

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Stopping to smell the roses is hard when they are covered with snow, however, the snow certainly caused me to stop for a couple of days. I did find that shoveling the snow resulted in some back pain that let me know that I could use a bit more exercise than I have been getting recently.

The Strategic Planning Process with our consultants is continuing. PERFORMA will soon be presenting a preferred scenario to the Strategic Planning Committee. It is my hope to have a well-defined plan for our 20/20 vision to present to the Southern Adventist University Constituency meeting, which will be held September 18-19.

I am enjoying flashbacks as I continue to carry the role of interim pastor of the Collegedale Church. However, it is my hope that new pastoral leadership will be found for the church in the very near future.

—Gordon Bietz

WSMC ADDS SPANISH-ENGLISH PROGRAM

WSMC Classical 90.5 is one of the first stations to air *Concierto*, a Spanish-English program currently in its pilot phase.

Concierto's programming centers on the core classical music repertoire while paying special attention to the contributions of Latin American and Spanish composers and performers. Every hour of *Concierto* features at least one Spanish-heritage performer or composer.

"With *Concierto*, we are creating a perfect entryway to classical music for Latinos in America," says Frank Dominguez, the program's host.

Concierto began airing on WSMC on January 3, and airs each Monday at 10-11 a.m.

STEVENS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

Star Stevens first stepped foot on campus at age 4. Her father, then a pastor in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference, would bring his family to the two-week camp meetings held on campus. Stevens remembers watching her father set up tents for visitors. She loved it, she knew she wanted to end up at Southern in the future.

"The people here have been wonderful," says Stevens, who has now worked for Southern for six years. "It's a healthy, spiritual atmosphere."

Stevens tries her best to learn the names of all the students in the School of Religion, often catching the students off guard by calling them. And she's willing to help whenever possible, often stopping whatever she is doing to help students print last-minute papers or just to lend an open ear.

Stevens was awarded the President's Award for Customer Service Excellence at the employee Christmas brunch. Nominated by students and employees, some of the compliments made to her were read out loud.

One student said, "Star Stevens spends her days listening to so many students and helping them with everything from writing resumes to relationship problems, on top of completing all her job assignments. She is always there for all the students, and I think that everyone who knows her adores her."

Becky Djernes, who was featured in the November issue of *Southern Factor*, was also recognized at the banquet and received the President's Award for Community Service.



Power for Mind & Soul

SOUTHERN EXCHANGES FACULTY WITH ARGENTINEAN SISTER SCHOOL

River Plate Adventist University (UAP), located in Libertador San Martin, Argentina, has partnered with Southern for a six-week exchange program.

In an effort to enhance culture, learn English, and build professional relationships, five UAP faculty members, including the president and vice president, arrived on Southern's campus on January 2.

By adding the UAP administrators to the regular ESL classes offered at Southern, the Argentinean visitors are able to relate to other ESL students as well as benefit from the joint learning effort.

"They are highly motivated and self-directed," says Laurie Stankavich, ESL program coordinator. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching them because they bring a proactive attitude into their English learning."

This is the second time faculty members of UAP have visited Southern. Three families from Southern will travel to UAP in mid-May for a six-week program in hopes of learning Spanish and developing a stronger connection with the university on a cultural and professional level.

COMING EVENTS

- Deans and Chairs Advisory
Thursday, February 3, Conference Room A, 3:30 p.m.
- SA Super Bowl XLV Party
Sunday, February 6, Iles P.E. Center, 6 p.m.
- Undergraduate Council
Monday, February 7, Conference Room A, 3:30 p.m.
- Deans' Luncheon
Tuesday, February 8, Pres. Banquet Room, 12 p.m.
- Graduate Council
Thursday, February 10, Conference Room A, 3:30 p.m.
- Academy Honors Instrumental Festival Concert
Sabbath, February 12, Collegedale Church, 4 p.m.
- BCU Night
Saturday, February 12, Iles P.E. Center, 8 p.m.
- University Senate
Monday, February 14, White Oak Room, 3:30 p.m.
- Faculty Portfolio Workshop
Tuesday, February 15, Pres. Banquet Room 2, 11 a.m.
- Lizst Bicentennial Concert
Tuesday, February 15, Ackerman Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- Pops Concert
Saturday, February 19, Ackerman Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- Southern 6 Trail Race
Sunday, February 20, Iles P.E. Center, 1 p.m.
- Faculty Portfolio Workshop
Wednesday, February 23, Pres. Banquet Room 2, 12 p.m.
- Deans and Chairs Advisory
Thursday, February 24, Conference Room A, 3:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person:

"Students Serve On MLK Jr. Day"

Chattanooga.com, January 13

"Religious leaders will illuminate importance of light in community"

Chattanooga Times Free Press, January 11

"New Hospital Hall for Southern Adventist University"

WDEF.com, January 8

"Tennessee resident chronicles journeys"

The Jackson Sun, January 6

"Inside the Studios at WSMC Classical 90.5"

WRCB, January 4

"\$25,000 winner: AP triv-wiz takes 3rd in Jeopardy"

Highlands Today, December 22

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Deyse Bravo to McKee Library

Jason Bryner to Marketing and University Relations

Greg Cook to Food Services

Russell Hallman to Technology

Martin Klingbeil to Religion

Bill Lyons to Plant Services

Cynthia Rima to Nursing

Barry Tryon to Religion

Nick White to Audio Visual

Best wishes to the following employee in his new position:

Doug Tilstra from Religion to Education and Psychology

Welcome back:

Alan Parker to Religion

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Desi Batson from Nursing

Patricia Beaman from McKee Library

Terry Beavers from Education and Psychology

Bonnie Myers from Campus Shop

Jonathan Peckham from Technology

Kristen Taylor from Thatcher

Julie Thompson from Village Market

Rita Wohlers from Campus Shop

HATS OFF!

We in the School of Nursing are so thrilled to occupy Florida Hospital Hall! We have had tremendous campus support and are so grateful to each of you. Of special mention are our administration, Board of Trustees, Florida Hospital, the Committee of 100, and many generous donors. The Advancement team who brought the funding together was fantastic. Thank you to Chris Carey, Rob Raney, Geovanny Ragsdale, and their very capable staff. Many thanks to the building team, which included Marty Hamilton, Fred Turner, Clair Kitson, Dan Ford, Becky Djernes, and Gary Horinouchi. The move took place during the holidays and was coordinated by Dennis Schreiner. Donnie Lighthall and students helped unload into the new building. Randi Buhl was very helpful in setting up phones. Don Hart has supported us in learning about our new lock system. Eli Courey and Mike McClung set up our Learning Resource Center. Charles Trescott stayed by, assisting faculty with the new audio/visual systems. There are so many individuals who have gone beyond the call of duty and have been invaluable support during this exciting time. Thanks to each one of you!

—Barbara James

A very special thank you to Steve Holley, John Youngberg, Russell Hallman, Eric Schoonard, Marty Miller, Bob Young, and many other people for their help in getting the Technology Department's auto shop floor redone over the holidays. It looks great!

—Emiko Miyagi

PERSONAL NEWS

Austin Flynt, son of Guy and **Pegi Flynt**, graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude, with highest honors from the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. He was elected to UTC's Alpha Society as well as Tau Beta Pi, the national honor society for engineers. Austin has been granted a full scholarship with stipend for his master's degree in computational engineering at the UTC National Center for Computational Engineering (SimCenter) where he will continue research in establishing next-generation technologies in computational modeling, simulation, and design.

VOICE AND PEN

John Nixon is traveling to North Carolina on weekends to cover the pulpit for his son, who is recovering from major surgery.

Ken Parsons presented a review of Lilianne Doukhan's book *In Tune With God* at the yearly meeting of the Adventist Society for Religious Studies in Atlanta, November 20.

Michael Cafferky was awarded the American College of Healthcare Executives Service Award for his volunteer work with healthcare executives in Chattanooga. In December, Cafferky taught an intensive graduate course, Strategic Planning in Global Leadership, offered by Andrews University as part of the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program. The course was taught at Campus Adventiste du Salève in Collonges-sous-Salève, France.

Adrienne Royo will attend the 18th Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching at Kennesaw State University, February 11. She will also teach a class and preach at the Adventist Seminary in Cuba, February 26-March 3.

Marketing and University Relations

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BIRTHDAYS

- February 1 Wendy Boyd, *Village Market*
Casey Henson, *Campus Shop*
Richard Johnson, *Food Services*
- February 2 Bonnie Hunt, *Nursing*
John Nixon, *Religion*
- February 3 Clayton Greenleaf, *Plant Services*
Ryan Pierce, *Mktg. and Univ. Relations*
Leon Weeks, *Business and Mgmt.*
- February 4 Leslie Ann Schwarzer, *Advancement*
Derek Sherbondy, *Information Systems*
Larry Turner, *Plant Services*
- February 6 Henry Hicks, *Information Systems*
- February 8 Stephen Ruf, *Journ. and Communication*
Faye Steen, *Village Market*
- February 9 Randy Bishop, *Biology*
- February 10 Robert Coombs, *Education and Psychology*
Patrice Hieb, *Advancement*
- February 11 Janita Herod, *Journ. and Communication*
- February 12 Kathy Goddard, *English*
- February 13 Samson Chama, *Social Work*
Adolfo Granada, *Plant Services*
Kent Robertson, *Enrollment Services*
- February 15 Michael Dant, *Computing*
- February 16 Delores Franks, *Village Market*
Helen Pyke, *English*
- February 17 John Klinger, *Plant Services*
- February 18 Chamra Anthony, *Thatcher*
Lisa Diller, *History*
Ruth Saunders, *Nursing*
- February 19 Genevieve Cottrell, *McKee Library*
Cheryl Martin, *Social Work*
- February 20 Chad Raney, *Plant Services*
- February 21 Cindy McBryar, *Enrollment Services*
Jeri Pewsey, *Food Services*
Keith Snyder, *Biology*
Jayne Wyche, *Enrollment Services*
- February 22 Angela Teague, *Accounting Services*
- February 24 Donn Leatherman, *Religion*
- February 27 Mike McClung, *Information Systems*
Joshua Michalski, *Market Research Institute*
- February 28 Pierre Nzokizwanimana, *Modern Languages*
Michael Cafferky, *Business and Mgmt.*