

# Southern Factor

September 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

## BIETZ BYLINE

Last Thursday at the first convocation of the year, I began my address to students with an idea I think bears repeating. (I hope the seniors hearing it for the fourth time agreed.)

In this familiar speech, I tell them that by choosing to come to Southern, they're choosing a destination.

It's like sitting on an airplane and then hearing over the PA system, "This is your captain speaking. You are on Flight 1450 to Los Angeles. If you are visiting or are on this aircraft by mistake, please deplane at this time."

Only, I tell them, "This is the president speaking. You are on Southern Flight 2011-2012. This university is designed to build Christian values and the ethics of the Adventist Church into your life. This flight is to lead you closer to Jesus Christ. Our destination is heaven. If you are here by mistake, or have some other destination in mind, please deplane at this time."

I was glad that no one left.

It's a logical illustration, isn't it? Why get on a flight to California if you mean to go to New York? Why would you go to an SDA university if you don't want the values held there?

I tell them plainly that we're not trying to emulate public universities. Complaining about worship requirements, Bible classes, or the rules in the Student Handbook would be a waste of time.

We're different. On purpose.

We're encouraging a conservative lifestyle that sets us apart from the world that surrounds us.

Our goal is to be different.

Our destination is different.

—Gordon Bietz



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## SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

Here is a sampling of recent media coverage that mentions a Southern event or person. Click on the title to be redirected to the story:

### **"More Than 1,500 Attend Sabbath"**

*Andrews Journal (NC), August 24*

### **Video: "SAU Freshmen Build Friendships, Rebuild Apison"**

*News Channel 9, August 24*

### **"Study of Revelations Prophecies to Start Wednesday"**

*Chambersburg Public Opinion, August 20*

### **"Diop Is Adventist Church's New UN Liaison"**

*Adventist News Network, August 12*

### **"Women's Leadership Academy Names New Director"**

*The Chattanooga, August 8*

### **"Heflin Police Graduate Academy, Receive Promotions"**

*The Cleburne News, July 28*

### **"Entry-Level Transformers: The Power of Interns"**

*NWItimes.com, July 23*

## HATS OFF!

The staff at the University Health Center would like to thank Betty Garver. Not only is Betty the hardest working person we know, she is also a wonderful person to work for and a delight to be around. She consistently goes beyond the call of duty and finds ways to make our environment at work terrific.

—Kelly Crawford

Special thanks to Kim Sturm, Len Raney, Steven Holley and all of the painting and flooring crew. They have done an outstanding job this summer in Thatcher Hall. We so appreciate it!

—Thatcher Hall Deans

## HATS OFF! (CONT.)

Thanks to my colleagues Mark, Jamie, Dennis, and Mindi, who helped make my sabbatical possible and who also made my return to the office something to look forward to. Thank you for your friendship and for the way you all care for each other—and me. I love working with you.

–Lisa Clark Diller

My wife and I are grateful to John and Barbara Keyes, Marty Hamilton, and Barry Tryon for a smooth home moving experience. Thanks for going beyond the call of duty.

–Alan Parker

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to help our new students move into the dorms during We-Haul. Grateful parents and students mentioned how friendly and helpful everyone is here. Your gifts of a smile and a helping hand go a long way toward helping students feel welcome.

–Evonne Crook

## PERSONAL NEWS

Jonathan Miller, '09, and Rebecca Erickson Miller, '09, son and daughter-in-law of **Marty Miller**, spent nearly a year as mission nurses on the island of Palawan, Philippines. Jonathan is now attending Quillen College of Medicine at ETSU.

**Genevieve** and **Stan Cottrell** welcomed the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Lee, on August 9.

## CHANGING FACES

**Southern welcomes the following employees:**

**Jodi Boyd** to Human Resources

**Bonnie Eder** to Education and Psychology

**Michelle McFarlane** to Institutional Research

**Julie Norton** to Campus Ministries

**Lucas Patterson** to Marketing and University Relations

**Heather Runyon** to Student Success

**Shannon Trecartin** to Social Work

**Timm Trott** to Biology

**Fond farewells to the following employees:**

**Nathalie Mazo** from Enrollment Services

**Laraine Murray** from Campus Shop

**Denise Myers** from Village Market

**Alesia Overstreet** from Village Market

**Heather Slocum** from Campus Safety

**Lee Spencer** from Biology

**Doug Walter** from Campus Safety

## VOICE AND PEN

In July, **Lisa Clark Diller** presented papers at the Early Modern Studies Conference in Reading, England, and the Restoration Conference in Bangor, Wales.

More than 2,500 people were baptized this summer as a result of evangelistic series through Southern's Evangelistic Resource Center. Next year's destinations include India, Chad, and Central America, and all faculty are invited to participate.

**Sharon Pittman** helped oversee faculty and curriculum development in Tanzania during the month of July for 13 new emerging schools of social work. She also worked with Open University of Tanzania to build the first online social work courses in East Africa.

**Ken** and **Claryce Caviness**, **Chris Carey**, **Tony Trim**, and **Amanda Jehle** spent more than six weeks in Argentina as part of Southern's faculty exchange program with Universidad Adventista del Plata. The Southern faculty and their families participated in daily Spanish classes, cultural workshops, educational excursions, church and Sabbath fellowship activities, and other special programs. Southern faculty and administrators were able to swap knowledge with UAP in venues ranging from classrooms to administrative meetings, tutoring, and participating in musical performances.

**Carlos Martin** finished two books this summer, *Turning the World Upside Down*, a revised edition of a book published by Pacific Press, and *Mission to the World: Adventist Perspectives*, a graduate textbook. He went to Bogotá with a group of students who conducted 15 full evangelistic series (19 sermons each).

On August 2, **Elaine Plemons** presented a seminar, "Interpreting ITBS Scores," for the elementary teachers of Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

## Marketing and University Relations

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## VOICE AND PEN (CONT.)

**Alan** and **Nicole Parker** were the camp meeting speakers for an Inspiration Week in Norway during the terrorist attacks. The Parkers counseled with and ministered to some of the members affected by the tragedy. Eleven people made a decision for baptism.

In July, **René Drumm** and **Laurie Cooper** made a research presentation, "Which Is It? 'The Spiritual Aspect Was Great' or 'In a Way It Made Me Hate God More': Contradictory Reflections On the Spiritual Aspects of an Adventist Residential Treatment Facility," at the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals Research Forum at Andrews University.

**Lynelle Ellis** presented a sermon, "Our Help In Trouble," at the East Ridge Seventh-day Adventist Church on August 6.

On behalf of the North American Association of Christians in Social Work, **René Drumm** presented "NACSW: Its Foundation, Current Foci, and Future Directions" at the International Christian Social Work and Social Welfare Forum in conjunction with the 21<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Social Welfare Conference held in Tokyo in July.

## FACULTY PHOTOS

Take a moment to look at this picture taken by Gordon Bietz at his home on Friday, August 19 as part of a New Employee Picnic to welcome new staff and faculty to Southern Adventist University.



## BIRTHDAYS

- September 1 **Teri Reutebuch**, Campus Ministries  
**Nick White**, Audio Visual
- September 2 **Zach Gray**, Visual Art and Design
- September 3 **Justin Brooks**, Purchasing Services  
**Kathie Heydt**, Village Market
- September 4 **Jackie James**, Enrollment Services  
**Leif Ramsey**, Visual Art and Design
- September 5 **John Beckett**, Computing
- September 6 **Frank Mirande**, Village Market
- September 7 **Clair Kitson**, Plant Services
- September 9 **Laurie Cooper**, Social Work
- September 11 **Norman Gulley**, Religion
- September 12 **Jason Bryner**, Mktg. and Univ. Relations
- September 13 **Doug Froot**, Financial Administration  
**Evie Nogales Baker**, Social Work
- September 15 **Ray Carson**, Technology  
**Tim Trott**, Biology
- September 17 **Kendra Stanton Lee**, Journ. and Comm.
- September 18 **Eric Schoonard**, Plant Services
- September 19 **Michael Hasel**, Religion
- September 21 **Sharon Robberson**, Advancement  
**Kristin Welch-Murphy**, Enrollment Services
- September 22 **Eve Parker**, Academic Administration
- September 23 **Jud Lake**, Religion
- September 24 **Terry Evans**, Food Services
- September 25 **Phil Garver**, P.E., Health and Wellness  
**Rachel Byrd**, English  
**Tina Nelson**, Enrollment Services
- September 26 **Maria Valenca**, Nursing
- September 27 **Jan Cathey**, Chemistry  
**Judy Dedeker**, Nursing
- September 28 **Annette Heck**, Education and Psychology
- September 29 **Sukie Myers**, Campus Shop  
**Tony Trimm**, Biology  
**Paula Walters**, Enrollment Services