

Southern Factor

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CONNECTING WITH EACH OTHER

PRESIDENT'S SUITE REOPENED WITH SPECIAL DEDICATION SERVICE

After months of renovation, the President's Office reopened January 11 with a Christian leadership dedication service featuring special music, prayer, the ordinance of humility, and the unveiling of inspirational artwork. Guest speakers included Ron Smith, Southern Union president, Ed Wright, Georgia-Cumberland Conference president, and Ruth Liu, Board of Trustees member.

The event's theme was centered on Matthew 20:26, "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant." The verse is mounted on the walls at the entrance of the suite, alongside a commissioned piece of Jesus washing Peter's feet.

During the dedication service, several additional works of art employees had chosen for the office were unveiled, all of which had a deeply spiritual context. Vinita Sauder, vice president for Strategic Initiatives, chose a Nathan Greene painting for her office; "At Jesus' Feet" portrays Mary and Martha's mixed responses when Jesus visited their home in the last days of His ministry.

"It helps me remember what is most important when making decisions for the future of Southern," Sauder said.

President Bietz and his cabinet served six student leaders during a special foot washing ceremony de



signed to symbolize their heart for servant leadership. Adding to the solemn nature of that moment was the Emmanuel Quartet's live, a cappella performance of "Can Jesus Be Seen In Me?"

"It was incredibly humbling being a part of something that is so special to the administrators," said Student Association President Garrison Hayes. "It shows that they're committed to including students in all aspects of this university."

Just as the President's Office was physically transformed for the better, it is the hope of university leaders that the new environment will remind them to daily rededicate their lives in Christ's service to students, fellow employees, and the community.

by Ingrid Hernandez

SAVE THE DATE

A short series, "Science and Scripture," is being presented by several faculty from Southern at McDonald Road Seventh-day Adventist Church for their 7 p.m. prayer meetings. Mitch Menzmer presented "What is Science" on January 16 and Lucinda Hill presented "History of the Influence of Philosophical Ideologies on the Development of Darwinian Evolution" on January 30. The remaining schedule is listed at right:

February 13 – "Comparison of Hominid Bones: Implications for Evolution and Special Creation" by Lee Spencer

February 27 – "Moral and Ethical Implications of Darwinism" by Steve Bauer

March 13 – Topic to be announced

March 27 – "Biblical Support for Science" by Ken Caviness

PERSONAL NEWS

John and **Keely Tary** welcomed daughter Cameo Wren on January 11.

Nolly and **Carlos Martin** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on January 24.

Melodie and Vincent Lopez announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Chad to Nicole Pettis, on February 9 in Siesta Key, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On January 9, **Rene' Drumm** presented a seminar titled "Spouse Abuse in the SDA Church: How Pastors Can Make a Difference Without Adding to Their Workloads" at the Southern Union Ministerium Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida. In addition, her article "Domestic Violence Recovery" was featured in the Fall 2012 edition of *Family Life*, the newsletter of the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals.

In December, **Kendra Lee** had a monologue published in *McSweeney's*.

This semester, **John Beckett** is teaching a graduate class in IT Infrastructure & Technology and Management at Northern Caribbean University. After an initial in-person meeting with students in Jamaica, the class continues by video conference over the Internet. John is using his EPB fiber optic connection at home for these sessions.

Michael Hasel was appointed to the editorial board of the *Bulletin of Biblical Research*. He also had a recent article published on the radiometric dates at Khirbet Qeiyafa in the journal *Radiocarbon*.

Carlos Parra's article "Representación y Simulación Autorial en Sab de G. Gómez De Avellaneda" (Authorial Representation and Simulation in "Sab" of G. Gómez de Avellaneda) was published in *Jalla Colombia: X Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latino-Americana*.

HATS OFF!

"We want to thank all the employees that have contributed thus far to the 2012-2013 "iGive" campaign. Our current participation rate is 58 percent. Departments that have already reached 100 percent include: Advancement, Computing, Financial Administration, Energy Management, Food Services, Modern Languages, Nursing, Risk Management, and WSMC."

- Geovanny Ragsdale and Advancement -

"Hats off to all who planned and produced the additional parking areas between Hickman Science Center and Stateside Apartments we had last semester!"

- Ray Hefferlin -

"We want to thank the members of our Southern family who take time to pray for us each Monday. Mindi Rahn is an especially faithful prayer leader on our campus."

- Melodie Lopez and Kendra Lee -

'A hearty congratulations to librarian Dan Maxwell for recently completing his doctoral dissertation and graduating from the Ph.D. program at Fielding Graduate University. Well done and bravo!"

- Anonymous faculty and staff -

Marketing and University Relations

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CHANGING FACES

Southern welcomes the following employees:

Patricia Lewis to Social Work

Jaclyn Pruehs to Alumni Relations

Aaron Gunther to Enrollment Services

Tom Moores to Plant Services

Fond farewells to the following employees:

Anita Wilson from Food Services

Janet Haveman from Alumni Relations

Best wishes to the following employees in their new positions:

Minodora Perchik from Deli Supervisor to Shift Supervisor in Food Services

Kimberly Miller from Associate Professor of Business to Corporate and Foundation Relations/Lights Liaison Officer in Advancement

Jason Bryner from Web Development Assistant to Interactive Development Manager in Marketing and University Relations

THANK YOU

“Farewell to all the people I have enjoyed working with over the years. Working at Southern has been a joy and I have appreciated all the willing assistance I received during my time here. I will continue to remember all of you and the university in my prayers.”

- Janet Haverman -

ENERGY TIPS

from Energy Management

- + During winter, keep a blanket near the crack of the door so the cold air doesn't get into the house.
- + Don't leave a computer on when you're not using it. Color computer monitors use twice as much energy as black and white ones.
- + Turn the water off when you brush your teeth or shave. Running the water while you brush your teeth wastes 2.5 gallons per minute.

BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Casey Henson , Campus Shop Richard Johnson , Food Services
February 2	Scott Brankshire , Plant Services Bonnie Hunt , Nursing John Nixon , Religion
February 3	Ryan Pierce , Marketing Leon Weeks , Business and Mngmt.
February 4	Leslie Ann Schwarzer , Advancement Derek Sherbondy , Information Systems Larry Turner , Plant Services
February 7	Stephen Barber , Food Services Emily Kurlinski , WSMC
February 8	Stephen Ruf , Journalism and Comm. Faye Steen , Village Market
February 9	Randy Bishop , Biology
February 10	Elisabeth Anderson , Food Services Robert Coombs , Education and Psych.
February 11	Janita Herod , Journalism and Comm.
February 12	Ben McArthur , History and Political Stud. Bonnie Eder , Education and Psych. Kathy Goddard , English
February 13	Adolfo Granada , Plant Services Samson Chama , Social Work Kent Robertson , Enrollment
February 14	Janice Lyons , Village Market
February 15	Michael Dant , Computing
February 18	Chamra Anthony , Thatcher Greg Cook , Food Services Lisa Diller , History and Political Stud. Ruth Saunders , Nursing
February 19	Genevieve Cottrell , McKee Cheryl Martin , Social Work
February 20	Chad Raney , Plant Services
February 21	Cindy McBryar , Enrollment Services Jeri Pewsey , Food Services Keith Snyder , Biology
February 22	Angela Teague , Accounting Services
February 24	Eden Koliadko , Enrollment Services Donn Leatherman , Religion
February 25	Lucas Patterson , Marketing
February 27	Mike McClung , Information Systems
February 28	Pierre Nzokizwa , Modern Languages Michael Cafferky , Business and Mngmt.