

Southern Factor

November 2011

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

Walking Around, Thinking Ahead

I enjoy informal visits around campus and asking colleagues to tell me about their area and their vision for going forward. I find that I learn as much about the campus in these informal stops as I do in formal meetings. I also like to include the intramural programs in these visits, so I can better connect with students.

This is “management by walking around” and the idea is that executives should know the employees and understand their work, as well as make themselves more visible and accessible. (MBWA was popularized in the 80s by Peters and Waterman, authors of *In Search for Excellence*.)

Virginia Apartments Get Extreme Makeover

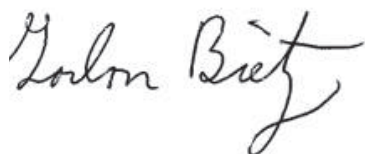
Recently I toured the newly renovated Virginia Apartments on campus and one of my observations is that Southern’s Plant Services people do fantastic work. The well-designed updates make the spaces very pleasant for students.

The addition of 40 new housing spaces is part of our advance planning process to provide housing aligned with our growth. We are already working on plans for 2014 and beyond.

Residential Campus

At the board meeting on October 3 we discussed additional student housing for the future as we continue to grow. We are committed to maintaining a residential campus because we believe that a significant part of the educational experience happens outside of the classroom and we want that education to be in an environment that we create.

We are praising God for the way He has blessed this university, and we continue to diligently seek Him for how to proceed with our future.



SAVE THE DATE

Holiday Open House: November 3, 5-7 p.m.

Please join us at The Campus Shop for refreshments, product sampling and one-night-only holiday specials.

BRIDGE Luncheon: November 16, 11:45 a.m.- 12:50 p.m.

All new employees are invited to join us in the President’s Banquet Room. Please RSVP to [Advancement](#).

We Give Thanks: November 21, 5 p.m, Lynn Wood Chapel.

Please join us as the Southern family comes together to give thanks to God for the bounty of His hand on our behalf. If you have a special prayer request or praise you may submit it at southern.edu/thanksgiving.

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:

“**Photojournalist Billy Weeks’ Photos on Display**”

Newschannel9.com, October 24

“**Bluegrass Greats Gather to Celebrate Bill Monroe**”

Timesfreepress.com, October 21

“**Datatel Recruiter 2.0 Allows Move to & from SaaS**”

Campustechnology.com, October 20

“**Dan Wheldon’s Tie to the Tennessee Valley**”

Newschannel9.com, October 17

“**Southern Has Alumni Homecoming Weekend**”

TheChattanooga.com, October 12

“**Remembrance: Follett, 79, was an Adventist Church VP**”

Adventist News Network, October 11

“**Entrepreneur Opens Business that Pays People to Text**”

Nooga.com, October 11

“**La Paz Hosts Annual Latino Fair Sunday**”

TheChattanooga.com, October 5

“**Cultural Planning Process Underway This week**”

Nooga.com, October 4

HATS OFF!

I want to thank all the office managers on this campus. You all do an amazing job and I appreciate working with each one of you.

–Sharon Rogers–

A big “thank you” to Leslie Ann Schwarzer and Sharon Robberson in Conference Services for their helpful suggestions and attention to details when my son, Jason, and his finance, Julie Fuller, planned their wedding at the Student Park and Goliath Wall on September 25. I’d also like to thank Campus Safety for making sure facilities were available at appointed times. Everything went off without a hitch for them to get “hitched.”

–Tricia Foster–

We in Advancement want to thank the 184 employees that have already made a gift at Southern. Faculty and staff we raised \$17,115.64 this fiscal year in support of our mission, our students and various departments on campus. You are an “Essential” to the Southern family.

–Geovanny Ragsdale–

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Doug Tilstra spoke on October 15 at the Loma Linda University Church for the Domestic Violence Abuse Summit.

Adrienne Royo attended a workshop entitled “Unpacking Study Abroad” at Georgia Tech on October 4.

The second volume of **Norman Gulley’s** *Systematic Theology: God as Trinity* will be released early in November (Andrews University Press). Norman has also given two presentations in the Inter-American Division’s first division-wide symposium which focused on the Trinity and final events. This was held in San Juan, Costa Rica, October 20-22.

Marcella Morales attended the General Conference Annual Council meetings on October 7-13 as a lay member of the General Conference Executive Committee. She is honored to be a part of the committee and praises God for the work the church is accomplishing.

Kristie Wilder presented “Dual Relationships, Social Media, Confidentiality, and the Law” in October at an ethics training held at Bethel Bible Village, Hixson, TN.

Sharon Rogers attended the National Academic Advising Association October 2-5 in Denver, Colorado.

Lisa Clark Diller, Laurie Stankovich and Mark Peach participated in the Maryville Symposium, “Faith and the Liberal Arts,” and took four students with them.

In October, **Jennifer Nestell** presented “Crisis Intervention and Working with Teens” at the local chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Jennifer also presented “Treatment of Residential Clients” at the Southeast Regional Tennessee Conference on Social Welfare.

Greg King attended the meeting of the project committee for the proposed *Andrews Bible Commentary* on September 28. Additionally, he spoke September 30-October 1 for the Northeast Tennessee Regional Campmeeting in Greeneville, Tennessee, and September 16-17 for a church retreat at Broken Arrow Ranch in Kansas.

In September, **René Drumm** presented “Involving the Faith Community in Abuse Response: Results of a Training Pilot Study” at the 16th International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma in San Diego, CA. In October René presented “Reflections on Domestic Violence Research in the Adventist Church” at the Summit on Abuse in Loma Linda, CA. She also presented “Compassion and (Competent) Service: Pastor Training in Domestic Violence” at the NACSW Convention in Pittsburgh, PA. A third presentation, “Domestic Violence in a Conservative Christian Denomination: A Cross-Cultural Comparison” was given at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion’s annual meeting in Milwaukee, WI.

Greg Rumsey, Lucas Patterson and nine students from the School of Journalism and Communication traveled to Lombard, IL during Fall Break to attend the annual conference of the Society of Adventist Communicators.

Two of **Ken Caviness’** articles published in *The Mathematica Journal*, “Indexing Strings and Rulesets” and “Maze for Free the Key Puzzle” were used to highlight a new computable document format (CDF) at the Wolfram Mathematica Virtual Conference 2011 on September 26-27.

Ray Hefferlin’s book “*Molecular Taxonomy: String, Quark, Hadron, Nuclear, Atomic and Chemical-Molecule Periodic or Invariant Systems,*” (Lambert Academic Publishing) was released on August 20.

Kevin Penrod and David Houtchens attended the 2011 Oak Ridge Emergency Management Forum, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Office and the

Tennessee Emergency Management Agency at the Y-12 Visitors' Center on September 8.

In October, **René Drumm**, **Jennifer Nestell**, and **Annette Heck** facilitated peer support training for Southern theology students seeking to reach out to other students on campus.

PERSONAL NEWS

John Tilstra, son of Lorraine and **Doug Tilstra**, married Lisa Hope on September 17 at a small family service on Okracoke Island, NC.

John Muaya became a U.S. citizen on September 30 in Memphis, TN.

Julie Miller daughter of Gale and **Marty Miller**, will marry Tyler Cole on December 18 in the Patton Chapel on the UTC campus.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Tina Smith to Marketing & University Relations

Josh Bennett to Technology

Brenda DeGrave to Village Market

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Henry Hicks from Information Systems

Josh Walker from Campus Safety

Vanessa Kepper from Enrollment Services

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Janice Lyons from part time staff at the Village Market to full-time Assistant Department Manager at the Village Market

BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Henry Kuhlman , Physics Laurie Redmer Minner , Music
November 2	Shirley Spears , Nursing Ana Merconchini , Food Services
November 5	Liane de Souza , Student Success Center David George , Visual Art and Design
November 6	Astrid Conibear , Education and Psych. Sara Mirucki , McKee Library
November 7	Scott Kornblum , WSMC
November 8	Yolanda Abril-Ocsai , Food Services
November 9	Adam Brown , Enrollment Services
November 10	Carolyn Smith , Food Services Alan Parker , Religion Carl Patterson , Talge
November 11	Colleen Mitchell , Education and Psych Jim Parks , Plant Services Autumn Wurstle , English
November 12	Rebecca Garvin , Village Market Ruth MacLafferty , Village Market
November 13	Marty Hamilton , Financial Administration Joan Seitz , Plant Services
November 15	Charlotte Athey , Financial Administration Doug Jacobs , Religion
November 16	Tim Cwodzinski , Visual Art and Design Adrienne Royo , Modern Languages
November 18	Marcella Morales , McKee Library Jim Wampler , Student Success Center
November 20	Barbara James , Nursing Bryan Stitzer , Campus Safety
November 21	Russ Orrison , Purchasing Services Sharon Pittman , Social Work Len Raney , Plant Services Bob Young , Academic Administration
November 23	Bert Ringer , Enrollment Services
November 24	Jason Smith , Campus Safety
November 25	Don Hart , Campus Safety Philip Samaan , Religion
November 27	Kimberly Miller , Business and Mgmt.
November 28	Joyce Azevedo , Biology Frances Johnson , Nursing Robert Montague , Business and Mgmt.
November 30	Cheryl Des Jarlais , Education and Psych Taresa Vanderoef , Village Market

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