

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

And We're Back... In Lynn Wood Hall

Before 1967, when Wright Hall became the new administration building, Lynn Wood Hall was the main hub of activity on campus. At one time, the president's office was on the second floor and the building also housed the chapel, business office, book store, Collegedale Post Office, classrooms, and the library.

I mention that because, 45 years later, Wright Hall is now being renovated and during that process my office is relocated to—you guessed it—the second floor of Lynn Wood. We're temporarily situated in the Heritage Museum where the high ceilings, panoramic windows, and occasional creaking wood are hints of the past. Portraits of all the Southern presidents line the walls. I wonder if these men had any idea what the university would become.

Then and Now

While I'm up here, I thought it would be the perfect time to reread "Century of Challenge," the very interesting story of Southern's first 100 years (written by history professor Dennis Pettibone). I'm reminded that administrations past grappled with some of the same issues we face today: keeping tuition affordable, accommodating an increased enrollment, and determining how long Christmas break should be.

While we attend to the demands of the day, we have to remember that God is still sovereign at Southern Adventist University. Jesus called the Pharisees on straining out gnats while swallowing camels (Matthew 23:24), and similarly it's easy today to focus on problems of the daily routine while ignoring the big picture. We don't know exactly what it will be like 50 years from now, but we want to make decisions that empower future generations to "occupy until He comes."



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 directed to the story:

"Six Named National Merit Finalists"

This Week Community Newspapers, February 22

"CCU Celebrates Leap Year With Concert"

SCnow.com, February 21

"Dive Into Entrepreneurship While Still in College"

Business Insider, February 21

"The One Project Makes Jesus Center of Theology"

Adventist News Network, February 17

"Biology Lecture Offered at Southern"

TheChattanooga.com, February 9

"Fruit of the Collegedale Tomorrow Advisory Board"

TheChattanooga.com, February 6

"Archaeological Series Continues at Southern"

TheChattanooga.com, February 3

"Southern Students Have Community Service Day"

TheChattanooga.com, January 31

"Classical Mondays & Casual Classics at Camp House"

TheChattanooga.com, January 30

"Southern Moves Toward Energy Neutrality"

WRBCtv.com, January 26

"Wild Trails, Rock/Creek Series Growing"

Timesfreepress.com, January 26

"Mayfield Dairy President Considering 3rd District Bid"

Nooga.com January 25

"Community Service"

Adventist News Network, January 25

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Freddy Fuentes successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on January.

Jaclynn Huse served on the Adventist Accreditation Association team for colleges and universities at Pacific Union College on February 5-9.

Jillian Wills presented a series of diversity training workshops for the employees of the Chattanooga Housing Authority on January 27, February 24, and 27. The next session is scheduled for April 13.

Greg King joined the rest of the editorial team in Chicago on February 23 for a planning meeting for the proposed "Andrews Concise Bible Commentary". This volume will be in writing and production for the next several years and is slated to be published by Andrews University Press.

Norman Gulley was asked by the Theological Seminary at Andrews University to be the external examiner for a Ph.D candidate in Systematic Theology.

Jeremy Moore attended the Career Spring Institute at the University of Florida, earning a certificate in applying Cognitive Information Processing Theory to Career Counseling & Services.

Kendra Stanton Lee's piece "An Open Letter to William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Repayment Program" was published in McSweeney's Internet Tendency.

Adrienne Royo attended the Future Educators of America Convention February 17-19 in Baltimore, MD. She was also a judge for the FEA Moment.

HATS OFF!

Special appreciation to Pegi Flynt, Lisa Hess, Ivan Delgado, and everyone working with the Online Campus for all they do to help our campus and students!

- Mikhaile Spence -

I'm thankful to Krystal Bishop for her "Christ in My Life" testimony at the recent Employee Wellness lunchtime lecture.

- Kendra Stanton Lee -

SAVE THE DATE

"Ask The Attorney" - Spring Lunch and Learn Series

March 14, 21, 28 and April 4, 12-1 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join a licensed estate planning attorney from in the Presidential Banquet Room to learn more about wills, trusts, beneficiary designations, and powers of attorney. There will be a short Q&A time after each presentation so come ready to ask your questions and learn more about these important topics. All presentations are free of charge. Call 236.2818 for additional information.

ENERGY-SAVING TIPS

from Energy Management

- + Replace incandescent bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs. When you turn on an incandescent light bulb, only 10 percent of the electricity used is turned into light. The other 90 percent is wasted as heat. CFLs use 75 percent less energy than a regular bulb and can last up to four years.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Lori Thompson to Development

Scott Clukey to Plant Services

Carlos Lopez to Enrollment Services

Timothy Burgess to Landscape Services

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Rosina Carr from Thatcher

Wendel Adams from Plant Services

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Vivian Grabiner from part-time staff to full-time Vitamin Department Manager at the Village Market.

Eric Baerg from Donor Recognition Coordinator to Database Manager in Development

Marketing and University Relations

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We welcome your comments and news.
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PHOTOS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Southern Adventist University president Gordon Bietz sits in his temporary office on the second floor of Lynn Wood Hall while Wright Hall is under renovation.



Gordon Bietz and the President's Cabinet, along with their families, attend a weekend retreat in the Smoky Mountains.

BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 **Dee Dee Boyce**, Landscape Services
- March 2 **Ileana Rivero**, Village Market
Dennis Schreiner, Service Department
- March 3 **Brian Wilson**, Village Market
- March 4 **Richard Long**, Service Department
- March 6 **Nathan Erickson**, Plant Services
- March 7 **Tim Meliti**, Landscape Services
Kathy Pires, Enrollment Services
- March 8 **Jason Mitchell**, Accounting Services
- March 11 **Randi Buhl**, Information Systems
Joy McKee, Advancement
Michael Rumsey, Enrollment Services
- March 13 **Joe Mocnik**, McKee Library
- March 14 **Shem Fraser**, Campus Safety
Bruce Schilling, Chemistry
Dennis Smith, Village Market
- March 15 **Rene Drumm**, Social Work
- March 16 **Dave Allemand**, Plant Services
- March 17 **Nancy Howard**, Village Market
John McCoy, Education and Psychology
- March 18 **Cathy Olson**, Education and Psychology
Richard Schwarz, P.E., Health and Wellness
Sheila Smith, Student Success
- March 19 **Herdy Moniyung**, Information Systems
Kristie Wilder, Social Work
- March 20 **Star Stevens**, Religion
- March 22 **Andy Nash**, Journalism and Comm.
- March 23 **Trenton Schwarzer**, Campus Safety
Dorothy Turner, Purchasing Services
- March 24 **Darlene Karst**, Education and Psychology
- March 25 **Merritt MacLafferty**, Information Systems
- March 26 **Melodie Lopez**, Graduate Studies
- March 29 **Christine Moniyung**, Nursing
- March 30 **Frank Di Memmo**, McKee Library
Patti Anderson, Mathematics
Marty Hirschhorn, Plant Services
Jane Mote, Information Systems
Mark Turk, Campus Safety
- March 31 **Tisha Looby**, Thatcher
Ingrid Skantz, Marketing