

Southern Factor

May 2012

CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

BIETZ BYLINE

What Is He Doing

A couple months ago, I attended the grand opening of the new Adventist Health System headquarters in Florida. A beautiful auditorium was dedicated in honor of Don Welch, and I'm still thinking about what was said.

One of Welch's former employees spoke about being puzzled when he first started working with Welch. He remembered coming into the office where Welch had a clean desk and would often be reading a newspaper or looking out the window. He wondered to himself what his boss really did!

A Visionary

Everyone at the dedication knew that Welch was instrumental in founding the Adventist Health System. The Adventist hospitals up to that time had been operated by church conferences and were independent of each other. It was Welch who had the idea that so much more could be accomplished if the hospitals were united under one central organization.

If Welch were alive today, I wonder if he would be amazed that Adventist Health System now owns 24 hospitals and 22 nursing homes around the country. I think he probably envisioned it.

Successful leaders aren't always doing, doing, doing. They must think about things—to reflect on the past and envision what the future could be.

I am inspired to spend more time looking out the window.



SOUTHERN IN THE MEDIA

“ANN Video Full Episode” (SONscreen Coverage)

Adventist News Network, April 27

“From The Top’ Musicians Perform Local Outreach”

TheChattanooga.com, April 25

“La Paz Continues Latino Awareness Series”

TheChattanooga.com, April 25

“WSMC Celebrates 50 with ‘From the Top’” Part I, Part II

WRCBtv.com, April 20

“Sports Calendar” (Wilderness First Responder Course)

TimesFreePress.com, April 19

“Southern Solar Array is Second-Largest in Region”

TimesFreePress.com, April 19

“Tivoli Theater to Host NPR’s ‘From the Top’”

Nooga.com, April 18

“Solar Panels at Southern Adventist University”

WDEF News 12, April 18

“Southern Unveils Solar Power System”

TheChattanooga.com, April 17

“Film Fest Best”

Adventist News Network, April 16

“Origins Exhibit Opens at Southern Tomorrow”

Nooga.com, April 14

“Easter Celebration at Southern”

WDEF News 12, April 7

“Electric Eagles Soar at Robotics Competition”

TheLeafChronicle.com.

“Interactive Passion Play Depicts Christ’s Last Days”

The Chattanooga, April 3

“Sex Trafficking Addressed in Southeast Tennessee”

USA Today Travel, March 27

“Congressional Candidates Field Democrats’ Questions”

OakRidger.com, March 25

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Dennis Negron's paper "John Bale's Appropriation of Antichrist in His Glosses of *The Examination of Anne Askew*" was awarded honorable mention in this year's William Wolfe Graduate Writing Awards competition.

Jaclynn Huse co-wrote a concept-analysis chapter titled "Motivation" found in Jean Foret Gidden's *Concepts for Nursing Practice* textbook published by Elsevier.

Beginning in the middle of May, **John Nixon** will be serving as summer interim pastor at the Orchard Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in downtown Chattanooga.

Julie Hyde presented "Characteristics of Auditors Reporting Material Weaknesses in Internal Control over Compliance for Federal Grants" at the 2012 Southeast Region Meeting of the American Accounting Association in Savannah, Georgia on April 13.

Darwin Ayscue provided interpreting services for a group of deaf individuals from the community throughout the first session of the SonRise pageant on April 7.

In March, **Adrienne Royo** provided the spiritual focus portion of the Christian Abuse Response Education for the Hispanic pastors of Georgia-Cumberland Conference in Calhoun, Georgia. She also translated to Spanish and recorded the audio portion of the DVD, "Karen's Story," a testimony from an individual who was a victim of domestic violence.

Willard Munger and **Tyson Hall** participated in the annual meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Southeastern Section on April 1-3 at Mississippi State University. At the conference, Willard served as session moderator and Tyson served as technical program chair. After an election process, Willard was installed chair of the professional skills division and vice chair of the software engineering division, and Tyson was named president of ASEE's Southeastern section for the 2012-2013 term.

Judy Dedeker is listed as a reviewer in the 2013 edition of *Fundamentals of Nursing* by Potter and Perry, published by Elsevier/Mosby.

Carlos Parra, member of the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) board, attended the annual ACA board meeting at Walla Walla University on March 19-20. A new ACA Arabic language and culture full-year program was voted to begin in 2012-13 at Middle East University (MEU) in Lebanon.

Joy McKee presented at the International Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) in Vancouver, Canada.

Michael Cafferky was a panelist at the East Tennessee Healthcare Executives Association meeting on continuing education in Knoxville, Tennessee on March 14. He also presented a paper titled "Designing and Teaching a Faith-Based Business Ethics Course Using 'Essential Questions' and 'Threshold Concepts'" at the annual conference for the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) in Kansas City, Missouri on April 18.

On March 29, **Rene' Drumm**, **Carlos Parra**, **Adrienne Royo**, and **Liane de Souza** presented a training seminar to the Spanish-speaking pastors of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference on how to be an effective first responder in domestic violence situations. The Modern Languages Department translated and presented the materials in Spanish.

CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Carmay Leerdam to Food Services

Steven Crosby to Purchasing

Zuzana Rachal to Food Services

Lisa Hyder to Nursing

Herman Odens to Chemistry

Pamela Harris to Journalism and Communication

Kristopher Erskine to History

Caroline McArthur to Nursing

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Shem Fraser from Campus Safety

Ann Larsen from Food Services

Mark Turk from Campus Safety

Joe Mocnik from McKee Library

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Rocky Emig from dispatch supervisor to patrol officer in Campus Safety

Matthew Klug from assistant alarm engineer to dispatch supervisor in Campus Safety

Kathie Heydt from cashier at the Village Market to assistant housekeeper in Thatcher

Amy Steele from office manager to assistant director in Human Resources

Ivan Delgado from support supervisor to technology manager in Academic Technology

HATS OFF!

Special thanks to Serena Santona from the Online Campus for walking me through the journey of teaching my first on-line class. As a fresh MBA graduate, she provided many tips from the perspective of a student and greatly improved the class! She was a great support, and we shared many laughs in the process!

- Julie Hyde -

Special appreciation to the best part of my Conference Services team, Leslie Ann Schwarzer! She is wonderful to work with. Her gifts of hospitality and attention to detail come through her work with every special event she plans and assists with on campus. It is a pleasure to work with her and I truly appreciate her more each day!

- Sharon Robberson -

No words seem appropriate enough to thank the employees from my office, Ivan Delgado, Pegi Flynt, Lisa Hess, Serena Santona, and student worker Steven Shaffer for the immeasurable help and support they provided when my house caught on fire March 27. Also, special thanks to Marty Hamilton, Kim Sturm and their staffs of wonderful people for finding me new housing, and going above and beyond what is necessary to make a horrible situation one that was simply full of blessings! My heart fills with gratitude each time I think of all you folks did and continue to do to transition me and keep me moving forward.

- Elaine Plemons -

I would like to thank everyone involved with the solar system from inception to the Grand Solar Event, from SIFE students to administration. A vision and a lot of hard work came together with our Grand Solar Event. Thanks again to everyone who played a part.

- Dave Allemand -

We thank all those that made 'From the Top' a successful event for the greater Chattanooga community as we celebrated 50 years of WSMC Classical 90.5.

- Advancement -

PERSONAL NEWS

Clair Kitson married Chris Dimmer on April 14 in a private ceremony.

Jonathan Durichek will be marrying Ruth Ferrell on June 24 at 3 p.m. in the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Brent and Emily Hamstra's daughter, Molly Elizabeth, was born at 6:57p.m. on April 10. She weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and measured 21 inches long.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

The **Campus Shop** would like to thank you for your business this year and we look forward to working with you in the future. We are currently placing orders for fall, so please let us know if you have any special request for supplies to meet the needs of your students or department.

As of April 13, the university has received \$3,604,134 in gifts from 3,623 donors. We thank those that have already made their gifts this fiscal year. If you are not sure if you have, contact **Advancement** at x2772. You can still join us in making a gift to our Southern family.

ENERGY TIPS

from Energy Management

- + Turn off fans when you leave a room. Fans cool people, not rooms.
- + If you have an older home and haven't added insulation, remember only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are well insulated.
- + Avoid placing lamps or TVs near your air conditioner's thermostat. The thermostat senses heat from these appliances, which can cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- + When you turn on an incandescent light bulb, only 10 percent of the electricity used is converted into light. The other 90 percent is wasted as heat. Consider switching to Compact Fluorescent (CFL) bulbs.

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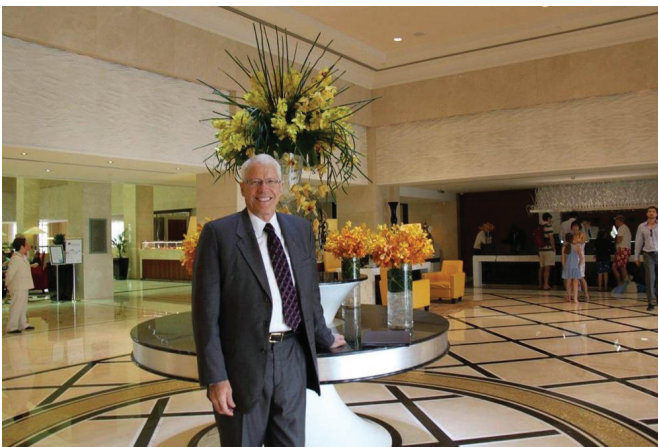
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PHOTOS FROM THE PRESIDENT

In late March, President Bietz visited Dubai to review a school for accreditation on behalf of the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges. Though most of his time was spent in meetings, he was able to post to his blog pictures of his time there.



The \$217 million fountain in front of the Burj Khalifa.



Gordon Bietz in the lobby of the hotel.



Driving down a main street in Dubai.

BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 **Gordon Bietz**, President's Office
Richard Erickson, Business and Mgmt.
Emily Kay, Enrollment
- May 2 **Ray Hefferlin**, Physics
Pam Ahlfeld, Nursing
Pat Coverdale, Human Resources
Gary Shockley, Village Market
Melissa Tortal, Academic Administration
Tami Wery, Records and Advisement
- May 3 **Ray Artigas**, Transportation Services
Becky Djernes, Financial Administration
Jan Haveman, Advancement
Joe La Com, Visual Art and Design
Kelly Sanchez, Computing
- May 4 **Tricia Foster**, Social Work
Richard Halterman, Computing
- May 5 **Stanley Cottrell**, McKee Library
- May 6 **Tara Hargrove**, Journalism and Comm.
- May 7 **Doru Mihaescu**, Information Systems
- May 9 **Shirley Rumsey**, University Health Center
Eric Baerg, Advancement
Julie Norton, Chaplain's Office
Kevin Penrod, Campus Safety
- May 11 **Jackie Rose**, Village Market
- May 12 **Ever Perez**, Food Services
Mikhaile Spence, Education and Psych.
- May 15 **Peter Cooper**, Music
Kevin Pride, Talge
- May 16 **Ginger Cheney**, Enrollment Services
Steve Holley, Plant Services
Shelley Kalvoda, Village Market
- May 17 **Lisa Kuhlman**, Business and Mgmt.
Carolyn Liers, Advancement
- May 18 **Elaine Jeffers**, Student Services
- May 20 **Pam Dietrich**, Student Services
- May 21 **Lorraine Ball**, Journalism and Comm.
Jackie Price-Walters, Food Services
- May 22 **Ron Miller**, McKee Library
- May 25 **Mary Sundin**, Accounting Services
- May 27 **Lisa Woodcock**, Thatcher
- May 28 **John Holley**, Village Market
- May 29 **Kenneth Willes**, Visual Art and Design
- May 31 **Holly Gadd**, Nursing