team recognizes all of the hard work by Joy McKee and Sharon Robberson in the inaugural concertsthis month and throughout the whole Steinway Campaign.

– Geovanny Ragsdale

McKee Library sends special thanks to Marty Hamilton, Eric Schoonard, John Klinger, and Wendel Adams for the wonderful new display cabinet! It is a beautiful addition to our library, and we are so excited to have it!

– Katie McGrath

## BIRTHDAYS

- December 3 Verlyne Starr, *Business and Management*  
December 4 Donovan Davis, *Visual Art and Design*  
December 5 Tom Goddard, *Campus Ministries*  
Jeff O'Ffill, *Technology*  
December 6 Judy DeLay, *Information Systems*  
December 7 Barbara Beckett, *Records and Advisement*  
Hollis James, *Institutional Research and Planning*  
Beverly Rawson, *Thatcher Hall*  
Bill Wohlers, *Student Services*  
December 8 Christopher Carey, *Advancement*  
Ken Caviness, *Physics*  
Beth Snyder, *Nursing*  
December 9 Lisa Goolsby, *Business and Management*  
Becki Wilson, *Service Department*  
December 10 Dan Boyd, *Food Services*  
December 11 Januwoina Nixon, *Student Success Center*  
December 12 Tim Korson, *Computing*  
Elizabeth Hankins, *Thatcher Hall*  
Carol Harrison, *McKee Library*  
Julie Thompson, *Village Market*  
Fred Turner, *Architectural Services*  
December 13 Tyson Hall, *Computing*  
December 14 Cliff Olson, *Business and Management*  
Ken Parsons, *Music*  
December 15 Hendel Butoy, *Visual Art and Design*  
Julie Hyde, *Business and Management*  
December 16 Loren Barnhurst, *Chemistry*  
Josh Fraker, *Campus Safety*  
Greg King, *Religion*  
Tim Mitchell, *Plant Services*  
Beverly Orrison, *Modern Languages*  
Katie Partlo, *Marketing and University Relations*  
December 17 Jennifer Enevoldson, *Human Resources*  
Jan Haluska, *English*  
December 19 Lee Spencer, *Biology*  
December 20 Kevin Kibble, *Chaplain's Office*  
December 22 John Arroyo, *Education and Psychology*  
December 24 Jodi Ruf, *English*  
December 26 Wendel Adams, *Technology*  
Lillian Loza, *Enrollment Services*  
Jessica Morris, *WSMC*  
December 27 Judy Glass, *Music*  
Harold Mayer, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*  
December 29 Jon Crabtree, *Transportation Services*  
Don Mathis, *P.E., Health, and Wellness*  
Renee Wills, *Food Services*  
December 30 Barry Becker, *Transportation Services*  
Brenda Gillund, *Enrollment Services*

## MARKETING AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

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