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Enrollment Numbers Drop

Natalia Perez
Staff Writer

Freshmen enrollment appears to have fallen about 40 students short of the university’s incoming goal of 590 students for this fall. The number of transfer students is also down by 36 from the goal of 220 students, said Adam Brown, director of recruitment.

According to a report distributed Aug. 27 by Joni Zier, director of Records and Advisement, the head count of undergraduate students in general on campus has dropped by 59 students from last year’s count of 2,625 students. However, this excludes students abroad and student missionaries.

“This is just a tentative report,” Zier said. “The numbers are changing all the time; we don’t know for a fact whether enrollment will stay down or not.”

Brown said, “With these figures, along with an unmet retention goal of 80 percent, Enrollment Management is planning its next course of action.”

Initial enrollment numbers are not as high as Southern budgeted for, said Tom Verrill, senior vice president of Financial Administration.

“Southern remains financially strong and university administrators have been meeting to assess what adjustments will address the budgeted financial shortfall in a way that best allows Southern to continue to meet its mission,” said Verrill. “The university administration remains fully committed to providing a valuable and affordable Adventist education to every student who made Southern their campus choice this year and who will attend Southern in the future.”

Brown said they don’t want to raise tuition. “It’s not the students’ fault we didn’t reach our enrollment goals.”

ONE BUCKET, MORE OPTIONS; WORSHIP AND CONVOCATION REQUIREMENTS CHANGE

Cassie Matchim
News Editor

Southern Adventist University’s new worship and convocation program aims to give students more choices. The previous program required students to attend worships, vespers and convocations and get a certain number of each. Now students can attend any of the three and get credit towards a grand total.

“That was a huge motivator for me,” said Chaplain Brennon Kirstein, chair of the Spiritual Life Committee. “I wanted to give students more choices, more options, more freedom with the ultimate desire that we want students to own their own spirituality.” The Spiritual Life Committee made recommendations last year for the new system to University Senate, who implemented it after much discussion.

The new system brings several changes. It allows students the flexibility to get credits at the most convenient times for them, between classes, work and intramurals.

The second change incentivizes longer meetings.

“We feel as if convocations and vespers are important traditions on this campus,” said Dennis Negron, vice president of student services. By making vespers, convocations, LifeGroups and performing arts events worth two credits, attendance is strongly encouraged at these programs. Residence hall

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CAMPUS SAFETY OFFERS FREE PARKING PERMIT

Saminta Hean
Staff Writer

Campus Safety is providing free parking permits for community students. The permit is referred to as the “O” permit.

Permits are required for all Southern Adventist University students, staff and faculty. The letters on the permits represent where the students reside and where cars are allowed to park. For example, community students have a “C” on their permits and must park in areas with signs clearly marked with a “C.”

According to Campus Safety, the “O” permit is an alternative option to the “C” permit.

The purpose of the permit is to save community students money by offering parking in less populated areas of campus. Some of these locations are the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church parking lot and the parking lot on Morningside Drive near the Biology Trail behind the university’s Upper Stateside apartments.

However, some students argue that the free permit is not worth the distance.

“Compared to other schools,” Zachary Dye, senior accounting major, said, “Forty-five dollars isn’t a bad price to pay for the ‘C’ permit, considering I’d be late to class if I had to walk to Brock Hall from the church.”

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Hi everyone! I’m nosy Rosie—journalist and cat lady and I love to debunk/confirm your rumors.

I’m also your Southern Accent Editor-in-chief for this year! I’m honored and very excited to have the opportunity to be—or become—your go-to news source. Journalism is my passion and I strive to bring an unbiased, well-balanced news presence to our campus. I get so excited and giddy when I get to investigate a crime story.

I love talking to detectives and police officers and court clerks. Guys, don’t ever underestimate the power of the press. #PartyLikeAJournalist

In all seriousness, though, my goal is to increase readership for the Accent and get more students involved in the news gathering process. You, too, can be a journalist! If you have any tips, stories or photos you’d like to submit to us, contact me and I will share with students and say you get to graduate!

Our last flight with President Bietz

Shivani Ward and Bonnie Christiansen

Lead Reporter and Copy Editor

This school year will be Dr. Gordon Bietz’s last year as president of Southern Adventist University.

Every school year he has delivered the first convocation speech. Last Thursday he delivered his final first convocation speech, complete with his classic plane analogy, which he has used nearly every year for the past 18 years.

“Even though the first convocation will continue to happen, you could sense the ending of something,” said Candy Giron, senior graphic design major. “Gordon Bietz’s presence and voice was what made part of the convocation. It makes me sad to think I won’t graduate for his last year.”

Among those sad to see President Bietz leave is Joylynn Scott, his assistant.

“It’s bittersweet,” Scott said. “I’ve enjoyed handling all the details over the years, learning from him, and I’m happy for him in his retirement. Yet it won’t be the same without him at Southern!”

Along with his tardard welcoming, President Bietz reached out to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students that attend Southern.

“During the last 10 years, I have grown in my understanding of the issues that surround the student with same-sex attraction,” Bietz said. “I’ve grown to appreciate some of the challenges they face.”

He said LGBT students are seeking a “safe place” on campuses and believes that Southern should be “a safe place for students that are challenged with issues of same-sex attraction, as well as issues with pre-marital sex.”

Bietz said sexuality is a very powerful human emotion and needs to be submitted to God.

In the time leading up to his final speech, President Bietz said he had mixed feelings about it.

“It’s a stressful event for me because of the fact that I’d like to make a real impact on the lives of Southern students,” Bietz said. “I stress about saying just the right things in just the right ways, so I will have relief from that worry going forward.”

Despite the stresses, Bietz enjoys the opportunity to share with students and says he will miss that.

“There’s good news and bad news,” Bietz said, “with all these ‘last events’ I will have during my final year as president of Southern.”
Joker goes green in Community

ABIGAIL HUNT
Staff Writer

The Student Association (SA) has decided to go green and save money by launching an e-Joker. The e-Joker will be available through a new communication forum called Community.

The Joker was a book filled with headshots of freshmen to super-seniors. With the launch of Community, the physical book is transforming into a digital version.

Community is the upcoming all-inclusive guide to what’s happening on campus. This new program will be linked to every student’s portal. Students can set up a Community account through Southern’s email system. There is not currently a solidified release date for Community.

Community will also benefit faculty and staff, acting as a one-stop communication portal. Community won’t function without student use. For it to function properly, students must take advantage of this new forum.

Gary Sewell, associate vice president for Information Technology, said, “It is not meant to be social media but rather student engagement.”

SA, academic departments and student organizations currently advertise using posters and convocation announcements. Getting event information will only be a click away in Community instead of being buried on a bulletin board.

Purchasing and maintaining costs for Community will total around $25,000 with $18,000 of it a one-time cost. Printing and producing the Joker outweigh the cost of Community.

“We [Information Technology] have been asked for many years to find an online alternative to printing the Joker,” Sewell said. “We feel this new platform will bring opportunities for increased community.”

A welcome from your president

It’s a new year here at Southern, and classes are already well on their way. While our first priority as students is to learn, I believe that God has more in store for us. We are here for a reason. As your President, it is my privilege to serve you and represent your ideas and opinions to the administration. As a Christian, it is my duty to see and meet the needs of any, just as Christ would.

While our flight continues to soar toward our destination, let’s challenge ourselves to find greater purpose in God. Perhaps you are wrestling with whether or not God is even real, or maybe you have yourself very close to God. No matter where you find yourself, this year is an opportunity to look to Jesus, pray to be empowered and strive to become Spirit-led. If we as a campus unite for this cause, God will show Himself in a mighty way. Regardless of your major, position, grade, financial status, gender or past, God is calling each of us to step up and follow Him with greater fervor. This year can be the best year of your flight. It is up to you to make it happen.

Each day, start with prayer and commit your life to being Spirit-led even if you aren’t quite sure what that means. Together, if we step out in faith, we can accomplish great things. Let’s join in the journey—we’ll start on our knees.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Standifer Place Apartment Shooting

ROBASA HUGHES
Editor-in-Chief

Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office deputies were dispatched to Standifer Place apartment complex on Jenkins Road in Chattanooga at 2:16 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, to investigate a shooting.

Deputies arrived on the scene at 2:20 a.m. and found that Shaun P. Cleaver, 28, was shot multiple times. Investigators determined that Cleaver was a resident at Standifer Place apartments and entered the wrong apartment, where he was shot by the resident.

Cleaver was transported to a local hospital by Hamilton County EMS and was listed in serious condition as of Sept. 4.

Sharia Sandoval, junior family studies major and her roommate, Gladis Alarcon, freshman nursing major are residents at the apartment complex. They said they heard screaming and arguing, but they didn’t think it was a big deal.

“I think the scariest part of the whole thing was the fact that [Gladis and I] heard it happening. We never thought it was going to be what it ended up being,” Sandoval said.

“We simply thought it was just an argument that seemed to have gotten out of hand. It was frightening to wake the next morning to realize something so extreme was happening almost right outside our front door.”

As of Sept. 4, the investigation is on-going as to what caused Cleaver to enter the wrong apartment.

MEET THE EDITOR

Global Policy and Service Studies. I love telling stories, experiencing new cultures and eating french fries. I hope to someday work overseas as a missionary and communications manager for a non-profit. If you like to write—good news: we’re still hiring news reporters! If you’re interested in writing news for the Accent, contact me at cassiematchim@southern.edu. Include samples of your work and times you’re available to meet for an interview.
One bucket; more options

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worships, departmental and club convocations and even-songs are worth one credit.

The new system also lowers the number of credits students have to get and gives more exemptions. “We got over 2,000 petitions last year for reductions,” said Negrón. “So what we did was we lowered everybody’s requirements to the average number of reductions we gave to those who were asking.”

If last year’s convocation and vespers requirements are thought about in terms of two credits, one can see that this year’s requirements are lower. The committee also found that Southern’s program requirements were higher than all other North American Seventh-day Adventist universities and several other Christian universities.

Although requirements are lower for most students, they are higher for community students. “I dislike it. I really do. I feel like it’s very nice to everyone except community students,” said Keightee Weekes, senior public relations and business administration major. “I couldn’t make last year’s requirements. Why would I be able to make this year’s?”

The new system aims to convey a unified message. Kirstein said that the university has been sending a split message to on-campus and off-campus students for a long time.

“I feel like we’ve been sending the message to community students that ‘if you live in the community, we don’t care about your spiritual life,’” Kirstein said.

Although community students do have to get a few more credits than previous years, they still do not have to get as many as on-campus students.

Students have mixed reactions to the new system.

“I think it’s good because it puts power in our hands on what worships we want to attend,” said Luke Steen, junior theology major. “I also think that it makes the school think more carefully about the worships they’re going to present.”

Mark Belfort, sophomore clinical psychology major, works during Thursday morning convocation time.

“It’s pretty reasonable,” Belfort said, “because the thing is you can go to vespers. But if you don’t go to vespers, you really have to rack up the worships.”

“Heart and vespers are worth one credit. and singCALECS are worth one credit. And vespers requirements are lower for most students, they still do not have to get as many on-campus students.

Students have mixed reactions to the new system. Overall, we want students to be more in charge of their spiritual life,” said Kirstein.

Campus Safety offers free parking permit

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No matter which permit is obtained, Campus Safety began handing out tickets for any unregistered vehicles in all parking locations starting Sept. 6.

For more information, contact Campus Safety at (423) 236-2100 or campussafety@southern.edu.

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SAY HELLO TO THE COPY EDITOR

I’m copy editor. I’m also what they call a Super-Senior: I’ve been at Southern more than four years... long story. I major in Mass Communications with an emphasis in Writing and Editing. It’s exciting to pursue a profession that includes interviewing people and getting a fascinating glimpse of their lives. I’m passionate about all things Celtic and Asian Indian and fascinated by anything World War II-related. I’m crazy about books, Indian food, horses and lighthouses, among other things. I’m an introvert who might be inclined to be a hermit in the hills with books and animals as my only companions, but my interests, dreams and friends keep me from entering a life of seclusion.

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Controversial vote on women’s ordination

JOSE BRIONES
RELIGION EDITOR

You may know the General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists met for a special occasion at the Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas, on May 8. The General Conference Session meets every five years in order to choose a new president and new leaders of divisions and also discuss issues of relevance in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The church has come together in these sessions for more than 100 years to unite in fellowship with other believers while learning more about Christ.

During the meeting regarding women’s ordination, the delegates, specially selected individuals and leaders from different divisions, voted regarding the motion to allow “each division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church to decide for itself whether to ordain women to the gospel ministry in its territory.” The delegates cast their vote in a secret ballot (anonymous voting method) to protect privacy. With five abstentions, the results were 1,381 against and 977 in favor, resulting in the denial of the motion. The majority of delegates voted in favor of having a unified policy as Seventh-day Adventists regarding the ordination of women.

The vote maintains the current position of the Seventh-day Adventist Church regarding ordination as it follows the two previous votes during General Conference Sessions in 1990 and 1995. During these two sessions, the delegates also voted against the ordination of women and the request of the North American Division to allow divisions to ordain women.

The General Conference, however, still believes in the ministry of women for the preaching of the gospel. The official statement of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on women’s issues states: "Women should play an increased role in the leadership and decision-making bodies of both church and society.”

Daniel Jackson, president of the North American Division, said in an interview, “It is important to notice that the vote did not disallow women from serving as commissioned church pastors, women to serve as ordained elders in the local church, or disallow the ordination of deaconesses.” Thus, women play a vital role in the spreading of the gospel by using their gifts for the salvation of souls.

Students and faculty support Muslim community

CHRISTINA ANGEL
CONTRIBUTOR

“A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this give to you: Love one another.” - John 13:34-35

(NIV)

On Sept. 4 I had the opportunity to see this verse in action. That morning I received an e-mail from Lisa Clark Diller, inviting my department to an interfaith prayer service that was going to be held at the Islamic Center in response to some very troubling remarks Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Hammond made concerning Muslim communities and Islam as a whole. I jumped at the chance to go, not really knowing what to expect.

Later that afternoon we joined a large number of people from various denominations, all there to show their support. We listened to the words of a minister and a Jewish rabbi and prayers about the love and the compassion Christ has taught us to show to everyone, regardless of denomination, religious persuasion or differing opinion.

We made our way inside the center and prepared to go into the mosque, which meant taking off my sandals and covering my hair with a scarf provided by the ever-prepared Diller. The Muslim ladies were very kind and also provided prayer clothes and hijabs for women who hadn’t brought their own. In the mosque, they sat in a room separate from the main worship room, but the division is a lattice, so we were able to hear the message and prayers being given by the imam, their spiritual leader.

The message explained what Islam is and the foundation for their beliefs. I was struck by the similarities with Christianity. He spoke of being kind and the importance of daily prayer, principles we as Christians often emphasize. Following the message, beautiful prayers were sung in Arabic and brief announcements were given. Near the end, the imam asked his congregation to notice the visitors and explained we were there to show our support for their community.

Many Muslim ladies came to us and hugged us, thanking us for being there. One lady with tears in her eyes embraced me and said, “We get your message, and it means so, so much to us.”

It was an amazing experience, and I’m glad that we could turn something negative into a positive. However, it breaks my heart this was even necessary. The love and compassion I witnessed in people of different walks of life gathered to demonstrate the strength and love of the Chattanooga community was truly humbling.

While it may be easy to cast judgment on people we don’t understand, God holds us to a much higher standard. He tells us to love. The greatest commandment He gave was to love. He didn’t say to only love Protestant believers or to only love people of cultures we are familiar with. He said to love everyone as He loves us. That is the love I witnessed at the mosque that day and that is the love I would challenge each of us, Sheriff Hammond included, to use the next time we are tempted to judge a situation or person we don’t understand.

Christina Angel is a junior history major.
Outsmarting your fear

Kaylie Ackerman
Contributor

Life is all about taking risks and chances, right? But what holds many people back from trying new things is fear. This past summer I worked at a high rope and zip line course at my summer camp and had to get over one of my biggest fears: heights. After this summer, I discovered three things that helped me conquer my fear.

First, you should learn about what you’re scared of. Before I started my summer job, I read everything there was to know about high rope elements, how to check equipment properly and how likely it was to survive a zip line fall. Knowing some background helps to calm a few anxieties, like knowing how much I would have to weigh to break the zip line cable. Turns out you’d have to weigh over 25,000 pounds to come close to breaking the cable.

Once you’ve learned more about your fear, you’re ready to move on to step two: actually putting yourself outside of your comfort zone. I had to do what scared me repeatedly until it became routine and my knees didn’t shake every time I got ten feet off the ground. This could take you awhile, depending on how often you face your fears. It took me four weeks of continually being seventy-five feet in the air. It was terrifying, for sure, but once you do something over and over, day after day, you become accustomed to the things that used to be scary, and you begin to feel more comfortable.

Lastly, take it slow. Going outside of your comfort zone can be nerve-racking especially when you’re forty feet above the ground on a zip line platform swaying in the wind. Some people prefer to attempt to conquer their fear all at once, but for me, taking it slow helped the most. One day I would climb ten feet, the next week twenty-five and by the fourth week, I was climbing sixty-five feet with no anxiety whatsoever.

Even though it might initially be terrifying to try something that you’re afraid of, why not try it out? Great freedom and confidence come with facing and defeating your fear. You just might end up outsmarting your fear.

Kaylie Ackerman is a senior liberal arts major.

MEET THE EDITOR

I love sports and spending time in nature. Currently, I’m a student ambassador for the school and an outreach leader. In the future, my aspiration is to go to medical school to become a doctor while continuing in the field of research science. Overall, with the Accent, I want to give students the opportunity to let their opinions (about anything and everything) be known. If you have any suggestions for opinion-related articles, please contact me at mmawantu@southern.edu. Thanks!

COME FIND OUT! at the graduate fair

Faculty and current students from Southern’s graduate programs will be on hand to answer questions! Degrees are available in business, computer science, counseling, education, outdoor education, global community development, nursing, and social work.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2015, Back of the Dining Hall, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
1 CONVOCATION CREDIT WILL BE AVAILABLE

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FALL HOLIDAYS

Turkey Day Weekend: October 24th-26th - This is a three-day weekend, so it's the perfect opportunity to catch up on any missed assignments or projects.

Thanksgiving: November 26th - This is a long weekend, so you have plenty of time to relax and spend time with family and friends. It's also a good time to take a break from classes and enjoy some downtime.

Winter Break: December 21st-January 3rd - This is a much-needed break from the stresses of school. It's the perfect time to recharge your batteries and come back refreshed for the spring semester.

New Year's: January 1st - This is a great opportunity to reflect on the past year and set new goals for the year ahead.

Spring Break: March 16th-20th - This is another long weekend, so you have plenty of time to travel and explore new places.

Easter: April 18th - This is a day to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and spend time with family and friends.

Memorial Day Weekend: May 25th-27th - This is a three-day weekend, so it's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and spend time with friends and family.

Independence Day: July 4th - This is a day to celebrate our country's independence and enjoy some fireworks.

Labor Day: September 7th - This is a three-day weekend, so it's the perfect opportunity to relax and enjoy some downtime before the start of the fall semester.

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**Football Is Back**

**Contributor & Managing Editor**

Some might say that this a great time of the year because of the weather, some say because the colors of the trees are changing, but for the sports lovers, it's because football is back. Our football appetite has been tided over with preseason, but we all know that's not a good indication of your team's prospects. Take the 2007 Arizona Cardinals, for example: they lost every preseason game, but they ended that season with a 10-6 record, winning the NFC West title. On the other end of the spectrum, the Detroit Lions won all of their preseason games, but they never won a game that season and went 0-16.

Preseason is a time to pray your favorite players don't get hurt. Unfortunately, injuries are inevitable. Most notably this year, the Green Bay Packers have lost their primary receiver, Jordy Nelson, to an ACL injury that will keep him sidelined for the entire season. In Nelson's seven-year career, he has racked up 6,000+ yards, 49 touchdowns and averaged over 15 yards per reception and coughed up one fumble. It's a nightmare for fantasy owners, but for Green Bay, their quarterback Aaron Rodgers can find a way to get the ball in the end zone at almost any cost.

There are lots of questions going into this season.

1. Will running back Adrian Peterson return to his full potential after his time away? On July 25, he told reporters that, “My body feels great, mentally, and I’m stronger than I’ve been ever before, and I just have a different mindset when it just comes to life in general – and football, too.”

2. Can Johnny Manziel prove he has grown up both on and off the field plus return to “Johnny Football” form? In June he said, “I think I’m doing the right things and taking the right steps necessary for me to put myself in the best position possible to be exactly what this organization drafted me to be.”

3. Will we see a classic or a declining performance from Peyton Manning? Manning is still one of the smartest quarterbacks in the league and has a fiery passion to win, but at age 39, can he avoid being hurt and lead the Broncos to another winning season?

4. Will Jameis Winston prove his worth as the top pick in the 2015 draft? If Jameis had a motto going from being drafted to starting week one, it would be, “I just want to get better every day.” In almost every interview he has been asked about his play, and he consistently responds with such an answer. Not a bad motto for the rookie, but actions speak louder than words. These questions will be answered, and it'll be interesting to watch how this season unfolds. Thursday Night Football opens the regular season in Foxborough, Mass., with Tom Brady starting for the New England Patriots as they take on the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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**Season of Softball**

**Contributor & Managing Editor**

“Talks are a time for everything,” as God said through Solomon, and now is the time for softball season. Softball allows students and faculty to get together outside the classroom and see each other in a different light, helping us get to know our peers. A great way to create new friendships is simply by being teammates. All the ups and downs that occur throughout the season will help strengthen friendships and encourage teamwork.

At the beginning of each game, we pray to open the avenue for God to work in us while we play, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. Being on a team, it’s important to root each other on and help our teammates do their best. This creates a common objective in lasting friendships: to strengthen and support each other.

Not only is softball a great way to meet new friends, but it’s also an opportunity to take a mental break and make some memories, to put on your cleats and take the field, concentrating on playing the game one pitch at a time, to forget about schoolwork and stress and have fun playing the game.

Whether you’re playing softball or simply watching, remember to enjoy the sense of community. Take advantage of the opportunity to play as a team and sharpen your softball skills. Don’t worry, if you missed your chance to play, be sure to sign up for upcoming intramural opportunities.

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**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- World Suicide Prevention Day
- Convocation: Department & Schools, 11a, Various Locations
- SA Senate Elections, 11a-11p
- Graduate Council, 3:30p
- E.O. Grundset Lecture Series, 7:30p, Hulsey Wellness Center 3135, Timothy Gaudin, PhD

**FRIDAY**
- Student Mission Re-Entry Retreat (11-13)
- Education Applications Deadline
- Initial Admission & Student Teaching
- Vespers, 8p, Church, Anna Romuald
- GroupLink, 9:30p, Iles P.E. Center
- Sunset, 7:55p

**SABBATH**
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- Evensong, 7:30p, Church, Reader: Robbie Raney
- (Free) Bowling Hosted by Men’s Club, 9-11p, Holiday Bowl

**SUNDAY**
- Grandparents Day
- SOAP Ocoee Rafting Trip, 10a, Wright Hall
- Latin American Month Begins (13-October 11)
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Enactus Info Session, 6p, Presidential Banquet Room

**MONDAY**
- Last day for 80% tuition refund
- Futsal Season Begins
- Calling, Career & Vocation Committee, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- University Senate, 3:30p
- New Student Organization applications due, 5p, Student Life & Activities

**TUESDAY**
- Payday: Salary
- Lights Volunteer Luncheon, 11:30a, Presidential Banquet Room
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Tornado Siren Test, 6p
- Sunset, 7:55p

**WEDNESDAY**
- Graduate Program Fair, 11:30a-2p, Dining Hall
- Faculty Tech Bites, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- SA Senate Orientation, 7:30p, White Oak Room

**BIRTHDAYS**

**SEPTEMBER 10**
- Kimberly Crooks
- Brooke Fahlenberg
- Nelson Gomez
- Tramayne Knowles
- Melissa Rodas
- Kristopher Thompson

**SEPTEMBER 11**
- Charlisse Carlton
- Catalina Gil
- Austin Krishingner
- Christian Mariquit
- Ashton Miller
- Jeffrey Pickardo
- Brandon Thompson
- Naomi Treadway

**SEPTEMBER 12**
- Andrew Caban
- Ellen Lee
- Amna Milliewa
- David Orvak
- Timothy Roberts
- Aspen Scott
- Venna St Louis
- Shelby Webb

**SEPTEMBER 13**
- Danielle Collegado
- Jessica Kovach
- Jennifer Lalaki
- Hannah Lee
- Jesse Maize
- Vanessa Parkey

**SEPTEMBER 14**
- David Rivera
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**STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon:** The 32st Annual Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon will take place on Oct. 4 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. For further details visit the website: www.southerntriathlon.com. Rates for students under 24 years of age are $30 for individuals and $75 for relay teams until Sept. 17 and $55 for individuals and $99 for relay teams until Sept. 29. For registration information contact, Kari Shultz, Director of Student Life & Activities and for general race information contact Bob Benge in Iles P.E. Center. There is a race day registration but the price is higher.

**Handbook & Planner:** If you haven’t picked up your copy of the 2015-16 Handbook & Planner, please stop by the Student Services office to pick it up.

**uQuest Missions:** Exciting mission trip opportunities await you this year!! Trips occur during Christmas break, spring break, and summer and are typically 10 days to 2 weeks in length. There are many locations to choose from, including Brazil, Egypt, Navajo Nation, Haiti, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic. Participation is limited so if you are interested in going on a mission trip please contact our uQuest short-term Missions office at 423-236-2121 or email uquestmissions@southern.edu. We would also love to talk to you, so stop by our office any time. We are located in Campus Ministries which is in the Student Center.

**Senate Elections:** Check out your email on Thursday the 8th because you’ll have a chance to vote for the new SA Senators for this year! The ballot will be open from 11a until 11p so make your voice heard and participate.
How to make money as a broke college student using your phone

My name is Jose, and I know that the struggle is real. This column is all about finding ways to make money without much effort. This week’s app is ReceiptPal. The app rewards you for taking pictures of your receipts. The conversion comes at 7 cents per receipt. They pay through Amazon Gift Card or Visa Prepaid Cards. This includes any receipt from the Dining Hall, KR’s, Village Market, Walmart, anywhere. So download it, take pictures, and get paid!

app chat

No way, Jose!

Danielle Schaffer @daniellereneeschafer
Graphic Design, SR

I love my department. #SVAD
#southernadventistuniversity #artists
How SAU are you?

Tally up your scores and compare with friends!

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- Has shaken hands with Dr. Bietz (1000 points)
- Miss Linda didn’t remember your name (75 points)
- Wears a tie to vespers even though it’s no longer required (15 points)
- Bible app installed on phone (70x7 points)
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THATCHER SHAPES UP
JEN HARVEY
STAFF WRITER

Thatcher Residence Hall’s new Wellness Club is starting this semester with 67 signed up to take part in the seven-week health promotion club.

The Wellness Club will meet twice a week starting Thursday, Sept. 17. Club Members will participate in a mini health assessment, which will help them get on the right track for monitoring their progress as they participate in the program.

Sponsored by Thatcher’s women’s club, Sigma Theta Chi, the Wellness Club will be headed by Susan Pennington, assistant dean of women. Pennington will participate as well and hopes to encourage other participants.

Pennington said the purpose of the club is to “provide information for a healthy lifestyle for college life and beyond.”

The club will help its members learn more about how to cultivate healthy habits, including weight management, meal ideas, group exercises and overall personal growth.

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The women’s deans decided to connect with residence students through small groups based on a particular interest. Pennington chose to devote her group to promoting healthy living.

“I have a passion to educate others about living healthy lifestyles,” said Pennington. “The goal of our club is more than just losing weight or eating right; it’s about helping its members better understand God’s love for them.”

Pennington said that she originally believed the group would be rather small. Space for its online signup was

moderately full due to extensive awareness.

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PROGRESS DELAYED
ON NEW STUDENT LIFE CENTER
SHEANN BRANDON
STAFF WRITER

The Southern Accent reported last January that the 68,000 gross square-foot new Student Life Center was scheduled for construction during the 2014 fall semester with doors opening in fall 2016. However, insufficient funding has delayed progress.

Plans for the student center have been in motion for the past seven years, said Geovanny Ragsdale, associate vice president of Advancement. The approximate cost of the building is $28 million. Alumn and supporters have donated $14 million for this project so far.

Although the funds raised are insufficient to break ground, the project is not on hold. Ragsdale stated that the university is working on preliminaries, such as redirecting the creek beneath the prospective foundation site.

“I used to feel like a new student center would be pretty unconventional,” Natalia Perez, sophomore mass communications major, said. “I mean, we already have one, so why do we need a new one?”

Several years ago the university’s strategic planning committee assessed Southern’s needs.

“The important part is that this wasn’t something where someone woke up one morning and said, ‘Hey, let’s have a student center,’” said Ragsdale.

Some students have voiced their concern and displeasure with such a large amount of money going into the new student center.

“I feel like to a certain extent it is a little bit of a waste of money,” said Silvia Menjivar, senior archaeology major.

“I think there are other areas...”

MODERN LANGUAGES HOSTS FIRST ACA RETREAT
ERICA KING
STAFF WRITER

The first Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) retreat will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26. The retreat starts at 10 a.m. with a bus ride to the Tennessee mountains.

ACA is a study abroad program that has locations all over the world. Right now there are about 25 Southern students studying abroad. The ACA program works with all the Adventist universities.

“There is no time like the present,” said interim chair of the Modern Languages department, Adrienne Royo. “Students cannot relate with everyone when they come back. They miss the country they were at. It is time for them to come together and share with people who have a commonality.”

Kathy Goddard, English professor, will speak at the beginning of the retreat. There will also be time for singing and music, including any songs the students learned while abroad.

Students will also break off into smaller groups so they can discuss what they’ve been learning on their trip.

“I think there are other areas...”
Diesel class offered next semester

Clementhon Supriyadi

Staff Writer

The Technology Department is planning to offer a course in diesel mechanics next semester. The course will be open to 12-15 students and will cover light duty diesel to one-ton truck mechanics.

Associate professor Dale Walters has selected two textbooks for the class, but his main concern is making sure the course will meet the Auto Service Excellence (ASE) requirements. The professional certification group has a series of requirements in time spent, projects and tools.

"The course wasn’t approved till around April," said Walters, "but we’ve been excited to do this for a while now."

Over the years students have voiced their interest in diesel mechanics, said Walters, with four or five students asking in recent months.

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The department has noted a trend in auto manufacturers offering diesel engine options. Oskins said Chevrolet and Toyota have been offering diesel for years.

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City of Collegedale celebrates Labor Day

On Labor Day, Collegedale residents enjoyed the long-awaited concert and fireworks show that was rescheduled from the Independence Day celebration due to rain.

The event took place in the Veteran’s Memorial Park next to the Greenway at 7 p.m. More than 700 residents and students came to enjoy the activities.

The East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra (ETSO), composed of 65 musicians, entertained residents, students and visitors.

The concert began with the “Star-Spangled Banner.” The orchestra played a variety of classical pieces, such as Aaron Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man” and Peter Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” The orchestra also played traditional American celebratory songs like “America the Beautiful,” “Hymn to the Fallen” and “Battle Hymn of the Republic.” The orchestra performed a piece composed by Ethan McGrath, Southern alumus, as well.

During the concert, the ETSO’s baton was passed from Richard Hickam, conductor of the orchestra for the past eight years, to Brian Liu, adjunct faculty at Washington Adventist University. Both conductors were previous members of Southern Adventist University’s Symphony Orchestra during their undergraduate careers.

In addition to the music being played from ETSO, residents and their children coordinated sport activities, including football and soccer. The Collegedale Police Department was present to ensure safety for event attendees.

After the one-hour concert, Collegedale took in a fireworks display that appeared well worth the two-month wait.

CORRECTIONS

The “Southern hacks” article of the Sept. 10 issue of the Southern Accent said that Transportation Services will pump students’ tires for free. It is not true that they pump tires for students; students must pump their own tires at the air pump offered by Transportation Services.

As stated on their website, “Transportation requests can only be made if they are medical and governmental.” All requests must be made with a 24-hour notice and any requests made on weekends will be processed the next business day.

For more information on the services offered by Transportation Services, please visit their website: www.southern.edu/administration/transportation-services.
Modern Languages hosts first ACA retreat
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into groups organized by the countries they studied in or the countries they are interested in studying in. A time for prayer will follow, Royo said that this retreat is happening because “it is time for ACA students to get recognized.”

Even though studying abroad is not the same as being a student missionary, it still provides spiritual growth for every student involved.

“Everything is new, so the students have to learn how to rely on God again,” said Royo.

The ACA retreat was a change Royo introduced with her new leadership as interim department chair. All former and future ACA students are invited to the retreat on Sept. 26.

Progress delayed on new Student Life Center
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that need more attention... I think there are more important things out there,” Menjivar said that she would rather see the money used to directly impact the students through things like student scholarships.

Ragsdale said she heard that many students thought the project’s cost would raise their tuition.

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Yearbook photos
Smile or be forgotten

Rosaña Hughes
Editor-in-Center

Amber Kuo, editor of Memories 2015-2016, has launched a new photo campaign for all 2,970 students to have professional photos for the yearbook.

The photo shoots began Monday, Sept. 7 and end Sunday, Sept. 20. Shoots take place in seminar room 416 of the student center from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Thurs-day and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fri-day. There will also be a photo shoot on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The endowment has already been funded by the sale of a piece of property at $1.7 million.

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Flags fly for ACA

Danielle Allen
Contributor

Students and professors of the Modern Languages Department gathered under the new flags in front of Miller Hall for convocation Thursday morning, Sept. 10 at a prayer of dedication service. The new flags represent all the countries that have Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) programs. Dr. Adrienne Royo, professor of Spanish, led out as she prayed for ACA students and the future of the Modern Languages Department.

Sophomore music major Emily Tan said that the prayer service was a great foundation for the new academic year in the Modern Languages Department.

Students and professors then gathered inside Miller Hall for a presentation titled, “Reading China’s Tea Leaves,” given by Robert Edwards, the global business development director at Sovee, a technology company that produces language-translation software.

This convocation detailed Edwards’ personal accounts of living in China in the 1980s, the history of modern China, and the future of China as a cultural powerhouse in the global sphere. Professor Royo said that she is very excited for this upcoming year and despite the changes in the Modern Languages department, she is assured that “students will exceed [her] expectations and become more involved and participate in ACA programs and much more.”

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OPEN TO ALL MAJORS!
Running with God

JOSE BRIONES
Religion Editor

Do you remember the first time you walked four laps around the track for fitness class? What was the most important part? The end or the beginning?

Personally, I would say the beginning. See, in running – or in this case, walking – it is imperative to start at the right pace in order to maintain a consistent rhythm to the end. It is the same in our race every year here at Southern, and we need to be ready to start the race.

I remember my professor’s words at my first Southern religion class. He said, “Start well. Finish well.” He went on to talk about the lives of prophets, writers and apostles in the Bible and explained how they all related to this concept. One thing was remarkable in all of these characters: they were not running alone.

In the race of college, you will find different obstacles. Some of them exist before you even begin the race, others while you are running it. These include assignments, readings, tests, quizzes, new relationships, friendships, homesickness, intramurals, summer breakups, etc. Sometimes they just seem impossible to overcome, to jump over and get to the finish line.

God has given us the ability to overcome anything through Jesus. Romans 8:37 says, “In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” Plainly, this means that through Jesus we are able to jump over any obstacle. The key for this year and for the rest of your life is to run the race with Him. Jesus said, “Without me you can do nothing,” but with Him we can do all things.

That is why spending our time with Jesus is very important. Prophets like Daniel and Jeremiah spent much time with God. They talked to Him and allowed Him to change their lives as the race progressed and sometimes became unbearable. And even when the run was the most challenging for people like Daniel and Jeremiah, they were able to overcome because Jesus was supporting them and allowing them to overcome those obstacles. Was it hard? Yes. Was it impossible? Not with Christ.

Our time with Jesus is what enables us to thrive and conquer all issues in our lives. You may have heard this before, but I just want to re-emphasize the importance of having a devotional life, prayer and a personal relationship with Christ. This relationship is more vital than water, air and even our blood. This is what gives us real life. You need to run this race with Him. You need to know that He never leaves you alone. He will still be running with you at the finish line. It is the same in our race every year here at Southern, and we need to be ready to start the race.

Ministry Spotlight: Afterglow
Finding beauty in brokeness

NATALIA PÉREZ
Lifestyle Editor

“Something very beautiful happens to people when their world has fallen apart: a humility, a nobility, a higher intelligence emerges at just the point when our knees hit the floor.” I wish I wrote that but Marianne Williamson gets the credit.

One of my favorite parts about life is sadness, as odd as it sounds. I find it a privilege to be broken, to get to a point in my life where God can point me to find beauty, growth and strength in my brokeness. I thank God for emotional tragedies; I believe they make the greatest works of art.

I watched a room full of people become broken last Friday.

I waltzed into Afterglow, formerly known as Sunset Café, and sat in the back of the room, the best place to watch everything unfold. Andrew Ashley, our Afterglow director, set the mood for the night by speaking about acceptance. He mentioned how we choose to associate ourselves with people we admire, to people we feel are up to par with our social standards. Once in a while, maybe, we’ll sit with that “lame kid” because, well, some ego brownie points never really hurt anybody, right? And then he pointed us to Jesus—Jesus, who calls Himself the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, all of whom were infamous for their mistakes. Jesus, who purposefully chose to associate Himself with the fallen because His life on earth was never about Him; it was about us. Our purpose here on Earth is never about ourselves but about others.

I watched as everyone poured their souls into worship and into song, and thanked God for the beauty in the room.

When the last song came, I felt God undoing all the knots in our hearts, and I realized my friend Breanna, sitting next to me, had allowed herself to become vulnerable.

“I felt the Holy Spirit that night,” she shared with me. “It was amazing how He used the music to speak to me. Every song spoke of His love and majesty. They rejuvenated my body and calmed my soul. It was exactly what I needed after a very stressful first week of school.”

I stretched out to comfort her as tears drew lines down her face, and mine soon followed. We are privileged to be broken. The Lord needs a void in which to create better things. He wants to fill all of our cracks with Him. If there are no cracks, how will the light ever get in?
Five tips for starting the school year right

MARCH MAWUNTU
Opinion Editor

Have you ever wondered if there was a secret formula to having a successful, stress-free school year? Starting a new school year is never easy. This is always some adjusting needed. My first year at SAU, there was a secret formula to starting the new school year, right? Starting a new student dynamic of in-campus living is different from the “plate system” of last year and could be good or bad, but most changes are easier to process when viewed positively. How can we hope to lead and help others need only a day or two. Getting settled into the dorms and apartments takes time. Some students take weeks to fully unpack while others need only a day or two. Many things have changed over the past summer on campus. As students, we’ve got to adjust to much more than new classes. The cafeteria is now weighing food again; Wright Hall’s second floor hallway has a new and distinguished look; and now all of our worship services, vespers, convocations and LifeGroups have made the building appear a lot newer than before. Wright Hall’s new changes have made the building appear a lot newer than before. The glass doors and walls with photos of students, plush chairs, and power outlets for cell phones and tablets are all a very nice touch and keep our campus current. If you haven’t seen the construction in Wright Hall between the administration offices and the cafeteria, you are in for a beautiful surprise.

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Contributor

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Although I have heard students decide that they will be visiting the Village Market more than before. Do not feel as though you should avoid the cafeteria, but perhaps try and budget a bit better than you were doing before.

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OPINION

Published by Marsie Mawuntu
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Wrong. Every year there is a new student dynamic of incoming freshmen and transfer students and other students who may be leaving Southern. Social adjustments can be difficult to some, especially when everyone was used to how things were before. New faces, new friends — new lots of things.

Despite the issues and feelings of anxiety you may have with a new school year, don’t feel overwhelmed. You’re not alone. Here are five tips from a seasoned student.

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Again, my view of modesty was revised and transformed as I began to see that modesty is important in our minds. This is probably the most important aspect of modesty because it is where all the other forms of modesty are derived from. Anything and everything we do has a basis or origin, and modesty is no exception. We must realize that what we think comes out in our conduct and then is portrayed in our dress. When people look at us, we should long to uplift Christ and not distract our fellow brothers or sisters from God. As plainly evident, modesty of the mind is where the true change must begin.

Modesty in dress, in conduct and in our minds are all linked closely together. All are important, but cannot be fully understood unless God works in our hearts. We are Christ’s ambassadors to the world and modesty is a key factor in sharing the love of God with others.

Michelle Wise is a freshman nursing major.

The viewpoints on this page do not necessarily reflect those of the Accent, Southern Adventist University, or the Seventh-day Adventist church.
Healthy student-friendly recipes

MEDITERRANEAN BAKED SWEET POTATOES

INGREDIENTS:
- 4 medium sweet potatoes
- 15-ounce can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 tsp. olive oil
- 1/2 tsp. each cumin, coriander, cinnamon, paprika

GARLIC HERB SAUCE:
- 1/4 cup hummus (or tahini) Juice of 1/2 lemon (1 tbsp.)
- 3/4 - 1 tsp. dried dill (or substitute 2-3 tsp. fresh dill)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Water or unsweetened almond milk to thin

Optional: Sea salt to taste

TOPPINGS (Optional):
- 1/4 cup cherry tomatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley, minced
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- Chili garlic sauce

INSTRUCTIONS:
- Preheat oven to 400 degrees and line a large baking sheet with foil.
- Rinse and scrub potatoes and cut in half length-wise. This will speed cooking time. Otherwise leave whole and bake longer – approximately double the time: 45 minutes - 1 hour.
- Toss rinsed and drained chickpeas with olive oil and spices and place on a foil-lined baking sheet.
- Rub the sweet potatoes with a bit of olive oil and place face down on the same baking sheet (or another baking sheet, depending on size).
- While the sweet potatoes and chickpeas are roasting, prepare your sauce by adding all ingredients to a mixing bowl and whisking to combine. Serve immediately.

VEGAN QUESADILLAS

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 Tbsp. coconut oil
- 1 medium to large red onion, diced
- 1 large green pepper + 1 large red pepper, chopped
- Vegan Pepper Jack cheese shreds
- 1 can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, chopped
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. ground coriander
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- 3 cups fresh spinach, chopped
- sea salt and black pepper to taste
- 6 or 8 brown rice tortillas
- Sliced avocado
- Fresh cilantro
- Lime juice
- Salsa

INSTRUCTIONS:
- In a deep skillet over medium or medium-low heat, add coconut oil, onion and peppers (including jalapeño) with a pinch of sea salt. Sauté for 15 minutes until softened and translucent. You don’t want them to brown, so reduce the heat if necessary. Cook it slowly so everything gets soft.
- Add spinach and continue cooking for a few minutes until spinach wilts. Add salt and pepper to taste and remove from heat.
- Warm the tortillas up on skillet and begin assembling. Start with the vegan cheese and then the bean/veggie filling. Add the avocado and cilantro and top with another tortilla. Carefully flip them over and cook to your preference. Cut into six slices and enjoy it with salsa.

BANANA ICE CREAM

INGREDIENTS:
- Frozen bananas
- 3 tsp. cocoa powder
- Spoonful of peanut butter

INSTRUCTIONS:
- Blend all ingredients in a blender and serve!

Stop settling for food that unsettles your stomach and go make your own healthy and delicious meals! Your body is a temple so treat it well.

HAVE ANY COLLEGE LIFE TIPS, HACKS OR IDEAS?
SUBMIT YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO NPEREZ@SOUTHERN.EDU

DAMNED ACCIDENT

ROXANNE BRUSO

It’s hard to be healthy in college, whether you just don’t want to or simply don’t have the time to make healthy choices. However, we need to be good to our bodies now so it will pay off in the future. The best way to eat healthy is to make your own food so that way you know exactly what is going into your body. Also, cooking is an important skill, especially once you live on your own. So challenge yourself! Here are three healthy recipes that aren’t too complicated to make, so take advantage of those kitchenettes and get cooking!

Roxanne Bruso is a sophomore general studies major.

For the last few weeks, my mom and I have been through the gauntlet with our finances in order for me to get back into school this semester. My dad recently walked out on us, and with her being the only one working for the last year or two, things got real tough, real quick. Fast-forward to the present. Here we are, starting at a six-figure number, trying to figure out how or where to get the money. When people would ask, ‘How are classes looking for this semester?’ I would tell them, ‘Great,’ knowing that I literally couldn’t even register. When people who knew my situation would ask me, ‘So what are you going to do?’ I would say, ‘What do you mean? I’ll be in school this semester. Just watch.’ The only explanation I can give for my uncommon faith is that my mom is like that but 10 times more potent. I give for my uncommon faith that, after a denied financial appeal, two weeks into the semester. In the very last minutes of registration, my registration was opened. After running around like a madman and disturbing classrooms in the middle of lectures, I was able to come up with enough signatures to be considered a full-time student. I don’t care what anyone says: God is real, and He wants me here.”

Submit suggestions for “People of Southern” by emailing bryantrodriguez@southern.edu.

PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN:
Damien Dennis

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LIFESTYLE

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Preseason is a time to pray your favorite players don’t get hurt. Unfortunately, injuries are inevitable. Most notably this year, the Green Bay Packers have lost their primary receiver, Jordy Nelson, to an ACL injury that will keep him sidelined for the entire season. For example: they lost every game that season and went 0-16.

“Season of Softball”

Joel Suffriti & Eloise Ravell
Contributor & Managing Editor

“There’s a time for everything,” as God said through Solomon, and now is the time for softball season. Softball allows students and faculty to get together outside the classroom and see each other in a different light, helping us get to know our peers. A great way to create new friendships is simply by being teammates. All the ups and downs that occur throughout the season will help strengthen friendships and encourage teamwork.

At the beginning of each game, we pray to open the avenue for God to work in us while we play, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. Being on a team, it’s important to root each other on and help our teammates do their best. This creates a common objective in lasting friendships: to strengthen and support each other.

Not only is softball a great way to meet new friends, but it’s also an opportunity to take a mental break and make some memories, to put on your cleats and take the field, concentrating on playing the game one pitch at a time, to forget about schoolwork and stress and have fun playing the game.

Whether you’re playing softball or simply watching, remember to enjoy the sense of community. Take advantage of the opportunity to play as a team and sharpen your softball skills. Don’t worry, if you missed your chance to play, be sure to sign up for upcoming intramural opportunities.

Joseph Suffriti is a junior corporate community wellness management major.

“MEET THE EDITOR”

Parker Center

Sports connoisseur and devoted player and fan, my life has always revolved around athletics. My name is Parker Center and I grew up playing a number of sports like baseball, tennis, golf, and recently ultimate Frisbee. Sports is and always will be my passion and I am excited to be your Sports Editor this year. I was raised in Zephyrhills, which is just outside of Tampa, Florida, and I am a freshman majoring in Long Term Care Administration. If you would like to contribute or write for the sports page, please contact me at pcenerer@ southern.edu. I am looking forward to filling you in with the latest in sports news!

“Football Is Back”

Parker Center

Sports Editor

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“Top 10 teams to win Super Bowl 50”

1 - Green Bay Packers 6-1
2 - Seattle Seahawks 13-2
3 - Indianapolis Colts 8-1
4 - New England Patriots 8-1
5 - Dallas Cowboys 10-1
6 - Denver Broncos 12-1
7 - Philadelphia Eagles 20-1
8 - Pittsburgh Steelers 25-1
9 - Arizona Cardinals 25-1
10 - Baltimore Ravens 25-1

According to Bovada.com.
### CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY (17 Sep)
- Constitution Day
- Convocation: Constitution Day, 11a, Iles, Dennis Boggs
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Student Organization Presidents Orientation, 5:30p, Presidential Banquet Room
- Convocation: Abe Lincoln Impersonator, 7:30p, Thatcher, Dennis Boggs (2 Credits)

#### FRIDAY (18 Sep)
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- SOAP Horseback Riding, 1p, Wright Hall
- International Student Event, 2p, Wright Hall
- Reynolds’ Chair Symposium, 6:30-8p, Hulsey Wellness Center
- Lawn Concert Vespers, 8p, Goliath Wall
- Star Watch, 8:30-9:30p, Hickman Parking Lot
- Sunset, 7:45p

#### SABBATH (19 Sep)
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Ken Norton
- Reynolds’ Chair Symposium, 9:30-Noon, Hulsey Wellness Center
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Ken Norton
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, LeClare Litchfield
- Evensong, 7:30p, Church
- SA Harlem Wizards Basketball Game, 9p, Iles (ID Cards Required)

#### SUNDAY (20 Sep)
- SOAP Ocoee Rafting Trip, 10a, Wright Hall
- Cave & Goliath Wall Open, 11a-3p, Student Park
- Dave Cress Memorial Golf Tournament, Nob North Golf Course
- Sigma Theta Chi WOW Walk (Women’s Oncology Warriors)

#### MONDAY (21 Sep)
- GRE Subject Exam, Lynn Wood
- ViewSouthern (21-22)
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p
- Convocation: Piano, 7:30p, Ackerman Auditorium, Paul Kenyon (2 Credits)

#### TUESDAY (22 Sep)
- Student Organizations Advisers’ Meeting, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- Pre-Professional Committee Meeting, 6p, Presidential Banquet Room
- Convocation: Around the World in 90 Minutes, Marty Essen, 7:30p, Iles (2 Credits)

#### WEDNESDAY (23 Sep)
- First Day of Autumn
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room
- Convocation: Sexual Awareness, Katie Koestner, 7:30p, Iles (2 Credits)

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### [STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

**Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon:** The 32nd Annual Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon will take place Oct. 4 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. For further details, visit the website: www.southerntriathlon.com. Rates for students under 24 years of age is $30 for individuals and $75 for relay teams until Sept. 17 and $55 for individuals and $99 for relay teams until Sept. 29. For registration information, contact Kari Shultz, director of Student Life & Activities. For general race information, contact Bob Benge in Iles P.E. Center. There is race day registration, but the price is higher.

**uQuest Missions:** Exciting mission trip opportunities await you this year! Trips occur during Christmas break, spring break, and summer and are typically 10 days to two weeks in length. There are many locations to choose from, including Brazil, Egypt, Navajo Nation, Haiti, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina and the Dominican Republic. Participation is limited, so if you are interested in going on a mission trip, please contact our uQuest short-term missions office at 423-236-2121 or email uquestmissions@southern.edu. We would also love to talk to you, so stop by our office any time. We are located in Campus Ministries at the Student Center.

### [S.A. Announcements]

**Harlem Wizards:** This Saturday night the Harlem Wizards will be facing off against our very own students and faculty. They will be playing at Iles P.E. Center at 9p. Bring Southern ID card for entrance.

**Yearbook:** If you haven’t picked up your copy of the 2014-15 yearbook, please stop by the Student Association office to pick it up.

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NEW MEDIA

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Tweet Us
@southern_accent

It’s 2015, why are there still no nap pods on campus? #saulife @Southern_Accent

Inah Ulangca @alohainah
Nursing, JR

Week 4 & I’ve gone from “I’m going to dress nice for class” to “well at least I’m dressed” #college

Julia Bonney @jbonney2
Mass Comm Writing & Editing, JR

You know you’ve been up forever when you say Pennsleldephia as if it’s a normal word

Veronica Garcia @veronicalyngar
Business Admin & Public Relations, SR

My roomie is in the most peaceful sleep rn. Should I wake her up or wait till the fire alarm does?

Corinne Jordan @CorinneAlanna
Public Relations, SR

“They know you’ve been up forever when you say Pennsleldephia as if it’s a normal word.”

-- Encouraging Teacher #saulife

Jessica Anzai @Jeelsika
Public Relations, SR

Use #saulife

and your post
might be
featured in next
week’s issue!

Not stressing when half of Hickman is stressing over a biochem test, is my reward for 4 grueling weeks of summer biochem. #SAUlife

Andy Hausted @andyhausted
Chemistry, JR

That moment when everyone in Talge wants to be Clayton Powell so as to complete check, and then NOBODY wants to be Clayton Powell. #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

You know it’s going to be a good day when you feel like dancing to the timer going off in the vm as you wait for more tater tots. #saulife

Casey Vaughn @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

How to make money as a broke college student using your phone

iOS Only:

Do you have a car? Well, there is an app that pays you to drive! The more miles you get, the more points you can collect to exchange for gift cards. The app is called “Ride” and does not consume much battery life. It takes about 20 miles to get 15 cents. Download it and enjoy the ride!

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SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY UPDATED
AMNESTY CLAUSE ADDED TO COMPLY WITH TITLE IX

Rosana Hughes
Editor-in-Chief

Southern Adventist University has expanded its sexual misconduct policy and included an amnesty clause as part of its compliance with the government’s Title IX policies.

The expanded sexual misconduct policy, voted in by the faculty senate in April 2015, includes a clause under the investigation overview section that states, “…to encourage reporting, the university may, where appropriate, offer leniency with respect to other policy violations. The nature and scope of the leniency depends on the particular circumstances involved.”

This clause ensures that a student who is a survivor of sexual misconduct that occurred while engaging in activities not approved by Southern’s code of conduct may still come forward and not face disciplinary action.

“This statement is not to condone other actions, or to say that they are less important than sexual misconduct,” said Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services, addressing issues such as drinking alcohol or engaging in consensual (to a degree) sex. “The motivation for the statement is to get survivors to come forward.”

Negron said the previous policy regarding sexual misconduct occupied approximately three paragraphs of the student handbook. Now there is a 55-page policy solely dedicated to the topic.

Since Southern began raising awareness of Title IX policies last school year, there were 15 reported cases in the 2014-2015 academic year as opposed to an average of four cases in previous academic years. Of the 15 reported cases, only one was filed under the amnesty clause.

This year, Southern started its Title IX awareness campaign by training all student leaders to report any instances of sexual misconduct they witness or of which they are informed. All freshmen, transfer students and new employees will go through the online training module that was offered last year. The module teaches students how to recognize sexual misconduct and what to do if it happens.

“In addition, students and employees should expect more presentations on topics such as avoiding/addressing sexual misconduct on campus, reporting responsibilities, and about being helpful by-standard, said Title IX Coordinator, Brenda Flores-Lopez. “I believe that these discussions will help to create a respectful environment,”

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STUDENTS REACT TO DINING HALL PRICE CHANGES
Abigail Hunt
Staff Writer

Flat rates in cafeteria are out and pay-per-ounce is in. The recent change in dining hall pricing is said to be cost effective for the university; however, students are not particularly taken with this change.

“We discovered that the amounts placed on the plates were inconsistent and not cost-effective,” explained Jeri Pewsey, assistant food services director, when asked about the flat-rate plate used last year in the dining hall.

In a survey conducted by Food Services last year, a primary complaint revolved around food pricing. Students wanted to know what their food would cost as soon as they had a plate in their hands. However, with the system of weighing food per ounce, a simple constant cost is never the case.

In the spirit of good will, Food Services decided to implement flat-rate plates. Dining hall staff soon realized that it was impossible to keep

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WIZARDS BEAT SOUTHERN IN BASKETBALL
Kimberly Crooks
Staff Writer

The Student Association (SA) invited students and the Collegedale community to the Harlem Wizards vs. SAU basketball game in Illes P.E. Center on Sept. 20. At the gym’s entrance, attendees were greeted by SA President Jacob Metzner.

Metzner explained that the basketball game was more about the comedy and entertainment than who actually wins.

President Gordon Bietz introduced Southern’s players. Bietz also introduced Metzner to pray and Aren Bruce, junior religious studies major, to sing the national anthem.

Voice of the Wizards, Jamel Thompson, introduced the Wizards players and the referees for the game, Adam Rivera and Nick Ciminello. Ciminello said they weren’t really refereeing the game.

“I’m not really refereing. [The Wizards] tell me what to do. It’s like an All-Star game. There’s no defense,” said Ciminello.

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The symposium featured an English, History and Modern Languages departments perspective. The English department opened the symposium Friday evening with a panel presentation of how Christianity juxtaposes postmodernism. Professor Rachel Byrd began with discussing postmodernism and the instability of language. Byrd said that postmodern insights about language do not pose a threat to Seventh-day Adventist understandings of the truth.

Laurie Stankavich, associate professor of English, discussed postmodernism and power. Stankavich said Christians offers an alternative view of power—the power of love and sacrifice demonstrated through Philippians 2 (“He must increase and I must decrease”) and the act of Christ, an all-powerful Being who became weak for the sake of humanity.

Linda Tym, assistant professor, discussed individual identity and memory, quoting John Donne’s “No man is an island,” Tym said we are not isolated but are members of a community and that sharing binds people together in community.

Alumna Amanda Gomez, ’14, discussed religious memes on the Internet. Gomez suggested that memes are a way for Christians to explore issues of faith. She showed memes generated by the women’s ordination debate at this year’s General Conference session.

Closing the presentation, Amanda Ruf, senior English and history major, shared that she uses multiple resources for truth and knowledge and said that Christians can engage issues fearlessly because light is not afraid of darkness, as light drives out darkness.

On Sabbath, the History department presented a panel of both current and former students. Oliver Bragg, junior global policy and service studies major, presented a current perspective on the weekend’s theme, while alumni Colton Adams and Rebecca Theus graduated a presenter’s perspective.

Professors Adrienne Royo and Pierre Nkokwima from the Modern Languages department ended the discussion by sharing the power of multilingualism and inroads into the cultures of the world.

The string quartet Inefihili, featuring students Bethany and Breanna Thornton and Daniel Howard and alumnus David O’Rave, played Friday night and Sabbath morning.

Stankavich said that of the five presentations fit better than expected and that the symposium offered a chance for them to honor God with their minds and share this with students.

“Serving God with my mind and passing on this passion to students is definitely part of my personal mission in teaching at an Adventist university,” Stankavich said. “It was energizing to see that all the participants—faculty, recent graduates and current students—all shared this passion.”

“I found it extremely meaningful and significant,” said Royo, “to have faculty, alumni and current students come together in an intellectual pursuit of understanding of our possibilities as professionals, Christians, and intellectually minded individuals. Indeed, intellectual pursuits and spiritual values are not separate entities at all. When one accepts the honor of being an earthly ambassador for celestial matters, this does not supersede being an integral element of this world as a contributing citizen.”

“I thought the symposium was extremely well-done,” said Gomez. “The Bible says in Isaiah 6:3 that the whole earth is full of God’s glory. As created beings, we miss out on experiencing the full glory of God if we do not engage with those around us.”

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Southern participates in concert to benefit shooting victims

Southern Adventist University students and staff participated in Chattanooga Unite: Tribute on the River, a benefit event held to help the families of victims shot on July 16. The event took place on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Ross’s Landing.

The event included a parade, memorial service, concert and fireworks. Samuel L. Jackson, Chattanooga native, emceed the event and performers included Harry Connick Jr., Branley Gilbert, Trace Adkins, Colt Ford and Aaron Lewis. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels performed a flyover as well. Although the event was free, all donations collected went to help the victims’ families.

The East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra (ETSO) accompanied Harry Connick Jr. and his band on a jazz rendition of “Eternal Father, Strong to Save,” better known as the “Navy Hymn.” Among the orchestra members was Southern chaplain Brennon Kirstein, who plays violin. He appreciated the chance to play with Connick Jr. and got a picture with Jackson, but Kirstein said his favorite part was being able to rally together with the city of Chattanooga.

“This is our town and we want to support each other,” Kirstein said. Junior nursing major Alicia Salazar, who also played violin with the orchestra, had to rearrange her schedule for the event. Salazar, a self-described huge fan of Connick Jr., said she was glad that she could participate.

“I feel like it’s this event that just got added to my bucket list that I just wasn’t ever, ever expecting,” she said. Salazar was doing clinical rotations at Memorial Hospital when the shootings took place, resulting in a lockdown of the facility.

Kendall Pendergrass, senior technology and management major, attended the event.

“It’s good for us to do something in our community because it was close to home,” Pendergrass said. “But I also think it’s a shame that we can’t show that level of support to all the people that die overseas and stuff.”

Keely Tary and Linda Tym, English department chair and assistant professor, and Ellen Francisco, School of Music adjunct professor, also played with the orchestra.

Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Sullivan, Staff Sgt. David Wyatt, Sgt. Carson Holmqquist, Lance Cpl. Squire “Skip” Wells, Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith and Officer Dennis Pedigo were shot by Mohammad Youssef Abdulazeez at two military sites in July. The five servicemen died.

“I felt honored to play a part in Chattanooga’s history in terms of honoring those fallen soldiers,” Salazar said.

Benefit concert raising funds for family of I-75 crash victim

COLLEGEDALE, TN — Southern’s School of Music is holding a benefit concert on September 27 to honor Brian Gallaher, one of six fatalities in the massive I-75 pileup near Ooltewah on June 25 that was the deadliest Chattanooga area traffic incident of the past 10 years. Gallaher was an Ocoee Middle School band director who would often perform with Southern’s Wind Symphony, Jazz Ensemble, and Symphony Orchestra. Ken Parsons, associate professor in the School of Music, remembers him as “an excellent trumpet player” and “a wonderful teacher who was very much loved.”

Following the accident, Parsons and Scott Ball, dean of the School of Music, began discussions on the best way to honor their friend. In the end, they decided that a benefit concert was a fitting tribute and should generate more money for Gallaher’s wife and kids than out-of-pocket donations. The School of Music is matching proceeds from ticket sales, and an anonymous donor has offered to do the same.

For the concert, Southern’s Jazz Ensemble will pull tunes from past years, as well as songs Gallaher played with his middle school band. Southern will also be bringing in Nathan Warner, a trumpet professor from Lee University where Gallaher graduated, to participate in the performance.

The benefit concert for Gallaher’s family takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 27, in Southern’s Ackerman Auditorium. Tickets are $10 and available on site beginning at 6 p.m. For more information, call 423.236.2886.

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Students react to Dining Hall price changes

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portion sizes consistent.

“We had to make the choice to go back to weigh, Fawes is said. “Out of curiosity, we took a to-go container and filled it like many students do. When we took the food back out, it filled two plates.”

Some students dislike the change.

“Southern needs to realize that the majority of Southern students are broke, and this is forcing them to eat little at the cafeteria or not even eat there at all,” said Sarah Abouel-fatouh, a sophomore music major. “The cafeteria needs to come up with a better strategy to not lose money.”

While paying per ounce may not be the student body’s favorite method, it is a consistent one. The scale doesn’t lie. Pewsey said that Dining Hall staff started marking certain foods with a yellow star. The yellow star indicates that the item is not expensive to make but will weigh more on the scale. These designated items are rung up differently in order to save students money.

Other students are approaching the situation in a different way.

“I have a smaller meal plan this semester so that more of my money goes to making food, so eating at Dining that’s more economical,” said Joelle Kanya, sophomore financial management major. “I get the fact that the cafe is not a fast-food restaurant, so that’s why as a broke college student, I’ll use it less.”

Hannah Odenthal, sophomore psychology major, said, “It [per ounce pricing] is more affordable, but it’s harder to know what you’re paying until you’re at the register. If you only want to pay a certain amount, you just have to guess.”

Students happy and unhappy with the food pricing can talk to ambassadors and students senators around campus, as well as exploring other on-campus dining options such as the Village Market, KR’s Place and the Kayak.

Hallway remodeled

DANIELLE ALLEN
Lead Reporter

Toward the end of Winter 2015, Architectural Services began their two phase remodel of the Information Technology hallway on the second floor of Wright Hall. Phase one consisted of the Sabath design of the hallway and restrooms. Phase two is the remodeling of the Information Services office, now called Information Technology, which is expected to be completed by next semester.

When asked about the motivation behind the remodeling, Becky Djinres, interior design coordinator, said, “[the hallway] is probably the most used hallway on campus, and it was horrendously worn and ugly.”

According to Architectural Services, walls were moved, the ceiling was raised, energy efficient lighting was installed and the restrooms were totally gutted, reconfigured and renovated. Along with comfortable seating, pictures of past events and highlights of places around campus were added to the hallway.

The overall reception to the remodeling has been positive. “Some were very concerned about the bright green wall; however, once the project was complete, most came around,” Djinres said.

Djinres wanted to incorporate the school colors into the design, give the hallway a fresh look, and make it comfortable for students to study or relax.

“The new color scheme and the addition of the pictures make it more inviting for students to hang out and chill,” said sophomore graphic design major Danyelle Elysée.

Upperclassmen and graduate students have also been receptive to the changes. Master’s social work major Marvella Davis said that the hallway is more welcoming and offers more study space for students. Junior art therapy major Ellie Doze said she initially did not understand the purpose of the renovations.

“The renovations have changed the entire environment of the hallway. It’s become a place where people actually want to hang out and enjoy themselves,” Doze said. “I’ve even seen people studying there. I think that it’s made a positive impact on the student body.”

Phase two of the remodeling, which is the reconstruction of the entire Information Technology office, is currently underway. In addition, the hallway formerly housed the Campus Card office. The Information Technology office was unable to comment before press time on the progress of current renovations and the future of the information technology hallway.

Sexual misconduct policy updated

SAMANTA HEAS & CASSIE MATCHIM
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Another lawn vespers came and went for Southern on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Goliath Wall. The theme was “We Sing Hallolehah,” hosted by senior journalism and global policy major Cassie Matchim and senior chemistry major Obadiah Groft.

Students, faculty and even some families from the community gathered together to celebrate the Sabath with songs, skits and monologues. Attendance was high, with hardly any walking space in between the sprawled-out blankets. Cookies and brownies were offered afterward.

Some students consider it to be the “best vespers of the year.”

“People told me that it’s the vespers I don’t want to miss because it’s the bomb,” said Hannah Lee, freshman general studies major.

The program began as the sun started to set. With the variety of performances offered, spectators seemed to stay attentive and the program appeared to flow seamlessly.

Junior journalism and global policy major Danielle Allen performed a song entitled “How Can It Be?” by Lauren Daigle. She said she was nervous to perform because she has stage fright.

“But then I thought to myself that I’m not really doing this for me,” Allen said. “I’m doing this as a ministry and my anxiety will only distract me from delivering the song well.”

The program seemed to move many, yet there seemed to have been some flaws.

“Compared to previous lawn vespers, this one was really short,” said Evinn Rochester, senior health science major. “I feel that in recent years, they had more performances.”

A total of 17 auditions were held and only 11 acts were selected.

Assistant Chaplain Maurice Groft said, “If given a second go around, I would have pushed more promotions for auditions to give more students the opportunity to be involved.”

Safety or if it involves an employee, go to Brenda Flores-Lopez in Human Resources. Under Title IX, all universities are required to take immediate action in investigating sexual violence even if law enforcement is not involved to ensure a victim can continue his or her education free of ongoing threats.

Southern’s sexual misconduct policy may be viewed online on the Student Services website under Title IX and sexual misconduct information.

Le Rouge performs at lawn vespers. Photo by Debbie Hall

The remodel adds seating to the hallway. Photo by Debbie Hall

Margaret and Grant money.

Students react to Dining Hall price changes

Attendance high for lawn vespers

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Love letters from Jesus

ANTHONY BURRELL
Contributor

"Come to me, all you who are tired and are carrying heavy loads. I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28 NIV
I intended these words for everybody, especially you. Through Me you can find a knowledge of God. You don’t have to feel shut out from My care and love. Just come to Me with all of your burdens.

You may think you’re impressing somebody by strictly following religious customs, but we both know that it isn’t satisfying. You can pretend to be happy with worldly pleasure, but in your heart you’re scared and doubtful. I see you stressing out with heaviness in your heart, disappointed and trying to quiet the longing of your soul with the joys of this earth. Come find rest in Me.

"Become my servants and learn from me. I am gentle and free of pride. You will find rest for your souls. Serving me is easy, and my load is light." Matthew 11:29-30 NIRV

These words are meant for you. You can act otherwise, but we both know you’re tired and weighed down. You’re carrying a weight that only I can take away. I’m not just talking about stress that you bring on yourself by making bad decisions. I’m not even talking about the temporary trials that I’ve called you to hear just to help you out in the long run. The weight that I’m talking about is heavier than your course load, your social drama or the fact that you’re low on funds.

The heaviest weight that you carry is your sin. If I let you carry it alone it would crush you. But I, the Sinless One, took your place. My Father laid all of your sins on Me. I carried the weight of your guilt on the cross of Calvary. I’m just waiting for you to let Me take that weight off of your tired shoulders. I will give you rest for your soul and I’ll take all of your cares and your depression. You can bring everything to Me because I hold you in My heart.

You still don’t get it? I’m standing by my Father’s throne right now, looking at you every second of every day waiting for you to look back. I know your weakness by experience, the cravings of your human nature and the pull of your temptations because I was tempted like you in every way, but I never sinned. I watch over you. I see you give into your desires and slip into depression and self-pity afterward. Feeling sorry for yourself can’t save you. You say, “But I’m tempted to sin!” I’ll rescue you! You say, “But I’m so weak!” I’ll give you my strength! You say, “But I don’t even know what to do.” I’ll give you my wisdom. You still say, “But I’m hurting.” I will heal you.

Birthday reflections: worship & surrender

JOE BRIONES
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It’s 11:59. I am counting the seconds. Ten, nine, eight, seven, six, five, four, three, two, one... “Happy birthday!” I turned twenty and I realized that I was one day closer to being with Jesus.

As my birthday came and went this past Monday, I reflected on my spiritual life and the changes that God has been able to work in me this past year. Every year I do a check-up to see how much I’ve grown spiritually, emotionally, psychologically and financially (well, that last one is a bit hard here at Southern).

But I’m finding it harder and harder to grow every year. I know I have changed and that Jesus is working in my life, but the changes don’t seem incredibly noticeable. It has just been slow and steady. So how can we become more transformed into the likeness of Christ? One simple word resonates with me when I ask this question every year: surrender.

The Bible calls us to surrender ourselves to God. It calls us to give Him our all and trust that He will deliver us by the power of His spirit.

The Word says in Romans 12:1, “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” Paul then says that we need to renew our minds, but how can we do that by surrendering our bodies?

through worship. The worship that God calls us to have with Him is a rational, logical, spiritual worship. The translation here fails to convey that worship is not only an emotional-spiritual process but also a cognitive one. The Greek word employed here is λογικήν and shows the deep connection between emotions and thoughts. Our worship is to surrender, to present all aspects of our bodies to God, and as Romans 12:2 says, be transformed by the grace of Christ. Surrendering our lives to God is not easy, but it is something that can and should be achieved daily. It is found in the small acts such as praying, reading your Bible, helping a friend, preaching the Word and any activity that gives Him glory. He is just waiting for us to surrender in order to use us.

God is calling us to be renewed and to choose Him. As a generation of Laodiceans, or half-hearted participants in the church, we need to cognitively choose to surrender ourselves to Him and allow Him to change us through the power of the Holy Spirit. After this happens, all of us will see how He gives us the daily empowerment to serve Him and glorify His name.
A neurosurgeon or a robber baron?

Austin von Henner
Contributor

The Grand Old Party (GOP) has stood in history for many things, most unfortunately forgotten. The Republican Party was founded to end slavery in the United States with Abraham Lincoln as our first Republican president. We championed women’s suffrage (right to vote) and officially defeated the greatest threat to the free world: the Soviet Union.

With all these important legacies, why is the Republican Party not winning the presidency these last two elections? Well, the answer is both hard to solve but easy to explain. Simply put, collectivism, or giving a group priority over the individuals in it, has shaped our society to the point of its being considered “social justice.” Many Americans only care about government handouts in recent years. Just as the Democratic Party likes to have its hands in everyone’s pockets, they fill their voting stock with those people’s rightfully-earned money.

The Republican Party is trying to fight back with promoting the old “American Dream” of independence, responsibility, and financial success. To no one’s surprise, this old philosophy does not sit well with a populace that has been depending on the government for many services. Democratic candidates Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton are both boasting massive socialist policies, and many Americans are drawn to these promises of wealth redistribution.

As for the Republican Party, we are outraged. Our forefathers have rolled in their graves long enough while Democrats try to pass legislation that our country sacrificed many soldiers to prevent from landing on our shores. Now the waterfront is bloody red, and we as a party have to answer its calling against such tyranny now more than ever.

Presidential candidate Dr. Ben Carson has answered that call. A hero to most Americans in his own right, Carson represents, like many of our candidates, a thirst for justice and a love for his country. He represents the American Dream. This frightens the Democrats. Success is frightening to a collective state.

Presidential candidate Donald Trump represents the other side of the Republican Party, the angry and blind-sided Americans. Trump tapped into some energy that has not been properly ignited in the last couple decades—the frustration many Americans feel towards big government.

While I can sympathize with their anger, it is being misused and abused. Quite frankly, Trump is a clown and an entertainer. He is only doing this because he has nothing better to do, and he has the money to waste on it. In fact, it was not too long ago that Trump considered himself a liberal Democrat. Obviously, Republicans should not trust him, yet many do. It is scary to think that Republicans would vote for such an ignorant candidate in our own party, but the Democrats have had that problem in their own party for decades.

Fortunately, Carson is here to show the world what the Republican Party truly is. Carson represents the all-American Christian conservative—something that has been sorely lacking the last seven years. Carson sends a message to the American people that he wants to help bring back their rightful freedoms back. He is willing to take the liberal establishment head on and bring forth well-ordered constructive criticism to the liberals who condone them.

As a fellow patriot, Adventist, American and Southern student, I encourage the student body to support Ben Carson in his campaign to save our great nation and to please leave Trump where he belongs: in the wig shop.

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PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN:
Lydia Felt & Greg Wright

For those of you who have ever taken the well-known Myers-Briggs personality test, you are familiar with the 16 personality types. If you haven’t, the test divides our complex personalities into four dimensions: 1. Introvert (I) or Extrovert (E); 2. Intuitive (N) or Sensing (S); 3. Feeling (F) or Thinking (T); 4. Judging (J) or Perceiving (P).

If you have taken the test, here’s a small analysis taken from the Myers Briggs section of the Campus Toolkit website of each of the four dimensions so you can decide what career fits you best. Compiled from campustoolkit.com.

**Extrovert** (60 percent of the population)
- Learns best from doing
- Is more at ease and confident socially

**Introvert** (40 percent of the population)
- Prefers working alone or with one other
- Likes quiet space to work

**Sensing** (65 percent of the population)
- Realistic and practical
- Likes routines and order

**Intuitive** (35 percent of population)
- Is more imaginative and abstract
- Dislikes routine and detail work

**Feeler** (65 percent of females, 45 percent of males)
- Focuses more on personal relationships
- Likes harmony, dislikes conflict

**Thinker** (35 percent of females, 55 percent of males)
- Wants things to be fair and reasonable
- Is tuned in to logical consistency

**Judger** (45 percent of population)
- Has very set opinions
- Likes order and organization

**Perceiver** (55 percent of population)
- Likes the spontaneous and unplanned
- Is flexible, adaptable, and tolerant

**ISTJ**
Management, Administration, Law Enforcement, Accounting

**ISFJ**
Education, Health Care, Religious Settings

**ISTP**
Skilled Trades, Technical Fields, Computers, Agriculture, Military

**ISFP**
Health Care, Business, Law Enforcement

**ESTP**
Marketing, Skilled Trades, Business, Law Enforcement, Applied Technology

**ESFP**
Health Care, Coaching, Skilled Trades, Childcare, Public Relations

**ESTJ**
Management, Administration, Law Enforcement

**ESFJ**
Education, Health Care, Religion

**INFP**
Counseling, Writing, Arts

**INTP**
Sciences, Technical Fields, Computers, Design

**INFJ**
Religion, Counseling, Teaching, Arts, Writing

**INTJ**
Science, Computers, Law, Academics

**ENFP**
Counseling, Teaching, Religion, Arts, Public Relations

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Science, Management, Technology, Arts, Design

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The “King of Clay” has been in dismay since his brutal defeat in the third round of the 2015 U.S. Open on Sept. 4. Rafael “Rafa” Nadal is known throughout the tennis world as being the game’s greatest grinder. He is a player who never gives up on a ball, and he will use the crowd against his opponent by rousing them with energetic fist pumps.

As of this season, however, there has been nothing, “nada.” Nadal has been the number one player in the world for quite a while, but with the recent dominance of Novak Djokovic, Stan Wawrinka and the ever-so-consistent Roger Federer, the number one spot has long since been ripped from his grasp. Dropping one or two places in the ranks is normal when these players are performing the way they are, but after he dropped from number one to number eight in the world, many have grown skeptical about Nadal’s ability to play the way he did before.

Although the ascension of several great players has brought Nadal trouble, the new crop of talent is not expected of him. The real problem is that his body is failing him. His ailing ankles and knees force him to withdraw from crucial tournaments, which opened opportunities for Wawrinka to emerge as one of the best players this year. Since 2005, Nadal has won at least one major tournament each year, including the Australian Open, the French Open, Wimbledon, and the U.S. Open. Finishing in the quarterfinals in both the Australian and French Open and losing in a stunning second round match to Dustin Brown, ranked 102nd at Wimbledon, Nadal had one last chance to get his major in at the U.S. Open.

In the first round, Nadal faced Borna Coric, an 18 year-old from Croatia who turned pro in 2013. Although he is only 18, he is 33rd in the world. The 6-foot-1-inch Croatian took one set from Nadal, but one was all he could muster. In the end, he lost to Nadal, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Nadal moved on to the second round, where he met with Diego Schwartzman of Argentina. The 23 year old lost in straight sets to Nadal 7-6, 6-3, 7-5. Nadal continued to roll along through his portion of the draw, but beating these opponents was expected of him.

In the third round, Nadal encountered his first opponent able to rival his skill: Fabio Fognini, 32nd in the world. In other words, he doesn’t let his opponents back into the game. This match didn’t seem any different until it was 4-4 in the third set and Fognini broke Nadal’s serve for the first time. He won the third set 6-4. The odds shifted in Fognini’s favor, and he won the next two sets, finishing off the match winning 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. This shocked everyone. No one has ever come back from two sets to none against Nadal in his career.

“It was not my year,” said Nadal about his streak coming to a close, “The only thing it means is I played amazing the last 10 years.” When Fognini was asked about his win, he called it a “mental victory” saying, “To win like that – against him, from two sets down – is something incredible.”

For the Rafael Nadal fans, don’t fret. Nadal is one of the most hardworking players on the court. Yes, there have been injuries yielding him, but he is only 29 years old, and he said he will continue to work on his game.

“Easy to understand, easy to explain, difficult to change,” Nadal said. “But I’m going to do it.”

**What to watch**

(9/25-9/27) - Playoff Implications, Pirates @ Cubs

9/26/15 - Tennessee at Florida, 3:30 p.m. CBS

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**Fantasy Football Tips**

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CALENDAR

24 SEP
THURSDAY

• Convocation: Mock Trial, 11a, Iles, Kevin Wilson
• Graduate Council, 3:30p
• Student Organization Treasurer’s Orientation, 5:30p, Presidential Banquet Room
• Convocation: Sexual Violence Q & A, 7:30p, Thatcher (2 Credits)
• E.O. Grundset Lecture Series, 7:30p, Hulsey Wellness Center Room 3135, Ethan Carver, PhD

25 SEP 76°
FRIDAY

• Flag Football Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/intramurals
• West Side for Jesus and Compassion, 2p, Wright Hall
• SOAP Sand Rock Climbing Trip, 3p, OEC (25-27)
• Ministerial Candidate Recognition, 7:30p, Thatcher Chapel, Peter Kulakov
• Vespers: Latin American Heritage, 8p, Church
• Afterglow, 9:30p, Church Fellowship Hall
• Sunset, 7:34p

26 SEP 76°
SABBATH

• Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
• Sabbath School, 10a, Presidential Banquet Room, Koinonia
• Jesus in the Market Place, 10:15a, Church Fellowship Hall, School of Business & Management
• Collegiate Sabbath School, 10:15a, Overflow room east side of sanctuary
• Young Adult Sabbath School, 10:15a, Senior Center A, main level
• Ministerial Candidate Recognition, 9:30 & 11a, Thatcher Chapel, Peter Kulakov
• Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
• Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
• Chemistry, Math, & Physics Fall Outing
• Hospital Visits, Patten Towers, and West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
• Evensong, 7:30p, Church
• LAC Night, 9:30p, Iles

27 SEP 75°
SUNDAY

• SOAP Ocoee Rafting Trip, 10a, Wright Hall

28 SEP 80°
MONDAY

• Last day for 60% tuition refund
• Faculty Portfolios due, VP for Academic Administration’s office
• University Senate, 3:30p
• Fall at the Wall, 7p, Goliath Wall, Subodh Pandit (2 Credits)

29 SEP 82°
TUESDAY

• BRIDGE Luncheon, 11:45a, Presidential Banquet Room
• Fall at the Wall, 7p, Goliath Wall, Subodh Pandit (2 Credits)

30 SEP 81°
WEDNESDAY

• Payday: Salary
• Faculty Professional Development
• Flag Football Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey
• Fall at the Wall, 7p, Goliath Wall, Subodh Pandit (2 Credits)

BIRTHDAYS

SEPT 24
Lucas Brown
Sara Ford
Michael Huisman
Romet Juba
Joelle Kanyana
Kensley Mace
Rosee Thompson

SEPT 25
Lucy Casas
Steven Dull
Dasha Kulakov
Brianah Lopez
Bre Marin
Brandon Prestes
Lindsay Wood
Alissa Wright
Katie Zoch

SEPT 26
Amy Flores
Ben Gonzalez
Brock Murphree
Kirsty Rosendo
Darian Seals
David Soeharsono

SEPT 27
Phia Champagne
Christopher Hernandez
Jeremy Holt
Joshua Veve
Carla Whittingham

SEPT 28
Zach Brummet
Dina Carreno
Paola Charnichart
Matt Davis
Dennys Dominguez
Emily Henson
Darlene Jesucat
Erin Messinger

SEPT 29
Cathy Lockwitz
Hayden Palm
Nancy Sanchez
Ciara Saranto
Garrett Stephens
Brandon Strachan
Calies Van Philips

SEPT 30
Taylor Alonzo
Melodie Alvarez
Drew Cookenmaster
Alexandra Dye
Veronica Garcia
April Minter
Charlie Young
Lily Zhang

[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

Volunteers Needed: The Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon would benefit from some volunteers to help set up, work the event, or tear down the event. If interested contact Rob Bussey, Associate Professor in the School of PE, Health & Wellness. Friday, October 2 and Sunday, October 4 are the days that help is needed.

uQuest Missions: Exciting mission trip opportunities await you this year!! Trips occur during Christmas break, Spring break, and Summer and are typically 10 days to 2 weeks in length. There are many locations to choose from, including Brazil, Egypt, Navajo Nation, Haiti, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic. Participation is limited so if you are interested in going on a mission trip please contact our uQuest short-term Missions office at 423-236-2121 or email uquestmissions@southern.edu. We would also love to talk to you so stop by our office any time. We are located in Campus Ministries which is in the Student Center.

[S.A. Announcements]

Yearbook: If you haven’t picked up your copy of the 2014-15 Yearbook, please stop by the Student Association office to pick it up.
Shopkick

So you go to Wal-Mart, right? This week’s app rewards you for walking into stores like Wal-Mart, JCPenney and Target. You just need to walk into the store and you get rewards. In addition, if you scan selected products you get extra kicks, or points, that eventually turn into gift cards. You can also make purchases through the app and get kicks for purchasing items at selected stores.

app chat

No way, Jose!

Instagram

Joshua Yang @mr_yangsta
Film Production, SO
First place in my age group 20-24. It was a good effort from everyone out there today! Powered by Cervelo and Southern Striders #sprintTri #SAUrep
5 Things to Expect During the Change of Season at Southern

THE CLASSROOMS GET SUPER HOT
It happens every year. A small cold front passes through the Southeast one weekend in early September, bringing a slight breeze and temperatures in the high 60s. Several teachers on campus go into panic mode, turning up the heat in all of their classrooms as high as it can go. Some of them even run home during lunch or convos to make their faucets drip so their pipes don’t freeze over. Over the span of a few days, all of the overwhelming scientific evidence pointing towards global warming is disregarded, the school’s utility bill goes up 75 percent that month, and that cute sweater you’ve been waiting to wear all semester long is now severely inappropriate for the tropical temperatures of your Southern Connections class. Don’t worry, though; once the cold front passes through after a few days, the outside temperature and humidity will return to what it was, and you will once again consider transferring to Andrews next semester.

ESKIMO JACKETS EVERYWHERE
Aside from early September cold fronts, Tennessee does have its fair share of colder days from October until the end of the year. These temperatures experienced anywhere else in the world can usually be remedied with a long-sleeved shirt or windbreaker, but since you’re in Collegedale, Tenn., you must wear the thickest, furriest, most Dri-FIT and most robust winter coat that you own. People will wear their Patagonia or North Face jackets to a class that’s a two-minute walk from their dorm room and proceed to loudly take them off once inside their oven of a lecture hall. (Now I’m starting to think that teachers turn the heat up in their classrooms for this very reason, out of passive-aggressiveness). It’s almost as if the Promenade becomes a real-life Cabela’s outerwear catalog as if Mike Boyd is offering a Mt. Everest expedition for PE credits this year. There are a few exceptions to this rule, though, as you will find the occasional New Yorker in a pea coat and leather boots or some of the West Coast natives seeing how long they can go in board shorts, tank and flip flops before they catch pneumonia.

BONFIRES
Everyone knows that Patagonia/The North Face gear rated for subzero climates are 100x better when you make them smell like smoke. Just when you thought that the teachers didn’t make their classrooms hot enough, this time of year is perfect for gathering your friends around a stack of dead trees that is literally at its temperature of combustion! Be sure to make good use of your time around the bonfire, taking as many pictures of it as the space on your phone will allow. This is also the perfect moment to use a VSCO Cam filter (other than HB2,) and to save you some time, I’ve included a QR code to a page full of quotes about fire to use on your Instagram post. Who knows, if you search enough, maybe you can find a quote about fire by Henry David Thoreau, showing your friends how in touch you are with 19th century literature!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC
During Christmas time, a season known for fellowship, love and the smell of nutmeg, people become separated in an almost political manner about when the radio can officially start playing Christmas music. The two major schools of thought behind this very serious issue revolve around whether Christmas music should be played before Thanksgiving or after. Many people like to verbally express how much they don’t like hearing Christmas music before Thanksgiving because they think they are somehow intellectually superior, so don’t fail to give them all the attention they are asking for. People on the other side of this argument usually begin to argue among themselves in a constant turf war between Michael Bublé fans and Pentatonix fans, as if they’ve never heard a Christmas song from The Carpenters or Bing Crosby. Be sure to pick a side early—they are asking for. Many people like to verbally express how much they don’t like hearing Christmas music before Thanksgiving because they think they are somehow intellectually superior, so don’t fail to give them all the attention they are asking for. People on the other side of this argument usually begin to argue among themselves in a constant turf war between Michael Bublé fans and Pentatonix fans, as if they’ve never heard a Christmas song from The Carpenters or Bing Crosby. Be sure to pick a side early.

SNOW DAYS
Last but not least—and everyone’s favorite—the time of year when the steady lowering of temperatures fuels you to partly wish for a snow day and partly wish that snow day doesn’t fall on the same day as a home leave. On Monday, Feb. 16, last school year, everyone who attended SAU received emergency texts, emails, phone calls, telegraphs and smoke signals from the school, warning about incoming winter weather so severe that administration called for all classes to be canceled until further notice. Despite the warning, that day turned out to be quite pleasant (for that time of year) with temperatures reaching the low 40s. The sun came out in the afternoon, and people were reported playing Frisbee out on the campus green. While I do commend administration for their better-safe-than-sorry approach, I have heard some conspiracy theories that SAU Snow Day 2015 was actually an inside job by the teachers in efforts to align their class schedules so that more students would have multiple tests on the same day. When asked about the subject, administration preferred not to release a statement.

Pro Tip: If you’re from the northern U.S., make sure to tell everyone you know that you drive in the ice and snow all the time, tell them how easy it is and then chastise them for merely living in a geographical region that doesn’t experience much weather below the 20s.
CONCERT HONORS BAND DIRECTOR

Abigail Hunt
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 2, Ackerman Auditorium was filled with the sounds of jazz, in honor of Brian Gallaher, the band director at Ocoee Middle School who passed away in the I-75 pileup on June 25.

Scott Ball, dean of the School of Music, and Ken Parsons, band and jazz ensemble conductor, wanted to do something special in honor of their friend. Ball and Parsons decided to hold a concert and give all ticket proceeds to Gallaher’s family.

“Brian really was part of our family,” said Parsons. “We have collected an amount payable [for Brian’s family] of $3,205.”

Gallaher was an active musician and runner. He lived in Cleveland, Tenn. for the entirety of his life and was survived by his wife of 14 years and their two children.

The ensemble played tunes especially liked by Gallaher, who often accompanied the Southern Adventist University Jazz Ensemble on the trumpet.

Guest performer Nathan Warner from Lee University performed on his trumpet. Dressed head-to-toe in gray plaid with slicked-back hair, he played “Round Midnight” by Cootie Williams and Thelonious Monk.

Before the last piece, Parsons turned to the audience and shared an experience from the concert at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

“It was a sin that the event was canceled. The decisions that led to the cancellation were made by the university’s code of conduct—and included an amnesty clause to comply with Title IX policies. This article raised many questions across social media about the policy’s wording.

Southern is a university that does not condone premarital sex or drinking alcohol, but it does, like other universities, take cases of sexual misconduct very seriously. This is why an amnesty clause was incorporated into the sexual misconduct policy—to ensure that students that are victims of sexual misconduct are able to come forward without fear of discipline from the university, even if they were engaged in activities not condoned by the university’s code of conduct.

The policy states that the university may offer leniency to students who violate Southern’s code of conduct—not state or federal law. The amnesty clause states, “The nature and scope of the leniency depends on the particular circumstances involved.” This statement is required to be incorporated in the policy due to some instances where the university cannot offer leniency to its students even if they are victims of sexual misconduct.

For example, if a student became a victim of sexual misconduct in a vehicle he or she
Rape victim shares story at convocation

CLEMENTSON SUPRIYADI
Staff Writer

Southern Adventist University’s Sexual Awareness Week featured Katie Koestner, a survivor of date rape, at an evening convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Koestner was asked to highlight the importance of Title IX and consent by sharing the details of her own case that took place in 1990.

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimination in education. According to Southern’s own sexual misconduct policy, “Southern Adventist University is committed to promoting a campus environment where sexual misconduct is not tolerated and where victims of sexual misconduct of all kinds are provided support and avenues of correction as appropriate.” Koestner shared details of her own rape to show Southern students the relationship between the university’s policy and the responsibility that everyone has to help each other.

Koestner was raped in 1990 during the third weekend of her freshman year at the College of William and Mary. The rapist was not a stranger but rather someone she knew and trusted. Though the school board found him guilty, the punishment was inconsequential: no visitation to Koestner’s residence hall for one semester.

Unsatisfied with the outcome, Koestner began to speak out. In 1991, Koestner appeared on the cover of Time magazine, bringing date rape to national attention. Koestner became an advocate and board member of Take Back the Night, an “international 501(c)3 charitable foundation that seeks to end sexual violence in all of its forms including sexual assault, sexual abuse, dating violence, and domestic violence.” Koestner’s convocation wasn’t solely to focus on what happened to her.

“I tell you not for your pity. I don’t need it,” she said. “I tell you because you, the student body, need to know you can change the world. Just speak.”

Koestner encouraged the student body to “set the standard for campus” and said, “Does she have to be a sister or a friend for you to do something? Will you just help anyone? I am one. You are many.” Koestner specifically brought attention to Southern students when she said, “Within your own bubble, there’s people that need help.”

Junior social work major Stephanie Rupay-Rumrill strongly agreed.

“Personally, I think people here at Southern are too sheltered,” said Rupay-Rumrill. “We think nothing like that would happen here, but it already does.”

Unfortunately, due to a miscommunication, not everyone was able to attend Koestner’s convocation. The original scheduled time of 7:30 p.m. was changed to 7:00 p.m. Only some of the campus posters were changed to include the correct time.

“The time change was definitely a little confusing for those who came in halfway through the story,” said Myron Madden, senior mass communications major, “but while they did miss part of the presentation, I feel like they still got the underlying message—and conviction credit. I’m glad she shared her story with the students, and I hope it causes those who heard it feel confident enough to seek help or justice if they were in a similar situation.”

Remembering former professor Jan Haluska

Jan Charles Haluska, 73, of Collegedale, died of cancer on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015. He peacefully passed away in his sleep at home.

Dr. Haluska taught in the English department at Southern Adventist University for 33 years, serving as chair from 2008 until his retirement in May 2014. He is especially well remembered for his passionate presentations of literature, faith and humanity in Survey of English Literature, 19th Century British Literature, Ancient Classics and more.

Jan was a person of great integrity and his faith in God remained strong through his final moments,” said Bob Young, senior vice president of Academic Administration. “As scripture says, ‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them’ (Revelation 14:13).” We will miss his steady character and Godly graces.

Physics professor Ken Caviness reflected on Dr. Haluska’s passing. “We mourn. A giant has fallen in Israel. He will be missed,” Caviness said. “For many years Jan has challenged his students — and all of us who spent time with him — to greater things, not only by his incisive reasoning and his obvious compassion, but also by his own example, his ramrod straight integrity and authenticity.”

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3, at Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. and a memorial service following at 4 p.m. Interment will be in Collegedale Memorial Park cemetery.

Information provided by chattanoogan.com and the English department.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Southern Accent and its editor, Rosana Hughes, deserve praise for last week’s article detailing the changes to Southern Adventist University’s sexual misconduct policy. The article is on point in everything it says. But besides praising Ms. Hughes for a job well done, I’d like to further comment on thoughts the article brought to my mind.

Southern’s longer sexual misconduct policy is the result of the federal mandates outlined in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). While this mandate, and others, have made a huge amount of work for this campus to make us compliant, the changes are consistent with the duties of a Christian campus.

Christians are tasked in the Bible to protect the vulnerable. The result of VAWA on this campus is that we are being intentional in giving vulnerable students their voices back. Campus Safety, the residence hall deans, the office of Student Services, Health Services, and administrators—all of us want students to know we take their testimonies of misconduct, which includes non-contact acts like stalking and verbal harassment, seriously.

But our process is intentional about protecting the rights of both alleged survivors and perpetrators. Therefore, I invite everyone to visit the Student Services website and become acquainted with the policy.

I also want to point out that the talk about consent being the most important factor in misconduct can be easily inferred to mean a casual looking of the other way about sexual activity on this campus that is the result of consent. In fact, it is not. Although federal mandates require me to teach the nuances of consent to this campus, my first allegiance is to God. And so I call Southern students to lives of purity consistent with what is taught in the Bible. Federal definitions of consent do not diminish Southern’s policy on sexual conduct, which is grounded in the Biblical call to singles to remain abstinent until married.

My goal, then, is to assure that while our campus becomes compliant with federal mandates, we never lose sight of the reason this university exists in the first place. We serve a loving God.

I end, however, as I started. Ms. Hughes’s article was not on Southern’s policy on sexual conduct. That is a topic for a different article. She deserves praise for a fine article on the sexual misconduct policy.

Dennis Negron, vice president of student services
COMMUNITY NEWS

Southern students volunteer in Ironman

Madison Johnston
Staff Writer

One marathon, over two miles of swimming and 112 miles of biking. These are the numbers that make up the incredible feat that is called the Ironman.

On Sunday, Sept. 27, the Allied Health club volunteered at the Ironman Chattanooga and got to experience a taste of the race for themselves.

The Ironman Triathlon is one of a series of long-distance triathlons organized by the World Triathlon Corporation and is widely considered one of the most difficult sporting events in the world. Over 2,500 people flock to the event to participate and most spend several months training in preparation.

This was Chattanooga’s second-year hosting one of the races, with Little Debbie as its main sponsor this year. The Allied Health club volunteered for the second year, this time at a station located halfway through the marathon, which was the last leg of the race. At their station, racers could pick up a bag that they had left for themselves at the beginning of the race, full of items that they would need later on.

There was “anything from candy bars to toothbrushes,” said Kalli Wilkens, allied health club president. “Some didn’t have anything packed at all, and some didn’t want the bags they brought.”

They saw a huge variety of different people running the race, which made it even more enjoyable to watch.

“We saw some teenage girls run with their mom for a bit, a dad stop to kiss his wife and baby,” Wilkens said.

Last year, the club volunteered at a station in the biking section of the race handling out Gatorade and water, Wilkens said. This year was different because they were stationed in the middle of the marathon, which was at the 13.1 mile marker.

While carving nearly five hours out of a Sunday afternoon to hand out bags at a race may seem like a time-consuming project, Wilkens said that the racers “who were nice and polite when we helped them made it more than worthwhile to serve today.”

Luke Foster, an allied health club member, said that one athlete even gave him a pat on the shoulder after he ran after him with his bag, because he didn’t need it. “One day I want to be an Ironman, aka super hero, if God will give me the time!”

Collegedale church welcomes Pastor Moon

Jen Harvey
Staff Writer

The Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church welcomed Pastor Jim Moon to its pastoral staff this fall. Moon came to Collegedale from the San Luis Valley in Colorado and serves as the church’s new pastor of worship.

Moon is answering the call for leadership in the Collegedale Church after the recent departure of Pastor Sam Chetty. His new responsibilities include working with the Adoration and Renewal teams and the church’s audio-visual department to create more fulfilling worship programs for church members.

“My conviction is that authentic worship isn’t a function of style or size,” Moon said. “It is a function of sincerity of heart.”

He said his vision for the Collegedale Church is that worship can “become a way of life.”

“My prayer is that worship would fuel our witness and be our witness,” Moon said.

Moon also said that he has a desire to spread Collegedale Church’s influence throughout the greater Chattanooga area, ministering to more than just the community of Collegedale and Southern in a variety of ways—from interpersonal witnessing to larger outreach activities.

“I pray that anywhere people are [that] our folks will be getting to know them, befriend them and pray with them so they can see God answer those prayers and know that He is real in their lives,” said Moon.

“I feel like this would be an amazing step toward taking making worship a way of life at Collegedale.”
Sexual Misconduct Policy, Mock Trial

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stole, the university would not, under any circumstances, be able to offer leniency toward that student for committing a theft, which is a felony in all 50 states.

Another concern that was brought up was the potential for false accusations of sexual misconduct in order to get a “free pass” for violations of Southern’s code of conduct.

“Southern has investigators that have been trained in sexual misconduct investigations,” said Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services. “We use the preponderance of evidence when determining whether or not sanctions should be rendered.”

Later the same day, South- ern held a mock date-rape trial for convocation credit as part of its Title IX awareness campaign. The purpose of the trial was to raise awareness of sexual misconduct and cause people to think about what consent actually means. The City of Colleg- edale’s Judge, Kevin Wilson, presided over the trial. Jason Demastus, assistant district attorney for Hamilton County district court house, served as prosecutor and Mariella Pechero-Hoffman, disability services coordinator, served as defense attorney in the trial. The victim was played by an alumna and the alleged per- petrator was played by a current student. Jury members were selected at random from the audience based on marked conviction cards. Of 12 jury spots, only nine students came forward.

The case outlined the hypothetical events that took place one night between two students in Collegedale Acade- my’s parking lot. The case was portrayed as consensual interactions to begin with; howev- er, by the end of the cross-ex- amination, it was evident that there were gray areas on what really occurred during the hypothetical situation. Although the perpetrator said that the entire encounter was consensual, the victim said that parts of it were not.

Three jurors found the de- fendant not guilty, which re- sulted in a hung jury. In real criminal case trials, the jury must have a unanimous vote, otherwise it will lead to a mis- trial. This means that the case did not reach a verdict, and it may be tried again before a new jury at a later date; or the state or plaintiff may decide to not pursue the case any fur- ther.

A Q&A session was held that evening to clarify any ques- tions or concerns that may have come up during the mock trial.

“While [the mock trial] is different [from a real trial], there are actually a lot of simi- larities because there are a lot of gray areas of the law,” said Wilson at the Q&A session. “It’s nice if everything is black and white, but seldom is that the case.”

Adonijah McCann, fresh- man psychology major, learned the importance of consent.

“I learned that with consent, you have to verbally say it, or else [the prosecution] can jump hoops and loopholes,” McCann said. “So make sure you say what you mean and mean what you say.”

Concert honors band director

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Park, on Labor Day. He said a man from Gallaher’s family came up to Parsons and told him about a note he found. The note was from Gallaher to himself as a reminder of who he wanted to be.

Parson said the note read, “Become Christ minded, put the welfare of others above my own interests, be slow to an- ger in frustrations; as myself, focus always on how God has blessed me, do not talk bad about anyone…be mindful of what I watch, what I listen to, and what I read. Take time everyday to thank God for my family.” Parsons finished reading, looked up and said, “What a guy.”

The final piece was “Ever Braver, Ever Stronger,” featur- ing Warner and the addition of several instruments, such as a flute and clarinet.

Parsons closed with prayer: “We put Brian’s family in your care. The days will be difficult, but let them always know that there is an army of friends praying, supporting, and that You are always present.”

LAC hosts beauty pageant

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in her Afro-Latina heritage.

Isabel Paiva, a junior lib- eral arts education major representing Ecuador, won the pageant. Paiva said that after graduation she wants to return to Ecuador and teach. She said she was very pleased to win because she was sur- rounded by family and friends who showed so much support and lost their voices to cheer for her.

“LAC night as a whole was amazing,” said Paiva. “I enjoyed seeing everyone come out and support.”

Last year, LAC Night pre- sented a play, but the LAC executive board hoped for something different this year to show more diversity in their Latin American culture. Ruiz said that although they were emphasizing their Latin American culture, having oth-

Have you checked out the Accent online?

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A LEAP toward success
Mentor program prepares students for the future

Julia Bonney and Cassie Matchem
Contributor and News Editor

Leadership Education through Alumni Partnerships (LEAP) connects juniors and seniors with alumni mentors in their respective career fields. The goal of the program, sponsored by Alumni Relations, is to “build positive relationships between alumni and current students, provide access to productive Adventist career networking connections, and enrich experiences in the areas of life transitions, personal finance, and spiritual development,” according to the LEAP handbook. Mentors and mentees are paired up based on similar career paths. Mentors then work to guide students as they prepare for their future careers. Interaction is done through monthly connections, such as meetings or phone calls.

MacKenzie Ogan, senior nursing major, experienced the benefits of the LEAP program firsthand. She was unofficially mentored by nurse Mike Wyckoff, ’84, until the two learned of LEAP.

“I asked if I could be part of the program and requested that Mike become my official mentor,” Ogan said.

The partnership was approved and Wyckoff stepped into the new role of mentor. He helped Ogan study for every nursing test that year, an experience that she said helped her immensely.

“It was one of the most meaningful mentoring experiences with Mike,” Ogan said. “Until Mike became my mentor and friend, I didn’t truly understand how much of a positive difference a mentor can make in a student’s educational success and life after college.”

For Ogan, having a mentor helped better prepare her for her future career while completing the steps to get there.

Juniors or seniors interested in the LEAP program may apply at any time. Sophomores are encouraged to apply by the end of April before their junior year. Mentor-mentee matches are typically made within one month of application.

Students interested in the program may apply online on the LEAP Mentoring page or talk to Evonne Crook, director of Alumni Relations.

Sewer system undergoes overhaul

Erica King and Bonnie Christiansen
Staff Writer and Copy Editor

If you have not noticed the turned-up dirt near the duck pond and near the A.W. Spalding Elementary School, then you have not noticed the half-a-million-dollar project on Southern Adventist University’s campus; improving the sewer system.

Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of financial administration, gave the rundown on the project. The City of Chattanooga handles all the sewers, including Collegedale’s.

“Chattanooga is under scrutiny from the Environmental Protection Agency about the grime that is getting in the water,” said Marty Hamilton. “The sewer water and the clean water are mixing together. The EPA wants them to repair the lines under infiltration.”

The City of Chattanooga mandated repairing the lines but is not helping pay for it. The budget of $400,000–$500,000 is coming from the university’s budget. Joe Farrow, the City of Collegedale engineer, is conducting the process.

The overhaul has only begun. The repair of the sewer system, which began in December 2014, is currently in year two of the project.

Sewer renovations on Hickman Drive. Photo by Deborah Hall

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Religion Editor

On September 24, the supreme leader of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, addressed the highest political, social and economical decision-making entity in the country: the United States Congress.

This was the first time that a pope had addressed Congress, marking a very historical moment for the joint session, which gathered leaders of religion and politics. Francis called Congress to be the voice of the people, to represent them fairly and to "defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good."

Francis then compared the work of Congress with that of Moses. He concluded that the example of Moses calls them "to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face."

After speaking to Congress, Francis addressed the people of the United States, young and old alike. He was able to achieve by reminding listeners of four great Americans: Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, a social activist and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, and Thomas Merton, a Cistercian monk.

Francis mentioned briefly some of the aspects that characterized these great Americans and the social, religious, political and humanitarian changes that these "fantastic four" brought into the lives of many. He also listed the different contributions and aspects that we must learn in order to advance into a future where we are moving forward, "together, as one, in a renewed spirit of fraternity and solidarity, cooperating generously for the common good."

Francis’ message primarily focused on the liberty of all, the unity of Americans regardless of their gender, race or place of origin, the pursuit of the common good and the necessity to preserve religious freedom in the United States in order to truly be liberated in all aspects of one’s life. The pontiff also emphasized the need for all nations to follow the Golden Rule found in the Bible: treat others as you desire them to treat you.

Francis’ address was quite remarkable and pointed out to Congress some of the issues that this country’s political powers still need to work on in order to truly be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Why I left the church

Dear Generations Before Me:

I see you have been writing blog posts and articles. From CNN to Relevant Magazine, headlines scream about why my generation is choosing to walk away from the church. I see the judgment cast on millennials that questions whether or not we are even in relationship with God.

I know you blame social media and my cellphone for my disconnection.

But I am not disconnecting from the church.

No, I am not walking away from the church at all.

In fact, I am stepping outside the four walls of the building into the church.

I have a strong call to the marginalized, so this is about establishing relationships with those who would never step inside the church building.

I end up having church in tattoo parlors, on the streets at Instameets, coffee shops and night clubs.

I am an untraditional, orthodox, unexpected boxer.

I am the faceless one you meet and never forget the conversation.

I am the nameless one sharing my heart via obscure pictures and quotes on Instagram.

I see Him manifest in media.

I hear Him speak in music.

Every face in front of me is to be loved like Jesus.

I am an unlikely vessel of the Gospel with a rough exterior who tries to have a heart of gold.

Maybe I am not in a church building every week. Maybe, instead, I am having church everyday.

So, generations before me, worried about my relationship with God, please hear me now.

Yes, I have walked away from the four walls of the church building, but I have stepped into a 24/7 relationship and I need your support now more than ever. I need your prayers as I carry the light into the margins.

From time to time, I will come back into the four walls of the church, and I will need your strength – not your judgment – to pour light and life into me so that I can go back outside and serve again.

So, generations before me, please hear the cry of my heart: Help me live out the call of God for our generation - to step outside the four walls of the church building and take the Gospel to those hungry for love.

Kayla Dalusong is a senior religion studies major
OPINION

We need a culture of consent

AMANDA RUF

The national conversation about sexual assault and consent has finally breached the Adventist bubble here in Happy Valley. Title IX, that 1972 law most famous for boosting women’s athletics in 1972, is most famous for the Adventist bubble here in Happy Valley. Title IX, that 1972 law most famous for boosting women’s athletics in 1972, is most famous for

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Is homosexuality a sin?

KAREN GOMEZ

"Gratoy." This is a Thai word used to describe men that dress like women. Homosexual. This is a word used to describe people attracted to others of the same gender. I won’t lie and say that it’s always been easy being comfortable around that word. I was raised in a very conservative home, so homosexuals are not ever talked about in my family, but I went to live in Thailand for a year, and the LGBT community is not separate there. They are not their own group; they are simply part of society.

Lesbians, gays, transgenders—they are all openly talked about in Thailand. It can be overwhelming, especially for someone like me, coming from such a conservative environment. I have struggled to be open to the changes going on around me, and although I don’t have many gay or lesbian friends, I know it is something I need to find a balance with. Now, a sin is a sin, right? So, lying and cheating are just as much of a sin as adultery and pornography. So, why do we consider some sins worse than others?

Aside from completely rejecting the Holy Spirit, all other sins can be forgiven if there is true repentance. I was taught that being gay or lesbian is a sin, but is it really? Whether you are born gay/lesbian or later become one is a whole other debate. However, for this one instance, I will go with the assumption that people are born gay or lesbian. I was born a heterosexual woman, yet I still sin just like everyone else. I must ask for forgiveness and repent, just like everyone else.

So I started looking for the balance that I needed, and it wasn’t until very recently that my professor quoted a Bible verse that once and for all answered my question. Micah 6:8 says “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Out of all the Bible verses I have studied to help me understand, this one finally did.

Someone is greater than anyone, “for God is greater than any mortal” (Job 33:12). All I have to do is love and be kind, accept others as they are and encourage them to walk humbly with God.

Karen Gomez is a junior psychology major.

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College from an introvert’s perspective

Natalia Perez
Lifestyle Editor

We live in a world dependent on social interaction and communication — understandably so. However, certain situations make for uncomfortable social obstacles for the average introvert. As a student, you learn to accept that college is wired for more extroverted individuals. Being an introvert myself, I can definitely relate to some of the struggles college brings.

1) Icebreakers: Usually an introvert’s most dreaded social situation. There’s nothing more off-putting than being put into a group of people you don’t know and sharing, say, three random facts about yourself or how your summer went. The mental preparation it takes to even talk out loud in a group of unknown people is unmatched.

2) Putting you on the spot in class: As introverts, we like to think things through excessively before sharing them aloud. There’s a long complicated process through which we filter our opinions before deciding we’re ready for other people to hear them. When a teacher asks us what we think about a topic in front of the class, it’s low-key terrifying. We have to speed up our thinking process and force our brains to come up with a rough and final draft of our opinion in less than half the time we would typically have. It’s like having someone tell you to bake delicious cookies in five minutes.

3) When your friends abandon you with people you just met (my personal favorite): How great is it when our more-sociably-comfortable friend totally ditches us with someone we’ve just been introduced to? What do you even say? If you’re like me, you’ll probably succumb to total awkwardness and start out by asking them whether they like pickles more than olives and bracing yourself for whatever strange look you receive. Having someone there to carry the load of the conversation when we run out of things to say is so comforting to us introvert souls.

4) Forced group projects with people you don’t know: Most introverts like to do things alone, especially projects. We like to work at our own pace, have time to entertain our own thought processes and develop our own ideas without the limits of working with others. It’s hard to share our ideas in fear that we won’t be accepted by the people with whom we’re working.

5) Presentations in class: Speaking out loud for anything is a total nightmare, even if it’s just going around the room and introducing yourself. Speaking out loud for five minutes or more for a presentation is an absolute catastrophe.

6) Answering phone calls: Being an introvert, it’s definitely more of a texter. Any form of writing is a life raft to introverts. It gives us time to think. E-mail, Facebook messaging, texting or any form of instant messaging are our default forms of communicating. When someone calls, I will actually glare at my phone and let my voicemail receive it. If we’re not mentally prepared to entertain a phone call, we will most likely ignore it. Also, phone calls are usually more awkward because if we’re not completely comfortable with someone, they won’t completely be comfortable with our silence.

If you’re an introvert and you struggle with any of these social situations, you’re definitely not alone. Introverts unite! ...Separately.

‘Nooga Happenings

Thursday
• Gallery at Blackwell fall show (free, all weekend)
• 3rd Quarter Artist-in-Residence John Stanford (free, all weekend)
• Eve Plumb Art Exhibition (free, 6-8 p.m.)
• Chattanooga State Faculty Recital (free, 7:30-9 p.m.)
• Sister Act, A Divine Musical Live On Stage Price: $12.50 - $30, all weekend

Friday
• 3 Sisters Bluegrass Festival (free)
• Mixed Media Inspired Artists’ Explorations (free, 5-7 p.m.)
• Jim Cook and Livingright Trio Coolbaugh Gospel concert (free, 6-8 p.m.)

Saturday Night
• Impact Your Health Chattanooga Fall free (Sat and Sunday)
• The Weaver Believers Survival Revival Gospel Concert (free, 6-8 p.m.)
• A Symphonic Tribute to the Music of Paul McCartney ($21-81 7:30-9:30 p.m.)

Sunday
• Chattanooga market culture fest free 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Jericho Brass Band concert (free, 6-7:30 p.m.)
The football season has begun here in the States, but there is always another football season happening around the world, better known as soccer. Most American knowledge of soccer comes from playing an excessive amount of FIFA in their dorm rooms. However, there is so much more to it.

On Sept. 24, FC Barcelona, one of the best soccer teams in Europe, lost to Celta Vigo, a team from the northwest region of Spain, lowering Barcelona in the ranks and bumping Celta Vigo to the number one spot. Barcelona had started its usual players with the exception of the goalie, Claudio Bravo, who suffered a pre-season back injury and was substituted by German-born Ter Stegen. Barcelona struggled through the match and let in four goals, the third time this has happened in the past two months. Furthermore, Ter Stegen’s record this season has been nothing but poor. In six matches, Stegen has let in 15 goals, averaging 2½ goals per game, which is not boast-worthy when playing for arguably the world’s best team. More bad luck for the club.

This past Saturday, FC Barcelona played against Las Palmas, the club hailing from the Canary Islands. Suarez scored two goals resulting in a Barcelona win, but it came with a price. It was early in the first half when Argentinian superstar Lionel Messi got injured. A Las Palmas defender blocked his left-footed shot as he ran in from the right wing. He received treatment immediately and tried to play again, but was substituted out 10 minutes later. Turns out, Messi tore his medial collateral ligament (MCL) and will be out for the next eight weeks, including the anticipated El Clasico match against Real Madrid on November 22.

Barcelona is struggling to maintain their prestigious status, and the injuries certainly aren’t helping. Luckily, they have loyal fans to support them and an excellent coach to get them back on track and start making those goals. Erica King is senior international studies major.

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[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

Volunteers Needed: The Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon would benefit from some volunteers to help set up, work the event, or tear down the event. If interested contact Rob Bussey, associate professor in the School of PE, Health & Wellness. Friday, October 2 and Sunday, October 4 are the days that help is needed.

uQuest Missions: Exciting mission trip opportunities await you this year!! Trips occur during Christmas break, Spring break, and Summer and are typically 10 days to 2 weeks in length. There are many locations to choose from, including Brazil, Egypt, Navajo Nation, Haiti, Indonesia, Bolivia, Peru, Argentina, and the Dominican Republic. Participation is limited so if you are interested in going on a mission trip please contact our uQuest short-term Missions office at 423-236-2121 or email uquestmissions@southern.edu. We would also love to talk to you so stop by our office any time. We are located in Campus Ministries whichtis in the Student Center.

[S.A. Announcements]

Verse of the Week: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Feeling down? Scared? Unsure? Put aside your insecurities, you’ve got the best Backup out there. Don’t worry, be happy.
I looked at my meal plan today. Anybody want to start helping me out? Prevention is better than treatment, right?

Bryant Rodriguez @BF_Rod
Theology, JR

There should be no 8 am classes for a year. Just to test productivity in the student body.

Julianna Amegan @jia_211
Communication Studies, SR

A moment of silence for the exam points I could have received had I not slept 15 minutes into the test.

Aaron Negrillo @ArisLens
Computer Information Systems, JR

How to get a girl’s phone #: “Misplace” your phone. Use her phone to call yours. Find yours. Thank her via text! #saulife #lifetips

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

Hispanics, Trump and vespers. Great mix #sauvespers

Moses Maier @mmaier1776
Global Policy and Service & Financial Management, JR

The struggle when you take a nap and you didn’t realize it #lackofsleep #saulife #mercy #nap

Jose Briones @jnbs21
Theology, SR

A tweet of the paper which features my tweet. #tweetception #saulife

Veronica Garcia @veronicalyngar
Business Administration & Public Relations, SR

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**MileagePlus X**

MileagePlus X from United Airlines is an app that rewards users with frequent flyer miles for buying though their app. Any time you buy from Amazon, Papa John’s, Domino’s, Barnes & Noble and other retailers, you are rewarded with frequent flyer miles. Start saving for that spring break vacation ticket or your Thanksgiving flight by using the app for things you already buy.

**Hopper**

Hopper is an app that scans and filters cheaper flight prices. The app is very well-designed, and it shows the best prices for major airlines. It also sends you notifications when you should either buy or wait to buy your ticket so you get the best deal!
Here are some actual news headlines from this month that you might not have seen yet. Included are QR codes leading to each full story for your viewing pleasure.

**REAL Headlines from Around the World**

- **Cops:** Man driving 112 mph was heading to pay speeding ticket
- “Siri” interrupts White House press briefing, answers Iran question
- Woman plans to have baby in ocean despite shark warnings
- Petco won’t sell goldfish to Persians on spring equinox, lawsuit says
- Man, 78, punched in the face by fellow Costco shopper in dispute over nutella samples
- New York Jets quarterback apologizes for liking Domino’s Pizza

- **Weatherman pronounces ‘Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwllllantysiliogogogoch’ flawlessly on live TV**
- **Desperate and in debt:** 30% of Millennials would sell an organ to get rid of student loans
- **Hulk Hogan wants to be Donald Trump’s running mate in the U.S. Presidential election**

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MCKEE LIBRARY ADDS SERVICES

Kimberly Crooks
Staff Writer

This school year McKee Library has many new additions: new mounted touch screens, online live chats, a new search program, and local artists-featured plaques to make researching and studying more efficient.

The new mounted touch screens that are located on both floors of the library aid students in efficiently locating books, magazines, or periodicals that are available in the library.

The online live chats give students a portable way to contact librarians and other staff members in a more immediate setting. Students simply log onto McKee Library’s website and click on the ‘live chat’ link. Once a staff member is logged in, you have an immediate question and answer forum.

The library is now using a search program called EBSCO Discovery Service. It is a search system that cuts out having to search on many different databases. With this program, searching databases is a one-and-done task.

Another new feature is art from our student body and local artists dispersed around the library. The artist showcased will rotate every semester. If you would like to be one of those featured artists, contact Denise Bravo, periodicals and special collection librarian or Daniel Maxwell, director of libraries.

McKee Library is constantly doing new things that will better aid students in their learning experience. They occasionally host focus groups and focus on students’ needs. If you have any suggestions, you can always contact the library on their numerous social media.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SUNBELT COHUTTA SPRINGS TRIATHLON

Erica King & Rosana Hughes
Staff Writer & Editor-in-Chief

The 32nd Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon took place on Sunday, October 3 at the Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Crandall, Ga. The Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon takes place every year around the same time with many Southern Adventist University students competing with other community members. At least 18 students and 5 faculty from Southern participated.

The race was a full distance triathlon featuring a half-mile swim, an 18-mile bike ride and a four-mile run. Not all participants are required to complete all three sections of the race; they may choose to only participate in one section.

Nicole Davis, junior nursing major, participated in the women’s relay. In the relay, a team of competitors takes turns completing the race.

“I did the biking portion of it,” Davis said, “I was with Kacey Hawkins and Brooke Bernhardt. It was a lot of fun doing the relay. I did not have to train as much, so it was not as stressful. I did not have to worry about all three.”

Davis said she had only gone to sign up for outreach, students can check the Christian Service website, then click on “Find Opportunities.” On the day of the outreach event, there will be a student leader with an iPad that will check-in everyone that has shown up. If a student heard about the event last minute and wants to attend, they can simply give their name and student ID number to the student leader. The leader will then add them to the event roster so that student will also receive credit. The primary meeting place for outreach events is in front of Wright Hall.

Christian service and service learning are two vital requirements for students to graduate. All students are required to fulfill three community service credits (15+ hours) and two service learning credits (15+ hours). Transferring sophomores are...
Nursing enrollment still growing 10 years later

Since 2005, enrollment in Southern Adventist University’s School of Nursing has grown, currently accounting for 29 percent of Southern’s student population. A total of 904 nursing students are enrolled this semester, compared to 559 nursing students in 2005.

Since then, the associate program’s enrollment has grown from 197 to 294 students and the bachelor’s program from 65 to 166 students. However, the number of pre-nursing students has decreased slightly from 241 to 227 students.

Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing, said that although both associate and bachelor’s programs have grown since 2005, it’s not presently possible for the School of Nursing to continue with the same magnitude of growth.

“The associate’s program, though enhanced due to the summer start option (every odd year, a third group of students is accepted into the nursing program), is limited to 63 students at each intake because of limited clinical options in the area,” said James. “We don’t have the faculty or the classrooms, even though we have a beautiful brand new building,” James said. “We already teach a couple of classes outside of the building because of our growth.”

However, she said that the bachelor’s program has room for growth in its online program and consortium program (an off-campus program by Southern’s nursing faculty at a reduced tuition rate). Since 2005, the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program has grown from 56 to 189 students, and the doctorate program, added to the School of Nursing in 2012, now has 28 students. Like the associate degree, James said the MSN program also caps its intake because of space needed for the high clinical hours required.

However, due to the online curriculum, the master’s program has room to grow for the MSN/MBA dual degree (health care administration) and the Nurse Educator post-master’s certificate emphasis programs.

James attributes the growth of Southern’s nursing program to a good reputation. “We come at [nursing] from a Christian perspective; patients and employers notice,” she said.

Some students seem to notice as well. Krystal Campos, a senior nursing major, said, “I chose Southern’s [nursing] program because I wanted to go to a Seventh-day Adventist University, and I had heard Southern’s [program] was the best.”

James also attributes growth to an increased demand for nurses.

“Large numbers of baby boomers in the workforce are retiring now,” said James. “As they retire, the new nurses are not keeping up with retirements. It’s also a tough field and nurses occasionally get disillusioned by the high level of responsibility and expectations.”

The increased demand for nurses is creating a shortage. Many young adults are interested in becoming nurses, but James said nursing programs don’t have enough room to accept all applicants.

“I think the fact that we’ve opened more seats does make a difference in allowing more students into the program, and therefore, we’re doing our part to alleviate the shortage in the way that we best can,” said James.

Jasmin Flores, a freshman nursing major, hopes to get into the nursing program next fall.

“I’m very nervous about getting into the program,” said Flores. “I’m praying and hoping.”

The School of Nursing may not see as large of an enrollment growth in the next few years as they have in the last 10 but will continue moving forward.

James said the brand new post-master’s certificate emphasis program, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, “really met a societal need.”

“We would not have considered that, say three years ago,” said James. “If another need arises in the profession, we would consider [a new program].”

World-class photographer visits Southern

Students and faculty appreciated Paganelli’s visit. [Paganelli] didn’t know anything. He got to be in such a high place in the field that he’s in just by his own knowledge, not really getting taught,” said Taylor Schepers, freshman mass communication major. “I thought it was amazing.”

Shaina Rantung, sophomore public relations major, got Paganelli’s autograph and said she appreciated the diversity in his photos.

“No just about the celebrities, but there was a lot of depth and feeling in his other photos, especially about Cuba,” Rantung said. “He photographed a lot of poverty and daily life and simple living and that just moved me. I really appreciate that.”

Ruf shared his opinion on the reason for Paganelli’s success.

“I think one reason he excels at portraiture and documentary photography is his love of people,” Ruf said. “To be successful in photography, it’s so much more than taking pretty pictures. It’s building relationships.”

One of Paganelli’s photos of Cuba is on display in the School of Journalism and Communication’s photo lab. He signed it during his visit on Monday.

To see more of Paganelli’s work, visit his portfolio at manuelpaganelli.com.
Impact Your Health Chattanooga: AMEN Clinic

More than 200 Southern students volunteered at Impact Your Health Chattanooga, a free medical and dental clinic, at the Chattanooga Convention Center on Oct. 3-4. The students joined approximately 40 medical and non-medical volunteers to provide service to more than 1,700 people.

Services included skin cancer and melanoma screenings, minor surgeries and general medical care, optical exams with made-to-wear glasses and lenses, eye health screenings, catarsact screenings and dental care from routine cleanings to root canals.

Student volunteers helped with medical work, registration, dental work, hospitality and other jobs. On Saturday, Southern's Symphony Orchestra shared music with those waiting for care. Several other groups of Southern students also shared music on both days.

Dora Desamour, Southern's Christian Service program director, said she felt like Southern's volunteers made a difference at the event.

"It's amazing," Desamour said. "We've made an impact, not only on the people we're serving, but we've made a difference...in our students." Among the student volunteers was Jasmin Duany, a junior biology major whose hopes of becoming a dentist led her to sign up to work at the clinic. She also felt like she made a difference.

"The patients that arrived at the clinic were tired and anxious from waiting in line for hours, but they were truly grateful for the service that was being provided for them," Duany said. "I felt blessed to be part of an event that helped people...like them." The clinic was not able to offer dental services to Sunday's new patients due to an overload of dental patients on Saturday. A line of people who had waited all Saturday without receiving help formed inside the building Sunday.

Tammie Thompson, a Rossville, Ga., resident, had 18 teeth pulled. "We were here at 4:30 a.m. yesterday morning and 3 a.m. this morning. The care was very good," she said. Impact Your Health Chattanooga was run in conjunction with the Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN) and meant to serve as a forerunner for It Is Written's evangelistic campaign, which begins Oct. 9.

Spiritual Emphasis Week: Fall at the Wall

Spiritual emphasis week, "Fall at the Wall," was held Sept. 28-Oct. 5 at the College edale church due to rain that prevented the meetings from being held at Goliath Wall. Subodh Pandit, the speaker for the week, presented the theme, "Come Search with Me."

Throughout the week, Pandit stretched the minds of the student body with various topics providing evidence and depth for why we believe what we believe. Pandit went on a twenty-year search weighing the claims regarding God and whether they would stand intellectual, rational scrutiny.

The material he gathered formed the basis of his book "Search with Me," which he now presents mainly on secular university campuses.

At the end of each sermon, the floor was opened for students to anonymously submit questions regarding the sermon through a link set up by Campus Ministries. Through this link, students were also able to view questions submitted by other students and up-vote them. The top 10 most up-voted questions would be answered by Pandit at the end of each service.

At the week's conclusion, one of the three most popular questions was, "How am I to be equipped in the knowledge of other religions when life is so busy I have no time for personal devotions?" Pandit said not everyone is called to study other religions. He said our mission may be to simply offer a listening ear or a comforting presence to someone else in need or someone who feels lonely on campus.

"Remember, each has his or her role to play," Pandit said. "Everyone is not called to be an expert on atheism or evolution or non-Christian religions. If so, that would be your present calling; and if you would fail to see that, you would be doing God's will just as much as the mightiest preachers on Earth. Don't let anyone put a guilt trip on you. Just do your best."

The second most popular question was, "What do you think of the Pope's comment, 'We need to remember that we are followers of Jesus...and His life, humanly speaking, ended in failure, the failure of the cross?'"

"If that was the end of the story, the Pope's words could not have been more accurate," Pandit said. "But the Pope and we know that that was not the end of the story. There was a resurrection, and the incomparably unique claim of Christianity is that the post-death events are what shape the validity of the entire faith. Without the resurrection, Christianity is a mere fanciful, philosophical echo lacking the original sound that should produce the echo."

The final most popular question was that out of all possible gods to believe in, what reasons would someone have to choose the Christian God? Pandit said that all religions have gaps. Christianity, while it has gaps, has the least amount of them and also has the greatest evidence backing it. He cited the late Benjamin Warfield, who once said that Christians do not follow Christ despite reason but because it's reasonable. Pandit said if we discard Christianity because of its gaps, we will choose an option with greater gaps and less evidence.

"It was an incredibly enlightening series of sermons, and I was deeply blessed," said Brandon Beneche, sophomore English major. "I have never heard someone explain Christianity with such sound logic and reasoning before."

Pandit was born and raised in India, where he pursued a medical career. He completed his medical studies and a residency in internal medicine at the prestigious Christian Medical College and Hospital in Vellore, India. When he moved to the U.S., he became assistant professor of medicine at the University of Oklahoma.

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School of Computing garners students’ increased interest

DAMNEN DENNIS

The School of Computing has reported an increase in enrollment this semester. At exactly 100 registered computing majors, according to the Department of Records and Advisement, the school has reached its largest number in 19 years. This number doesn’t include the many other students from varying majors who are also taking a computer class as a general education requirement for their degrees.

Computing Fundamentals, which is normally located in a 44-student-sized classroom, has, for the first time since the School of Computing opened, moved to a larger lecture hall to accommodate a larger number of students.

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The sole purpose of Christian service is to equip Southern students with the tools and opportunities needed in order to discover the manner in which God is calling them to be utilized.

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Students participate in Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon

on two long bike rides before the race day.

Taylor Hyde, junior allied health science major and Micah Scott, sophomore outdoor leadership recreation major, were volunteers at the triathlon. Other volunteers cheered the triathletes on as they completed the race.

“I volunteered because I wanted to be involved,” said Hyde. “I still got to experience the energy and meet a ton of cool people. Micah and I directed the runners’ traffic to go the correct way and to also cheer them on to the end.”

Although there were adverse weather conditions for Southern Adventist University intramurals, causing All Night Softball to be canceled, the weather for the triathlon was clear.

Davis said although there were ripples on the water and the grass was slippery, it did not prevent the triathletes from doing their best.

Campus ministries implement iPads for outreach

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pages, such as Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr and Twitter.

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“It is really exciting for me, as someone who’s just joined the SAU family, because there’s been years of work that’s gone into this milestone,” said Anna Romuald, associate chaplain. “There’s been countless coaches, partners, and hours of time, energy and passion that have gone into creating this milestone.”

“It’s an immense blessing to see how God has moved on campus and brought us to see how God has moved in which God wants to place us in the world through a combination of online classes and one semester at a field site. You can begin during any semester and full- and part-time options are available.

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San Anna, a student director for Life Groups, reflects, "I believe that this is a work in progress that will be achieved through His power. He will allow us to go through this time of changing perspectives in order to refine those characteristics in our lives that still need a little tuning. The Bible calls us, faithful Christians, to change our attitude regarding God’s will. It shows us that His will is for us to be happy, give thanks and pray at all times in order for God to transform our hearts and start the process of sanctification in our lives.

It is only then that God will reveal the details of His will to us, such as which organization to work with, which career path to choose or even whom to join in the travels of life. Whenever we get to the point of being cheerful, thankful and prayerful in all circumstances, God can start working and showing us the next step in this journey to Heaven. Seek His will today and be sanctified!"
Take a step out of the box

MARIELSY PIMENTEL
 CONTRIBUTOR

How do you identify yourself? Is it by your political views, your gender, your religion, or your race? The truth is our perspective on life is usually affected by these things, whether we are aware of it or not. Scrolling through social media, I often see plenty of people giving their perspective on certain issues that affect the U.S. Being a young man born in this country to Haitian immigrants, I’ve learned things from a multicultural point of view that many fail to understand. To know, to love and even to understand what Heaven would be like, I believe we must understand a few things:

1. Acknowledge the truth that we are all different – our cultural views, our religion, our race, our gender or any stance we hold near and dear to ourselves. Biologically, we are all the same, we all bleed the same color and experience similar emotions. However, since we hold on to our socio-cultural stances, we all believe and do things in a different manner.

2. Empathize with the struggles of those who are different than you. Too often we jump to conclusions or automatically associate someone with a stereotype. Instead, try to understand a group’s way of life. Even if you can’t relate or completely understand, you will see things in a new perspective. You won’t know what they go through until you empathize.

3. Don’t quickly respond; listen and understand. We all have preconceived thoughts and ideas, but sometimes we need to push them aside, especially when trying to understand a sensitive issue. We tend to just listen without trying to understand a person’s situation. Instead of interjecting what we feel is best for us, we must understand that their views will be different. We should still show them love without trying to prove we’re right.

4. Become a friend. Love conquers all. How can you understand a person or empathize with them if you can’t love them? It’s easier to understand or defend someone if they’re your friend. As a black man in the United States, my stance or even my personal view may be questioned. However, if we fail to understand that God loves us all despite our differences, how can we minister to the world? Even in a college environment, we should learn about our own peers – whether they are Muslim, Republican, black, or homosexual or however they identify themselves – and learn to show them the love of God.

Mark Belfort is a sophomore clinical psychology major.

What it means to be Hispanic

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 CONTRIBUTOR

Someone recently asked me what it means to be Hispanic. This got me thinking: What comprises culture? Growing up, I was told many different things: being Hispanic had to do with the language I spoke or where my parents were born. Through media I was bombarded with images of what Hispanic should look like: tan, curvy with flowing hair, loud and wild, exotic and sexy.

Something I realized is how easy it can be to define culture in arbitrary terms. Since when did being Hispanic equate to conforming to mere stereotypes of my culture? Others often have a sort of caricature in their minds of how other cultures are supposed to look and act. Latinas are sultry and sassy. Asians are shy and smart. The list goes on. I find when I don’t fit into the mold people have for my culture, I am labeled as a fraud.

For example, if I don’t have a typical Hispanic accent, I’m not Hispanic. If I’m not curvy enough, I’m not Hispanic. If I can’t dance, I’m not Hispanic. Yet stereotyping is not unique to the people outside of my culture. Even within my own ethnicity, I am told what does and does not make me a true Hispanic.

Ultimately, I believe that culture is more than just a list of things I should and should not be. Being part of a culture means identifying with a certain group, but I will never be everything a Hispanic person is labeled as. Adhering to everything associated to a culture is impossible because of the inherent differences of individuals.

I think, in the end, for me, being Hispanic means that I identify with many aspects of the Hispanic culture, not that I fulfill every stereotype. That’s all there is to it.

Marielsy Pimentel is a junior psychobiology major.

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Fall outfits tailored to your fall drinks

**Chai Tea**

The word “chai” simply means tea in Hindi, but we associate chai tea (tea tea) with a particular rich flavor. Chai tea is a complex drink with layers of essences – black tea and spicy, earthy notes – and those who love the drink tend to be people who lean towards the interesting and exotic.

**Apple Cider**

Apple cider reminds us of the beautiful apple orchards lined along the countryside. If you’re an apple cider fan, chances are you lean towards a rustic, organic aesthetic that evokes the simplicity of scenic farmland.

**Pumpkin Spice Latte**

Pumpkin-flavored anything exemplifies autumn, and chances are if a pumpkin spice latte is your cold-weather drink of choice, you live for fall. You’re probably the person who pulls out the Uggs prematurely because you just can’t wait.

**Hot Chocolate**

Classic – enough said.

**Peppermint Mocha**

You are probably a winter fairy. You may carry the sparkle of Christmas year-round.

**Black Coffee**

Black coffee is the ultimate awakening drink (of course, decaf because, Adventists) and if it’s your favorite drink, you are probably a sharp, on-the-go career woman who does not require frivolous extras.

When you’re first starting with clinicals, you’re being thrown into a world with language and activities that you do not understand. You feel very insecure, but now since I have more experience and knowledge, I feel much more comfortable interacting with patients. It’s more fun now to go to clinicals.

Do I have any funny moments? Well, not really—not any that are appropriate, anyways. Like today, a man tried to show me his [private parts] because he was coming out of anesthesia, which made him really inappropriate. Not all male patients get inappropriate, but the ones in the mental department are probably the worst.

It’s rough when I work with rude doctors. Because I’m a student nurse, sometimes I don’t know everything that doctors are saying or asking of me, and it sucks when they treat you bad. On the other hand, it’s really awesome when you find doctors who are very interested in helping teach you. I think that’s the way life should be. Sometimes we get taught and at other times, we will teach, and everyone keeps the circle of knowledge going.

What is my favorite part of clinicals? It’s really awesome when you can tell that a patient really appreciates the help that you’re giving them—even if it’s only getting them another cup of coffee or ice.”

Sara Evans is a junior nursing major.
It's been four months since the Stanley Cup, yet here we are in October and preseason games are already a thing of the past. Hockey season has officially begun and it won't be long before playoff predictions start surfacing.

Coming off last year's Stanley Cup win, the Chicago Blackhawks have the best odd of winning this year, too. Following them are the New York Rangers, Anaheim Ducks, St. Louis Blues and last year's Eastern Conference champions, the Tampa Bay Lightning.

While each team has the whole season to compete for the playoffs, the first couple weeks of games are key. Here are five teams from the playoffs, the first couple weeks of games are key.

• The Chicago Blackhawks play 12 of their first 20 games against playoff teams from last season.
  • The Tampa Bay Lightning play 12 of their first 20 games on the road; seven of those games are against playoff teams from last season.
  • The Minnesota Wild's first home games are against the Tampa Bay Lightning and Chicago Blackhawks.
  • The St. Louis Blues have a six-game road trip after their opening game and will play 14 games against playoff teams from last season, playing the Blackhawks twice during this period.
  • The Winnipeg Jets start their season with a four-game road trip and some of their opponents include the New York Rangers, the St. Louis Blues, the Tampa Bay Lightning, the Chicago Blackhawks and the Montreal Canadiens.
  • The Montreal Canadiens play 12 playoff teams from last season with eight of those games in October on the road.

All teams are starting with a clean slate this season, but some teams have more motivation than others. The big question is: Will the Chicago Blackhawks be able to keep their energy going throughout this season and be back-to-back Stanley Cup champions?

Since the first Stanley Cup winner was crowned 88 years ago, only seven teams have won the Stanley Cup consecutively. The last time was seventeen years ago when the Detroit Red Wings won in 1997 and 1998. Were the Chicago Blackhawks able to do it this year? Will the Stanley Cup go to this year's champions or will a new team win it all? Only time will tell.
[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

Campus Shop: The Campus Shop is now open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a until 5:30p and on Friday from 8:30a until 12:30p.

Grief Group: Everyone copes with grief and loss differently. Sometimes we just need a listening ear and encouragement. Two School of Counseling students in the masters program here at Southern are starting a Women’s Grief Group. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please email carriejones@southern.edu or aubreywallin@southern.edu for more information. Because there is a limited number of spaces available, please contact us as soon as possible.

Men’s and Women’s Retreat: This Friday and Saturday Campus Ministries will be hosting the annual men’s and women’s retreat. This is a FREE event and opportunity to connect with fellow students while at the same time gaining a greater love for our Maker. Visit southern.edu/chaplain to register and for more information. While on the web, don’t forget to visit the blog “Undeniably Jesus” at undeniablyjesus.wordpress.com.

Duck Walk: All Southern students and employees are invited to participate in the Duck Walk on Monday and Tuesday, October 12 and 13, at the Iles Track between 7am and 7pm. All students that participate will get one convocation credit and a small prize with a chance to win some iTunes credit, but we have enumerated in the Bible exactly what is expected of us. So let’s treat others fairly, delight in what brings God joy, and walk humbly with our Maker.

Verse of the Week: “He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” (Micah 6:8) Sometimes our Christian walk can seem confusing and hard to navigate, but we have enumerated in the Bible exactly what is expected of us. So let’s treat others fairly, delight in what brings God joy, and walk humbly with our Maker.
NEW MEDIA

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**Twitter**

My God is my Shepherd, I shall not be jealous. He leads me to ministerial jobs.

Bryant Rodriguez @BF_Rod
Theology, JR

So much studying needs to be done in these next few days. I can’t skip on it. Graduation is in sight.

Julianna Amegan @jia_211
Communication Studies, SR

This is totally my life right now. -_- #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

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Mark Comberiate @markthewalls
Employee

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School of Education and Psychology

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SOUTHERN AND ANDREWS
SEARCH FOR NEXT PRESIDENTS

Rosana Hughes & Samuel Fry
Editor-in-Chief of The Southern Accent & Editor-in-Chief of The Student Movement

FaithSearch Partners (FSP), a firm that has been hired to aid Southern Adventist University in the search for a new president, reported their progress to the board of trustees on Oct. 4.

FSP reported the completion of a comprehensive description for the position of president. The description for the presidential position was prepared with input from a variety of stakeholders including board members, faculty, alumni, administration, alumni, Student Association (SA) officers and others.

In August, FSP spoke privately with SA officers in order to understand what the student body is looking for in a president. SA officers brought up policies they believed could be changed as well as what they thought should remain the same.

This month, FSP presented the first group of names of potential hires to the board of trustees’ search committee, with the first round of candidate interviews tentatively scheduled to take place this year. Currently, no names are being made public.

The search for a new president of Southern began upon Gordon Bietz’s announcement on April 21 to retire at the completion of his 19th year in office.

“The board [of trustees] chose to set up a search committee comprised of seven members of the board in addition to myself, as chair of this ad hoc committee,” said Ron Smith, board of trustees chairman for Southern.

After consideration of several options, FSP was hired as the search firm for this process. Smith said he believes their knowledge of Adventist professionals and many years of experience will aid Southern in its search.

“We continue to pray for the Lord’s guidance in our presidential search process,” said Smith.

Four months after Bietz’s announcement to retire, Andrews University’s (AU) President, Niels-Erik Andreasen also announced his plan to retire when his contract ends in June 2016.

Benjamin Schoun, chair of the board of trustees for AU,

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SOUTHERN SCHOLARS
ADD SPECIAL CONVOCATIONS

Abigail Hunt
Staff Writer

Southern Scholars, Southern Adventist University’s honors program, has implemented changes for its traditional curriculum and program involvement.

“By offering more flexibility in the required courses, we anticipate that the program will become more accessible to Southern students in a diverse range of majors,” said Molly Theus, Southern Scholars president and senior biology major.

This flexibility comes in the form of offering honors courses that meet general education requirements as well as honors contract courses. Mark Peach, Southern Scholars director, said honors contract courses are regular classes that undergo modifications to meet the honors curriculum standards.

The introduction of Southern Scholars convocations is also a recent change. “We are

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ACCENT EDITORS SHAKE ‘GIFTED HANDS’

Presidential candidate Ben Carson answers questions at a press conference.

Photo by Josh Supit

Presidential candidate Ben Carson made a stop in Chattanooga on tour to promote his new book, “A More Perfect Union,” at Barnes & Noble in Hamilton Place Mall on Sunday, Oct. 11, at 3:30 p.m.

Over 1,500 people attended the event, including many Southern Adventist University students. The line of people awaiting his signature weaved through the bookstore and extended outside along the sidewalks.

“He’s just been an incredible doctor and role model for young people throughout this country,” said Chad Dees, senior history and international studies major. “Being able to come here and shake his hand and tell him that I appreciate what he’s doing is a great way to give back to what he’s given to Adventism and also to people throughout this country.”

Dees is the club president of Southern’s chapter of College Republicans. Austin von Henner, vice president of College Republicans and junior history major, estimated that about 30 club members attended the event.

Nick Walters, freshman business administration major, said, “I believe that he is the right man to lead our nation into the future. I intend to vote for him come primary and hopefully come general election.” Many students seemed to share the same sentiment.

However, Nathan Kim, freshman biology biomedical major, said he thought it unlikely that Carson will win elections.

“Honestly, I don’t think he

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Studio 4109 hosted by Man of Steele

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Studio 4109: LIVE had their fifth season premiere on Oct. 16. Studio 4109 is a live comedic and musical variety show held on Saturday nights two to three times per semester, run and produced entirely by Southern Adventist University students and faculty.

Dennis Steele, professor in the School of Business and Management, hosted the show for the first time and played presidential candidate Donald Trump in a comedic sketch.

Usually, the Student Association (SA) president hosts the premiere of Studio 4109 and President Bietz hosts the finale. However, SA President Jacob Metzner withdrew as host about two weeks before the show. Studio 4109’s administration began searching for a new host and Steele accepted the day after Metzner withdrew.

Metzner declined to comment on the matter as of Tuesday.

Kevin Christenson, Studio 4109 executive director and senior management and international studies major, said Steele was chosen because he was someone that could fill the roles Metzner had.

The newest aspect of the show was the use of the Multi-Camera Production class taught by Professor Stephen Ruf.

“Actors’ reactions can be Seen better,” said Christenson. “We want people to feel as though they are in a studio, watching a studio production with the cameras."

Kaelibeth Rose was the special guest of the night. She performed an aerial silk routine to “Gold” by Imagine Dragons and an aerial hoop routine to Sia’s “ Elastic Heart,” performed by Jonathan Blackburn and the Studio 4109 band.

The Studio 4109 cast performed various sketches, including Singles Center, a Disney musical, and others related to major specific stereotypes.

“I liked how, during the news sketch, they were being funny, but also took the opportunity to talk about real issues [such as a government shutdown, presidential elections and John Boehner’s resignation],” said Sarah Wu, freshman mathematics major. “The band and gymnast were amazing, and it never felt like there was a lull. It was entertaining the entire time.”

Studio 4109 has grown since it began five years ago. It went from a handful of actors at their first show to now thirty staff members. The administration went from hand selecting the cast to now holding auditions at the beginning of the semester. Production went from two spotlights to the demand for a crew dedicated to lights, from the cafeteria to the gymnasium and from two cameras to an entire camera and technical crew.

Christenson said, “It’s like a completely different animal.”

The most successful part of the show was “finding things the audience could connect with,” said Christenson. “I am a perfectionist so I would give it a nine out of ten, but I’ve heard people giving the show an eleven, so we’ll just call it even at ten.”

Technology Department hosts free car inspections

Emiko Miyagi, business manager of the Technology Department. “It is a way to give our students a chance to interact with the public while providing a much-needed service.”

The Technology Department hosts car inspections every semester in honor of National Car Care Month in April and Fall Car Care Month in October.

Normally, a vehicle inspection conducted by the Technology Department would cost $29.50 plus tax. With volunteers, Miyagi said, “the Car Care Council” provided inspection sheets. Two students inspected while one student filled out and reviewed the sheets with the “customer” and answered any questions they had.

The community was very receptive to the vehicle inspections. The Technology Department completed 21 vehicle inspections and some minor repairs.

Miyagi said that of the 21 vehicle inspections, 33 percent needed wipers, 38 percent needed tires replaced or pumped and 33 percent had a battery issue.

Melissa Tortal, volunteer coordinator for the Samaritan Center, said she loves working with the Technology Department and has seen positive reactions to the free services from both local residents and Southern students.

Vehicles were inspected on site but not repaired. For repairs, car owners will need to contact the Technology Department Auto Shop or another auto garage.

Miyagi said that the Samaritan Center was chosen because of its visible location and the need of their clientele. Although the inspections were free, donations were accepted on behalf of the Samaritan Center.

The Technology Department Auto Shop is a full-service auto repair shop that provides basic to advanced vehicle repair. Staff includes two full-time technicians and four part-time student technicians.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Collegedale’s National Night Out

By the time the Collegedale Police arrived, both vehicles left the parking lot. However, as witnesses gave statements to police officers, one of the vehicles pulled back into the parking lot. While the vehicles were gone, parties had tried to pass a stolen check from Chattanooga with a stolen ID from Franklin, Tenn. at the Regions bank in Collegedale.

When officers tried to stop the vehicle that returned to the parking lot where they had been reported, the suspect evaded police and headed south on Little Debbie Parkway. As two officers pursued the suspect, police said the second suspect joined the car chase on Little Debbie Parkway and Apison Pike. The two vehicles were weaving in and out of on-coming traffic to evade police.

The second suspect eventually stopped at the 5300 block of Ooltewah-Ringgold Road, where a female accomplice was taken into custody without incident.

Officers continued chasing the original suspect, who ran a red light at Main Street and Lee Highway, resulting in the suspect crashing into a citizen’s vehicle. Two suspects in the vehicle ran on foot from the crash scene. One of the two suspects was apprehended in a nearby dumpster.

The driver of the vehicle continued driving on Lee Highway where he crashed again and was chased on foot until two citizens detained him, one of which had a concealed carry permit and was able to hold the suspect at gunpoint until police arrived.

The third suspect was arrested a few hours later when he was found to be hiding underneath a truck in the area. The three arrested males are from Florida and are suspects in a crime ring throughout the Southeast. Collegedale detectives are currently investigating the incident and more details will be released when available.

Fred Child visits Chattanooga

In August of 2014, Fred Child’s classical music shows, “Performance Today” and “Pipedreams,” had to be taken off WSMC, due to a lack of funding. This year, WSMC held a member drive as they do every year, to bring back the shows. Scott Kornblum, WSMC’s general manager, said they raised $75,000, when they normally raise about $20,000.

The increase in funds raised during the member drive was only $25,000 short of the $100,000 needed to bring back Child’s shows. In an act of benevolence, President Gordon Beitz and Southern Adventist University donated the extra $25,000 needed, allowing Child’s shows to be aired again.

Child will be at different locations during his visit to Chattanooga. Kornblum said students can find Child at the Collegedale Chamber of Commerce meeting on Oct. 21, join him on the River Gorge Explorer, which has a $35 entry fee on the same day, or come to a concert held by the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra (CSO) at Tivoli Theatre on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available on the CSO’s website starting at $37. WSMC will also host an open house with Child on Oct. 22 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

In addition to hosting the radio program “Performance Today,” he is also the announcer and commentator for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) program “Live from Lincoln Center.” Apart from his experience in classical music, Child also deals with percussion, guitar and bagpipes. His percussion band opened for the American rock band, Grateful Dead at Oakland Coliseum.

“Classical music forms the foundation for all music that comes after it,” said Justin Hernandez, an announcer for WSMC. “If you understand it, and understand why you like or dislike it, you understand your preferences for other music.”
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will be [elected president], but he has a very, very good shot at it,” said Kim.

At 4:00 p.m., Carson took a break from signing books to hold a press conference with local news media.

“My agenda is to stop all the hatred and all the divisions... race wars, gender wars, income wars... and we need fiscal responsibility,” said Carson. “We’re killing the next generation.”

In regard to President Barack Obama’s proposed America’s College Promise, a plan modeled after Tennessee’s, Carson said.

“We’re killing the next generation of honors students—our professors are given an audio-visual program development,” Theus said.

“Having more fields of study represented in the student population is crucial for program development,” Thews said.

Joelle Kanyana, special activities coordinator and sophomore financial management major, and Jeanna Toulouse, junior biophysics major, participated in Partners in the Park through the National Collegiate Honors Council. They worked with local national parks and other college honors students who applied to the program.

Shanti James, junior psychobiology major, and Seth Stennis, senior biology major, collaborated with other students at an event called Ideathon 2015 with University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Lee University, Chattanooga State and Covenant College.

They worked through an actual dilemma: how to make Chattanooga’s innovation district more attractive to college students and Chattanooga residents.

A new logo and constitution are also being developed for the Southern Scholars.

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as well as chair of the search committee, sent a community-wide email on September 28, outlining the composition of the search committee and future proceedings.

AU’s search committee is composed of 13 members, and one invitee—and includes both General Conference and regional conference executives.

The first search committee meeting, held on September 24 was primarily an organizational one.

“The committee reviewed plans for the process we will follow. We also hammered out dates for our future meetings,” said Schoun.

Search committee members were tasked with gathering input on possible candidates.

“We assigned each of the committee members to con-sult with the various groups they represent to receive input for the search committee regarding characteristics needed in a president, names and other suggestions,” said Schoun.

A website is being planned to offer the campus and general public information on the search process. Those wishing to send the Andrews University Search Committee suggestions may do so at president-search@andrews.edu.

Schoun said the task the search committee has now, is to gather criteria and candidate names that they will begin screening at the next meeting.

“Anyone can send a message to the search committee with suggestions of names or characteristics of a president or needs of the university,” said Schoun.
Retreats give students time to reflect

Sponsored by Campus Ministries, women’s and men’s retreats were held on Oct. 9-10.

The women’s retreat was held Friday night from 8-10 p.m. and Saturday morning from 10-3 p.m. in the Hulsey Wellness Center. Based on the book “Captivating” by John and Stasi Eldredge, the retreat’s focus was to discuss women’s desires to unveil beauty, be romanced and experience adventure.

Associate Chaplain Anna Romuald was Friday’s speaker. Her words emphasized the theme for the night, “Being Enough.” She mentioned that as women, we can sometimes feel like we are too much or not enough, but because of God, we are always enough.

Mollie Cummings, Saturday’s speaker, asked the women what are the main points, factors and characteristics of a love story. Together, they concluded that God’s story with us is a love story. The Bible is a love story. At the end of time, He will be our “prince who slays the dragon” like shown from a scene from Sleeping Beauty, which was also shown at the retreat.

After this discussion, they were challenged to think about how they can experience romance as a woman, whether it’s in a relationship or single, and where that desire comes from.

The program concluded with the realization that God wants our lives to be an adventure with Him.

Marselinny Mawuntu, junior biology and allied health major, said, “The retreat was honestly a huge blessing for me. I’m glad I went the whole weekend. It was something I really needed, and it opened my eyes to seeing the worth and beauty in a lot of things.”

The men’s retreat was held on Saturday, Oct. 10 and was based on the book “Wild at Heart” by John Eldredge. After meeting for a breakfast at 9 a.m., the men drove off to Laurel-Snow Pocket Wilderness in Dayton, Tenn. for a hike and some time alone with God.

They talked about being men of integrity and being intentional about becoming the men that God has called them out to be.

They wrote down characteristics they aspire to have and ask themselves if they intentionally try to embody those characteristics. The men concluded that being a real man is being a father and they get the perception of being a man from the Heavenly Father.

The men realized that although their earthly fathers are not perfect, they should focus on pursuing the characteristics of the Heavenly Father and will become the men they want to be in the process.

“We need to become like the Heavenly Father,” said Luke Steen, Talge chaplain and one of the retreat coordinators. “This retreat culminated in making a personal commitment to ourselves to daily pursue the man we want to become.”

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Religion

Butterfly feelings for Jesus

Melissa Salazar
Contributor

Early in my walk with Christ, no matter what time I would go to bed, I was always eager to spend time with My Savior each morning. It was the best and most cherished part of my day, but honestly I’ve been struggling for a while. I struggle to find joy in simply reading my Bible. I sometimes fall asleep as I’m praying. I often over-schedule my day so that there’s no time for God’s plans.

What happened?
Did I fall in love with Jesus for all the wrong reasons?

Did I not do it right?

At one point in my life, I had those butterflies in my stomach as I opened God’s Word and learned more about God’s goodness. I had those butterfly feelings in my stomach — or as some call it, a spiritual high. So I asked myself: is it bad to desire a spiritual high? To feel as if I am closer to God?

When two individuals begin liking each other, often they feel similar butterfly feelings in their stomachs. However, as the relationship begins to grow and mature, those feelings become less frequent and less important. So why do I still seek to have those spiritual highs with Jesus? Are those butterflies in my stomach the only thing that light up the fire for Christ in me? Would I still even desire a significant other, even when the butterflies in my stomach fade away?

Similarly, our relationship with God grows and matures with time and perhaps as I continue to grow more in Christ, I may not necessarily feel His love, but I know He loves me. I believe it is healthy to have those butterflies-in-my-stomach moments with Jesus because it’s like I fall intimately in love with Him again. Although I want to have butterflies in my stomach for Christ, I realize I should not base my faith on those feelings. My feelings may come and go, but my knowledge of God’s endless love for me is constantly in my mind and is as life-changing as I allow it to be.

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” — John 17:3 (NASB)

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Blessed are those who struggle

Maria Reyes
Contributor

Today God helped me overcome an ongoing battle. I am quite hesitant to take the credit. If someone had seen or known my true weakness, they would understand. There I was, knowing right from wrong and paving my way toward destruction. How did the Lord perceive me in this moment of weakness? As sinful, disobedient and unworthy? I was certain of it.

I prayed, “Do for me what I cannot do for myself.” God answered that prayer. I had often been told that God has given us the ability to make choices. Then why did it seem that though my heart longed for pure and holy things, I did not choose right? I could not repent enough. I could not feel sorry enough. I could not change enough.

The Bible makes it clear that Christ is worthy of exaltation. In fact, His level of exaltation is so great that He can provide repentance and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:31). Such was the case with Jacob.

One night Jacob was left alone to wrestle with a man until the rising of the sun. I can imagine him starting the fight with strength and vigor. Though he persisted, the One he was fighting had wounded him terribly. A sharp pain throbbed his side because his hip came out of its socket. Jacob needed to give up so that he could win. Painful, I know. Jacob was not ready to call it quits, though. He was matched with One who was not his equal.

Burdened by his guilt, distressed by his shame, he fought. Scenes of the past haunted him daily. His present condition seemed unpromising as well. Ironically, that was his only strong point. Notice that his only salvation was in this. He sensed his spiritual insufficiency and recognized the greatness of God.

Now please consider what happens next. The Man tells Jacob, “Let me go, for the day breaketh.” At this point I imagine Jacob is sweating, weeping and out of breath. Yet he holds on tighter. Then his victory became reality. “I will NOT let Thee go except Thou bless me.”

The intensity of your grip will be equivalent to your belief in the greatness of God. When Jacob realized Whom he was fighting against, something happened. Yes, it is true. Jacob was sinful, disobedient and unworthy, but he held on through it all. He believed that God was merciful. He was a defeated man — and a great victor.

This is the secret to success: God is great. Only believe and hold on. Don’t have the strength? Ask Him to give it, and then thank Him. As the trial worsens, do not lose faith. Be expectant! Plead for His blessing! How long will it be? Till the morning? Till your hip is out of its socket? Three months or three years? I do not know. What I do know is that if you hold on, He will bless you. Have faith.

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Time to let expectations die

BRYANT RODRIGUEZ
Contributor

"Hey!"
The message pops up on
your phone while you’re in the
middle of browsing the web.

You can’t help it, but immedi-
ately you recall.
Someone wants something.
Someone wants something
from you.
You know it because this
person has a habit of seeking
you out when he or she is in
need. Now, to be fair, you’ve
allowed or perhaps even en-
couraged it because you care,
or because you’re nice or may-
be because you hope he or she
will get to liking you. But the
fact you recoiled at the mes-
 sage makes it clear that your
input is not equal to the out-
put that person gives. At some
level, there is an awareness
that you’re giving it away. Be
honest. You matter, and your
heart matters.

The other day I was in my
Interpersonal Ministry class
listening to a discussion about
what makes a conversation
a conversation. The teacher
mentioned that referencing
previous parts of a conversa-
tion are what helps people
feel heard. It made so much
sense to my heart. Of course,
I thought, because it helps you
feel like you matter. When I
share something with some-
one, I want that person to re-
member and follow-up; if I
didn’t, then I might as well be
talking to myself.

You probably have a some-
one in your life who makes you
feel like you’re talking to your-
self—at least until that person
needs you for a favor. Is it
worth it for you? Even Jesus
said not to cast pearls before
pigs. Why throw your precious
attention to someone who
cannot recognize the immense
treasure that you’re offering?

I love people. I am a people
person, and I strive to main-
tain large networks. I’m con-
tantly initiating conversa-
tions. I enjoy helping those I
love, but I can’t always be
there

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nior theology major.

A social epidemic: the Sabbath School struggle

MARGELINY MAVUNU
Opinion Editor

Have you ever wondered
why attendance at Sabbath
School programs is slowly de-
creasing? Sabbath School is
a crucial component in start-
ning off the Sabbath with fel-
lowship and discussion with
fellow peers. From topics
ranging from love to God’s
will, Sabbath School serves
as a means to learn more
about Jesus Christ through
casual group conversations.

At Southern, there are plenty
of Sabbath School programs,
such as Collegiate, Young
Adult, Jesus in the Market
Place, French and Koinonia.

One of the reasons students
do n’t go to Sabbath School
is because of the busy week
they’ve had. With the stresses
of exams, quizzes, finances
and more, some may feel that
Sabbath School is just another
lecture or class to go to. Also,
some may feel that they have
to prepare throughout the
week so they know the lesson,
and when they don’t prepare,
they feel guilty and don’t go.

Honestly, Sabbath School is
just a group of friends—a
family—that comes together
to discuss and talk about the
Bible. Don’t feel like an out-
sider just because you don’t
have any idea what the topic
is about. Just come, give your
own input on the discussion
and be blessed by the conver-
sations.

Another reason for this so-
cial epidemic is that students
are tired and just want to
sleep in Sabbath mornings.
Although some may have 8
9 a.m. classes throughout the
week, 10 a.m. might still seem
early. Due to the all-nighters
and lack of sleep, which I
can personally relate to some
days, catching up on sleep
usually occurs on the week-
ends. Spending time reading
the Word with others is truly
a blessing. Trust me, one hour
on a Saturday morning will be
worth it.

A final reason may be that
some students don’t see the
need for Sabbath School. We
go to church already for two
to three hours, so why add more
time? Well, you can never
have too much of the Word.
Sabbath School is key to get-
ing people in the right mind-
sets to receiving the message
of the sermon later on in the
service. To me, it just starts off
the Sabbath on the right foot.

Ultimately, Sabbath School
is a great way to meet new
people, establish connections,
learn more about God and
receive a blessing. Check the
Weekender email for the times
and locations for the Sabbath
School programs mentioned,
and if you’ve never gone be-
fore, try it at least once and
see the difference it can make
in your Sabbaths.

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LIFESTYLE

Spice up your autumn appetite

Pumpkin Spice Latte Pizza Recipe

Recipe by John Gara and Christine Byrne
Serves 6 to 8

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee powder
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 13.8-ounce can pizza dough
- 4 cups jumbo marshmallows
- Whipped cream

PREPARATION
Preheat the oven to 425°F and line a large rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix it all together and serve. It requires one cup of pumpkin, one pack of vanilla pudding mix, 16-ounce whipped cream and one-half tablespoon of pumpkin spice. Mix it all together and serve. Since we are in Little Debbie territory, I can’t leave out Little Debbie’s Pumpkin Spice Rolls.

What are some of your favorite pumpkin recipes? Use #SAUpumpkin to share.

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Use your ID for student discounts

There are more than a few ways a Southern student can use his or her student ID card—other than swiping it to open a door or pay for food on campus. If you’ve been on social media lately (or at all), you’ve probably seen a few ads pop up about all the cool discounts college students can take advantage of. And if you’re like most students, you’ve debated trying a couple of those discounts to see if they’re legit. Well, there’s no better time than the present. Here are a few places with discounts right here in Collegedale and the surrounding area.

Four Corners Café
The fine people at Four Corners Café will happily give you a 25% discount off any and all orders when you flash your student ID. Panini, gelato, cappuccino or decaf mocha (because, let’s remember, you are students of Southern Adventist University) — this is a discount you won’t get at Starbucks.

Banana Republic
Thinkin’ about a new sweater for fall? Take a trip to Hamilton Place Mall and you will find Banana Republic, which offers a 15% student discount on all full-priced apparel. Go out, go buy that sweater.

Mac Authority
After hitting up Banana Republic, visit the Mac Authority store also located in Hamilton Place Mall. You can save $20 on that iPad you’ve wanted for all those e-books, or go all-out and buy that MacBook and get up to $200 off.

Renfro
Hit up Renfro in Cleveland, Tenn., and get an unlimited number of pairs of high-quality Smartwool socks for all your family and friends at $3 a pair. The regular price of those socks is pretty much five times that price if you buy them anywhere else. You never know if your mom or dad will want a new pair of socks for Christmas.

Yoga East
Tired of going to Hulsey Wellness Center to do your daily workouts? Drop by Yoga East in Ooltewah above Mixxed-Up Cup in Cambridge Square and receive an $11 yoga class of your choice! Regular price for drop-ins is $14.

Spotify
Okay, so technically Spotify is available anywhere; it’s not just limited to the Collegedale area. But that’s the neat thing about it! Go anywhere in the world and listen to your Spotify radio because college students get a whopping 50% off! (The Premium price everyone else is paying.

Ally Yaeger is a sophomore music education major.

Drinks:
What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word “pumpkin”? For most, their answer might be drink-related. If you love to drink your pumpkin, here are some beverages to try. While you’ve probably heard of the pumpkin spice latte (PSL) at Starbucks, there are other options available. Panera, Dunkin’ Donuts and Krispy Kreme all offer their own version of the famous PSL.

Desserts:
Sweet teeth, unite! These desserts are sure to bring in fall spirit even with the wishy-washy weather outside. Some of these are classics, along with new interpretations of the timeless pumpkin pie. Baked pumpkin donut holes are just as delicious as they sound. They are super easy to make and disappear just as fast. Ever heard of pumpkin lasagna? Well, now you have and you should try it. It includes a walnut crust, cheesecake layer, pumpkin layer and a whipped topping. Next, the pumpkin spice latte pizza. In less than 25 minutes, you, too, can enjoy a slice of this wonderfully-created masterpiece. And what’s fall without pumpkin pie? Get baking!

INGREDIENTS
- 4 cups jumbo marshmallows
- 13.8-ounce can pizza dough
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin

PREPARATION
In a medium mixing bowl, stir the pumpkin, instant coffee powder, sugar and pumpkin spice. Lay the dough out over the parchment-lined baking sheet, then spread the pumpkin mixture on top, leaving a little bit of space around the edges of the crust. Top with the marshmallows and bake in the preheated oven for 16 to 18 minutes until the crust is cooked and the marshmallows are golden brown. Let it cool for at least 5 minutes, then devour.

Jonathan Rodney is a sophomore music education major.

My grandfather passed away on Oct. 3, and I went to his funeral this past weekend. It was hard at first to see him lying in the casket, but he looked very peaceful. And when I saw his peace, I felt hope. I really have a hope of seeing him sometime soon in heaven.

The legacy that my grandfather leaves in me is tied to my music. It’s crazy to think about, actually. My grandfather used to be a really good singer. Back in the day, he used to sing bass, and I’m literally the only person in the family who has a bass voice. All my male cousins are tenors. So when I sing, I feel like I’m living out what he would have wanted because my dad and my uncle could not sing like him either. So I’m the only one left.

I chose to dedicate to my grandfather a cover of the hymn “You Will See Your Lord A-coming” because the lyrics of the hymn were really relevant. The song talks about how you will see people coming out of their graves at the Second Coming and how we will meet up with them in mid-air...that’s what I want to think about when I remember this experience. I won’t remember sadness or death. I will think about how I will see him again.

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College Football update

High school football owns the Friday night lights, the NFL dominates Sunday, but for every die-hard college football (CFB) supporter, Saturday is their day. Just at or around the halfway point in the CFB season, there have been upsets, surprises and some expected results from teams.

There are a couple ways of determining which teams are the best. Each week there are a few different rankings that give updates on each team’s position. The rankings go from one to 25 with number one being the highest ranking. The first and most popular is the Associated Press (AP) rankings. The second is the Coaches Poll, which is collaborated by the coaches. The third most popular is the Power Rankings, which is run by ESPN.

Some big surprises halfway through the season have been the resurgence of Utah and Memphis. Both teams started outside the top 25 during week one, but have continued to surprise with Utah at No. 3 and Memphis at No. 18. Another surprise was the demise of Oregon, which was ranked No. 7 the first week, but have gone downhill ever since. With losses to Utah, Washington State and Michigan State, Oregon’s playoff hopes are gone.

Georgia was another team that was expected to be a contender for the college playoffs. They started at No. 9, but have been kicked out of the top 25 rankings ever since losing back-to-back to Alabama and Tennessee. Teams that have continued to dominate as expected are Ohio State, Baylor and Texas Christian University. With all three of these teams being undefeated so far, expect at least two of these teams to be a part of the four playoff teams competing for a National Championship. This upcoming Saturday, there are a couple big games that could shift the rankings around. One of them is the matchup between Texas A&M, ranked No. 15, and Ole Miss, ranked No. 24. Both teams are coming off tough losses and will try to get back on the winning side of things. The other big game on Saturday is Tennessee verses Alabama, ranked No. 8. This could be an upset special. Tennessee has been notorious for blowing leads this year, but after a huge win against Georgia, they are looking to keep their tide rolling against their division rival, the Crimson Tide.

One of the biggest stories of last week was the rivalry game between Michigan and Michigan State. It was a highly anticipated matchup, but no one could have guessed how the final seconds of the game would transpire. For those who didn’t see the ending because Michigan was ahead, this is what happened: Michigan was up 25-21 in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter. Michigan tried to get a first down to seal the game, but they couldn’t, so they had to punt. With 10 seconds left, the ball was hiked to the awaiting Michigan punter, and he muffed it. The Michigan State linesman picks up the ball and returns it for a touchdown as the clock ticks zero. Just like that, a punt to win the game for Michigan turns into a win for Michigan State.

Unfortunately, the severity of the loss to Michigan supporters has brought some fans to write vicious letters to the punter. A truly sad situation has turned from a rivalry game between two teams into fans turning on their own team. The final score was 28-23.

Intramural Football Standings (Top 3 Teams) as of 10/19

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**CALENDAR**

**Thursday, October 22, 2015**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation: Latin American Heritage, 11a, Church, Carlos Martin
- Graduate Council, 3:30p
- Convocation: GYCSE, 7:30p, Thatcher Chapel, Taj Pacleb (Convocation Credit)

**FRIDAY**
- Deadline to request December/ May Graduation, Records office
- Faculty Winter Textbook Adoptions due, Campus Shop
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- SOAP Island Camping, 3p, Wright Hall
- Speak Light Vespers, 7:30p, Lynn Wood Chapel
- Vespers: GYCSE, 8p, Church, Taj Pacleb
- Star Watch, 8:30-9:30p, Hickman Parking Lot
- Afterglow, 9:30p, Church Fellowship Hall
- Sunset, 6:57p

**SATURDAY NIGHT**
- Fantasy Maze ($3; 6-9 p.m.)
- Christian J. Collier & Emily Joy Live: A Celebration of Spoken Word ($10-$20; 8-10 p.m.)
- A Midnight Masquerade ($35; 8 p.m.-12 a.m.)

**SUNDAY**
- Rocktoberfest ($12.95 - $22.95; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Market Buskers Festival (free; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Sunday Showcase (free-$10; 3-5 p.m.)
- Collegedale Community 2nd Annual Fall Festival (free; 3-6 p.m.)
- Civil War Brown’s Ferry Walking Tour (free; 3:30-5 p.m.)

**SABBATH**
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, LeClare Litchfield
- FLAG Camp, Patten Towers, Restore Ministry, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 6:30p, Church
- All Night Softball, 8p, Southern Fields

**BIRTHDAYS**
- October 22
  - Wathleine Aladin
  - Emily Dickerhoff
  - DeMeisha Julien
  - Peter Simpson
- October 23
  - Jordan Adams
  - Selena Andrade
  - Carissa Blewett
  - Ben Leader
  - Allison Melton
  - Coleen Moralde
  - Mikaila Ocampo
  - Megan Schlinsoe
  - Oksana Wetmore
- October 24
  - Whitney Aumack
  - Katelyn Bernet
  - Farrell Hayes
  - Hayeon Kang
  - Aaron Kelser
  - Joy Lim
  - Minoise Marcellus
  - Amanda Richards
  - Nathan Sarli
  - Alexa Smart
  - Christin Joy Smolinski
  - Hannah Wilson
- October 25
  - Lizzel Cornejo
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  - Gerry Lewin
  - Kaari Parsons
  - Alicia Salazar
- October 26
  - Megan Durby
  - Brooklyn Engelhart
  - Sori Jung
  - Kaari Parsons
  - Alicia Salazar
- October 27
  - Alexander Brady
  - David Bunzey
  - Takumar Comete
  - Rachel Cundiff
  - Rachel Goodling
  - Jessica McKee
  - Michelle Wise
- October 28
  - Amber Eresmas
  - Bryan Padilla
  - Jonathan Vega
  - Kiara Wilson

[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

**Campus Shop:** The Campus Shop is now open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a until 5:30p and on Friday from 8:30a until 12:30p.

**Campus Ministries:** While on the web this week, don’t forget to visit Campus Ministries’ blog “Undeniably Jesus” at undeniablyjesus.wordpress.com.

[Student Life Announcements]

Verse of the Week: “Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” (Ephesians 5:15-16) Life is short. Make wise choices and make the most of every opportunity you encounter!
NEW MEDIA

After recent accusations of being in love with @SethSutherland due to his tweets always being posted, I’ve decided to pause a moment to dedicate an entire section to him. Remember to hashtag your tweets with #saulife. We will continue normally in next week’s issue.

-Jessica Anzai,
Social Media Manager

Eating on Southern’s mealplan is like eating rations on Mars. #eatlikeMattDamon #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

So I’ve decided that the senior gift for this year should be a statue of President Beitz standing in the center of Taylor Circle. #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

Hey girl, if I were the Accent editor your tweets would be in every paper because you have me Twitter-pated. #saulife #saupickupline #saulife #saulife #saupickupline

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

I like to chill beside the EGW stairs cuz every girl who walks by falls for me. And of course I help them up...

#saupickuplines #saupickuplines #saulife #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

Nursing school, where the struggle is not only real but also has to be defined, assessed, and prioritized. #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

The sun disappears with a slash of gold over the Greenway. #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.” (Psalm 59:16 ESV)
When your roommate is sick but you have a test the next day

Trying to stay awake during class like

Trying the cucumber/strawberry water at KR’s like

When you remember it’s pasta day but the cafe is already closed

When you’re still writing down the notes but the teacher changes the Powerpoint slide

When the song service during vespers is on point

When your mind goes blank during an exam

Trying to remember where you left your ID card like
SAND ART PERFORMER BRINGS STORIES TO LIFE

ERICA KING
STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 20, storyteller Joe Castillo performed sand art for students and the Collegedale community in Iles P.E. Center.

Technical difficulties interrupted the performance briefly. At one point, the camera shut down. Castillo improvised by talking more about his life while the audio-visual staff changed the camera to one of the cameras recording the presentation.

His performance is through a different method than speaking; it is making striking images through sand, bringing stories to life. The sand was laid down on glass with a camera facing down on it to project on a screen for the audience to be able to see the rest of the performance.

“I love a good story that has a beginning and middle and end,” Castillo stated before the performance. “I love stories because you get to know each other and then you start to trust each other. We then begin to know each and develop a relationship, and our stories intertwine. And that’s what I like.”

Tuesday’s performance began with the beginning of the Genesis story. He used music in the background to heighten the emotions of the story.

“I don’t come from a family of artists,” Castillo said after presenting the Genesis story. “There is no way I can compete with the greats like Leonardo, Michelangelo and the rest of the Ninja Turtles.”

Student shared how Castillo impressed them with his sand art presentation.

“I thought it was really cool how he could make a fish into a shark and then into a turtle, Continued on page 4

YOUTH STAND FOR CHRIST

CLEMENTSON SUPRATADI
STAFF WRITER

The Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) group at Southern Adventist University, General Youth Conference Southeast (GYCSE), held meetings from Oct. 22-24 under the theme of “Here We Stand” in Thatcher Chapel and the Collegedale Church.

“Here We Stand” addressed the importance of staying in tune and forever faithful to the calling and guidance of our creator. “Here We Stand” featured speaker Taj Pacleh. Pacleh, a native of Hawaii, is the director of Revelation of Hope Ministries and is based at the Los Angeles Tongan SDA Church in California.

“They [GYCSE] have been very accommodating. They’ve been an amazing team organizing everything very well,” said Pacleh.

The GYCSE meetings also featured chaplain and Bible worker at Heritage Academy in Monterey, Tenn., Lo-Ammi Richardson; Southern’s SALT program coordinator, Greg Wilson and the operations director of AudioVerse, Karen Wilson.

Casey Vaughn, junior theology major, commented on the workings of the Holy Spirit through last week’s meetings.

“GYCSE this year has revived my life and inspired me to reach higher and deeper in my spiritual walk,” Vaughn said. “Taj helped me remember what it is to stand firm for what I believe and to follow God with my whole heart.”

Greg Wilson comments on the turnout for the meetings. “It’s always great to see young adults pouring energy into something for eternal reward. GYC equips each other with lasting importance and to the lives of our peers.”

GYCSE’s mission statement states: “[GYCSE] seeks to raise a generation of passionate believers...”

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NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT

Sheann Brandon
STAFF WRITER

Carolyn Hamilton will take her place as Southern Adventist University’s new vice president of Advancement beginning Nov. 2.

Chris Carey, the former vice president of Advancement, resigned last winter after 10 years of serving at Southern, according to a Southern Accent article from Feb. 26, John Wagner, a former president of Southern in the mid-1980s, returned at the request of President Gordon Bietz as an interim VP of Advancement until a permanent replacement could be found.

“I’ve admired [Hamilton’s] talents since working with her during my time as president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference,” said Bietz, in a statement issued by Advancement. “While we seek to expand the number of people who contribute their talents, and treasures to Southern, she will be a tremendous asset.”

Hamilton is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE). According to her LinkedIn profile, she was a founding partner in The Hamilton Company, a comprehensive consulting firm serving nonprofit; vice president for advancement at Pacific Union College, her alma mater; and the vice president for philanthropy at Loma Linda University Health.

“Southern can’t live on tuition alone,” said Wagner, who officially had his last day as interim last week. “In advancement is where the fundraising is organized, planned, and done...[it’s] a critical arm of the university. Hamilton has deep experience as a fundraising consultant. She’s a known entity.”

Carolyn Hamilton is the wife of Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of Financial Administration.
BCU makes strides at breast cancer walk

Left to right: Robert Moore, Orel Smith, Marissa Danville, Mark Belfort, Danielle Allen, Anthony Burrell and Daniel Hamilton volunteer at the walk.

Photo by Danielle Allen

Eight members from the Black Christian Union (BCU) volunteered at the American Cancer Society’s “Making Strides for Breast Cancer Awareness Walk/Run” on Sunday, Oct. 25 at the Coolidge Park in downtown Chattanooga.

“Because it is the month of October and I have personal history with someone who has breast cancer,” said BCU President Mark Belfort, sophomore clinical psychology major. “I felt a need to volunteer and to specifically show the Chattanooga community that we were willing to help out in any way possible to show support for survivors and families affected by breast cancer.”

The volunteers from BCU helped distribute water bottles to those participating in the walk, set up food and drink stations along the routes of the walk and disbursed recycling bins throughout the park. While volunteering, the BCU volunteers met and talked with several breast cancer survivors including Patricia Robinson, a two-year survivor who coordinated the “Survivor Tent” at the breast cancer walk. She talked about her experience during chemotherapy and how she lost all her hair during the process.

Sophomore health science major Marissa Danville said, “Nothing went wrong, it was well planned, and they had plenty of volunteers to help out before and during the walk.”

“I think the breast cancer walk was great,” said BCU liaison Orel Smith, junior marketing major. “It was such a beautiful thing to see all types of people come out and support the betterment of the human race.”

Ultimately, the BCU executive board hoped to display Christ-like character and service while volunteering at the breast cancer walk.
On Oct. 18, runners gathered in downtown Chattanooga to complete the 7 Bridges Marathon, or the 4 Bridges Half Marathon, a 26.2 or 13.1 mile run through the Chattanooga area. The half marathon, however, ended up being almost a half a mile short, upsetting many of the racers. The race’s organizers admitted to the mistake and issued an apology statement. The race’s main title sponsor was the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who sponsored the race for the first time and was not involved in the distance mishap.

The half marathoners began their trek at 7 a.m. and the half-marathoners followed close behind at 7:30 a.m. The mishap in the half marathon’s distance was in part due to the fact that this year’s race course was different than in the previous years. The half marathon course began in Coolidge Park, and took runners across the Market Street bridge, Highway 29 bridge, Veterans bridge and the Walnut Street bridge. In the previous years, there was a turnaround just past Curtain Pole Road that race planners called “inelegant,” so they eliminated it and decided to make up the distance instead on Riverside Drive. That was where the distance was lost.

In their apology, the race organizers said that although they measured the distance to the turnaround they did not realize that the race course had not been set up to extend all the way to that turnaround. “We let down our runners,” said the Scenic City Multisport Team in an apology on the 7 Bridges Marathon Facebook page. “We understand they are upset because we are runners too... They worked hard. It matters and they’re justifiably upset.”

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The Scenic City Multisport Team said they plan to earn back the trust of those whose confidence they lost. They will be offering a 50 percent discount for next year’s half marathon race to any half marathon participant until Nov. 20. Although the race did have a downfall, racers were still able to enjoy the race as it happened. Many Southern students volunteered at the race and many participated as well, including three of the faculty from the School of Religion. “I felt excited to be running in the half marathon again,” said Barry Tryon, a professor at the School of Religion who has participated in this particular half marathon four times. Tryon says one of the reasons he likes this race in particular is because “it is a race that is in my town and I don’t have to travel far to participate... [and] because I get a medal that I can wear to school the next day and then hang in my home!”

All along the race, there were live musicians on the street corners playing different instruments or singing to encourage runners. Sisters, Aspen Scott, freshman mass communications major, and Micah Scott, sophomore outdoor leadership major, both said the best part of the race was the last mile, particularly the last few meters. “The last 200 or so meters ended on a downhill,” Aspen Scott said. “I was able to pick up speed and sprint to the finish.”

There were free waffles for the runners when they finished, in addition to massages, water, hot chocolate and towels. Each finisher also received a medal commemorating the Seventh-day Adventist Marathon and Half Marathon.
Sand art performer brings stories to life
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all with his hands and some sand,” said Isabella Kuhlman, senior nursing major. “It is a better way to show a story because it is visual and so captivating. Sometimes when I sit and I just listen to people, I don’t fully get what their point is, but without words, I know what he was trying to say. Seeing the story of Genesis was better than reading. It was more of a connection.”

Castillo was once a pastor but said he later felt no longer fit to keep doing that kind of ministry and he needed a new way to evangelize. His wife suggested he pursue sand art.

Castillo recorded some of his sand art. Suddenly, the phone never stopped ringing. “The King of Saudi Arabia called,” said Castillo. “So I went and did a sand-story for him.”

One of the calls was from America’s Got Talent. “I didn’t know how it was going to go,” Castillo said. “The one sand-story I had that was 90 seconds was ‘God Bless America.’ Howie Mandel is Canadian; I don’t even know if Howard Stern believes in God. So I knew I would get three red x’s [from the judges] and just leave.”

However, that isn’t what happened: Joe Castillo was one of the 2012 finalists. “Our life is a story,” said Castillo. “We are sharing our story with someone else. A lot of things happen in our lives that we don’t want to happen, but it’s still our story, and it is what makes us better.”

In the past seven years, he has performed for presidents, kings and dignitaries in 45 states and 27 countries and even reached the finals on America’s Got Talent, a reality competition television series.

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young people excited about Christ and His mission. We strive to instill a higher vision for what God wants to accomplish in and through our lives. Through education and training, we endeavor to unite young Christians anxious to share Christ here and now until His return.”

The Southern student-led chapter began to take shape in 2005, bringing many prominent and dynamic speakers to the Seventh-day Adventist youth community to the region.
Deep Sabbath

Deep Sabbath took place Saturday, Oct. 24 at Oakwood University, in Huntsville, Alabama. Students from Southern Adventist University traveled to Oakwood and spent the day in fellowship and outreach.

Photos by Stephen Barber and Tyler Thomas
The Colporteur Life

NANCY PHAM

Contributor

Ellen G. White said that the colporteur work is second to none, and it prepares you for any line of ministry.

I have canvassed for three summers now, and it took three summers for God to help me truly enjoy the work. I remembered my first summer: I hated going out every day and was not nice to the people in my program.

My second summer, I became known as “Negative Nancy,” to everyone’s delight. Despite these two years of ungratefulness, God blessed me abundantly. He is closer to those who need it most. Jesus came to heal the sick, not the healthy. I was sick and bitter due to my upbrining, and God knew the colporturing work would change me.

Entering into my third summer of canvassing, I decided to be a positive influence. I no longer wanted to be selfish and complain. Whatever I felt, I kept to myself and lived by principle. I knew what was right and what needed to be done, so I encouraged everyone in my program.

Things always taught in church, including prayer, faith and having a burden for souls sounded like things a Christian would naturally possess. But throughout the canvassing program, I realized I never possessed these things. The Spirit convicted my heart to start a prayer group and God blessed miraculously. Everyone felt closer to God and each other. We loved each other and were in unity as a group and in the work.

This last summer, I was extremely blessed to work in the Oakland and San Francisco area of California. It broke me down to pieces in the dust. Being a pioneer in the Asian territory was super challenging and tested my faith. I got on my knees in front of almost every house to plead with God to do something in my life and the people’s lives. I had many questions for God, but I received no answer. I became upset with God because of the lack of answers. However, I realized that was not a good reason to be upset at Him because faith is an essential component of life, thus patience was essential.

Ever since that time, whenever I was tempted, I told myself, “I cannot do this to God again. He does not deserve it.” God helped me have a stable faith in the canvassing work, and this is what I needed in my next week working in San Francisco. Being in the city that Ellen G. White said was becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah in her book “Evan- gelism,” I saw the need for soul-winning. There, for the first time in three years, I received a true burden for souls and wanted to fight for the people.

I saw the urgency of the work because time was limited. The Second Coming is near.

Satan has, still is and will continue to attack the Great Commission of God’s people. This summer, our van was stolen, a viral Facebook post said we were sex traffickers and relationships were under attack. But God restored our van, the person who wrote the Facebook post ended up wanting to buy books and relationships were mended. This showed me that we are doing a great work, and the end is also near.

I saw God glorified more than ever with every cruel attempt from Satan. I saw God’s love for me in a personal way and had mindset breakthroughs. There are many more stories that I could share, but the end of it would be to challenge you to be willing to be used by God in any way that He inspires you. You will see the power of God and grow in character tremendously.

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Seek ye first

KRISTAL MORGAN

Contributor

As I followed the arrows through the maze of the store, I finally made it to the bed frame section. I quickly selected one and made my way to the cashier. At home, I opened my box that contained numerous flat board panels and screws. I realized I could not wing this project if I wanted to finish it before sunrise. I quickly learned that the order in which I constructed the bed frame was important. The manual was of supreme value and had to be followed correctly.

The Bible, like IKEA’s handbook, also has helpful guidelines we need to abide by. Matthew’s intention is clear in his declaration: Seek first the kingdom God, and things will follow.

In our world we have set our priorities to a different tune. Prayer and study have become antiquated by things that are shrieking for our attention. Consumerism emphasizes speed, which makes times spent on prayer and study obsolete. Many Christians today fall into the consumerism mold. It is this combination of old and new that has inoculated the heart of the Christian church and has put God’s word off to the side.

The Ten Commandments show us the divine order mandated by God. The first four commandments explain our relationship with God. The other six commandments instruct us to love our fellow man and value our relationships with others.

But where are physical possessions on that list? Aren’t they important too? The law of God also mentions them, but they are put in their proper place: last. The tenth and last commandment says, “Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s” (Exodus 20:17, KJV). God first, people second, things last.

As we start the second half of the semester, we ought to realize where our priorities lie if we desire to be successful. God is telling us to seek Him, which is not the same as asking. Seeking is what we do when we get up from our knees. For the process of seeking to come into fruition, action must transpire. Seek God, pursue God, know God. That is the priority.

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**OPINION**

Stop listening in class

**ISRAEL OLAORE**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Dear fellow 2015 college student,

We are the statistics that we read about. In a nutshell, here’s what the statistics tell us about our post-graduate life: Our future is not promising. Chances are it’s going to suck.

One thing more frustrating than being in college, racking up debt and listening to another two-hour lecture that has no apparent relation to our dream job, is the realization that the people our age on the road to real success—or are already there—are probably not even in class, or even in college for that matter. But we are in college and we don’t have the luxury to just drop out and pursue our big dream.

So, how do we, the non-dropouts prepare for the harsh, dropout gouverned world that stands not-so-far-ahead? How do we make the most of this necessary “waste of time” called college and turn the odds back in our favor?

It would be grossly incon-siderate and inaccurate of me to claim that all college classes are a complete waste of time. There are many classes that are extremely crucial to your post-college success, and countless professors who labor tirelessly to make their classes interesting, innovative and relevant. You should definitely pay attention in those classes, and appreciate those professors.

If you feel like you are not gaining anything pertinent-ly useful in a class, stop listening and start using that precious time to intentionally work on the things that really matter to your future.

**Study for the class ahead of time** so you can efficiently not listen. This obviously doesn’t really count as an in-class alternative to listening, but it is still very important. Even though the information in this class may not be important to your life goals, the information is important for your grade; so at least for the moment, you need to know it. Take some time before your class to study the material enough that you can follow along, participate in discussions and answer a question or two when called on. This will allow you to successfully zone out when you get the chance and focus on what really matters: your future.

**Brainstorm.** Monotone lectures can serve as the perfect brainstorming background noise. Use this class time wisely and start intentionally thinking about your plan for postgraduate success. Think big. Think realistic.

Set bite-size goals for yourself, and then figure out what physical steps you need to take in order to achieve these goals. Ask yourself questions like, “What do I really want to be in life?” and “What specific things do I need to do to become that?”

Think about how you are going to be different from the thousands that are just like you. Think about how you are going to succeed. Guaranteed, by the end of class, you will be closer to figuring that out.

**Execute your big plan.**

My personal dream is to be a global creative consultant to facilitating dynamic collaborative projects that give my clients a competitive edge. I am well on my way to starting my own consulting business and I have many boring class lectures to thank for my progress.

Whether I’m messaging a client in Brazil, sketching my logo or fleshing out the logistics for my next project, I leave that class with tangible results and accomplished goals.

After brainstorming, you can also use your class time to start executing your plan. Outline emails, redesign your resume, research companies, competition and recent innovations relative to your field. Use this time to take physical steps toward your dream.

**Make a friend, and be one.** Arguably more important than the notes you take in class are the friends you make. Be intentional about befriending your classmates.

Friends help friends with notes and completed study guides that help not-listening friends pass tests, ace quizzes and complete assignments. So, to successfully not listen, you can’t be an island. Be mindful, though. Nobody likes feeling used, so don’t just expect favors all the time. Make sure you return the favors wherever you can. This may mean you offer to do more than your equally divided share of the study guide, or you take extra detailed notes for your friend when they are sick.

**When you do listen, learn.** Yes. There will inevitably be moments in class when listening is unavoidable. Make the most of those moments.

Try it. Stop merely listening in class. Stop merely listening to the dim future that has been dictated to us by the same ‘ole way of doing things.

What I’m saying may seem crazy or unorthodox, but if the glaring statistics are already telling us that we lost by being in college, what do we really have to lose? Try something new. Stop Listening.

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**Why I’m not voting for Ben Carson**

**KEREN GOMEZ**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

He’s Adventist, so vote for him. He’s a great doctor, so vote for him. He’s super smart, so vote for him. These are a few of the reasons people give me on why they think voting for Ben Carson is the right choice.

I can’t vote yet, so this is the only way I can make my opinion known; if I could, I would not vote for Carson.

Yes, he is an Adventist, a great doctor and very smart. I admire him for his achievements and innovations, but that does not mean he is not qualified to be the leader of the United States of America. Honestly, most of the running candidates are not ready, but that’s a whole other discussion.

Carson is an Adventist, but religion and state are separate. So when the time comes to make a tough choice about an issue that Adventists have a strong stand on, will he stick to his beliefs or will he go with what is expected of him by the country? I am not saying an Adventist can’t be president, I am saying Carson is not the right one.

As we have seen, and as Trump has loudly advertised, this country is not ready for much change. Sure, let everyone be who they want to be in their home. Outside, stick to strict social rules. People have different views on issues like religion, gun control and homosexuality are not something many people agree on and as we have seen with Obama’s two terms, as president people do not always take kindly to change. I encourage you to look at the candidates, and if you can vote, don’t vote just because he is Adventist, or because he’s a great doctor. Look at the country’s policies and the candidate’s beliefs before you vote.

Keren Gomez is a junior psychology major.
PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN:
Gurpreet Malhi

I came to Southern Adventist University because I wanted to get my master’s as a nurse practitioner. It’s been an interesting experience to be here because I am a little older than the typical college student. I don’t stay up until curfew on Saturday night; it’s challenging to connect with the younger people. But it’s funny because in my classes, I am a younger student. Most of the students getting their Nurse Practitioner degrees are in their 40s-50s.

How do I relax? Well, I go to church. I exercise. I walk a lot and I read a lot. Oh, and I am involved in ministry. I am helping organize a GLOW outreach this Halloween Sabbath. We will pass out evangelistic literature this Saturday night. I also travel and help other ministries. For example, I am the logistics director of iShare. It’s a youth conference that seeks to help equip young people with evangelistic skills.

Why am I getting my Master’s? Well, I remember the youth conference that seeks to help equip young people with evangelistic skills. I was doing my best, but there was so much more that I did not know. The mission field requires you to know a lot, and I realized I wasn’t ready. I did not want to misdiagnose any patients or feel like I wasn’t able to help them properly, so I decided to come to Southern so I could be more useful overseas.

Gurpreet Malhi is a nursing master’s student.

LIFESTYLE

A walk across America

Natalia Perez

During September 2015, Lucas Raposo, an adventurous, free-spirited, wander-lusting soul, whom I had the privilege of going to high school with, took a year off from college to set out on his journey to walk across the country. Starting from the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts and making long-term stops in Tennesse, Michigan and Colorado, he’s set his final destination to be in California. After hearing his experience, I’ve learned that travel isn’t just about conquering new terrain but conquering yourself.

Lucas Raposo: Well, I guess there was a few different reasons. One of the biggest being that I just wanted to get away from home, Massachusetts, and just see the country and find the good that’s left in this world. I feel like a lot of us have a bad representation of the people in this country. From the time I’ve been out here, I’ve proven that idea wrong.

Also, I’m trying to find myself in this journey. I guess I wanted to do that in the most historic way possible, by really getting back to the roots of humanity and not using a car, train or airplane - just walking. Doing something like this is so hands-on. You don’t miss much when you’re just walking. You see everything and have a lot of time to think.

NP: After you decided to commit to your decision of walking across America, how did you hold yourself accountable to starting the journey?
LR: That was a little difficult. And definitely more than 15 times I thought, “I’m just gonna stay home. I’m not gonna do it.” There was a time when I was planning to hike with a friend of mine, Cavan. Just three weeks before we would start the walk, he backed out. That was pretty hard, but I understood why he had to do it. When that happened, I thought there was no way I could do this on my own. But then I went on to realize I wouldn’t be alone. I would always find people and God would always be with me. That was reassuring to me.

NP: What was the general reaction when you first announced you’d be doing this?
LR: A lot of people bashed on my idea. They said that I would get myself hurt or that this would ruin my life. I was justannaing to prove them wrong. But when I got out here, my whole perspective changed. I’m not interested in proving people wrong. I’m doing this for me.

NP: How you feel on your first day out?
LR: The first day, I was super excited. But the second day, it hit me, like, “Wow, I’m really doing this.” On a big adventure like this, most people say the hardest thing to do is walk out the door. But that wasn’t the case for me. I just did it.

NP: What kinds of people have you met so far?
LR: I’ve met a lot of really nice and eccentric people. I’ve been taken out to lunch by a seemingly wealthy lady. I had no idea who she was, but she bought me Wendy’s. I’ve met people who you wouldn’t typically expect to go out of their way for you, but they do. I also met this one guy who had been living on the Appalachian Trail for 10 years. He just walks up and down; he loves it. It’s a different world out there. Some people don’t fit in with society, so they live on the trails. I’ve realized that a walk across America isn’t meant for the beauty in the country, it’s seeing the beauty in people.

NP: What do you think is the role of adventure in the everyday lives of people and what does adventure personally mean to you?
LR: It’s hard to say. I would meet people when I was off the trail and they’d ask, “Why are you doing this?” and I’d say, “Well, what are you doing?” They just go to work and come home. I don’t know if people even have a sense of adventure anymore. Adventure for me is getting out of your comfort zone and doing something that scares you.

NP: How do you keep yourself motivated to keep walking?
LR: There was this one day I hiked 27 miles on the Appalachian Trail. I was on mile 14 and thought, “I am so done with this. Why am I still walking? What am I even doing?” Then I walked into this one spot, and it was one of the most beautiful views you can imagine. The mountains were endless, surrounding the valleys and rivers, and it slapped me in the face that this is why I was doing it. It’s like you’re in a different world, explainable.

NP: Would you recommend what you’re doing to other people?
LR: I would probably never recommend it just because it’s really dangerous. If you’re walking with someone else, that’s better. Walking by yourself takes a toll on you mentally and physically. It’s really hard that you’re basically homeless. When I’m walking through the city streets and notice the sun is setting, I think, “Where the heck am I going to sleep?” It’s really stressful. So I probably wouldn’t recommend this, but I’d recommend a different hike like through the Appalachian Trail or the Pacific Crest Trail.

NP: But what if they were set on going, what advice would you give, then?
LR: When I was all set to go, a friend of mine emailed Peter Jenkins, an American travel writer who authored the book A Walk Across America, and asked him for advice to give me. He said to remember that while there is good in the world, there is also a lot of bad. And that’s what I would tell someone else, too. That even though this trip requires trust in people, you also have to learn to keep your guard up and discern situations.

NP: Going on a trip like this would obviously enable physical, mental, emotional and even spiritual enrichment.
LR: I’m in the best shape of my life. I can walk up to 30 miles a day while carrying a 30-pound pack. Mentally, I have so much time to think. It’s all I do all day. I’ve learned to deal with myself and come to terms with a lot of things. Emotionally, I’ve learned to be more independent and fend off people less. Spiritually, I talk to God all the time. I have a very different idea of God and Seventh-day Adventist religion. Religion doesn’t matter as much. It’s who we’re worshipping that matters. If God wasn’t with me through every step, I wouldn’t be able to get through this.
All-night softball: controlled chaos

How can one describe the events that transpired on the night of October 24 and leaked into the 25th? Many can say “exciting” or “fun” – or even stressful and disappointing. An appropriate way to define that night was “controlled chaos.” All-Night Softball is roughly 8 p.m. when the night and a creepy fog and that can expose a massive gap in conditions kept worsening, becoming damp with the morning dew. Shallow line drives into right field, they made it pretty far in the tournament, losing to Homeward Bound and Rawhide in the latter stages of the draw.

As the night growing progressed, an ominous fog started to roll in, predominantly on fields three and four. There was a moment when it was very difficult to make out the outfielders, only seeing their black silhouettes moving around. Along with foggy conditions, the fields started to become damp with the morning dew. Shallow line drives into the outfield would turn the ball into a wet missile, shooting down the field and hitting the back fence. As the sketchy conditions kept worsening, some players’ determination and will started to die. Coming up on 2 a.m., teams were sputtering out of energy. The top teams, however, emerged with motivation as their championship hopes were getting closer to becoming a reality.

After more than nine hours of battling for the two final spots, Lucky 13 and SOS reached the Women’s Championship Game. This was a tricky situation because SOS had lost one game before, but Lucky 13 was undefeated. In order for SOS to win, they had to beat Lucky 13 twice in a row. Surprisingly enough, after winning the first game, SOS came out on top in the second game with a score of 2-1 and became the 2015 Women’s All-Night Softball Champions.

For the Men’s Championship game, Rawhide, who took a rather early loss to Homeward Bound, rallied and found themselves in the finals against The Tribe. Finally, around 5:15 a.m., the final game of the night began. The Tribe, who played consistently throughout the night, became the 2015 Men’s All-Night Softball Champions.

Fantasy Football Advice (for Week 8)

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*Typically an under-the-radar player who exceeds expectations.

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**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation, 11a, Iles, Stephen Black
- Last day to drop a class “W” on transcript
- Homecoming Weekend (29-Nov. 1)
- PreviewSouthern 101 (29-30)
- SA Supper, 5-6:30p, Promenade
- Alumni Banquet, 6p, Dining Hall

**FRIDAY**
- Payday: Salary/Hourly/Student
- Psychology Symposium, 9a-1p, Summerour #1200
- Floor Hockey Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/intramurals
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- SOAP Spiritual Retreat 3p, Wright Hall (30-November 1)
- 4th Annual Beyond the Columns Supper, Alumni & Senior Class 6p, Student Center
- Southern Scholars Reunion Supper, Current Southern Scholars and Alumni, 6p, McKee Library 2nd floor
- Vespers, 6p, Iles, Concert, Anthony Evans
- Alumni Vespers, 8p, Church
- Sunset, 6:49p

**SABBATH**
- Branches, 9a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Richard Coston/ Bob Cundiff
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, David Williams
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- West Side for Jesus, Hospital Ministries, Patten Towers, 2p, Wright Hall
- Sacred Concert: Jennifer LaMountain & Kelly Mowrer 4p, Church
- Evensong, 6:30p, Church, David Williams
- Southern Shuffle, Onsite Registration, 8:30p, Race Start, 9:30p, Wood Hall

**SUNDAY**
- Daylight Savings Time Ends, Set clocks back one hour at 2a
- 12th Annual Antique/Classic Car Show, 11a, Wood/Talge Parking Lot
- American Indian Heritage Month
- SA Fall Festival, 6-9p

**MONDAY**
- Student Missions Emphasis Week (2-6)
- Online Winter Registration for Southern Scholars
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p

**TUESDAY**
- Election Day
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Seniors >93 hours (3-4)
- Tornado Siren Test, Noon

**WEDNESDAY**
- Teach3, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- Floor Hockey Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room
- Student Missions Emphasis Week (2-6)
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Seniors >93 hours (3-4)
- Tornado Siren Test, Noon

[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

**Campus Shop:** The Campus Shop is now open Monday through Thursday from 8:30a until 5:30p and on Friday from 8:30a until 12:30p.

**Campus Ministries:** While on the web this week, don’t forget to visit Campus Ministries’ blog “Undeniably Jesus” at undeniablyjesus.wordpress.com.

**S.A. Announcements**

**Verse of the Week:** “The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:17) Remember to put God first in everything you do this week. In light of His great work, everything else fades away.

**S.A. Supper:** This Thursday (10/29) the cafeteria will be closed for supper due to an alumni banquet. In order to provide food for everyone, S.A. will be giving out free pizza outside the student center from 5-6:30p. Be sure to come quickly before it all runs out!

**Fall Festival:** This Sunday (11/1) is our annual fall festival. Come out to the Student Park (Iles in case of rain) from 6-9p to make warm memories by enjoying fall food, carnival games, and live music. Each student organization will be present so come and show your support while having a great time!

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**[BIRTHDAYS]**

- **October 29**
  - Nita Baker
  - Steven Collins
  - Christian Hamilton
  - Sarah Jordan
  - Allen McKinney
  - Nathaniel Melville
  - Stephanie Owen
  - Pablo Perez
  - Michael Santos
  - John Sharman
  - Amber Smith
  - Brad Thomas

- **October 30**
  - Mathew Gist
  - Amy Nagasawa
  - Alex Pinkard
  - Kat Roberts
  - Katie Steinbacher

- **October 31**
  - Keven Brito
  - Jacques Delhove
  - Sierra Emilaire
  - Joel Greve
  - Audrey Panjaitan
  - Zach Roberts
  - Miranda Watung

- **November 1**
  - Emily Johnson
  - Lexxi Millin
  - Katelyn Pauls
  - Dana Strait
  - Jaude Valentine

- **November 2**
  - Sonia Moral
  - Phil Paik
  - Whitney Powell
  - Travis Purcell
  - Jimin Yu

- **November 3**
  - Becky Chesnut
  - Zach Henski
  - Jerome Maslamony
  - Kathleen Napitupulu

- **November 4**
  - Blake Donohoo
  - Sam Knight
  - Caroline Neil
  - Rashida Tsoka
  - Isaac Valera
  - Alex Van Maanen
Ah fall, the time of year where I go out of my way to step on crunchy leaves and hear them crackle.
@Southern_Accent

Instead of being shocked seeing an afro lady using chopsticks, good job sister. #saulife

Textbooks are calling my name but I don’t want to answer the call. The struggle is real! #saulife
Melanie Hubbard, @belovedgeliebt
Clinical Mental Health Counsel, MS

Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.
Dr. Pam Harris, @PamMHarris
Professor

Getting to the VM before the post-convo rush.
#winning #saulife
Jessica Pieretti, @jess_pieretti
Masters

Swagbucks
Swagbucks is a mobile and desktop service that allows you to earn money through watching videos, filling out surveys and shopping. Shop with rebates in order to earn Swagbucks points that are redeemable for gift cards, travel rewards and more. With Swagbucks, it is pretty easy to earn points and involves minimal effort. The more you do through their service, the more you can earn! Enjoy!

Friday dreams: Doing homework
Friday reality: Sleeping until Sabbath comes
#saulife #dreams #oneday
Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

“People nowadays would rather believe a beautiful lie than a difficult truth.” - Taj Pacleb #gycse #saulife
Shaina Rantung, @ShainaRantung
Public Relations, SO

A rare @madmanmancao sighting on campus. #saulife
Kayla Dalusong, @katharos27
Religious Studies, SR
3 Types of students commonly found in the classroom
by Jonathan Mancao

Aside from the increase of responsibility and decrease of Accutane prescriptions, college isn’t all that different from high school. One of the things that have managed to remain somewhat constant between these two levels of education are the social dynamics of the classroom. Having a basic understanding about the variety of classmates will help you make the most of your collegiate endeavors this semester. Here are some common types of classmates to look out for:

1. **The Teacher’s Pet**

   Every classroom has at least one. These students know every apple orchard owner by name within a fifty-mile radius. They don’t associate with anyone that has a GPA lower than 3.7 to maintain their professionalism. These types of students can be commonly found in the first or second row of the classroom with immaculate posture and arms sprawled over their open textbook drenched in highlighter fluid. With their eyes fixated on the lecture material, their hand twitches and hovers over their pens in a Mexican standoff-type fashion, ever ready to jot down the first thing to leave the teacher’s mouth. When they’re not reserving 10-person library study rooms all to themselves, they can often be found singlehandedly completing group projects, watching Big Bang Theory reruns or listening to the same classical music their mothers would play for them while in the womb.

2. **The 5-Star Chef**

   Another typically found subspecies of classmate, these aspiring Le Cordon Bleu graduates are characterized by their constant soundtrack of crunching, chewing, and unraveled Little Debbie wrappers. Common traits include fingertips dusted with Doritos cool ranch residue, a depleted meal plan account and an array of gum and mints to remedy the aftertaste from their goulash of French onion, garlic, yeast flakes and re-microwaved fish which they took the liberty of eating in your warm, unventilated classroom. Be wary of them borrowing your writing utensils, for your Pilot G2s would need the strongest degreasers commercially available to salvage. These students constantly push the limits of the teacher’s food policy each and every day, and at the rate which some of them consume, they’ll be catering finger salad for the whole class by finals week.

3. **The Hibernator**

   A third type of student commonly found knows the back of their eyelids like the back of their hand. You can count on these students to be in REM sleep by the time the teacher finishes reading the morning devotional. These students always look like they just finished an ultra marathon, or a 16-hour graveyard shift. On the days they actually show up to class, and provided they’re not unconscious, they can be found on Yik Yak fishing for upvotes, drawing unflattering caricatures of the teacher or talking to their neighbors about how they were binge watching Orange is the New Black last night, living a life of crime vicariously through fictional characters. The teachers have mixed opinions towards these pathological nappers, ranging from pure apathy to slight annoyance to borderline harassment, and I relish every moment when the droning snore of a classmate overpowers the teacher’s melancholic tone.

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GEN ED COMMITTEE PROPOSES CHANGES TO SOUTHERN CURRICULUM

Danielle Allen
Lead Reporter

Twenty-two members of the University Senate held a meeting on Sept. 14 to discuss the future general education requirement changes. Scot Anderson, chair of the general education committee, presented an update on their work in revamping the general education requirements. Along with his committee, Anderson plans to reduce the general education requirement credit hours down from 56-59 to 45 credit hours.

“This will give students more choices in electives and allow them to change majors in their first one-and-a-half years and still graduate in four years,” said Anderson. The general education committee has been working with individual chairs/deans and departments/schools on the learning goals that fulfill the mission of Southern Adventist University and the minimum requirements of 30 hours for baccalaureate programs of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Some students were concerned that the general education requirement changes would cause them to graduate at a later date than anticipated. However, Anderson said that the changes “will not affect current students unless they change catalogs.”

“As a freshman and especially a double major, I think that reducing the gen-ed requirement will make it a lot easier for me to be on track without taking a huge amount of credits my first year,” said Rachelle Martin, freshman history major. Most upperclassmen were not concerned about the general education requirement changes but wished that the school had implemented these changes sooner for people who are trying to graduate in a more reasonable time and could not afford to stay an extra semester or year.

“I like the idea because it’s obviously less stress that I’d have to take on,” said Jade Henry, junior education major. “But I’ve already taken obviously less stress that I’d have to take on,” said Jade Henry, junior education major. “But I’ve already taken

SPRINKLER MALFUNCTION FORCES STUDENTS TO EVACUATE

Rosana Hughes
Editor-In-Chief

Students and faculty were evacuated from the cafeteria and Dining Hall on Oct. 28 at 12:10 p.m. due to a sprinkler malfunction. The bulb inside the sprinkler head located above the bakery oven in the kitchen broke, releasing a plug and allowing water to flow into the kitchen and onto the oven, causing damage to the electric components of the oven.

The cause is unknown. There was no smoke or fire that may have triggered the bulb to break. Therefore, the fire department was not called, per Campus Safety’s decision.

“The reason we evacuated everybody is because we didn’t know what was going on,” said Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of financial administration. “But once we did, then we were dealing with a bunch of water and you don’t want people walking around in that.”

ANTHONY EVANS PERFORMS FOR VESPERS

Natalia Perez
Staff Writer

The Illes P.E. Center welcomed students on Friday night, Oct. 30, of alumni weekend for a concert by Anthony Evans.

Sponsored by Campus Ministries, the concert was an alternative vespers option to students due to alumni weekend.

Evans began the night with a few of his own songs and original mash-ups.

“I look like a linebacker but I have the emotions of a ballerina,” Evans said as he shared that while he’s always acknowledged his emotions, especially during hard times, he has also worked to remember that negative emotions are heightened during negative times.

Evans continued to share about low points in his life such as his broken engagement.

“I was going around singing about God’s love, but it was hard to believe what I was singing,” he said. “But since my emotions know no logic, I had to bounce them off of something that is true.”

After singing the crowd’s musical selections, Evans finished the night off by singing “Christ is Risen,” compelling the crowd to sing along.

“It was the perfect mix of gospel and contemporary music,” said Steven Collins, senior business administration and public relations major. “Perfect and amazing way to end the week! Great vespers. So powerful.”

“I was so blessed,” Paola Perez, sophomore mentoring major said. “I could feel God speaking to me, and I could feel Him working in the room.”

The expansion of Evans’ musical career began when he appeared on season two of the hit NBC competition show, “The Voice.”

Along with competing on “The Voice,” Evans has been a back-up singer for

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Southern’s alumni return during Homecoming Weekend

Madison Johnston & Jen Harvey
Staff Writers

Former Southern Adventist University students returned to campus for Homecoming Weekend 2015, held from Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 and organized by Alumni Relations. The theme of the weekend was “Reflections Along the Path—Celebrating a Legacy of Service,” which threaded the various events of the weekend together as alumni reconnected. Although it was unknown at press time the exact number of alumni who attended, Evonne Crook, director of Alumni Relations, said that the attendance is “normally roughly over 1,000 people” and that this year “about 400 people pre-registered [online].”

Homecoming Weekend began on Thursday with the Kickoff Banquet held in the Dining Hall in conjunction with the alumni awards ceremony. The E.O. Grundset Lecture series was also held on Thursday in Ackerman Auditorium, presented by Jonathan Coburn, ’02. Alumni and current students alike had the opportunity to attend the Psychology Symposium Friday morning, under the theme “Psychology at Southern: Today and Beyond,” featuring keynote speaker Kahlilia Morris Blane and several other presenters. Throughout most of the day, alumni had the opportunity to connect with former classmates in different campus departments.

One highlight was the Call Center 10-year Reunion, in which former employees of Southern’s Call Center had the chance to meet once more. Open houses were also held, in places such as WSMC.

Friday evening featured a variety of events for alumni and students to attend. The annual Beyond the Columns supper was held in the student center for seniors and alumni, and the Southern Scholars reunion supper, entitled “Faithful Learning in a Secular Environment,” was open to Southern Scholars past and present in the library.

Norman Gulley of the class of 1955 was the featured speaker at the special alumni vespers in the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church that evening, which included special music by the Southern Symphony Orchestra and the Collegiate Chorale and Chamber Singers reunion groups. The orchestra played selections from Schubert, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. The Chorale and Chamber Singers reunion groups were especially popular and proved to be “the highlight of the weekend,” Crook said. “About 70 participated in the choir, and [the event] was very moving for them,” Crook said.

Each of Collegedale Church’s three services on Sabbath featured a different alumni speaker with Richard Coston, ’65, speaking for Adoration I, Bob Cundiff, ’90, speaking for Adoration II and David Williams, ’05, speaking for Renewal. A sacred concert was open to the public on Saturday afternoon, performed by recording artist Jennifer LaMountain, ’90, in Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Reunion dinners for the classes of 2005 and 1965 were also held on Saturday night. Crook said the 1965 reunion had “the highest turnout for a 50-year reunion.” After the reunion dinners came Southern’s annual Southern Shuffle 5k race and 1-mile fun run/walk, which allowed alumni to participate in a race across campus.

“I thought everyone liked [the race],” said Brady Tull, freshman health, physical education and recreation major, who ran in the 5k. “I will definitely do it again.”

Southern’s alumni left campus once more on Sunday but Alumni Relations is already busy planning next year’s Homecoming Weekend.

The English Club had an old Western photo booth where students posed for photos in different Western-themed costumes.

The Art Club provided students with caricatures as a souvenir. Students also engaged in a 60-second free-throwing challenge by the Physics and Engineering Club.

One Praise Choir’s live karaoke band kept the event upbeat as students sang old and new songs, while being cheered on by their peers.

The College Republicans Club’s game consisted of pictures of leaders like Hitler and Fidel Castro with a bull’s-eye drawn on their heads. Students were then supposed to hit the three bull’s-eyes with an arrow to win a prize.

“I had a great time playing all these games and just seeing everyone support the clubs on campus,” said Marissa Danville, freshman health science major.

Other club activities included pumpkin bowling, laser tag, goldfish toss, jail, pumpkin painting and much more.

Student Association welcomes the fall season

Kimberly Crooks
Staff Writer

The annual Fall Fest, hosted by Student Association (SA), took place in Iles P.E. Center instead of the Student Park, due to the rainy forecast, on Sunday, Nov. 1. Despite the event being held indoors, hay bales and the sound of country music helped bring the outdoors inside. Free food was offered, such as popcorn, cotton candy, caramel apples, fried Oreos, baked potatoes, apple cider and hot chocolate.

“Even with the rain, I’m still having a great time helping out and serving food,” said Mackenson Vendome, senior theology major and SA senator.

Campus clubs hosted various games.

Students line up to get free cotton candy at this year’s Fall Festival.

Photo by Chevon Petgrave

NEWS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2015
The Christian Service Program held a special morning convocation and Service Expo on Thursday, Oct. 29, to encourage students to get involved in the community. The annual event was formatted differently this year in an attempt to allow community partners more time with students, said Dora Desamour, Christian Service Program director.

Previously the Service and Philanthropy Showcase was held in the Bes P.E. Center and only provided students about 10 minutes to talk to community partners before the speaker began, Desamour said. This year, the Service Expo was held 12-2 p.m. in the Ulmer Student Center following convocation.

The convocation featured Stephen Black, founder of Impact Alabama (now Impact America), a nonprofit organization that connects college students with leadership service projects.

Following an introduction and short student testimony, Black spoke about the need for college students to serve in this country. He gave statistics that highlighted that privileged students of Southern Adventist University are saying that those who were sophomores or above had more education than most of the residents of Tennessee.

Nicole Davis, sophomore nursing major, called Black’s talk a “big wake-up call.” “I’ve always been very passionate about serving, empowering and loving others and living a life that is a direct product of that,” said Davis. “However, last week’s convo opened my eyes up to the fact that this cannot simply remain an idea of how I want to live. That is not enough. I need to live in a way that embodies those passions every single day.”

The Service Expo featured 17 community service organizations, such as Chattanooga’s Department of Multi-Cultural Affairs, Chattanooga Zoo and Chattanooga Room at the Inn. PALS (Pets Are Lovable Society) brought a baby monkey and other animals to attract students. Students talked to the different organizations about internships or volunteering for service-learning credit or on their own.

Students who attended convocation were given a card afterward as an incentive to attend the Service Expo. If students got three stamps from different organizations on the card, they were entered into a drawing to win a prize.

Jillian Simoes, sophomore nursing major, won a $25 Walmart gift card. She reconnected with the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, where she previously volunteered. She plans to volunteer this weekend with F.L.A.G. Camp, which was also present at the expo.

Dianne Abello, freshman nursing major, was the winner of an iPad Mini 2. “I loved the friendly atmosphere and [that] the presenters were excited and passionate about their service project,” Abello said.

Raymond Carmichael, freshman biology major, and Derek Onjukka, freshman biology major, each won a $25 Panera gift card. Hannah Leung, freshman animation major, won another $25 Walmart gift card.

Desamour was pleased with the turnout and said that many students had a greater opportunity to connect with community organizations than in years past. She said that some students even found community service events for their clubs.

“We all have something that we can use to help serve others with,” Desamour said. “We want to help the students see the connection that, even as students, they can give of their time, their talent; there is something that they can contribute even right now.”

Focus groups aim to improve Southern’s appeal

Abigail Hunt
Staff Writer

Ruffalo Noel Levitz, a national marketing firm, teamed up with Marketing and University Relations to conduct three market research studies to learn how to best enhance Southern Adventist University’s image and appeal to prospective students. Pam Lee, a consultant from Ruffalo Noel Levitz, led focus groups on Oct. 26 and 27 in the student center’s Robert Merchant Room.

“The goal of the study is to try to understand the strengths and distinctives so that Southern knows how to talk about itself and market itself to prospective students,” said Lee.

Eight focus groups in total met over the two days. Five of the groups were made up of students: two groups of freshman, two groups of upperclassmen and one group of Student Association senators. The remaining three groups were made up of staff, faculty and administration.

Lee asked each group questions about different aspects of the university as well as their perception of it. In the interest of data comparison, many of the questions for each group were the same but worded differently. Each group participated in the discussion with Lee for about an hour, refreshments were served and Amazon gift cards were given to the student participants.

In addition to the eight focus groups, surveys were emailed out to six different groups of people. The six groups included current students, parents of current students, prospective students, parents of prospective students, alumni and nonmatriculates (students that were accepted to Southern but chose to go elsewhere).

Ten years ago, the same six groups were studied. Many of the questions on the surveys were kept the same to keep parallels between the study from 10 years ago, conducted by Staymate, and the current study, conducted by Ruffalo Noel Levitz. Ruffalo Noel Levitz was chosen out of five market research firms that submitted proposals to Southern.

Ruffalo Noel Levitz conducted a third study, the Secret Shopper study. In the Secret Shopper study, two fictional students were created. The two students applied to 11 universities, including Southern. In doing so, these students receive information about each university and the university’s ability to market themselves to a prospective student.

This study was used to find weak spots in other university marketing programs, and then bolster Southern’s identity in those areas.

“What are we doing well? What can we do better? That’s what the point of the Secret Shopper study is,” said Tina Smith, project and planning manager in Marketing and University Relations.

Ruffalo Noel Levitz is gathering data and developing statistics on the three types of studies. On Dec. 3, Lee will return to Southern and present the data to Marketing and University Relations, Admissions and the president’s extended cabinet, which includes associate vice presidents and the dean of graduate studies.

Smith added, “What we want Southern to be and what Southern should be is often a disconnect.” The collected data will give Southern the ability to reconnect that disconnect and close the gap.
Sprinkler malfunction forces students to evacuate

In response to the evacuation, Marketing and University Relations issued an email stating, “Students who purchased food [in the Dining Hall] within 15 minutes of the fire alarm will have the cost of lunch automatically credited back to their meal plan.”

Hamilton said every head on the sprinklers are dated and the one that broke was only five years old.

The only sprinkler that broke was in the bakery section of the kitchen. Once the water started flowing, it spread into the cafeteria and down the stairs into the information technology hall, where approximately one inch of water collected. The Dining Hall was not affected.

The Service Department began cleaning the water and the cafeteria was able to be reopened by 5 p.m. for regular dinner hours.

Rumors circulated claiming that the oven blew up; this is not true.

“The sprinkler blew, and when it pops, it's like an explosion,” said Hamilton. “A lot of people heard that.”

Only one sprinkler is activated at a time due to the heat-sensitive glass that the bulb is made of. As more heat builds up, more sprinklers are activated but never as a group.

“That's kind of the myth that Hollywood shows when a sprinkler goes off,” said Hamilton. “They don't all go off... Once the glass reaches a certain temperature, it basically melts. So when a sprinkler goes off, only one will go off where the incident happens.”

An estimate of the damage had not been determined as of Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Hamilton said the only major damage was to the electronic controller for the oven due to it being shorted out as the water seeped in.

Gen ed committee proposes changes to Southern curriculum

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most of my gen-ed's so I don't think it'll help me as much.”

Ultimately, the changes are decided by the Undergraduate Council. The General Education Committee is currently in the process of proposing these changes to the Undergraduate Council and, if approved, Anderson predicts that these changes could be implemented in the next academic year (2016-2017).

Anthony Evans performs for vespers

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American gospel musician Kirk Franklin, toured for 15 years, recorded guide vocals for American singer CeeLo Green and worked with Celine Dion and Mariah Carey. He also returned to “The Voice” as a talent producer and debuted his latest album “Real Life, Real Worship” in April 2014.

“It's all about staying connected,” Evans said about how he’s kept the balance between sharing his talent to the world without compromising his faith. “It's about staying root- ed. Staying rooted in my family and rooted in the church and it takes a lot of effort, especially in Los Angeles. If I stay rooted, it doesn't matter whether I'm in the church or not out of the church.”

“Everything I write is based off an experience with Christ,” Evans said about his musical inspiration. “Or a byproduct of my relationship with Him. It's like asking someone how air inspires you to live. You need it.”

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THURSDAY

- The Arts Building Open House (Arts Building; free; 4:30-6:30 p.m.)
- Local artist Billy Parker Exhibit (Shiptrine Fine Art Group; free; 5-8 p.m.)
- Art + Issues: Power of Art As Life (Hunter Museum; free; 6-7 p.m.)
- Krista Eubanks (Gallery 1401; free; 6-8 p.m.)
- Ambi Artists (Heritage House; free; 6-8 p.m.)
- Pianist Andreas Klein (Covenant College; free; 7-8 p.m.)
- Around the World in 8 Plays (Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga; $10-15; 7:30-9:30 p.m.)

FRIDAY

- Exhibit Featuring Scott Hill & Russell Whiting (River Gallery; free; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.)
- PROCESS: Lecture + Type Workshop with Scott Fuller (green spaces; $20-50; 4-6 p.m.)
- “Mag” Art Show Opening (Signal Mountain Arts Community Center; free; 5-8 p.m.)
- Renewal (In-Town Gallery; free; 5-8 p.m.)
- If this then that: Works by Heath Montgomery (AVA Gallery; free; 5:30-8 p.m.)
- Mocs Volleyball Scenic City Showdown (UTC Macellan Gym; free; 6:7 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Latin Nights (The Camp House; $10-12; 7 p.m.-12 a.m.)
- Once On This Island: The Musical (Chattanooga State Humanities Theatre; $5-15; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Blue Ridge Community Theater; $6-11; 7:30-9:30 p.m.)
- Harvey Hops Onto The Theatre Centre Stage (Chattanooga Theatre Centre; $12-50; 8:10-30 p.m.)

SATURDAY

- Mountain Art & Craft Celebration (Cloudland Canyon State Park; $3-8; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Market Big Band Day (First Tennessee Pavilion; free; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.)
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Blue Ridge Community Theater; $6-11; 2-4 p.m.)
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Info provided by chattanooganoise.com.
The Student Success Center (SSC) took international students to the Chattanooga Market on Sunday, Oct. 25. The trip was part of monthly transportation to special events provided as part of the international mentorship program.

The outings alternate between a Sunday and Friday of each month and range from downtown trips to places like the Tennessee Aquarium to community events such as the Labor Day fireworks show that was held in Collegedale on Sept. 7.

The international mentorship initiative comes as the SSC looks to fine-tune its involvement with international students by helping them continue to feel more comfortable in their home away from home.

Although international students have been a focus for the SSC in the last few years, the faculty in Lynnwood Hall hopes to better organize its efforts with new and efficient steps like this one, with the hope that students will feel more included as part of the student body.

“What I enjoyed most about the Chattanooga Market was the food,” said freshman computer science major Thomas Manu. Manu is a new student to the mentorship program and said that his experience as an international student has been an interesting one. “I have so much to do in terms of paperwork, finding a good job and balancing my time with classes. But my experience has been fun because through Student Success I meet people from all over the United States.”

Bryan Chen, international student mentor, explained his passion for helping students become more comfortable in the U.S.

“I appreciated having my own mentor when I was in their position,” said Chen. “I decided to give mentorship a try.” Chen said the recent trip to the Chattanooga Market was a first-time experience for him as well.

“Besides seeing all the crafts and organizations in the area, we generally enjoy the food the most,” said Chen. Chen said that he aims to help fill the cultural gap for any student who is having difficulty adjusting here in the U.S. and looks to help international students achieve academic success by directing them to the resources provided by Southern.

“Our job is to look out for the special populations here at Southern,” said Renita Moore, SSC first year experience coordinator. She works together with Cheri Durst, retention and first year advising coordinator, and Laurence Chaij, international Southern Connections coordinator.

Their goal focuses on students who are stuck here on campus over the holidays or who need more care or attention. They also reach out to area churches about helping to accommodate students who may not be able to travel home during Christmas or Thanksgiving breaks due to the extreme distance.

The SSC understands that being away from home can be a trying time for any student, especially younger ones who may be leaving home for the first time. Providing a family setting with people who can take the place of parents if needed is a key goal in the care they work to provide.

For events such as the Mother-Daughter Banquet that takes place every other year, international students have the opportunity to be involved as well.

“I would be honored if an international student asked me to be her mother for the banquet,” said Cheri Durst.
Finding Christ amid uncertainty

When I thought about what to write for this article, I knew that I wanted to avoid talking about the cliché, stereotypical student mission’s experience. Too often, we perceive the idea of serving in another country as the “ultimate” experience of a lifetime or the most “dedicated” public display of a personal connection to Christ. I held these same preconceived ideas, that is, until I went and served as a student missionary myself.

I served on the beautiful island of Palau teaching high school English for 10 months. I remember arriving, truly feeling in my heart that I had been called by God. That bubble burst quickly, and it wasn’t too long until I doubted that God even heard my prayers at all. The days were hard, and the hours seemed to pass by at a pace that wouldn’t win against my great-grandmother going for a leisurely Sabbath stroll.

The difficulties I was facing were completely unexpected. I had gone to the SM class. I had gone on the SM retreat. I had spoken with all my returned SM friends and acquaintances, and though I knew about the possibility of hardships, I remained confident. Up until I actually arrived at my service location, I had felt everything but doubt, but when I got there, I felt everything but sure of myself.

I remember trying to deny the fact that I was struggling for a long time until it all came crashing down on me one day in a fly-infested outhouse. Every sense of stability and support which I had before arriving to Palau was now gone due to various situations and circumstances.

It was in that smelly little outhouse that I had a major reality check: I had nothing. No one. It was me in the middle of the Pacific Ocean – literally, we were camping on an outer island. I thought in that moment, “What have I done?” I sobbed bitterly and felt sorry for myself for a good 30 minutes.

And then, another thought came into my mind, “Okay, so now that you’ve thrown a proper pity party for yourself, what are you going to do?” Admittedly, I didn’t fully give myself an answer at that moment. In fact, it took weeks, even months for me to find my answer.

That’s because there wasn’t any other answer besides “Just be.” Stop doing. Just love. Just live. Just serve. Embrace every moment, both good and bad. Just be who you are, and stop trying to do what you think you were called to do. Instead, take a step back and realize Who is truly the One doing.

It was when I finally learned to let go of everything I knew and to just live fully in whatever moment I was facing that I found myself. Even more importantly, I found myself in Christ. It is not our own efforts and talents that produce successful ministry. It is the work of Christ in us. He is the Potter, and we are the clay. Although I may have felt uncertain, it was in the uncertainty that my heart was finally open enough for God to show me that He is the one thing that is certain.

Should I become a missionary?

When I ended up going to the little island of Ebeye in the Marshall Islands, I experienced exactly what so many had said. Ebeye is a little, one-mile-long island with more Seen Adults is empowering young adults as courageous disciples and active leaders within the Adventist church. My ministry is marked by a call to radically authentic faith that emphasizes a deep personal relationship with God and others.

I hope you’ll take a moment to stop by my office and share your passions with me.

Anna Romuald

From my subtle accent, you may surmise I was born and raised in “Minnesnowta.” I have a Bachelor’s of Arts in theology from Union College and am currently working on writing a book from my ministry experiences. Along with the exciting challenges within ministry, I love to explore new local restaurants and adventures, traveling abroad and spending time with family and friends. I actively work to accomplish nearly 100 items on my bucket list, including learning how to sail, adopting a dog and participating in an annual tomato festival in Spain.

I am extremely passionate about ministry because of the opportunity to journey alongside people as they discover an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. In my years of pastor ministry and chaplaincy, my greatest joy is in empowering young adults as courageous disciples and active leaders within the Seventh-day Adventist church. My ministry is marked by a call to radically authentic faith that emphasizes a deep personal relationship with God and others.

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Anna Romuald

Photo by Alexis Hartline

After learning that lesson, I still experienced my fair share of frustrations and low points, but I did not feel hopeless anymore. I began to see the beauty and importance of the little things, like the morning greetings from students, the laughs with my fellow teachers and even the slow Internet.

Going as a student missionary is one of the most challenging things I’ve ever done, but I can say confidently that I will always look back upon that time with the highest sense of appreciation and gratitude. For it was in serving others and letting go of myself that I truly discovered the person I could be.

Alexis Hartline is a sophomore English major.

Photo by Alexis Hartline

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Is dating really all that serious?

Keren Gomez is a junior psychology major.

I am single. I have been single for years now, but these past few years have been amazing nonetheless. I have seen the Lord work in my life; it’s amazing. I have learned not to be so closed off and to share my story because God didn’t give us testimonies simply wants to get to know me. As I prayed about it these past few weeks, I realized that when he was at Southern, a guy could ask a girl out one week and ask another girl out a couple weeks later. It wasn’t that he was a player, but he simply wanted to get to know me. Now, don’t get me wrong. Guys generally don’t just go up to a girl and ask her out. First, it’s good to get to know the person in a more relaxed setting and establish a friendship. But, if you know of a girl who you may be interested in, ask her out. There is nothing wrong with a date. And girls, don’t freak out, he probably does not have marriage, two kids and a dog in mind. He simply wants to get to know you better.

Regardless, I think that I am ready to date. My friends have told me that I am too picky and that’s why I’m still single. I usually just say that I’ve been too busy or I travel too much to really have enough time to start something. But they get me thinking, what if I really am too picky? Am I too picky or do I just know what I want? Is it really bad that I know what I am looking for and won’t settle for less?

As I prayed about it these past few weeks, I realized that I know what I want and what I need, and there is nothing wrong with that. God is working in my life and the person that he brings into my life will be the right one. My expectations don’t make me picky, but I can’t let my expectations inhibit me from taking a chance and going on dates. After all, it’s just an opportunity to get to know someone.

So, if you are single, don’t be discouraged. And remember, a date is just that: a date. God will bring the right person into your life at the right time, and that person will surpass all your expectations. Don’t lower your expectations, but instead put it all in God’s hands and watch Him work in your life.

Keren Gomez

New ministry encourages students to speak light

Speak Light is a unique new ministry on campus that uses spoken word as a format to express ourselves and share our testimonies. We began performing last year as an unofficial spoken word group. Zakeya Williams, a senior psychology major, and I wanted to begin a poetry group and God brought the right people to our attention. Since Southern hasn’t had anything like this since we began at Southern, we thought starting a poetry group that specifically emphasized ministry was a great idea.

The personal effect of poetry is commonly explained as art expressed through words. For vespers on Friday, Oct. 30, we wanted to express to the student body that they don’t go through traumatic experiences without reason. I always thought my life was chaotic because I experienced a lot of anger and depression growing up. To me, poetry brings structure; it was the one thing I could control. Words can make people laugh, cry, become upset or feel flattered or uplifted. In my mind, it is a written documentation of time that expresses a specific state of mind.

Realizing that so many people are talented in spoken word and don’t even know it has changed the way that I approach this group. I’ve stepped back a few times and thought, “Man, people can be swimming in talent and not even know it!”

Speak Light has changed my life in regard to learning from other people and accepting the fact that I have to grow as a poet and as a person. I’ve learned not to be so closed off and to share my story because God didn’t give us testimonies to hold to ourselves, but to share with others who need it more. Like any ideal family unit, each member is there to support each other and pitch in where they can. It may sound cliché, but this group is also a family, a mesh of different personalities that help to create an awesome team.

Vonasha Powell

Vonasha Powell is a junior animation major.
12 Things you don’t know about anxiety

By Natalia Perez

LIFESTYLE EDITOR

1. We are well aware that our emotions are illogical, but we can’t control the overwhelming feelings of fear. Emotions know no logic. We know it sounds ridiculous, but we can’t stop it.

2. If someone opens up to you about their anxiety, it means they feel safe with you. If they tell you about something that’s nagging at their brain, don’t say, “Just get over it.” Because trust me, if we could, we would.

3. Anxiety comes in different forms. Whether it’s cowing and trembling, having terrible mood swings, or just lashing out in frustration, always be patient and kind. When I’m in an overwhelming social situation and I feel unsafe, I will low-key lash out at people when they talk to me. It’s my defense mechanism for my very over-protective brain. If you convince my brain that it’s safe with you and you’re not going to hurt it, it will let its guard down.

4. It is paralyzing. When someone puts me on the spot, I can’t think, breathe or act. “I can’t say the wrong thing or everyone will think I’m weird. Everyone will hate me,” my brain says. I know this isn’t so, but my brain wins.

5. We don’t want you to treat us like we’re being ridiculous and over dramatic because we’re not. We need you to be compassionate.

6. It’s totally possible to have anxiety and be a raging extrovert. How much social stimulation you can take without collapsing in exhaustion has nothing to do with whether anxiety has planted its flag in your mind. I’m a social introvert, but socializing exhausts me more, not because I’m an introvert, but because I’m an anxious one. I love people and love speaking to them, but I avoid certain social situations in fear of a breakdown. So, sometimes I don’t talk at all. There is more to seemingly quiet people than you might think.

7. Saying, “You will be fine,” doesn’t help. Anxiety is wreaking havoc in our insides.

8. Even the simplest tasks can seem overwhelming at times. I work at the front desk at Thatcher, and I get overwhelmed when I get more than one call at once. I could simply put one on hold, but the thought of disappointing one of the callers paralyzes me.

9. We can’t always understand what we’re feeling, but it’s definitely real.

10. When fighting anxiety, our mind is the biggest enemy. So we need you on our side. Sometimes we even need you to fight alongside us.

11. A mental illness is just like any type of illness. There is a healthy way you can live with it, and there are boundaries you have to set for yourself.

Reviewing the Swoodle app

By Jose Briones

RELIGION EDITOR

I have been testing out Swoodle, the productivity app that allows students to collaborate and edit with others on documents, presentations, PDFs and images and enables communication through video, voice and chat.

Swoodle is very stable and it does not crash easily. I only experienced a bit of sluggish performance when I had multiple applications open in the background, but otherwise it was quite smooth. The app is free and the tools are very useful for large projects, presentations, poster boards and other assignments.

Swoodle is available on iOS and soon will be developed for desktop and Android devices. Check it out for your next collaborative project and try the real-time collaboration app.
Royals crowned 2015 MLB champs

Last year, the Kansas City Royals left Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri in a disappointed fashion after coming 90 feet short from taking home the world title. This year, however, the Royals can end 2015 with a sense of exultation after winning the fifth game of the World Series against the New York Mets on Sunday, Nov. 1, at Citi Field in Flushing, New York, which won them the World Series 4-1.

Things started on a rocky note for Kansas City starting pitcher Edinson Volquez as he gave up a leadoff home run to Mets outfielder Curtis Granderson. After he settled in, he pitched six solid innings, giving up two runs and only two hits. However, one of Edinson’s five walks on the night came back to haunt him when Mets pitcher Lucas Duda’s sacrifice fly allowed Granderson to score in the bottom of the sixth, making the score 2-0.

After two scoreless innings, the ninth began with the highly debated decision to leave Mets starter Matt Harvey in the game. One of the pros was that he struck out nine batters already while only issuing one walk. The con was that he was still in the triple digits in his pitch count. But after walking with Mets manager Terry Collins, Harvey was able to remain in the game.

Harvey proceeded to walk Royals center fielder Lorenzo Cain, and then, after a stolen base, gave up an RBI double to Royal first baseman Eric Hosmer. Harvey was immediately pulled, giving way to one of the best closers in the game today, Jeuys Familia. Familia pitched one out, but gave up an RBI groundout to Royals catcher Salvador Perez that, thanks to Hosmer’s quick thinking, tied the game.

In the end, the Royals’ offense got the job done in the 12th inning as the Mets pitching caved in. The Royals are the World Series champions for the first time since 1985 when Bret Saberhagen and George Brett ran the show. Royals reliever Kelvin Herrera said in an interview with MLB Network after the game, “It’s unbelievable.”

Caleb Begley is a sophomore journalism major.

2015-2016 NBA Predictions

**Eastern Conference**
- Atlantic Division Winner: 3. Toronto Raptors
- Central Division Winner: 1. Cleveland Cavaliers
- Southeast Division Winner: 2. Atlanta Hawks

**Playoff Contenders:**
- 4. Chicago Bulls
- 5. Miami Heat
- 6. Washington Wizards
- 7. Milwaukee Bucks
- 8. Orlando Magic

**Eastern Conference MVP:** LeBron James

**Western Conference**
- Northwest Division Winner: 2. Oklahoma City Thunder
- Pacific Division Winner: 1. Golden State Warriors
- Southwest Division Winner: 3. San Antonio Spurs

**Playoff Contenders:**
- 4. Houston Rockets
- 5. Los Angeles Clippers
- 6. Memphis Grizzlies
- 7. New Orleans Pelicans
- 8. Minnesota Timberwolves

**Western Conference MVP:** Russell Westbrook/Stephen Curry

**Odds to win championship**
- Cleveland Cavaliers 11/4
- San Antonio Spurs 3/1
- Golden State Warriors 11/2
- OKC Thunder 17/2
- Los Angeles Clippers 9/1
- Chicago Bulls 16/1
- Miami Heat 25/1
- Memphis Grizzlies 28/1
- Atlanta Hawks 40/1
- New Orleans Pelicans 40/1
- Dallas Mavericks 40/1
- Indiana Pacers 40/1
- Washington Wizards 50/1
- Toronto Raptors 50/1
- Milwaukee Bucks 50/1
- Los Angeles Lakers 66/1
- Boston Celtics 75/1
- Detroit Pistons 100/1
- Phoenix Suns 100/1
- Portland Trail Blazers 100/1
- Utah Jazz 100/1
- Brooklyn Nets 150/1
- Minnesota Timberwolves 150/1
- New York Knicks 150/1
- Sacramento Kings 150/1
- Denver Nuggets 200/1
- Charlotte Hornets 250/1
- Orlando Magic 250/1
- Philadelphia 76ers 250/1

**What to watch**
- Cleveland Browns @ Cincinnati Bengals
  8:25 p.m.
- Oklahoma City Thunder @ Chicago Bulls
  8:00 p.m.
### CALENDAR

#### THURSDAY
- Convocation: Student Missions, 11a, Church, John Baxter
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Junior >54 hours & Seniors (5-6)
- Dean/Chairs Advisory, 3:30p

#### FRIDAY
- SA Senate Surprise Day, 7:45-10a, Promenade
- Compassion, West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- uQuest Orientation Weekend (6-8)
- SOAP Sand Rock Climbing, 3p, OEC (6-8)
- Vespers, 8p, Church, John Baxter
- Mission Expo, 9:30p, Church
- L.I.F.T., 9:30p, T.V. Room Thatcher

#### SATURDAY
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Greg King
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Greg King
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Volker Henning
- FLAG Camp, Restore, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 5:30p, Church, Master Chorale
- Extreme Dodgeball, 7:30p, Iles

#### SUNDAY
- SAT Exams, 8a, Lynn Wood

#### MONDAY
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Sophomores >23 hours, Juniors & Seniors (9-10)
- Floor Hockey Season Begins
- Calling, Career & Vocation Committee, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- University Senate, 3:30p
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

#### TUESDAY
- Student Teaching Interviews
- Dean’s Luncheon, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

#### WEDNESDAY
- Veterans Day
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Freshman <24 hours, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors (11-13)
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

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### Verse of the Week

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9) It's a verse that most of us have heard before, but it's one we need to be reminded of every now and then. No matter what situation we may find ourselves in, God is always willing to purify and make us whole.

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Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
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October may be the best month, but November is full of glorious beards so I really can’t complain about the change #helloNovember
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Registration day = visit to financial aid office t#saulife #thestuggle #life
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There’s so much plaid in here. #fallfest #saulife
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LOMA LINDA, Calif. — The Loma Linda University (LLU) Research Administration released a report on Sunday, Nov. 1, pointing towards a correlation between weight loss and Southern Adventist University students, notably incoming freshmen for the fall 2015 term.

“Our data shows that the average body weight for every student demographic—except for individuals in associate professor Richard Schwarz’s weight training class—began to steadily decline during late August,” said Ella Haddad, lead researcher and program director for LLU’s School of Public Health, who hypothesizes the recent policy changes at Southern’s Dining Hall to be one of the main factors behind the current state of malnutrition on campus.

Students at Southern report that the inexplicably high prices for the food options on campus cause them to go hungry on a regular basis or even resort to more severe alternatives, like choosing to eat off campus.

“With a plate of rice and beans costing upwards of $9, I find it hard to justify eating at the Dining Hall when I can drive down the street and get a footlong at Subway for around $5,” said freshman Lorenzo Lacson, a freshman nursing major at Southern, who later told reporters that purchasing a candy bar on campus can cost you $2. “The vending machines on campus always seem to be either empty or out of order.

“Sometimes the machines take my money without even dispensing candy, so it’s almost like a gamble. And I don’t think Southern wants its students to be gambling,” said Lacson.

While many consider the dining conditions at Southern to be a problem, see it as an opportunity for altruism and community outreach.

“Man shall not live on bread alone, but on cheese and tomato sauce as well,” said Pizza Dave, a Collegedale local who sells pizza and soft drinks in the front lobby of Talge Hall during the evenings. “My mission is to provide [Southern students] with a little something to satisfy one of their most basic human needs. I couldn’t live my life knowing that someone in this dorm could be going hungry tonight and I could’ve done something to stop it.”

“I know I can always count on Pizza Dave,” said Diego Wright, an automotive technology major. “Sometimes I stay long hours working at Ledford Hall, well after the Dining Hall and KR’s Place closes, but because of Pizza Dave, I no longer have to sleep in my dorm room on an empty stomach.”

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And here are some gifs for your viewing pleasure:

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STUDENTS AND FACULTY ASSIST LOCAL REFUGEES

CASSIE MATHCIM
News Editor

Southern Adventist University students and faculty are involved with a community group that aims to help refugees adjust to life in the United States through coordinating efforts to furnish refugees’ homes, provide transportation, teach them English and help them navigate the healthcare system.

The group works with Bridge Refugee Services, a Chattanooga nonprofit dedicated to helping refugees settle in East Tennessee and making sure their needs are met. Most of the refugees are from Iraq, Sudan and Somalia. Although Bridge assists refugees from non-Muslim as well as Muslim countries, the community group has chosen to focus for now on refugees of the Muslim faith.

“In no way is this us saying that Bridge isn’t doing enough. They are doing fantastic work. It’s just that their resources are limited,” said Shannon Martin, assistant history and political studies professor and the group’s ESL (English as a Second Language) class coordinator.

Martin said that Bridge receives a limited amount of money per refugee — about $925 — to furnish a house and buy groceries until the refugees can get a work permit and food stamps, which she said take 10 days to receive after arrival.

The ESL classes meet on a weekly basis. Churches and libraries offer free ESL classes but Muslim refugees may have a difficult time learning if the classes are of mixed company.

“Generally in the Muslim faith, men and women are separated. So it’s very unusual to have a class where men and women would be together,” Martin said.

The community group will offer separate classes for men and women. Martin will be teaching the class for women, and she said that so far about two families are ready for ESL classes.

Marci Corea, senior global policy and service studies major, is an intern at Bridge. She assists the refugees by driving them to get social security numbers, helping them get groceries and taking them to doctor’s appointments, among other things.

“I have translated for languages that I do not speak,” Corea said. “Being a refugee, this has taught me, is no walk in the park. When you arrive, there’s a lot of work to be done and a lot of tedious jobs and paperwork.”

JOHN MCVAY TO VISIT SOUTHERN

ROSANA HUGHES
Editor-in-Chief

On Nov. 2, Southern Adventist University’s board of trustees announced the campus visit of Southern presidential candidate, John McVay.

McVay is currently the president of Walla Walla University. He will be visiting Southern on Nov. 19 and 20 for interviews and meetings with university stakeholders.

McVay is the only candidate that has been recommended to visit Southern. Apart from meeting with stakeholders, he will also be meeting with students, faculty and alumni on Thursday, Nov. 19.

As reported in an earlier article of the Southern Accent, Southern’s board of trustees appointed FaithSearch Partners (FSP) to lead the search for a new president for Southern when Gordon Bietz retires in May 2016.

The search committee met and interviewed presidential candidates that FSP recommended. After evaluating them, the search committee recommended to the board of trustees that McVay visit Southern’s campus in order...  

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PLANTPURE NATION FILMMAKERS CAPTURE THATCHER FARM

DANIELLE ALLEN
Lead Reporter

On Nov. 5, filmmakers visited Southern Adventist University’s Thatcher Farm to film a segment for a series of Bible studies called “Biblical Prescriptions for Life” based on studies conducted by Dr. James Marcum, a local cardiovascular physician, and T. Colin Campbell, bestselling author of “The China Study,” who worked together in the documentary “PlantPure Nation.”

Marcum was specifically filming a segment on nutrition and how plant-based diets can reverse chronic illnesses such as heart disease. The filmmakers and Marcum wanted to use Thatcher Farm to film the segment in a high tunnel greenhouse with growing plants as the setting, said Seth Shaffer, manager of Thatcher Farm.

“[Marcum] had learned from talking to a fellow healthcare professional that Southern had a small farm and an agricultural class,” said Shaffer.

Thatcher Farm is a student-led initiative that provides the Collegedale community and Southern students with fresh produce and hands-on...  

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COMMMUNITY PHOTO NIGHT FEATURES SOUTHERN PROFESSOR

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There are very few feelings I dislike more than being discouraged by my church. For the most part, I feel as though the Seventh-day Adventist Church really cares about its young people. I’ve heard many sermons and Adventist leaders discuss the need to reach out to us and strengthen our Christian journey. But what discourages me is that the church does not take great strides to evolve with its young people and new ways of thinking. Now I know – we mustn’t conform to society and its worldly ways. What I’m saying is, there are many aspects of the church that fail to recognize the extreme change in the way young people think today compared to the past. Our generation, deemed “millennials,” has seen so much growth in technology in the past decade that we can’t imagine a world without it. Millennials are facing issues that may seriously clash with what Adventists believe, such as gay rights, marijuana legalization and abortion. We have grown up in a society that celebrates open-mindedness and constant progressions; no wonder we’re upset that the Church can’t make a decision on woman’s ordination.

Thomas Jefferson once said, “I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions but laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind… We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy, as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.” Growing as a church does not mean we need to forget our roots, it simply means we must confront and take into consideration new opinions and new discoveries. Millennials want to express themselves and guess what? Their opinions may be radical. They want to understand current events and embrace new ways of thinking. They may want to get a tattoo, dye their hair or drink coffee for goodness’ sake. They want to embrace who they are and not apologize for it. And they’re going to do all this without feeling distant from their Creator. Because, if you need reminding, being a Christian isn’t about being an Adventist, it’s about being in a relationship with God. The church is, of course, an excellent way to connect and grow spiritually but our denominational identity should not be our sole identity.

The most important take-away is that as a church, we can be ourselves and support each other while remaining a family. God created us to make our own decisions. We aren’t robots; we were never meant to all think alike. So instead of confining millennials to inflexible rules and increasing frustration within the church, let’s try a little more freedom and a little less judgment. Wouldn’t Jesus agree?
COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Photo Night features Southern professor

Abigail Hunt
Staff Writer

Lee University hosted Photo Night on Nov. 5, which featured five local photographers. The five presenting photographers included Steven Gustafson, Kathleen Greeson, Michael Largent, Matthew Melton and Billy Weeks, who is an adjunct photography professor at Southern.

A number of photography enthusiasts from Southern Adventist University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Community College attended the event.

The presentations gave students insight into new methods of photography and provided inspiration from local professionals.

The program began with a word of prayer then Melton took the stage. Melton is the dean of Lee University’s College of Arts and Sciences.

“I consider myself a digital artist...I am an iPhonographer,” Melton said. He takes all his images on an iPhone. Many of his images are of Lee University and the places he travels.

Greeson took the stage and her photos rolled to the sound of “You are my Sunshine.” She explained that this was the first time she was showing work in public portraying her own children. Pictures of children and infants lit up the screen. Greeson gave simple advice and answered questions.

“Photograph in color, show their clothes. Photograph in black and white, show their soul.” The audience was exposed to the beautiful souls of people in broken situations.

Often referred to as Colonel Sanders because of his perfectly shaped white facial hair, Largent took the stage. Largent was the first person in his family to attend college. After he realized that a music degree was much harder than he imagined, photography became his major.

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“This is going to be very different,” explained Largent. The pictures rolled and they were very different from any style seen previously. Largent worked as a graphic artist for 35 years. All of his images were forced through an intense Photoshop editing process, creating a modern futuristic look.

After a closing prayer, the group began to mill about the room. Sarah Serkownek, a UTC student said, “It was great that there was a variety.”

“Yeah, there was a lot of wisdom shared here, different and profound,” said Kara Gleeves, also a UTC student.

Weeks said that the concept of Photo Night is rooted in history. Photographers would get together on weekends and show their work, critiquing each other and giving advice, as well as appreciating the work of others.

This is the second year in a row that Photo Night was held.

uQuest Missions acquires new coordinator

Erica King & Cassie Machim
Staff Writer & News Editor

Karen Glassford, former uQuest missions director, has accepted a job with the General Conference (GC) of Seventh-day Adventists as the education and communication coordinator for Institute of World Missions. Her replacement is Southern Adventist University graduate Melissa Tortal.

Tortal shadowed Glassford for a week before she left and was on her own starting Oct. 26. Tortal graduated from Southern with her bachelor’s degree in nonprofit administrations and development in 2009 and a master’s degree in administration with an emphasis in social work in 2013.

“I want to make a difference and short-term missions is a way to do that,” said Tortal. She is already planning to go on the short-term mission trip to Manus, Brazil in December.

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“Moving for any call was a very hard decision as I love Southern and the people I work for, the students, the location,” Glassford said. “It is a wonderful place and I have been very happy and have made lifelong friends at [Southern]. I was not looking to move and frankly would have been happy to stay at [Southern] and work for many years into the future. However, I felt that God was calling me to this particular position at the GC and I needed to go where He wanted me to be.”

Tortal’s previous experience includes developing and leading Southern’s Christian Service Program form 2009 to 2013. When she left Southern, she managed group homes for adults with disabilities at Open Arms Care. In 2015, Tortal led the volunteer program at the Samaritan Center. She said that she is confident that God’s hand was leading in all of those positions to prepare her for leadership as the uQuest Missions Coordinator.

“I want mission trip participants to understand how and when to plan a mission trip,” Tortal said. “This program will offer students the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus around the world and right here in our backyard.”

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“She has a heart for God, an excellent ability to connect with students,” said Brennon Kirstein, her supervisor and Southern’s Chaplain. “My vision for Melissa includes her reaching out to identify and inspire key student leaders who have a passion for mission and help them create and lead their own mission trips.”

Glassford started working for uQuest in 2013. She began by developing 11-12 new mission trips a year for 200 students. Glassford made an impact in uQuest with her hard work but she is going where she feels God has called her.

“Moving for any call was a very hard decision as I love Southern, the people I work for, the students, the location,” Glassford said. “It is a wonderful place and I have been very happy and have made lifelong friends at [Southern]. I was not looking to move and frankly would have been happy to stay at [Southern] and work for many years into the future. However, I felt that God was calling me to this particular position at the GC and I needed to go where He wanted me to be.”

Tortal’s previous experience includes developing and leading Southern’s Christian Service Program form 2009 to 2013. When she left Southern, she managed group homes for adults with disabilities at Open Arms Care. In 2015, Tortal led the volunteer program at the Samaritan Center. She said that she is confident that God’s hand was leading in all of those positions to prepare her for leadership as the uQuest Missions Coordinator.

“I want mission trip participants to understand how and when to plan a mission trip,” Tortal said. “This program will offer students the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus around the world and right here in our backyard.”

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Students and faculty assist local refugees

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Corea has previously been involved with Bridge by helping to collect winter clothes. She chose to do an internship there because she wanted to be more involved.

“I got involved with Bridge Refugee Services because I thought that it was a really tangible way to do something about what I saw going on around me,” Corea said. She said she plans to help with the ESL classes.

Martin estimated that the group has been in existence for about five years but she said the group has never been this organized.

“We’re trying to focus on making it sustainable,” Martin said.

Before coming to Southern this school year, Martin served in Saudi Arabia as a lecturer at Inaya Medical College. She said she has always had a passion for the Middle East.

The people involved in the group all want to serve their community.

“They’re just people that want to be helpful and people that realize these refugees are coming here with absolutely nothing,” Martin said. “If we were coming here in that place, how would we want someone else to look at us?”

Students and faculty interested in joining the group may get more information by emailing Martin at smartin@southern.edu.

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School of Nursing purchases new assessment tables

Sheann Brandon
Staff Writer

The School of Nursing recently purchased ten new Three-Section Hi-Lo treatment tables. These state-of-the-art tables are primarily used by the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) students studying to go into advanced practice, said Susan Allen, associate professor for the MSN and doctorate programs.

The treatment tables were purchased through a local distributor of Dynatronics, a medical equipment manufacturer based in Utah. They cost the nursing department approximately $13,000 for all 10 tables, said Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing. Similar treatment tables, found on the Dynatronics website, were priced around $2,000-$3,000 per table.

“We had exam tables previously, but nothing like these,” said Allen. “They were wearing out…and just weren’t stable anymore. These are much easier to use.”

Since the MSN students utilizing these treatment tables are studying to be primary care providers, the tables are very similar to those one would find in a physician’s office. Unlike the previous tables, these tables have dual use for patient assessment purposes and massage hydrotherapy.

They are divided into adjustable sections as well as the entire table can be raised or lowered, allowing assessment of the patient to be less straining on both patient and care providers.

“These tables are definitely up to the standards of the profession,” said Allen. “But unlike the one’s you would see in a physician’s office, they serve a dual purpose.”

Bonnie Freeland, professor in the School of Nursing, said her advanced assessment students have been using the new treatment tables and are enjoying them. Allen, who recently joined Southern’s nursing faculty in August, said that the previous program she worked in did not have tables like these.

“[Southern’s nursing department] is on the cutting edge,” said Allen. “We’re all excited about the tables.”
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Vanessa Hernandez

When we can’t see, we can believe

Cesar Machuca

The temperature read 112 degrees Fahrenheit, and I couldn’t take it anymore. I was in Central California roaming the cookie-cutter streets of Fresno as a canvasser for minimum wage. Despite being my third year, the heat wasn’t any more bearable than the first summer. Usually by 3 p.m., my bag would’ve been lighter. This time, however, I was lugging around the full weight of a single book for almost half the day. People usually weren’t this short with me, either — rejection after rejection, “no” after “no,” and door after door shut in my face. Seventeen-year-old me wasn’t used to three hours of what seemed like fruitless wandering.

Naturally, I began to question my calling to this line of work because, after all, what kind of person signs up for something like colporteuering a third time in a row without feeling some sort of calling? It’s a terrible thing to feel useless. It’s the kind of feeling you get when everyone around you is clearly being used by God, answering his or her calling with the results to show for it, but you’re stuck wandering an empty side of a street accomplishing nothing. Or so it would seem.

I still remember the day vividly. My leader dropped me off on a road with only one side of houses and a long line of fence with nothing past it on the other. I hadn’t completely given up yet. Using the last bit of positivity I had left, I hoisted my bag-book over my shoulder and confidently strode up to the first house on the street. I knocked. This was it! This was the house that would buy a book and one day be changed! It was every colporter’s dream. Except the door wasn’t even opened. No one was home. No one was home at the first house on the street. I turned around once more to scan the other side of the street and before long the man returned with two bottles of water in his hands. He looked up at me and said, “Here’s one for you, and here’s one for your friend.” I took the bottles, slightly confused. My friend? “Which friend?” I asked him.

“Yeah, your friend, the guy behind you. He was here a second ago.” Confused even more, I walked down the street, forgetting my previous commitment to stop and go home. I walked aimlessly for a few minutes, then stopped. I finally hit me. The constant looking over my shoulder, the two water bottles in his hands, the empty street, mentioning a friend. Stunned, I realized what had just happened and almost cried. In my despair, in my feelings of uselessness, as I was about to give up on my calling, God sent me a friend I could not see to encourage me. I had just been in the presence of a messenger from God.

The rest of the day was a blur. I started selling books, my bag became lighter, the sun began to drop and the heat became bearable. As if to cement what had happened, for the rest of the day whenever I asked for a bottle of water, people always brought out two. I didn’t ask why because I already knew why: God’s angels were with me. I shared my experience with the rest of the colporteurs and we were on fire for God the rest of the day and the rest of summer we spent canvassing. It was incredibly humbling, but my experience is just a drop in the bucket of countless things God does for us.

Despair, confusion and feelings of uselessness are things that are constant struggles for those of us looking to work for God in some capacity and it’s easy to get swallowed up in those feelings. Success is not guaranteed to us, but God’s help is. I have learned firsthand that it is the moment where you feel most alone that God draws the nearest to you. Psalm 42:11 says, “Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.”

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Unity in the diverse body of Christ

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There is a vast array of nationalities, ethnicities and races represented throughout the Seventh-day Adventist church, especially within the United States. The church’s rich cultural diversity often fosters a spirit of acceptance and cultural empathy amongst its members, but unfortunately, may also serve as a reason for contention in regards to the few members who are either prejudiced or xenophobic, a dislike of people from other countries.

There are various texts found throughout scripture that explicitly express God’s desire for His followers to be in unity and peace with each other, bound together by the cords of His love. Paul does an exceptional job at expressing God’s ideal for His church in his letter to the Galatians: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:27-28).

However, it is impossible for Seventh-day Adventist Christians to be “one in Christ Jesus” if they continue to put their secular culture over the culture of Christ’s Word and thereby allow their cultural differences to be a source of division in their ranks. Christianity is unique from any other culture found throughout the world. It should be held in preeminence over all secular cultures by every genuine Christian and be regarded as a common bond between brothers and sisters in the faith. The bond of Christ’s love is stronger than the discrimination which is born from the differences in secular cultures.

Ellen G. White is also a proponent of the truth expressed herein, as she states: “No distinction on account of nationality, race, or caste, is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God” (Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 386). She also states: “The religion of the Bible recognizes no caste or color. It ignores rank, wealth, [and] worldly honor. God estimates men as men. With Him, character decides their worth. And we are to recognize the Spirit of Christ in whosoever He is revealed” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 9, p. 223).

There is absolutely nothing wrong with Christians celebrating their secular cultural roots, as long as they do not discriminate against that of others or hold their secular culture in a position superior to that of Christ’s Word. “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus,” who says unto His followers, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (Philippians 2:5; John 13:34).

Sergio Medina is a junior English major.

The importance of good time management

Sergio Medina
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It’s hard to believe, but the fall semester is almost over. From my personal experience as a college student, I have learned that the most valuable skill you can acquire is time management.

One of the most challenging aspects of college life is juggling priorities. We are faced with balancing social, academic and spiritual aspects of our lives. There always seems to be a fun alternative to the obligations facing us; for example, you decide to hang out and study later. Somehow, it is now 1:30 a.m. and your first class starts at 8 a.m. You made a good decision to spend time with friends, but at the wrong time. Good time management is about making the right decision at the right time.

Knowing what your priorities are is the key to success. If you want to get better grades, study. If you want to be a better musician, practice. If something matters to you, learn to make the time for it. But using time wisely is easier said than done; we are all guilty of poor time management. Saying “I don’t have enough time” is just an excuse. Instead, learn to say, “I will have to make time for that.” Progress is achieved through time and dedication. So what should our number one priority be? As children of God, we should place Him as our number one. A small prayer or a small devotional is all you have to start with. Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Neglecting time from the most important Source of energy will hurt you the most and carries over to other parts of our life. Thanksgiving break is almost here and it is very tempting to slow down. Keep your pace because this race is almost over, and you’re about to finish first. Don’t worry about finding time because you’re never going to find it. Start making time.

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Weekend traveling on a student budget

Matt Lawson

“During the A-league Flag Football championship game, I remember during one of our last plays of the second half—I think it was fourth down—our quarterback Jeremy Rogers threw up a jump ball to another of our players, Nathan Umali. Nathan outleaped the defender and caught the ball over the cornerback. It was at that moment that I remember thinking, ‘Oh, we can win this.’ And we did win it.”

Our team name is Rampage. I am the captain of Rampage and we keep the same team name for every intramural sport we play. It’s inspired by the Nintendo 64 game called Rampage where you play as one of three monsters and wreak cities.

The team is composed of friends I know from sports or from my overseas work. I just wanted to play with friends who I knew would be humble and who would mesh well together.

Rampage has existed for two years now. We have played in other championship games or gotten close championship games, but this is the first championship we have won.

As any college student knows, classes are stressful, and sometimes you just need to get away. Understandably, this can be hard to do when you’re on a college budget (read: broke). Plus, who has the time? Often, we look overseas for new cultures and experiences, but there’s so much diversity within our own borders! Take a weekend and explore a city or beach you’ve never been to—you won’t get to see all the sights in just a couple of days, but you will get a taste of something different and a break from college life.

Sometimes a change of scenery is all you need.

During my time at university, I’ve done some traveling on a budget. I’ve learned a lot about how to save money while still exploring a lot of what a location offers. Here’s my list of tips on where to go, how to get there, where to stay, and what to do when you need a quick, cheap weekend getaway.

Split the cost. The key to making your trip cheap is involving friends. A carload of people—four or five—helps lower the costs of fuel and lodging and may even make you eligible for group discounts. Plus, life is more fun with friends.

Plan ahead. Decide who’s going to come and plan the details as much as possible so you know how much each person will need to pay. Research your location—what do tourists or travel websites recommend as must-sees? Many tourist websites often list things to do that are free. See what attractions offer student discounts and plan to head to those. Additionally, travel websites like the Lonely Planet or Trip Advisor offer a lot of tips for getting the most out of your short stay.

Be flexible. During your research, decide on three to four things you must do or places you must eat. Other than that, be flexible and spontaneous while you’re there. Visitor centers or tour guides can offer great local tips that you may not be able to find ahead of time.

When planning your trip, consider leaving on a Thursday night and coming back Saturday night. Or leaving Friday and coming back Monday.

A lot of budget airlines offer off-weekend flights for cheap. If you’re driving, plan for traffic or leave at odd hours of the day (or night).

Travel nearby. When deciding where to go for your weekend retreat, look at all the places within a reasonable driving distance. Give yourself a limit—say three to four hours—that you’re willing to drive one way and choose a place within that distance. Taking a bus is an option if you’re not traveling with a group. Discount buses like MegaBus service most major cities.

Or, consider flying. Budget airlines like Allegiant, Spirit and Frontier offer great low fares by charging for extras—they can nickel-and-dime you by making you pay for bags, a seat choice or printing your boarding pass at the airport. Avoid these extra costs by packing a light backpack (one personal item flies free!) and letting the system randomly assign you a seat when you check in. Flying allows you to go to locations that are out of your set driving quota, but still within a short commute time.

For example, my friends and I flew from Chattanooga to New Orleans one weekend—eight hours by road, but only an hour and 40 minutes by air. You can usually get round-trip fares through these airlines for $100 or less.

Stay somewhere unique. Not only can hotels cost you a lot, but they typically cater to a more “touristy” side of town. If you want to experience what the locals experience, consider Airbnb or Couchsurfing. These websites offer hosts a place to list extra rooms in their house or entire apartments in their care. You pay to stay there like a hotel, but typically at a fraction of the cost and in a much more unique setting.

If a host gets bad reviews, they’re no longer allowed to host. This is a great way to explore the off-beat parts of a city, and many hosts even offer tips to their guests.

Take public transit. If you don’t drive yourself, you’ll need a way to tour the location. Cabs are a traditional way to get around, but fares can add up quickly. Public transit is often a much cheaper way to go, and many cities even offer discount passes that allow you to ride multiple forms of transit for one set price.

When my friends and I were in New Orleans, we paid $3 for a 24-hour Jazzzy pass, which allowed us to ride both the bus and streetcar. A normal one-way fare was $1.25, so by our third ride we were already saving money.

Uber is another option with fares typically cheaper than what you would pay for a cab. Uber is along the same lines of Airbnb—people sign up to become Uber drivers using their personal cars. Uber offers promotions like a free first ride or a free ride for recommending a friend.

So, there you have it: a list of ways to make your next weekend trip affordable. No more excuses—now you know that you can travel, despite your college budget.

College can be tough, but taking a well-deserved break is worth it. So grab some friends, pick a place and get moving!
**CBG Sports**

**NFL mid-season ups and downs**

The 2015 NFL season started off with a bang as the controversies surrounding the New England Patriots and quarterback Tom Brady played themselves out over the summer. Brady certainly started his year well, leading the Patriots to a 8-0 record thus far and a dominant stance in the AFC East. Tight end Rob Gronkowski is also helping lead an offense that includes wide receiver Julian Edelman and running back Dion Lewis to elevate the Pats into talks of becoming one of the best running backs in the league. The rest of the division looks better as well. After every team in the NFC South had losing records last year, the Atlanta Falcons are 6-2 and the New Orleans Saints are 4-5 after a hard Week 9 loss to the Tennessee Titans. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are going to have to find some way to use quarterback Jameis Winston’s arm more effectively, but give the rookie some time, and I think he has great potential.

Now, with the good news comes the bad news. One disappointment for the year so far is the Detroit Lions. The Lions are 1-7 so far, but have so much unlocked potential. When you have quarterback Matthew Stafford under center and wide receivers Golden Tate and Calvin Johnson running downfield to receive passes, the record is disappointing to say the least. It has been a tremendous fall from grace for the Lions so far.

Moreover, the AFC South in general is disappointing. The Indianapolis Colts lead with a 4-5 record. It really testifies when you are undefeated in your division, but are 1-5 outside of it. On the bright side, their performance on Sunday, Nov. 8, against the Denver Broncos was a huge confidence builder for the team. The Titans have now managed to win a game for the first time since Week 1, and, like Winston, I believe quarterback Marcus Mariota has a solid future in the NFL. It looks like we are shaping up to have an interesting second half of the season. Unfortunately, the first half leaves us with more questions than answers. Who will beat the Patriots, Bengals and Panthers? Will the Lions ever find their stride? Will the AFC South get better? The answers will be revealed in the second half of the season, and I, for one, cannot wait to find out.

**Going with the flow: diary of a kayaker**

When I kayak, I often find myself trying to fight the current and trying to dictate my own path down the river. Because of this, I lose control, especially when I get off the line of my choosing. I have been working on staying with the flow when running slides and letting myself go wherever the water takes me. This technique is scary because I feel like I am surrendering my control and submitting to the power of the river.

Stinging Fork Falls is a multi-drop twisting cascade that drops about 60 feet from pool to pool and was the perfect place for me to test what I’ve been practicing. From the very first slide I had one goal: Stay with the majority of the water and go where it takes me.

It was a humbling experience to relinquish control and allow the water to take me where it wanted. I came around the final corner of the slide with more speed than I expected and was afraid my luck had run out. I was heading to a rooster tail I did not want to hit, but I stuck to my plan of going where the water pushed me. At the very last second, my boat moved just to the left of the rock, allowing my bow to drop over the lip of the final 30-foot falls.

Although my confidence wavered, my trust in the river allowed me to safely descend the final cascading waterfall. On this rapid, not only did I learn how to become a better kayaker, but I also learned how to trust in what I know to be true. I still have a lot to work on, both in kayaking and in my life, but I have found meaning in learning, and in learning I have found passion.

**What 2 Watch**

| Thursday, Nov. 12 | 8 p.m. | Bills vs. Jets @ 8:30 p.m. | Warriors vs. Thunderwolves @ 8 p.m. | Maple Leafs vs. Predators @ 8 p.m. | Hawks vs. Celtics @ 7:30 p.m. | Lakers vs. Mavericks @ 9:30 p.m. | Saturday, Nov. 14 | 8 p.m. | Cavaliers vs. Bucks @ 8:30 p.m. | Blackhawks vs. Blues @ 8 p.m. | Sunday, Nov. 15 | 8 p.m. | Chiefs vs. Broncos @ 8:30 p.m. | Patriots vs. Giants @ 4:25 p.m. | Cardinals vs. Seahawks @ 7:30 p.m. | Monday, Nov. 16 | 7:30 p.m. | Texans vs. Bengals @ 8:30 p.m. |
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**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation: Phil Garver, 11a, Church
- PreviewSouthern 102 (12-13)

**FRIDAY**
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- International Student Event, 2p, Wright Hall Steps
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: Pierson Weekend, 7:30p, Thatcher Vespers: Topics I, 8p, Iles, Brennon Kirstein
- Chapel, Ron Clouzet
- Take a Breath*, 9:30p, Student Center
- Sunset, 5:37p

**SABBATH**
- The Breakfast Ministry, 7a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Pierson Weekend, 9:30 & 11a, Thatcher Chapel, Ron Clouzet
- Nexus Ministries Sabbath School, 10:15a, Church Service, 11:15, Lynn Wood Hall
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- West Side for Jesus, Patten Towers, Hospital Ministry, Restore, Branches, 2p, Wright Hall
- Nexus Ministries* Night of Worship, 5:30-7:30p, Lynn Wood Hall
- Evensong: I Cantori, 5:30p, Church
- Studio 4109 LIVE, 8:09p, Iles

**SUNDAY**
- SOAP Horseback Riding, 1p, Wright Hall
- Psychology Seniors, Major Field Test, 2-5p, Summerour #2820
- Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30p

**MONDAY**
- Payday: Salary
- December graduates deadline to finish incompletes & home study correspondence
- Online Winter Registration open for New/Transfer students (16-January 19)
- BRIDGE Luncheon, 11:45a, Presidential Banquet Room
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p

**TUESDAY**
- International Archaeology Symposium: A World in Miniature, 9a-9p, Lynn Wood Chapel (1 Credit)
- Tornado Siren Test, 6p
- Archaeology Symposium: A World in Miniature, Thomas Staubli, 7:30p, Lynn Wood Hall
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**WEDNESDAY**
- Faculty Tech Bites, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

**BIRTHDAYS**
- November 12: Isaac Boateng, Leighanie Diaz
- November 13: Kyle Harris, Jay Hickman
- November 14: Shelby Hustad, Shelby Hustad
- November 15: Gaby Martinez, D’arce Peter
- November 16: Zachary Schneider, Spencer Thomas
- November 17: November 18: Drew Baker, Jason Carr

**[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]**

*Take a Breath*: Campus Ministry’s discipleship department is hosting a 20 hours of Prayer event in the Student Center called “Take a Breath.” This will be held from November 13 at 9:30p - November 14 at 5:00p. AfterGlow this Friday night will be held at this prayer event in the Student Center at 9:30p.

*Nexus Ministries*: Nexus Ministries is hosting a Sabbath School, Church Service, and a Night of Worship this Sabbath at Lynn Wood Hall. The Sabbath School will provide breakfast at 10:15a, the church service will begin at 11:15a, and the night of worship will take place from 5:30p -7:30p.

**Verse of the Week:** “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” (Philippians 2:3-4) We challenge you to take some time this week to think of others’ needs before your own. Although seemingly insignificant, this change can produce radical results in your own life.

**Studio 4109**: This Saturday night is the second episode of season 5. With Castwell Fider hosting, musical guest Kev Young and your Studio 4109 house band, Lost and Found. Come enjoy pre-show at 8:09p with the main event immediately following. Studio 4109 is open to the community, anyone is welcome to come!
**GigWalk**

Gigwalk is an app that allows you to complete tasks in real life and pays you to do it. If you go to Walmart, Target or any store, you are able to do simple tasks such as ask questions, review products or simply state your opinion about a purchase. The app is very well designed and is available for both iOS and Android. It pays through PayPal or check within 48 hours, which is a plus for a quick way to earn money.

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**app chat**

**instagram**

Bryan Chen @xbryanchen
Music Theory & Literature, JR

Remember visiting the WSMC for the first time, and I haven’t been there ever since. I am sure I am still that small in comparison to that shelf.

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**twitter**

I am hungry. I wish I could order a pizza deliver to the classroom. #saulife

Bryan Chen @bryxbchen
Music Theory and Literature, JR

*outside is 50** *teachers make rooms 100**
#SAUlife

Kristen Vonnoh, @kristenstagram
International Studies & Journalism, FR

When Dr. Leatherman says that someone was brilliant you just wonder about how grandiose that mind was. #scholar #religion #saulife

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Things I hear in the women’s bathroom
#1: “Oh, my goodness! How do you pee so fast? I haven’t even sat down…”
#saulife #toilettalk

Savannah Brown, @savannahhgrace
General Studies, SO

Haha oh and I like telling people at sau that I am studying for #finalexams cause they be like “what? How even?” #nursingstudent #saulife

Sarah Peden, @SewingPrincesss
Nursing, JR

Jesus didn’t come to make life comfortable. He came to make eternal life obtainable.

Bradford Goodridge, @BFGoodridge
Employee

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**TWEET US**

@southern_accent

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Here’s to productive Sunday mornings. #saulife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

As an art major, a question I get asked on a regular basis- Do you have a normal pen?
@Southern_Accent

Aileen Martinez @harajukulovers51
Art Therapy, SR

#SouthernSleepers #SAULife #AccountingLife #8AMClass

Shaina Rantung, @ShainaRantung
Public Relations, SO

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"I was here for SmartStart" starter pack

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"I'm a hard teacher" starter pack

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**LATIN AMERICAN CLUB TERMINATED INDEFINITELY**

**DANIELLE ALLEN**
**Lead Reporter**

The Latin American Club (LAC) of Southern Adventist University has been discontinued indefinitely for the remainder of the 2015-2016 academic year as of Nov. 9.

Because LAC is one of the three flagship cultural clubs on campus – along with the Black Christian Union (BCU) and the Asian Club – the club is often held to a higher standard than others on campus.

These standards include a convocation, vespers and annual Saturday night cultural event.

Unfortunately, the LAC executive board did not meet event expectations, according to an email provided by Giovanna Ruiz from Student Services. Ruiz, senior international business management major, who was the president of LAC for the past three semesters.

The email addressed the club’s inactivity, following the LAC Night it had organized and hosted in September: “There was no attempt at doing an easy activity like sponsoring a booth at Fall Festival, where your activity would have been rewarded with money from Student Association.”

LAC Night is the first cultural event of the school year, placing added pressure on officers returning to campus in the fall. Officers may be hard-pressed to gather funds and members for their club. The planning that goes into a school-wide event is tremendous and often stressful, said Ruiz. Other LAC executive board members felt that there was often miscommunication among the executive board in terms of coordinating events or scheduling meetings.

Many students had mixed reactions to the indefinite termination of LAC.

“I think it’s disappointing that it got to the point of beings discontinued,” said Alexa Smart, junior marketing and international studies major.

Mark Belfort, sophomore clinical psychology major and BCU President, said that he understands the overall stress associated with maintaining one of the largest clubs on campus.

“I believe that a situation such as this will cause those who are a part of the Latin American community on campus to come together for a common cause and bring the club back to ... the beauty of the Latin American culture.”

**ACA STUDENTS UNHARMED AFTER PARIS ATTACKS**

**ROSENA HUGHES & CASSIE MATCHIM**
**Editor-in-Chief & News Editor**

Paris came under attack on Friday night, Nov. 13 when three teams of Islamic State terrorists opened fire and detonated bombs in coordinated attacks across the city.

Seven suicide bombers attacked the national stadium, the Bataclan concert hall and nearby restaurants. As of Tuesday night, the death toll had reached 129 and more than 350 were wounded.

All Southern Adventist University students studying abroad have been accounted for.

“There is no problem with our students,” said Pierre Nzokizwa, Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) program director and Modern Languages department professor. “Generally, if anything would occur, the student school of origin is immediately informed.”

Tyler Rand, senior (ACA Spain) and Lindsey Mitchell, ‘15, were eating dinner at a friend’s apartment in Montpellier, about 470 miles south of Paris, when they got the news of the attacks.

“We kept checking in disbelief as the death toll rose higher and details of the attacks unfolded,” said Mitchell.

Although all students are safe, some reported not being able to get out or back into France due to the borders closing in response to the terror attacks.

“I wasn’t sure how the closing of the borders would affect my return to Spain,” said Rand. “I had a ride back to Spain set up for Sunday afternoon, but since many of the French were concerned about the borders being closed and cancelled most of their travel plans, I was left without a way back to Spain.”

Rand said he had to do a lot of re-planning in order to find a way back to Spain and ended up having to travel to western France, where he was able to find a way back. He said he had just crossed the French-Spanish border when they were stopped and questioned by police officers. He said there were about 10 police officers standing in the road and 30-40 police cars.

“I found out that around 30 minutes after I left Toulouse last night [Sunday] they started doing raids looking for one of the terrorists,” said Rand.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Let our prayers be without borders**

RONNIE CHRISTIANSEN

*Copy Editor*

Hostages. Explosions. Shootings. Paris. I first heard the news at vespers on Friday. From the stunned, confused looks on other faces around me, I could tell I wasn’t the only one. Shock coursed through me. As I followed the news coverage that night and details emerged, my shock turned to sadness. Like many others, I prayed for Paris and all those involved.

Hours later, Facebook added a feature for users to temporarily change their profile pictures to have a French flag filter to show their support. Posts with hashtags such as #prayforparis trended. The U.S. and other countries shone blue, white and red lights on their famous landmarks to demonstrate solidarity. Support from around the world continues to grow.

One day before the terrorist attacks in Paris, 43 people were killed and 239 injured by two suicide bombers in Beirut, Lebanon. A young father died taking down one of the suicide bombers, leaving behind two small children and a wife. The same day as Paris, 21 people were killed and at least 46 injured in Baghdad, Iraq by a suicide bomber while attending the funeral of a fighter who died in a battle against ISIS.

Violence. War. Bombings. We hear of these things in the Middle East so often it’s no longer news to us. It doesn’t shock us anymore. You’ll likely not see anyone post or tweet about people praying for areas of the Middle East.

And yet the lives lost in these tragic events are just as precious in God’s eyes as the lives of those lost in the Paris attacks. Why do we pray only for Paris and not Baghdad or Beirut or other places rocked by violence and disaster? Why do our prayers have borders?

It’s true there are many horrifying things happening in this world. Just take a quick look at social media and the news any time of day and you’ll see it. It can be overwhelming to see so much brokenness in the world that we just don’t pray for it anymore – except when it shocks us, as it did Friday the 13th.

Nonetheless, I want to encourage you to pray. Pray for Paris. But also pray for Beirut, Baghdad, for their countries. Pray for other places where violence is rampant and disaster strikes. Instead of ge
erically praying for the whole world, look up some of these places and find specific things to pray for that trouble those areas. Perhaps we can’t pray for the whole world but we can start with a few places. Let our prayers be without borders.

**Southern conquers Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature**

SIERRA EMILIAF

*Lead Reporter*

Southern Adventist University’s delegation of 17 students headed up to Nashville, Tenn. for the 46th General Assembly of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature (TISL) on Nov. 12.

The ultimate highlight of this year’s TISL experience was receiving the news that, for the first time, one of Southern’s students will preside as a Court Justice next fall. Lauren Waegele, sophomore English and history major, will have this opportunity to represent Southern.

This year’s delegation was led by Christina Angel, junior history major and president of the Society of Political Sciences (SOPS). Angel attended Southern’s first participating year of TISL in 2012 and on returning from this experience, she and two others founded SOPS. She now serves as the Commissioner of General Welfare for TISL. This will be her last year as the president of SOPs and the coordinator of the trip to TISL.

“Transitioning from the role of leading—this will in no way be easy,” Angel said. “This has hands down, been the most impactful thing I have done as an undergraduate, but I know I am leaving it in good hands and I have no doubts that Charlotte McFaddin, my president pro temp, will be a fantastic leader.”

Many bills were passed through the Senate and into the House, while others experienced more difficulty in doing this. Victor DeRose, sophomore marketing and history major, was among the more successful representatives. He was able to pass two bills, one being his own and the other Hayden Palm’s, junior financial management and history major. DeRose’s bill was an act to amend Article IX of the state constitution in relation to qualifications for public office. Palm’s was to ensure that Tennessee residents would have a say in the construction of correctional facilities in their area.

DeRose said, “If I had to use one word I would say it was rewarding. The thought that the legislation we wrote has made all the hard work well worth the effort.”

Austin von Henner, junior history major, was not as fortunate but said, “I got to learn the lesson of what an uphill battle in politics truly is and how victory is fighting the good fight. I wouldn’t give it up for the world.”

Both of Southern’s Appellate Moot Court teams made it to the semifinals this year, upholding the tradition established during Southern’s first year at TISL. Newcomer Jackson Mower, freshman history major, said, “Even if it is just a moot court, advocating for justice is a noble endeavor.”

TISL takes place in the Tennessee State Capitol building. It is a student organization that offers various opportunities for collegiate students across Tennessee to participate in law and government. Founded in 1966, it has been a way for students to voice their opinion on government while learning through practical experience. Southern was not allowed to participate until 2012 when TISL amended its Constitution to allow Southern teams to be exempt from activities held on the Sabbath.

Sarah Graham, junior history major and Teacher’s Firm Lobbyist, said, “My experience was great, and I would recommend TISL to anyone who is interested in politics and legislation!”

**Business Department cuts nonprofit program**

CLEMENTSON SUPRATHAI

*Staff Writer*

Southern Adventist University’s School of Business and Management is discontinuing its Nonprofit Management concentration. The cut will be in effect next year at the undergraduate and graduate level.

The department’s yearly evaluation to their advisory board on enrollment noted the continued decline of students in the program.

Mark Hyder, dean of the School of Business and Management, said that they had come to the point where only three students were in the undergraduate nonprofit program.

“We presented this to our faculty, faculty voted it, and it was presented to the undergraduate council and was approved [to be cut] last Monday [Nov. 2],” said Hyder.

This decline, however, isn’t the case for other programs in the School of Business and Management.

 “[The advisory board] asked us if we could use our faculty resources more efficiently. We decided it would probably better if we reallocated resources to other programs,” said Hyder.

Since last year, the department has had an enrollment increase of 18 students, said Hyder. “We would probably need to provide additional courses and more options to the finance majors.”

Darling Pizarro, senior nonprofit management major, said, “I think that it is unfortunate and disappointing. I didn’t hear that we had a nonprofit management/nonprofit leadership degree until my junior year and I’m sad that students who could have enjoyed this degree won’t get a chance to hear about it.”

The School of Business and Management isn’t the only department catering to nonprofit concentrations.

“On campus, there is a graduate program in Social Work that’s related to the nonprofit program, the Global Community Development program,” said Hyder. “At the undergraduate level, there is the history department. They do a program [global policy and service studies] that’s very similar to our nonprofit program.”

“Even without a specific degree in nonprofit, anyone interested in philanthropy should contact their advisor, and also reach out to the Advancement Department at Southern,” Pizarro said. “They do some great work for this campus and especially the students.”
New monument honors July 16 victims in Veterans Memorial Park

HUNDREDS OF COLLEGEDALE AND OOLTewah residents gathered at the Veterans Memorial Park for a Veterans Day memorial service held Nov. 11. A monument was unveiled to honor the four Marines and sailor killed by a gunman at a U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center in Chattanooga on July 16.

City officials attended and gave speeches, including Collegedale Mayor Katie Lamb, state representatives such as District 29 Rep. Mike Carter and U.S. Congressman Chuck Fleischmann. First Sgt. Rush, non-commissioned officer (NCO) of the Marines killed that day, made an appearance at the memorial service. Collegedale Academy Orchestra performed patriotic musical pieces for the event. Some families of the slain service men were also in attendance.

The ceremony opened with officials sharing stories of their experiences with Vietnam War veterans and thanking them for their service to the country. During his speech, in regard to the wars American soldiers wage to protect our country, Rep. Mike Carter said, "We fight because we have to. Not because we enjoy it, but because we have to."

First Sgt. Rush also shared the stories of his fallen comrades, and the history of Veterans Day and thanking the community for their support after the deaths of his fellow Marines.

"These men will forever be missed, my brothers. But their legacy continues forever," said Rush.

Phil Garver, Collegedale commissioner and leader behind the creation of Veterans Memorial Park, hosted the event and introduced the speakers.

"The good Lord provided the opportunity for us to have this service here," said Garver after the ceremony.

Garver, who is also a Vietnam veteran, said he and his colleagues started working on the park 14 years ago and still continue to build and improve on it. Garver is a Southern alumnus and former dean of School of Physical Education and Wellness at Southern for many years.

"The event today has proven to be such a wonderfully-made program," said Jim Ashlock, Southern alumnus and veteran.

"It’s all part of our way of giving back and saying thanks to the veterans living in our community," said Matthew Miller, one of the 11 original board members of the Veterans Memorial Park. These guys are willing to strap on the uniform and defend our country at all costs and at a moment’s notice. It’s nothing but our pleasure."

The memorial service ended with a musical piece by the Collegedale Academy Orchestra and a reception at city hall.

Mother of soldier comforted by 1st Sgt. Rush at the memorial for those killed in Chattanooga earlier this year.

Photo by Deborah Hall

Campus Ministries leads 15-hour prayer event

Friday night, Nov. 13, “Take a Breath,” an interactive 15-hour prayer event, sponsored by Campus Ministries and led by the discipleship team, invited all students to the Ulmer Student Center to cast aside their anxieties and burdens and reconnect with God.

From 9:30 p.m. to midnight on Friday and resuming at 5 a.m. on Sabbath, students were allowed to sign out of the residence halls and sign into the event within five minutes to take part in prayer.

The night began with musical selections and spiritual thoughts led by Afterglow, setting the vibe for students to commune with God.

"We’ve been praising God; now we have to hear what He’ll say to you," said Andrew Ashley, Afterglow director and senior theology major, before students began to go through the different stations of prayer featured at the event.

There were five stations, each with a QR code inviting students to convene and commune with God. The codes were voice recordings directing students to communicate with God in several different ways.

The stations invited students to nail their burdens on a cross, write their regrets on the plates of sand and then erase them, write down their anxieties or worries on a sticky note and place them on the wall and other symbolic acts.

Each act represented spiritual cleansing, healing and release. Along with the relaxed vibe and the background music, the goal was to enable students to open their hearts up to God and put all of their stresses and worries on Him.

"It was what I needed after a long, stressful week," said Alexey Gatica, senior clinical psychology major. "It gave me the chance to just breathe.”

The discipleship ministry is one branch of Campus Ministries. Led by junior liberal arts major Gina Campos, it is a group of individuals who seek to encourage prayer, spiritual growth on campus and a desire to become a disciple of Christ through personal one-on-one studies, training and hands-on events throughout the year.

"There is a need for God on this campus," said Campos. "I planned this event for students to take a moment away from the busyness of school, the things happening in the world, and most importantly, to connect with God.”
ACF students unharmed after Paris attacks

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Rand. “I got out of Toulouse just in time.”

While Rand was not able to leave the country that easily, he said other students such as Josué Loyola-Roncal, senior (ACA France), told him he was able to cross on foot.

“[Loyola-Roncal] told me he had crossed the French-Swiss border on foot on Saturday morning, and there were no guards present at all,” said Rand. “He had flown to Geneva from Berlin and was able to [easily] cross the border on the way back from Geneva.”

Adam Sawyer, senior (ACA France) said he was also able to cross the border on foot and noted no police presence.

Students said the mood in France was quite somber, but it hasn’t changed people’s everyday routine.

“There has been three official days of mourning declared,” said Loyola. “We all gathered for a conversation here in school and had some Bible verses read out loud and then we had one minute of silence. The mood is very emotional here.”

Mitchell said a tragedy of this magnitude has not happened for quite some time in France.

“(Monday), there was a nationwide minute of silence at noon to honor the lives lost in Paris on Friday night,” said Mitchell. “On Saturday evening, over 1500 people gathered to light a candle for Paris in the major square in Montpelier. Yet amidst the sadness, there is a very tangible feeling of resilience.”

Rand, who was also there, said of the candlelight vigil, “It was a very somber moment as there was no announcement or speech, only silence as the French gathered to mourn and remember the fallen.”

Mitchell said a sign was circulating that read: “Not even scared.” She said the news papers have been reporting stories with a theme of unwillingness to be intimidated, carrying on with life and picking up the pieces.

A few days after the attack, Jessica Myers, senior (ACA Spain), said she traveled to Valencia, Spain where she saw a fountain in the main plaza covered in artwork in honor of the victims.

“There were hand-drawn flags, letters, posters, symbols of peace and candles encircling [the fountain],” said Myers. “It was such a beautiful expression of love and support.”

Some students expressed concern for their safety while others did not feel any more concerned than before.

Kyle Raymond, junior (ACA England) said, “I feel safety is a concern when we take trips into central London almost once a week for class trips.”

Mitchell, who is in France, however, said she is not any more concerned than she typically is as a solo female in a city.

“Another attack occurring is, of course, a possibility, but that is true in the USA as well, or any other country for that matter,” said Mitchell. “However, the language used in the statement released by the Islamic State in regard to this attack being the ‘first of the storm’ certainly is threatening.”

Despite the recent attacks, most students that spoke to the Southern Accent didn’t seem to be very discouraged from visiting Paris in the near future.

Myers said she will be spending New Year’s Eve in Paris.

“I am not fearful because of these recent attacks, but rather I am determined to get to know the beautiful people of Paris and witness their strength and resilience first-hand,” said Myers, “I intend to visit the memorials as well as the sites of the attacks to pay my respects and to connect with the Parisians.”

Some information for this story was gathered from Associated Press and ABC News.

Latin American Club terminated indefinitely

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Belfort said that BCU plans to work with LAC in the future to formulate creative ideas.

Alexander Harper, sophomore biology major and former LAC treasurer, said that it is good for the LAC to have a fresh start and hopefully organize better and move forward to create a more dynamic presence on campus.

Should the club decide to reinstate for the Winter 2016 semester, they must go through the regular application process that Student Association has in place.

The Latin American Club was founded in 1997. Its main purpose is to reach out to different members of the student body, particularly those of Latin American heritage, and to help students grow spiritually while providing a fun and exciting atmosphere on campus.
Castwell Fider hosts Studio 4109

Jen Harvey
Staff Writer

Studio 4109: LIVE hosted the second show of its fifth season Saturday night, Nov. 14 in Iles P.E. Center. The live comedy sketch show was hosted by Castwell Fider, enrollment counselor, who previously hosted the show.

The cast of Studio 4109 performed a variety of humorous skits with performances by Kev Young and the Studio 4109 house band, Lost and Found, for an audience of about 600 students.

The first skit of the night was the cold open skit, centered on a meeting of the “Basics Club.” From there, Fider took the stage for his introduction, though this quickly expanded into a musical monologue about college life, complete with an organist and backup choir.

The first full skit of the evening featured a disgruntled coffee shop owner being the mediator between two “poets” both competing for the same girl. The reoccurring news parody, “The Feed,” was next, hosted by Kevin Christenson and Jonathan Wright. The skit poked fun at several current events including the election of Canada’s new prime minister, upcoming film headlines with “Film Major Fedwick,” and some pointed fall fashion tips from “Rebecca Snaps.”

Next was a skit that detailed the struggles of a scatterbrained student trying to succeed both academically and with his frustrated girlfriend amid several impromptu remixes of current hits. The last full skit of the night focused on a colorful cast of characters coming together to celebrate Thanksgiving, including “Grandma Ethel,” “Johnny” and “Butch.” The last act of the night was a short video about a group of guys detailing the various ways they find to save money on dates.

“Filming my first skit was scary at first, but I liked how fast things were happening,” said Cassondra Harris, sophomore general studies major. “Plus, I think it’s really cool how Studio 4109 incorporates what’s going on in social media into all their shows.”

Like all of their performances, the show was streamed live on Studio 4109’s website and a recording is currently archived on the show’s YouTube channel. The next show will be held on Feb. 20 and will be hosted by Gym-Masters Coach Richard Schwarz.

Library adds fall Campus Research Day

Kimberly Crooks
Staff Writer

McKee Library will host the first fall Campus Research Day on Friday, Dec. 4.

Campus Research Day is an opportunity for students to get experience in presenting and sharing their research. However, for the first time faculty will also participate and present their research findings.

“The library decided to host a fall research day because of the overwhelming demand. It filled up so quickly we decided to host a fall one,” said Dan Maxwell, library director.

Most presenters have joined with the encouragement of their professors. Over 50 participants will be rewarded with a certificate for sharing their research that day. This semester’s research is focused on the topics of humanities and arts.

The day will start around 8 a.m. with a keynote address in Lynn Wood Hall by archivist and Southern alumnus Rick Blondo, ’79.

Following the keynote address, several breakout sessions will be held across campus. These breakout sessions will consist of students and faculty presenting their research by oral or poster presentation.

There will be four oral presentation sessions running simultaneously throughout the day. During the oral presentations, presenters will have about 12 minutes to present their research. After sharing their findings, there will be a three-minute Q&A format session.

Each breakout session will last roughly 75 minutes. However, the poster presentations will be viewed in the library from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing the research my fellow students and faculty have done so far this school year,” said junior liberal arts education major Samantha Francois.

For those who cannot attend the event this fall, another Campus Research Day will be held next semester.
Being thankful when you have nothing

Exactly four years ago, I was about to celebrate my first Thanksgiving in the United States after only being here for 10 months. However, instead of buying a turkey, sweet potato pie and other festive food, I was sitting in my deplorable chair, hungry.

It had been about two days since all we had to eat was a quart of rice, some week-old beans and a carton of milk that we had bought from Rite Aid. We were broke. My father, the sole provider at the time, had not been working consistently. He had been calling his company time after time to see if he could work for at least a couple of hours. He was trying hard, but nothing was available. To make matters worse, we did not have any resources or many friends who could help us. Our support was back home, in Nicaragua. That is where we had all our possessions, our friendships and our escape from this difficult situation. Here, we felt hopeless.

My father was sitting in front of me thinking. I asked him with a timid but reproachful tone, “What are we going to do?”

He replied in a soft voice, “We are going to pray and be thankful.”

I was in disbelief. I thought to myself, “This man wants to pray and be thankful when 12 months ago we had a refrigerator full of food, a house at least quadruple the size of this rat infested basement, a 2009 Ford and all of the ‘happiness’ that the world could provide in security and possessions? Something must be wrong with him.”

But I did not say anything. I just remained silent and tried to believe that the deity to whom I had been taught to pray would be bigger than the hunger I felt in my stomach.

We finished praying and my dad got up and went to his truck driving company to see if they had any jobs for him. He came back within an hour. I heard the old 2000 red Ford pulling into the driveway beside the basement where we lived. My countenance was shaken from hopeless to nothing. I was not expecting anything. I was thankless. My deity had failed. My dad walked into the house with empty hands.

The next day I woke up with my stomach roaring. I sat in the same chair across from my father. My dad told me again, “We need to pray and be thankful.” Again, the same thoughts came into my mind, but with a bit of more intensity this time. My dad went to his job and when he returned, he didn’t have hours on his clock, but he did have a turkey in his hands. “The Miraculous Turkey,” as I called it, because it fed us for about three weeks. My dad did not have a consistent job for the next month, nor did he have a good source of food, income or even cleaning supplies. But I learned to trust that God would provide as my father continued to pray the same words, “We thank you.”

We thank you. Thankfulness should not only come out of the things that God does for us. Thankfulness must come because of the change He has done in our lives. Sometimes it just takes time to realize that God is working in our lives. If we understand that He is actively seeking the best for us and solving our problems amidst our unbelief, we would truly be thankful.

The currency of relationships

This may be my last semester at Southern. I’ve thrown all my energy towards graduation. Maybe you’ve seen me walk to and fro on campus carrying a camera, tripod, microphone and backpack over my shoulders. I am much too busy—to too busy for God, even. I’ve still been relatively successful in keeping my grades up. So why do I need to worry about a devotional life?

My efforts to make progress lead to certain material triumphs, such as a fulfilling job that will provide decent pay so I can afford a comfortable living. The currency of relationships, however, is time. And the rewards of an active relationship with God are priceless qualities of character: love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

In the last three months I can say that my character has remained a straight line with no significant changes. Sure, maybe I’m a good person in general. But in my close relationships, especially, I could always use more of God’s character. For example, with my family, I could always be more understanding. With my friends, I could be more kind. What about you?

The viewpoints on this page do not necessarily reflect those of the Accent, Southern Adventist University or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

SPOTLIGHT:
Maurice Fider

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:
Maurice Fider

Photo by Campus Ministries

I was born in Mandeville, Jamaica, and was about one or two years old when my family moved to the States. I’ve lived in Connecticut for the majority of my life. Following my sophomore year of high school, we moved to the South to good ol’ Snellville, Georgia, where I finished off my junior and senior year of high school. That led me to Southern Adventist University, and I’ve lived here for almost seven years.

I got into ministry because it’s a big part of the Fider family. My cousins, brothers and I have joked that from the time we were able to be cognitive, our family threw us into ministry — in a good sense.

I worked at Cohutta Springs Youth Camp for six years and met a lot of people who also went to Southern. One of them was the associate director: a senior religion major who was going to be a student leader at the Renewal service. He asked me to be a part of his team and I ended up being a part of it for the first two years of college.

During my sophomore year, I decided to be a student missionary in New Zealand as a youth worker. After I came back, I was president of the Student Missions Club and worked for Campus Ministries. I then managed communications the following year, and now I’m the assistant chaplain.

My emphasis is on corporate worship, more specifically the spiritual programs that happen on our campus. I’m in charge of vespers and get to work with a set of incredible students who are both involved and in charge of various ministries on campus. I support them in whatever way I can.

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Have you grown as a person this far in the semester? Is there some aspect of God’s character you wish you had more of? God’s promise for you and me is: “You will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:13) and “I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and in them, will produce much fruit” (John 15:5).
Thanksgiving shouldn’t have to prove itself

Gelissa Leveille

CONTRIBUTOR

Thanksgiving is the best holiday. This is a bold statement, I know, but it cannot be disputed. It’s a day of gratefulness and remembrance. A day of food and relaxation. A day of football and quality time. Teachers are unsure about Thanksgiving, no gifts or parties. People just want to be together.

However, Thanksgiving is often overlooked because of the Christmas season. Many schools are unsure about whether or not this day is worthy of a full week of vacation or just a meager three days. Lots of people just see Thanksgiving as a funnel for Black Friday, otherwise known as the Christmas season. Many folks just see Thanksgiving as a holidayum for Christians. As believers in Christ, it’s important that we remain grateful for the things that God has given us.

Midterms ended weeks ago, but I’m still reeling from the effects. My motivation has plummeted, my energy is gone and I long to be home with my family for a week. Because of the short amount of time for midterm break, I didn’t get a chance to properly decompress from my assignments. The amount of homework has remained the same, but it feels much heavier than before. It’s hard to feel thankful for anything at this point. I call this feeling the “Post-Midterm Blues.” It’s the feeling that you get when homework doesn’t feel important because Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming up. But remember, homework is still important. Break won’t feel nearly as sweet if you’re failing your classes.

Like I mentioned before, Thanksgiving is a necessary holiday for Christians. As believers in Christ, it’s important that we remain grateful for what we have, but rather thankful that God has granted us to us. Sending His only Son to die for us on the cross is the largest sacrifice that someone can make and God did that for us. While I eat my roasted turkey and cornbread on Thanksgiving, I will also remember that God provided my life for me, and for that I’ll always be thankful.

Gelissa Leveille is a junior film production major.

Calming the sea

Alexy Gatica

CONTRIBUTOR

Whenever we face trials, we often only see the trial and nothing else. We forget about what God has already done for us and how he has already gotten us through similar hardships. We lose faith and we begin to sink.

Take the story of Jesus and His disciples crossing the lake in Mark 4:37-38: “But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, ‘Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?’”

I can imagine how frantic the disciples must have been. However, this story always frustrates me because I can’t imagine why they would be worried if Jesus was literally with them. But then I think, how many times do we get angry with God and complain by saying, “Why are you letting this happen to me? Where are you now that I really need you?”

Yes, our circumstances may be different from the disciples in regards to having Jesus physically with them, but God’s Word says otherwise. “I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is” (Ephesians 3:16-18).

God dwells in our hearts. He’s a lot closer than we think. I understand that many of us are going through storms and all we can see are the waves and the wind crashing down on us, but I challenge you to look to Jesus. I challenge you to have faith that the Lord will bring you out of this storm. Most importantly, I can promise you that you will come out of that storm a new creation.

You see, when we are in our storms, we automatically assume that we are going to sink. We cry out to God and ask him to give us a miracle. We ask Him to take us out of these terrible situations, yet we never realize He actually placed us in them so that we can wholeheartedly rely on Him and become one with Him.

The point of our Christian lives isn’t to be successful. It is to be faithful. Once we become one with God, we realize that the miracle wasn’t getting out of the storm. The miracle is the work and transformation that God was able to do through us. “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Alexy Gatica is a senior clinical psychology major.

SUBMIT OPINION ARTICLE IDEAS TO MARSIEMAWUNTU@SOUTHERN.EDU
12 struggles of having a long distance best friend

My roommate and I have been best friends for nine years. For eight of those years she lived in the state of Washington while I lived in Massachusetts. Our friendship successfully made it through the time difference, unfortunate cellphone service and, of course, the distance. Although she’s my soul mate and one of the most important people in my life, there were definitely struggles that came afloat in our friendship maintenance. If you have or ever had a long-distance best friend, you may relate to some of these.

1) Feeling helpless when your best friend is going through a crisis and you can’t be there with him or her. Comforting over the phone is just not cutting it.

2) Always trying to plan visits but realizing it’s way too expensive... so you wallow in your sorrows.

3) If there’s a time difference, you sacrifice hours of sleep in order to fully catch up on your lives.

4) When you do reunite, being separated again is one of the worst, most tragic feelings in the world.

5) You can never be around to celebrate each other’s birthdays.

6) Having to update him or her on every insignificant detail of your life down to the core so he or she can feel like an active participant in your daily life.

7) You might not like to admit it, but there’s a pinch of jealousy when you see your best friend post pictures with someone else.

8) Feeling that life is so unfair because the moment you meet someone so perfect, he or she is taken away from you.

9) Being the protective you-have-to-get-through-me shield whenever your best friend starts dating someone new is super hard.

10) Depending solely on Skype and Facetime for semi-physical involvement in his or her life.

11) All of your other friends know about your best friend because of his or her prominence in your life. You’re basically in love with your best friend, and everyone needs to know about it.

12) Explaining to everyone in your life why you’re always on your phone: you’ve got to stay in the loop on the random happenings in your best friend’s life, and you’ve got them to keep him or her updated on yours, too.

Things you do in college you didn’t in high school

1. Bumming out to class
   In high school, you woke up early to get ready. In college, 10 minutes before class to throw on sweats will suffice.

2. Struggling between eating healthy and eating what’s convenient
   And you’re so busy that eating bad food almost always wins.

3. Sitting in the front of the class
   It was too much commitment in high school. What if you wanted to text or open a pack of gum? But in college, if you’re struggling in a class, you’ll find yourself in the front row.

4. Bragging about how much sleep you DID get
   Before college, saying you got four hours of sleep was straight up strange. Now, see- ing someone catch a snooze in the student center makes you want to say “same here, man.”

5. Sleeping in public places
   In high school, that was straight up strange. Now, seeing someone catch a snooze in the student center makes you want to say “same here, man.”

6. Pulling something from the dirty laundry to wear
   Whether it’s your Pro Act class shirt or your last pair of leggings, you take a bottle of air freshener to it and run to class.

7. Exercising outside of gym class
   In high school, your mother’s food didn’t promise you’d gain 15 pounds by the end of the year. Now, you have to work a little harder.

8. Taking your textbooks seriously
   Before college, textbooks were free, and they were a joke. Now, they’re your friends.

9. Asking your parents for advice
   In high school, you couldn’t wait for them to end their spiel across the dinner table. Now, you’re calling the pros to ask them how to set up a bank account, do your taxes, plan student loans, etc.

10. Doing nothing actually sounds great.
    Because after a good college week, kicking your butt, doing nothing is satisfying.

Rachel Cundiff is a sophomore nursing major.
SPORTS

The slap shot: hockey intramurals begin

PARKER CENTER

Sports Editor

As you walk into Iles P.E. Center, you might notice some new lines running up and down the floor. Don’t be fooled; although they are called the “blue lines,” they are black. The floor hockey intramural season has begun. For those not quite sure what floor hockey is, here is a quick overview. For starters, Southern Adventist University has not yet invested in an ice rink, so we play on the gym floor instead of ice. The puck is rubber, so extensive padding and protective equipment are not required. There are also some minor rule variations that differ from ice hockey.

Last year, there wasn’t enough A-league floor hockey teams to make up a league, so this year they combined both leagues into one and split them up into two divisions: the east with four teams and the west with five teams. The schedule for this season started in early November and will end Dec. 3 right before the start of basketball intramurals.

One of the more confusing rules of floor hockey is the offside call. The blue lines are used as an indicator to determine if players are offside or not. The puck must cross over the blue line first before any player also crosses over it. For example, if a teammate is in the offensive zone, which is past the blue line, before the puck has crossed the blue line, then that player is offside, the play is dead and a faceoff is required to start the play again outside the offensive zone. What makes this rule confusing is when the puck crosses the blue line and players can enter the offensive zone, but the puck then exits the blue line. When this happens, all the players have to reset or get out of the offensive zone and reenter when the puck crosses over the blue line again. This is probably the main reason why play is halted in floor hockey.

The season is still early, but there has already been some drama. For instance, the team Squad Goals was facing off against Old School. Old School scored in the first period and it wasn’t until late in the third period when the puck bounced off an Old School player’s body and entered their own net. Now with a tied game and only a minute to go, Squad Goals was called for a high-sticking penalty and was subsequently down a man. As time wound down, Old School desperately tried to score while Squad Goals was frantically trying to escape the game with a tie.

With exactly .01 seconds left in the game, Old School puts the puck in the net just as the horn sounded to win the game. It is quite a rarity to have a buzzer beater in hockey and even though it was a close game, there was great sportsmanship and attitude about the game.

The game is fun but sometimes hockey can make you prone to injury. Dr. King, dean of the School of Religion and a member of Old School, took a puck straight to the forehead, forcing him to exit the game to take care of the blood. He later said there was a chance he might get stitches, too. What a trooper. Circumstances like that are not common, but Southern hockey players can attest that bruises along their ankles and shin bones have become normal for them. But bumps and bruises are a small price to pay for the sport they love.

College football: the top four

CALEB BEGLEY

Contributor

Last season, the college football world was changed forever. The regular Bowl Championship Series format was abandoned in favor of a new four-team playoff. This format allowed the top four teams in the nation to play each other in two bowl games and the winners to go to the National Championship Game. In the recent weeks, the new College Football Playoff rankings have been released, and the results are a bit surprising. According to ESPN, the Crimson Tide are No. 1 in the nation. The march to No. 1 has not necessarily been easy for the Tigers since they had to defeat Florida State and Notre Dame, but thanks to humongous victories of Georgia Tech and Miami, the Tigers have vaulted to top-tier status in the college football world.

The Alabama Crimson Tide are ranked No. 2 and also have been considered one of, if not the best college football programs in the nation. Head coach Nick Saban has had a huge hand in turning that team into a national powerhouse. The Crimson Tide’s journey to No. 2 included playing the Georgia Bulldogs, the Texas A&M Aggies and the Louisiana State University Tigers. The victories over Georgia and LSU were performances of absolute dominance, but Alabama has struggled against the Tennessee Volunteers. They had to endure a tough loss to the Mississippi Rebels, but that has been the only blemish on their record.

The Ohio State Buckeyes are holding steady at No. 3 in the nation. They are one of the most dominant programs in America. However, they have had one of the easiest schedules in the NCAA this season. They only have two games left to play, and both of their opponents are nationally ranked, so expect these to be their toughest tests of the season. Other than that, they have had a very easy path to No. 3 with victories over the Hawaii Warriors, Rutgers Scarlet Knights, Illinois Fighting Illini and the Western Michigan Broncos, along with nail-biters against the Northern Illinois Huskies and the Indiana Hoosiers.

Don’t underestimate the Buckeyes, though, as their victories this season could show what they can do against tougher ranked opponents.

The final team in the top four is the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. The Fighting Irish have not been on the national stage in a few years, and their road back to the top has not been an easy one. They have had to overcome the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets and the Temple Owls to get there. The only loss on the record was against the Clemson Tigers, and only by two points. In light of that, look for the Fighting Irish to put up a big fight with their bigger opponents in postseason play.

In short, the College Football Playoff system has definitely made the college bowl season a more exciting time. These four teams, if they end up being the contenders, would each make excellent national champions, but look out for the Iowa Hawkeyes, who are knocking on the door of the elite four of the nation. It will be very interesting to see where everyone ends up when all is said and done.

Caleb Begley is a sophomore journalism major.

What to Watch

Thursday, 11/19

NFL, Titans @ Jaguars – 8:30 p.m.

Friday, 11/20

NBA, Knicks @ Thunder – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11/21

NCAA, Michigan State @ Ohio State – 3:30 p.m.

NBA, Hawks @ Cavaliers – 7:30 p.m.

NHL, Predators @ Wild – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, 11/22

NFL, Broncos @ Bears – 1:00 p.m.

NFL, 49ers @ Seahawks – 4:25 p.m.

Monday, 11/23

NFL, Bills @ Patriots – 8:30 p.m.
**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation: SA, 11a, Iles, Mosab Hassan Yousef
- Graduate Council, 3:30p
- We Give Thanks, 5p, Lynn Wood
- SOAP Adventure Movie Night, 6p

**FRIDAY**
- Sunset, 5:32p

**SABBATH**
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- New York Study Tour Begins

**SUNDAY**
- McKee Library Closed
- Cowboy Jubilee (WSMC), 5-8p, Bill Hullander's farm

**MONDAY**
- THANKSGIVING BREAK (23-29)
- No Classes
- University Health Center Closed (23-29)
- McKee Library Open, 1-5p

**TUESDAY**
- McKee Library Open, 1-5p

**WEDNESDAY**
- University Offices & McKee Library Closes, Noon

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**S.A. Announcements**

**Verse of the Week:** “Those who look to the Lord are radiant; their faces will not be covered in shame.” (Psalm 34:5) Even if you fail every class this semester, know that you are radiant in Christ and have no reason to be ashamed.

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Thursday, November 19, 2015

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9am class goals: get up at 6 and get 3 hours of homework done. Reality: Sleep until 8:55, late to class. #saulife #college

Jessica Anzai, @jeesika Public Relations, SR

How are you in college and you still don’t put your last name on your papers?!!

Julianna Amegan, @jia_211 Intercultural Communication Studies, SR

Gotta love everybody trying to register for classes at once. #saulife

Robert Willett, @_robertwillett Computer Science, FR

Free caramel apple + Thursdays + @SouthernAccent = good day. #saulife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook Theology, JR

I am hungry. I wish I could order a pizza deliver to the classroom. #saulife

Bryan Chen @bryxbchen Music Theory and Literature, JR

To those who Skype in a public place without headphones...it’s not okay.

Avery Botticelli, @averybotticelli Mass Comm, SR

Those moments when people are playing good music and you can’t quite tell which room it is coming from #saulife #dormlife #toomanyhallways

Jolene Clayburn @JoJoBeautifulMe Management Entrepreneurship, SO

The effects of too much studying #SAULife #College #MonkeySelfie

Shaina Rantung, @ShainaRantung Public Relations, SO

Surveys On The Go

This app provides a great way to earn extra cash. If you happen to be waiting at the doctor’s office or stuck at the DMV, you can open “Surveys on the Go” and get rewarded for taking short surveys. The surveys usually pay from 10 cents to $5 dollars. The payment comes after you have acquired a minimum of $10. Try it out today.

Sabrina Smith, @sdsmith321 Nursing, FR

Acrofest 2015 at Union College! I love my team.#prayersforheather #GymMasters#southernadventistuniversity#acrofest2015
Buzzfeed Titles from Biblical Times

LITTLE JEWISH BOY GOES TO BATTLE WITH A SLING SHOT. YOU’LL NEVER GUESS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT!

VIDEO: ROMANS TRY ISRAELI DESSERTS ‘I'M FULL OF A FALAFEL’

11 AWESOME FOOD HACKS WITH UNLEAVENED BREAD THAT YOU NEED TO TRY! YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO PASS OVER #8

WINE RUNS OUT DURING A WEDDING. WHAT A CARPENTER DID NEXT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND! THIS GIVES 'PARTY TRICK' A WHOLE NEW MEANING!

WHAT TRIBE OF ISRAEL ARE YOU? TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT:

10 REASONS NOT TO VACATION IN EGYPT THIS SUMMER YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS HEARING ABOUT #7

7 REASONS WHY JOSEPH'S COAT OF MANY COLORS IS A GAME CHANGER IN THE NOMADIC SHEPHERD FASHION SCENE #4 WILL MAKE YOU NEVER TRUST YOUR BROTHERS AGAIN!

WHICH DISCIPLE ARE YOU? TAKE THIS QUIZ TO FIND OUT:

FRANKINCENSE OR MYRRH? 3 WISE GUYS TELL US ABOUT BETHLEHEM'S HOTTEST NEW FRAGRANCES

This edition of the humor page was brought to you by the Mancia Brothers

Southern Adventist University’s School of Business and Management would like to announce four recipients of the Southeast Bank Scholarships for 2015-2016: (seated, from left) Joelle Kanyana, Jesse Darwin, Keightee Weeks, and Caitlyn Bartlett. “We would like to express our appreciation to the SouthEast Bank for the generous contribution of $28,000 to these outstanding students,” said Mark Hyder, School of Business dean.
WINDING CREEK STUDENT’S APARTMENT BURGALORIZED

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CONVO SPEAKER REQUIRES EXTREME SECURITY

John McVay removes name from Southern presidential candidacy.

WALLING CREEK STUDENT’S APARTMENT BURGALORIZED

According to a police report, apartment resident Sean Bryant, senior physics and computer science major, left his apartment around 2:30 p.m. and returned around 5:30 p.m. During those three hours, force entry into the apartment occurred, as evidenced by marks on the door. One of the door latches had been pried open with a tool.

The police report stated that several media items were stolen, including a 40-inch TV, Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and multiple video games and DVDs. The estimated total value of the stolen property is $2,000.

Bryant told the Accent that he had registered for renters insurance at the end of last month, which will reimburse the money once he re-purchases the items.

Bryant said he was upset that someone stole his property and “kind of freaked out thinking that somebody else was in my house.”

On Sunday, Bryant said his Netflix account and TV were activated. He traced the IP addresses to Harrison, Tenn. but had not heard anything from police, as of Dec. 1.

A Southern faculty member, who asked not to be identified, lives in the same apartment complex and was listed as a witness in the police report.

The witness told the Accent that the door doesn’t look like it has any damage from the outside.

The witness said he saw a suspicious white male and female parked in a white SUV behind the complex. The witness said the two people seemed suspicious because “they did not appear to belong and did not look like students.”

The witness told the Accent he came back from riding his bike and saw the male suspect in the hallway pacing back and forth down the breezeway and stop once in front of Bryant’s door.

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JOHN MCVAY REMOVES NAME FROM SOUTHERN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY

Former Palestinian Islamic terror group Hamas member and Israeli intelligence service agent Mosab Hassan Yousef spoke for morning convocation on Thursday, Nov. 19, at Iles P.E. Center.

Yousef was born a Muslim in the West Bank but has since converted to Christianity and gained political asylum in the United States. He was invited to speak for the first Student Association (SA) convocation by SA President Jacob Metzner.

At least five Collegedale police and Campus Safety officers were present at the speaker’s convocation with two officers stationed on either side of the stage during Yousef’s speech. Once his speech concluded, he immediately left the gymnasium in a security vehicle with several officers, leaving no chance for students to ask questions.

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Dean apartments to be renovated

ERICA KING & CASSIE MATCHIM
STAFF WRITER & NEWS EDITOR

There are plans to remodel two Thatcher dean apartments with a fresh design and more living space. The deans that will be living in these newly refurbished apartments are Lisa Hall and Tisha Looby.

Construction is expected to begin April 2016. The anticipated completion date is late summer 2017.

Hall said that the apartments are at least 50 years old and have had some minor updates but those updates happened some time ago. Hall has lived in an apartment in Talge for several years due to the Thatcher apartment issues. Looby is having major issues with her apartment concerning the plumbing, heating and air.

The proposal for the apartments is to expand and renovate them. Each dean will get a two-story apartment. The apartments will include three bedrooms, two baths, a two-car garage, and will contain approximately 2500 square feet of living space. Currently, the deans have a one-story living space.

Funding for this project is still pending and must be approved by administration.

“We are still prepping the construction drawings,” said Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of Financial Administration. “I expect to fund the project over two fiscal years.”

Hamilton said that the money to fund this project is coming from the university capital budget’s new construction fund. The plans also require the State Fire Marshal’s office approval. Construction of this project will not be outsourced. Southern will manage and serve as general contractor. However, subcontractors will be hired for the electrical, plumbing, masonry, steel and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) work.
Getting high at Sculpture Fields Kite Event

Jessica Anzai
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

Students from the School of Journalism and Communication volunteered at Sculpture Fields at Montague Park with the park’s first public event, “Sculpture in the Sky” in Chattanooga on Nov. 21. Over 1,000 people attended the kite-themed event, most seeing the park for the first time.

“It was a great success,” said Tess Morgan, senior marketing major. “It showed what the [park] is capable of. It’s a great place for a community to come together and hang out.” Morgan is working with Sculpture Fields as part of a group project for her Public Relations Campaign class.

Sculpture Fields is part of Montague Park and features outdoor sculptures by local and national artists. It partners with organizations to bring programs such as the international kite demonstration.

“Working with Sculpture Fields teaches me how to do things like this on my own or in my future career,” Morgan said. “We are watching and learning how to plan and execute real events—and we have a front-row seat to all of it.”

Multiple colorful kites dotted the sky, even attracting attention from drivers passing by on I-75. Kites included a 30-foot-long yellow guitar, colorful jellyfish, a 45-foot-wide rainbow wheel and more. Guests could also make their own kites for free and fly them.

Ben Chase, the media specialist for Enrollment at Southern, visited the park for the first time.

“There’s not a lot of open space downtown that’s not Coolidge Park, so it’s a nice alternative,” Chase said. “Southern students can enjoy their time in a great part of town [with] a lot of new art.”

Cathy Clifford, executive director of Sculpture Fields, is working with the programs and education committee, along with experienced artists and communicators in reaching out to local schools.

“The park brings people together,” Clifford said. “In building Phase 2 of the park, we will build workshops and classrooms in the visitors’ center. This will be a place for artists to instruct and teach students.”

Sculpture Fields at Montague Park will only be open on weekends until its grand opening in April 2016, when it will be open seven days a week. Their next event will be an after-party following the dog parade at MainX24 on Dec. 5. Students wanting to get involved can contact them at their website: sculpture-fields.org.

Too hot in Debbie’s kitchen

Eloise Ravel
MANAGING EDITOR

A propane mixer used for baking at McKee Foods in Collegedale malfunctioned and caught on fire in Plant 2, which had to be evacuated, around 6:40 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Firefighters from the Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department (TCFD) in Collegedale responded to the fire. When they arrived on the scene, the flames were reportedly 15 feet high.

The fire was described as “lazzy” by a firefighter who spoke on condition of anonymity. The firefighter reported that only one hose was needed to contain the fire when normally many more hoses are required.

However, the fire was risky due to the proximity of three 20,000-gallon propane tanks about 30 feet away. The fire was contained after 25 minutes.

TCFD requested a mutual aid response for additional units from the Cleveland Fire Department and the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department to cover their station in case of additional emergency calls.

The Hamilton County Emergency Service were present in case of potential injuries, but none were reported. The fire caused about $15,000 in damages.

Convos speaker requires extreme security?

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further questions. Campus Safety said that a rider in Youser’s contract required the extreme security measures.

“He left so quickly there was no time for even talking with him,” said Maged Gadelh, junior business administration major. “It’s good that he has a lot of security with him, and I appreciate how he’s being a very educating person, but I think he should’ve stayed longer behind and had an opportunity for people to ask him questions.”

Youser shared his story of how he became involved in Hamas and then became a spy for Shin Bet, the Israeli intelligence agency. His father was one of the founding members of the terrorist organization and raised his son to commit acts of terror against and hate “the free world”—Israel and the U.S.

Once, when he was imprisoned by Shin Bet, Yousef agreed to deliver intelligence for them because he realized that Hamas was torturing its own people. His work for Shin Bet saved many lives and foiled many attempted acts of terrorism.

Yousef also talked about ISIS and how to best deal with the terrorist organization. He said that ISIS is more an ideology than a group of people and that there is “no way to kill an idea with a bomb.” After his talk, he answered questions from the audience.

Some students and faculty felt like Yousef didn’t offer alternative solutions to bombing ISIS.

“He said what we were doing wrong but he didn’t really say what we should do,” said Tom Sherman, freshman technology major.

“I think he doesn’t have any answers,” said Hollis James, director of Institutional Research and Planning. “This is a very, very confusing time. This is a complex situation we are dealing with. And my own personal process, I try to trust the Lord because humanly I don’t think we have really good answers.”

Some students were disappointed with the lack of awareness about the event.

“I wish my friends’ would’ve known about it,” said Anna Benko, freshman nursing major. “Cause they actually... didn’t know what the topic of today’s convo was and [a friend] actually was really interested in this stuff.”

Robber makes bomb threat at pharmacy

Rosanna Hughes
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Rite Aid Pharmacy on Apison Pike was robbed shortly after 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30.

Witnesses said the suspect was initially asking about back braces, but returned with a folder that contained a ransom note. The note said that employees were to give him high levels of controlled substances or he would blow a bomb he claimed to have inside his bag.

The suspect left the store with approximately $3,500 worth of Oxycontin and Oxycodone and $165 in cash.

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 5 feet 10 inches with a stocky build, black ski cap, hazel eyes, short black beard, and carrying a black bag. He drove what is possibly a silver car.

The poster problem was an oversight.”

The second SA convocation will be held next semester.
Uncle Gary resigns quietly

SHEANN BRANDON
STAFF WRITER

Gary Horinouchi, audio visual manager of the Audio Visual (AV) Department, quietly resigned from his position on Oct. 6. After being on medical leave for almost a year, only recently did Horinouchi decide to resign.

He has worked at Southern Adventist University since 1994 as an electrician in Plant Services, AV manager, and a co-sponsor of the Ping Pong Club, the Badminton Club and Asian Club.

“It’s time for me to move on,” said Horinouchi. “I’m 62...and I really would like to do some mission field work. That’s really the reason for looking at retirement.”

He said he and his wife would like to build a clinic in Thailand and possibly Panama.

“He did request that it not be a big event,” said Nick White, AV Technician.

“To replace the AV Manager role, university administration must approve the position rehire as a matter of policy and procedure,” said Gary Sewell, associate vice president of Information Technology. “Until this has been approved, Dustin Johnson will continue as AV Program Supervisor... Gary has left big shoes to fill.”

Sewell said Horinouchi “played a very important role at Southern” and will be missed.

Horinouchi worked with Sewell, White, Kari Shultz, director of Student Life and Activities, and many other faculty, staff and students. “Gary has been instrumental in helping various clubs on the [Southern] campus over the years,” said White. “Even with all of this involvement, Gary still had time to manage the [Southern AV] Services department with roughly 30 student workers and one other full time worker, covering several hundred programs every school year and managing the installation and maintenance of all classroom and auditorium AV systems on campus.”

Because of his love of working with youth, Horinouchi said it wasn’t difficult being a sponsor of clubs.

“Gary has worked student events so much over the years that he even received the name ‘Uncle Gary’ by many students,” said White.

“I’ve always believed that the church will have an army of youth to finish the work,” Horinouchi said. “And for students coming in to Southern, it’s more than just academics, and it’s more than just the spiritual part. There needs to be the social part as well.”

Horinouchi said he will miss the students but will continue to help with events when he can.

“I have been blessed working at Southern and [getting] to meet a lot of the faculty and staff who really have their hearts right with God,” said Horinouchi. “It’s a special school.”

John McVay removes name from Southern presidential candidacy

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and his wife Pam were not definitely planning on leaving WWU.

“[We have been asked to visit SAU as part of the search process for a new president],” said McVay. “I have not been offered the position nor have I agreed to come. We love WWU and would only leave if we feel definitely called to a new position.”

WWU student response to McVay’s decision to stay at WWU has been very positive. “On behalf of The Collegian [WWU’s student newspaper] and ASWWU [WWU’s Student Association], I can say that we are extremely happy,” said Lauren Lewis, editor-in-chief of The Collegian. “He has greatly supported ASWWU and The Collegian, and we owe much of our success to his leadership.”

Lewis said WWU Chaplain Paddy McCoy announced McVay’s decision to stay as WWU’s president during their weekly community program, WWU’s equivalent to Southern’s convocation. Lewis said a loud cheer erupted from the audience.

Upon hearing news of his possible departure as president, students at WWU began making signs that read “McStay.”

“[The #McStay movement was a campus-wide call to students and faculty lead by ASWWU to support McVay’s decision of leaving or staying],” said Lewis. “We really wanted to show that we appreciate him and his leadership at WWU.”

Lewis said a vigil was organized and posted on social media the morning before McVay visited Southern for his interviews, but the vigil actually took place on Wednesday at 12:45 p.m. in front of WWU’s administration building and posted to social media on Thursday.

Winding Creek student’s apartment burglarized

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The student said it “seemed a little weird” and asked the man if he was waiting for someone. The witness said that the suspect said he was just smoking a cigarette. About ten minutes later, the witness said he heard the man get into a vehicle. He estimated that the crime took place in between when he saw the man and heard the vehicle.

“They came and go around there,” the witness said. “So I didn’t really know that [the burglary] was the case.”

As of Tuesday night, Dec. 1, no suspects had been identified or detained.
The Accent Staff would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and good luck on finals!

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Clubs to host international Christmas party

Danielle Allen
Staff Writer

The Black Christian Union (BCU), Asian Club and members of the former Latin American Club (LAC) are joining together to host “Joy to the World: An International Christmas Party” on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in the Iles P.E. Center. This is the first collaborative event among the cultural clubs on campus for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Mark Belfort, BCU President and sophomore clinical psychology major, said that he initially formulated the idea last summer to unite all of the main cultural clubs on campus. Once Belfort brought the idea to the BCU executive board and it was received well, he presented the idea to other students and faculty and this idea became a reality. This international party will feature music and performances from Southern’s diverse student body and international foods commonly eaten during the holiday season. This is a way for students to celebrate the holiday season, dress up, eat great food and de-stress before final exams week. Semi-formal attire is greatly encouraged.

Why was Santa’s helper depressed?
He had low elf-esteem

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As we draw close to the most wonderful time of the year, a time of exchanging presents, loving others and being with family, I wonder how the different societal issues of this time – the Syrian refugee crisis, the terrorist attacks in France, homelessness, gender equality – will come to an end. These conundrums remain while families gather around the table for Thanksgiving, compulsive buyers attack deals on Black Friday and preachers make calls to display gratitude. With all of this in mind, I am curious to know how Jesus would approach these problems.

True Christmas is not about sharing material gifts with others but sharing the love of Christ with those who need it.

Right now, that love must be spread to our French brothers and sisters, to our Muslim friends who need a home, to our Lebanese siblings that are suffering and also to our own homeless citizens.

I was watching and dialoguing with a couple of people on the issue of Syrian refugees this Sabbath at church. We watched a video in which Republican presidential candidate Jeb Bush was asked about Christian families. He said, “You are Christian… you can prove you’re a Christian.” The reporter continued asking him, “How?” He simply said, “I think you can prove it.”

I am inclined to agree with this candidate: if you are a Christian, you can show it. But how?

In the same video, Steve Colbert from “The Late Show” shows that true Christians will bring the Syrian refugee crisis to an end if they follow the Bible and its words. He shows that the Bible clearly points out how Jesus calls His children to act in Matthew 25:35-36: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me.”

Trust God in the big and little things

I was frustrated. I just had my ID card. Now, it was gone. I looked everywhere, but just couldn’t seem to find it. I didn’t have time for this. I was trying to pack for break and I had to leave the next day at 7 a.m. But that wasn’t all. I was also wrestling with God over something in my life – I was wrestling with how to know God’s will.

I think it’s something that we all can relate to. All of us want to know if the way we are going is within God’s will. We all want to know that He approves. It can soothe our doubts and calm our fears, but it shouldn’t be a crutch. Over and over again in God’s Word He has promised that He will lead and guide. Psalms 37:23 says, “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and He delights in his way.”

God doesn’t want to hide His will from us. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understandings. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

I left my room to check on my laundry and started complaining to God. Besides wrestling with Him on the big things, now I was wrestling for one little thing. I was frustrated as I walked back into my room.

“God, I just want to find it!”

“Then why don’t you ask me?”

“Oh. Right. Can you help me find my ID card?”

“Look underneath your suitcase.”

I went over to my suitcase and lifted it up and there it was. Face up.

“Casey, if I love you enough to answer your prayer about something as simple as an ID card, then don’t you think that I love you enough to guide your life in the bigger things you pray about? Do you not think you will hear a voice behind you saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it?’ I am leading even when there is no dramatic evidence.”

I teared up as I realized how good the God is we serve. So just know: He is working. Trust Him.

CASEY VAUGHN
Contributor

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**Not-so-social media**

**Marselinny Mawuntu**
**Opinion Editor**

Have you ever wondered why we live in a society filled with social media yet we are disconnected to the world? Have you ever stopped to notice how many people actually look you in the eye when you’re walking on the promenade? Perhaps only a few. It’s a sad truth that is becoming more real every day.

Instead of taking the chance to talk to people, some may feel awkward walking by themselves or encountering strangers, so they evade exchanging glances in hopes of simply carrying on with their day. I’m not going to lie; the walk from Hickman Science Center to Brock Hall can sometimes be socially intimidating.

This anti-social epidemic is rampant and especially evident among today’s generation. In a room before class starts, no one speaks to each other. There’s obviously people around, but you still feel alone and mask the feeling by pretending to be doing something with technology. You make yourself seem busy. Whether it’s on the elevator or at Starbucks, you're using a plain red cup to drink your coffee, laughing all the way, sometimes being socially intimidating.

As I sit back and watch the world, I find myself wondering if we are more concerned with what’s online than what’s all around us. In this ever-evolving world of technology, I often feel let down. Christmas is a time of peace, yet all we have to do is look up. So, what’s it going to be? It’s literally in your hands.

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**Brewing conflict**

**Kristen Vonnoh**
**Contributor**

Starbucks recently announced its new holiday design for this year: an ombré red paper cup. What an outrageous idea. Some consumers claim that this cup takes away the true meaning of Christmas. Infuriated customers have actually gone to the store, bought a drink and said that their name was “Merry Christmas” in order for the barista to have to say “Merry Christmas” to them.

In other words, Starbucks is using a plain red cup to probably double their sales this holiday season. What marketing geniuses. However, the question arises: Is this a marketing scheme? Are people genuinely offended about this? We should turn our attention to the refugee crisis or something of importance rather than worry about how many gold stars we get on our Starbucks card. Unfortunately, people enjoy being offended over anything.

As I sit back and watch the Twitter feeds about a disposable coffee cup, the most amusing thing is the amount of ignorance and confusion on the subject. The idea for the infamous cup is not horrible by any means. Jeffrey Fields, Starbucks vice president of design and content, states, “We [Starbucks] are embracing the simplicity and the quietness of it. It’s a more open way to usher in the holiday.” How ironic it is that we stir up such chaos over a cup designed to represent simplicity. This situation—a blown-out-of-proportion marketing plan—is something that our society faces way more than we realize. As a culture, we have lost the ability to truly be still. To boil down an issue to the simplest form seems to be a task that is beyond our comprehension. We have grown up in an over-sensationalized society. Perhaps Starbucks is just trying to help us realize we need to stop getting so worked up over little things. This Christmas, what if we just let Starbucks’ peppermint mochas remind us of the quaintness of the holidays and nothing more?

With Starbucks new “holiday-friendly” cup, more religious traditions may feel represented. It is quite sad that some people care more about a cup of coffee than most social issues, but let’s be honest: the real tragedy is the fact that overhyped consumers cannot enjoy their drinks; it’s that Starbucks is continually raising their prices for mediocre coffee, laughing all the way to the bank.

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**A reflection on Paris: Peace for all**

**Keren Gomez**
**Contributor**

Many call it justice, but I don’t see how it equates. ISIS, the Islamic state of Iraq and Syria, killed 139 victims last month. The French fighter jets killed 10 in Paris. ISIS attacked six places. France attacked 10. Some justify it, stating that ISIS is a terrorist group killing innocent people. Yes, those that were at the restaurants, bars, concert hall and stadium were not there looking for a fight—they were there to have a good time. But doesn’t killing Iraqi and Syrian citizens as revenge make us the same? How is their killing different from ours? In the end, both sides are taking lives. Some chose to go down a violent road, and there are consequences. I’m not saying to forget those that were killed in Paris, but consider how John 3:16 says, “For God so loved the WORLD, that He gave His only Son.” We seem to know it by heart but not pay attention to the words. I don’t see there being any exclusion of people. God loved the world—all of it, everyone in it. He didn’t say those that are good or those that don’t kill or those who are Christian. He said the world. We are all God’s children, and we all deserve a chance.

Instead of dropping bombs, why don’t we drop compassion? Instead of spending all this money making guns and ammo, why don’t we focus on education or on a better home for those who don’t have one? Instead of a cure, why don’t we look for a prevention plan? If all we focus on is the pain, then we will never see beyond that.

Many other places are suffering, and the situation is much worse in other countries, but many people don’t really care because it is not their home that is being attacked. Let’s shift our view: let’s care for others and in return they will care for us.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34).

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Everyone knows that the best time to start shopping for Christmas begins the second that Thanksgiving ends! For those who are scouting for gifts to give their loved ones, I’ve compiled this list of 10 affordable presents that are sure to make someone’s holiday season special.

1. **NEFF Daily Wild Watch** – $15 (on sale)
   This polka dot watch adds a nice finishing touch to any girl’s outfit. Check out Journeys if you’re looking to bump up your wrist game.

2. **Knit ties** – $8-$25
   They’re always fashionable in the winter and they’ll set you apart from the crowd. Amazon sells plenty of plain color styles for $15 or less, and thetiebar.com has a large variety for $25.

3. **Sweaters** – $5-$15
   I’ve met a lot of girls who absolutely love scarves! Charlotte Russe sells some awesome scarves for low prices. Gentlemen, make sure you’re taking notes.

4. **Puffer Vests** – $20 and up
   Not gonna lie, these trendy cold weather staples can be a bit pricey. But diligent shoppers will be able to find good deals! I’d recommend checking out Old Navy or Amazon for some good sales.

5. **Journeys shoes** – $29.99 (on sale)
   Back to Journeys! These guys always have nice brand name footwear on sale. If you know someone who is into Vans, Converse or even Sperry’s, you should definitely take a look at some of these shoes.

6. **Bluetooth speakers** – $29.99
   For the music lovers out there, I’d highly recommend getting a Bluetooth speaker.

7. **Gift Cards** – $5-$30
   Unoriginal? Maybe, but you can never go wrong with getting someone a gift card to his or her favorite store! Or even better – cash.

8. **Onesies** – $24.99
   These pajamas have been trendy and can make sleeping more fun than ever! Target has some nice selections, but check out Amazon for some cheaper options.

9. **Socks** – $5-$8
   Whether it’s knee-high socks, church socks, sports socks or no-show socks, we all could use some more socks! Forever 21, Journeys, Dick’s Sporting Goods and Target are all awesome resources for upgrading someone’s sock collection.

10. **Time** – $0
    Material gifts are great, but at the end of the day we’ve got to give more than just presents to our loved ones. Take some time this holiday season to spend some genuine quality time with the people you care about. It’ll be the best gift you can give them!

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**The perks and woes of being a tall girl**

Natália Perez Lifestyle Editor

**Woes**

1) Pants never fit you just right. Finding jeans that fit both your waist and your legs are painfully unattainable.

2) “Is that a shirt or a dress?” Trying on a dress that fits normally on most girls will probably look like a mini dress on you, possibly even a shirt.

3) Taking a picture with your shorter friends is always a struggle. “Do I bend down to match their height? Do I stand tall and be awkward?” Choices must be made.” These are the picture-taking thoughts.

4) As a tall female myself, people always assume that because I’m tall, surely I must play sports. The conversation usually goes something like, “Do you play sports?” “Um, I play foosball.”

5) If your boyfriend is only a little taller than you or as tall as you, wearing heels around him makes you feel weird about life. So there’s that. Actually, wearing heels in general may be frowned upon. People reprimand me for wearing heels when I’m already tall. Who said tall girls can’t wear heels?

6) When people comment on your height saying, “Wow, you’re tall,” and you’re just like, “...Yup!”

7) People tend to use your height to help them reach things. “Can you reach that for me?” “…Do I even know you?”

8) Shaving your legs in the dorm showers is actually the worst. I mean it’s already difficult, but it’s even more of a hardship with the extra leg length.

9) You’re always the boyfriend in your group of girlfriend. Because you’re tall, there are the prominent hugger and the person they cuddle with when they’re cold or need some lovin’.

10) Crossing your legs unsteadily actually makes your legs look even longer.

**Perks**

1) Because of your long legs or long torso, you can rock maxi dresses, long sweaters, ponchos and other clothes that compliment longer body frames.

2) Your height will intimidate your enemies.

3) You have a great view of things since you can see over most people. You can find things and people more easily.

4) If you need to dash out and escape a scene or avoid certain people, you can walk and run really fast.

5) You can reach the tall racks at clothing stores without needing to ask a sales clerk for assistance.

6) Making the decision to wear those high heels that boost your height to over 6 feet tall actually make you feel like a boss.

7) If you do play sports, you have that advantage.

8) Because being tall usually means having bigger feet, finding those cute shoes in your size at a shoe store is barely an issue.

9) You can get away with eating more food before the extra weight shows on you. Major plus.

10) Because of your height, it’s easier to have more of a presence. People may use the words elegant, classy or sophisticated to describe you.
Climbing to clarity

MATTHEW TENOLD

Imagine yourself 90 feet up on the face of a rock, nearly upside down, with only your fingertips keeping you there. The next hold is an arm’s reach away and is not much bigger than the one that you are holding onto now. You can feel the blood pulsing through your forearms as they ache from the climb up to this point. You know that once you are past this part, you won’t have a problem getting to the top. You take a deep breath and put everything into reaching for the next hold. Your feet fly off the wall as you blindly grab at the rock, just barely sticking it. Your body swings back and forth in the air as you realize that you actually did it. You hang there for a moment, wondering how you just completed that movement. Quickly, you snap back to the moment and pull your feet to the wall to keep from falling. The hardest move is finished and you are almost done. Breathing a shaky sigh of relief, you clip your rope into the wall and proceed to the top with an indescribable feeling that can only be felt as you gaze at the breach taking view that so few get to see.

This is why I find myself, three and a half years after my first experience, returning to climbing places all around the Chattanooga area. Climbing has become a way for me to relax and yet be physically active. It also gives me a way to forget about the pressures of school for a moment. Together, these are reasons that prepare me mentally and physically for the upcoming week of school.

Rock climbing has allowed me to push the boundaries of what I thought was possible. I have been pleasantly surprised to set climbing goals for myself and breaking them much sooner than I ever thought.

I would. To me, climbing is more than a sport. I am able to push myself, meet people with similar interests and gain confidence. I believe these experiences are transferable into other parts of life. Sometimes it is hard to see the end of the tunnel when it comes to university academics. Climbing shows me that my scholastic goals can and will become a reality as I train and work hard to pursue them.

I do not expect everyone to find the same passion in climbing that I do, but I say: Be adventurous. Be open to new experiences. You may find there is something that you never pictured for yourself in the Chattanooga area that is right up your alley.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY
- Convocation: SA Town Hall Meeting, 11a, Iles
- Deans/Chairs Advisory, 3:30p
- Christmas Tree Lighting, 6:30p, Taylor Circle (Rain Date)

FRIDAY
- SOAP Overnight Caving Trip, 10a, OEC
- Basketball Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/intramurals
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Kirsten Wolcott Memorial 5K Run, 3p, Duck Pond
- Vespers, 8p, Church, Campus Ministries
- Afterglow, 9:30p, Fellowship Hall
- Sunset, 5:28p

SABBATH
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church. Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- Branches, Restore, FLAG, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong: Festival of Lessons & Carols, 5p, Church
- Wind Symphony Christmas Concert, 8p, Iles (2 Credits)

SUNDAY
- SAT Exams, 8a, Lynn Wood
- Employee Christmas Brunch, 9:30a, Dining Hall
- No Field Trips or Tours (6-12)
- RAD-Men's Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Talge Open House, 6p
- SA Christmas Party, 8:30p, Dining Hall

MONDAY
- Christmas Open House, 8:30a-6p, Campus Shop
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p
- RAD-Men's Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

TUESDAY
- LSAT Exams, Lynn Wood)

WEDNESDAY
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- RAD-Men's Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Basketball Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room
- Biology Expo, 7:30p, White Oak Room
- School of Journalism & Communication Research Showcase, 7:30p, Brock Hall

[STUDENT LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS]

School of Music Christmas Concert: Southern School of Music Choirs, Symphony Orchestra, Brass Choir and Ringtones present a colorful mosaic of Christmas music. Come and celebrate with us the joys of this meaningful season on Friday, Dec. 11, at 8p and Sabbath, Dec. 12, at 4p at the Collegedale SDA Church.

[S.A. Announcements]

Verse of the Week: “I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving” (Psalm 69:30). Let the entire holiday season be one of grateful thanks and joy. God has brought us up to this point in the semester and He will carry us over the seas of finals, so praise Him!

BIRTHDAYS

December 3
- Abigail Napoles
- Beatrice Ngugi
- Genesis Serrano
- Amanda Still
- Britney Verduzco
- Alijah White

December 4
- Sean Bryant
- Alec Fernandez
- Danielle Heatherly
- Natalie Recasner
- Thalia Trmarsel
- Masaru Verduzco-Tanaka

December 5
- Anna Kerr
- Kevin Leeper
- Lawrence Purpura
- Ariel Walters
- Colin Williamson

December 6
- Luke Foster
- Moises Machado
- Judit Manchay
- Cassandra Quiroz
- Zeiza Ramos

December 7
- Denise Angel
- Zack Barrow
- Dustin Eisele
- Kevin Lee
- Jonathan Lowery
- Abri Ranzinger
- Amanda Sutherland
- Rebeca Torres

December 8
- Andrew Ashley
- Andy Hausted
- Andrea Herrera
- Aizik Landaverde
- Elizabeth Leffew
- Matthew Lopez
- Mallory Morgan
- Braxton Young

December 9
- Nestor Anamuro
- Brooklynn Bell
- Addison Martin
- Andrew Martin
- Steven Metott
- Gustavo Moretta
- Stephen Service
- Shaina Vargas Da Silva
- Kin Yee Wan

What do snowmen like to do on the weekend?
- Chill out

What do you call Santa's helpers?
- Subordinate

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
- Merry Christmas!
Panel App

Panel is an app that collects network diagnostics. In other words, they test the signal strength of different companies around the area through your phone and reward you for your trouble. Collect points and rewards through Paypal, Visa cards or Amazon.

The average amount that they give you every month is about $2-2.50. Enjoy!

Kendra Stanton Lee @kendrasrespondence
Professor

Beyoncé is Queen B, because she is second to Queen A: Adele

David Mancao @madmanmancao
Film Production, SR

When you realize that @G_Standish graduating means Christmas in the office will never be the same again.

Myron Madden @MisterMadden
Mass Comm, SR

Wake up to sound of rain, hot chocolate in hand, read about Simeon and Anna’s joy in baby Jesus’ arrival...#lifesigood

Avery Botticelli @averybotticelli
Mass Comm, SR

Getting wireless earbuds is the best. I keep getting freaked out when I walk away from my computer and still hear things crystal clear.

Karyn Davis @karynjdavis
Graphic Design, SR

When you answer challenge questions to access a forgotten password, the biggest challenge is remembering your own answers...

Seth Sutherland @SethSutherland
Nursing, JR

currently DIY ice cream sandwich via vanilla ice cream between graham crackers. #l8nitesnackies

Aaron Negrillo @ArisLens
Computer Information Systems, JR

Thanksgiving break dreams: Have a blast everyday Thanksgiving break reality: Sleeping at least 12 hours #stillablast #saulife #break

Jose Briones @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Surround yourself with friends who will remind you of your purpose and goals.

Bryant Rodriguez @BF_Rod
Theology, JR

When you realize that @G_Standish graduating means Christmas in the office will never be the same again.

Christina Felipe @k_tinas2
GRADUATION #30Days
#AlmostToTheFinishLine#Blessed
#Nursing #BachelorsOfScience#Sout hernAdventistUniversity#ClassOf2015

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'Twas the Week Before Finals

'Twas the week before finals, when all through the class not a creature was studying, like they need not to pass; The leave requests were filled out online with care in hopes that Christmas break soon would be there;

The freshmen were nestled all snug in their beds; while visions of 1 a.m. curfew danced in their heads; and roommate with Ramen and I with Easy Mac had just settled our brains for our semester’s last snack

When out on the promenade there arose such a clatter, we sprang from our dorms to see what was the matter. A bundle of students in line at the café, The register machines were too understaffed;

Miss Linda let groups through the door all too slowly, For everyone wanted their fried ravioli. The menu that day my roommate had forgotten. He threw out his Ramen as if it were rotten

Away to the hot bar we flew like a flash. Our meal plans were low, so we both paid in cash. We feasted and jumbled for our notes to cram, for right after lunchtime we both had exams.

We merrily studied in determination, ignoring the effects of our sleep deprivation. We stayed so fixated on our plates and our books we cared not to give the clock even one look

And as time wandered by, we soon came to know that our final exam began 10 minutes ago! From Wright Hall to Hickman we gave it our all, shuffled up the stairs and blazed down the hall.

As we slipped into class, the teacher knew we were late, his face in a pout as if very irate. Then all of a sudden, the deans busted in, bringing wonderful news with ear-to-ear grins.

And out from their mouths came the greatest news ever: for Dr. Bietz isn’t retiring; he’s staying forever! The teacher said the news was too good to be true, so he curved up all our grades to 102.

The spirit of Christmas soon overcame us. We shouted for joy and nobody could blame us To the dorms we frolicked with cheerful hearts, for we knew vacation was about to start.

But on Taylor Circle we were taken aback, for we saw Bietz pull up in his white Cadillac. But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight— “Happy semester to all, and to all a good night!”

by Jonathan Mancao (with a wink to Clement Clark Moore)
DAVE SMITH NAMED NEXT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

On Jan. 11, the search committee of the board of trustees has named David C. Smith, senior pastor of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church and former president of Union College, the next candidate for the position of president of Southern Adventist University.

Smith will be visiting campus today, Jan. 28 and tomorrow, Jan. 29. His visit will consist of interviews and meetings with key stakeholders of the university, much like the previous candidate, John McVay, current president of Walla Walla University.

As reported in previous articles of the Southern Accent, Southern’s board of trustees appointed FaithSearch Partners (FSP) in April 2015 to lead the search for a new president for Southern when Gordon Bietz retires in May 2016. FSP works closely with the board of trustees’ search committee. The search committee is made up of eight members of the board of trustees that have been appointed to meet with and interview candidates for the position of president before recommending them to the rest of the board of trustees for a vote.

"After an active, prayerful and robust process, the search committee is now recommending to the board that Dr. David C. Smith visit the Southern campus," said Ron Smith, chairman of the board of trustees. "These meetings are an important step in the process of selecting a president."

After Smith’s visit, the search committee will meet and assess feedback from Southern’s stakeholders prior to making a final recommendation to the board of trustees.

LAUREN CUNDIFF RESIGNS AS EXECUTIVE VP, REPLACED BY GREG MANESTAR

Lauren Cundiff, former Student Association (SA) Executive Vice President (EVP) and senior management major announced her resignation at the first senate meeting of the winter semester on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

"The decision was a very hard one," said Cundiff. "It was kind of personal for me in that I just had a lot going on... I've loved working with senate and being the EVP. It's been a great experience”

Dennis Negrón, vice president for student services, was informed of Cundiff’s decision only the previous Sunday, Jan. 10. Negrón passed the information along to Jacob Metzner, SA president and junior theology major who was then responsible for filling the position.


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STUDENTS FEED ICU FAMILIES FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On Monday, Jan. 18, Southern Adventist University students and faculty joined the city of Chattanooga in celebrating “A Day On, not a Day Off” in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Over 900 Southern participants served the community in more than 30 service projects, according to Dora Desamour, Christian Service program director.

Although this was Southern’s 23rd annual community service day, there were changes from the past. One addition to this year’s event was the introduction of “ICU Feeding Jesus,” a service project organized by Sydney Sinclair, junior nursing major. About 30 students cooked, wrote notes of encouragement and fed families in Erlanger Hospital’s Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

On Jan. 18, 2015, Sydney’s brother Ryan was in a car wreck that left him with a traumatic brain injury and a 32-day hospital stay in Erlanger Hospital and Shepherd Center in Atlanta.

“We didn’t know if he would survive... he had a brain bleed all over,” Sinclair said. “We basically lived in the Trauma ICU waiting room. When you are there, you don’t know what time it is. You don’t know when you last ate or slept.”

A church brought them a...
Community to launch before semester’s end

Bonnie Christiansen
Copy Editor

The online communication forum software Community is expected to roll out this semester. As previously reported by the Southern Accent, Student Association (SA) decided to replace the Joker with Community last semester.

There is no specific date scheduled for launching Community for general use, but SA President Jacob Metzner said it’s been implemented in the university system. He said the goal is to have it ready before his presidential term and the semester end.

“Late night hours extended at McKee Library

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It’s important to me to get Community working in full mode before May,” Metzner said. “This semester it’s going to be ready for launch.”

Data for university organizations and clubs have been entered into the software, he said, and data for residence halls, university departments, SA and Campus Ministries will also be entered.

Several students said they had never heard of Community, but those who had heard of it had some concerns about the change.

“Last year, we had the Joker. Everyone was in it,” said Aleise Kebreau, junior mathematics major. “But no one’s seen [Community] yet.”

Bryant Rodriguez, senior theology major and former SA senator, said when he heard the proposal in an SA Senate meeting, he understood its value, but had doubts about its success.

“I thought implementing it and making it popular enough wasn’t going to happen,” Rodriguez said. Kebreau said she was sure there would be advantages to having content online but that the Joker was easier to find. She also expressed concern about progress toward releasing Community.

“It should have been released last semester,” Kebreau said. “They’ve been talking about it since early last semester.”

Some software limitations need to be worked through before Community is ready for use, Metzner said, and the site also needs to be “populated,” or filled, with SA’s data and advertising. He will be working with SA’s public relations director, Aaron Negrillo to learn the software and working with the advertising manager to sell advertising space.

“Once SA’s portion is finished, Community will launch,” Metzner said.

Hurdy Moniyung, director of security and compliance in the Information Technology (IT) Department, said IT is providing technical support and integration for Community. Finishing touches are in progress, as well as inputting data, photos and groups.

“We are waiting for SA,” he said in regard to the delay in release. He confirmed there isn’t a specific date for release but that the goal is to launch at some point this semester. Moniyung said the goal of the site is to build a student community so that students can share events and send notifications so that students know what’s happening on campus.

Danielle Allen & Cassie Matchim
Lead Reporter & News Editor

Several updates are coming to McKee Library. Sprinkler systems must be installed on every floor as a part of city regulations, said Dan Maxwell, Library Director. Additionally, as of Monday, Jan. 18, the library has extended their Sunday-Thursday hours until midnight.

Once completed, the third floor, which is currently under construction, will add 3,000 square feet of additional study space and possible dining options for Southern students who use the library frequently.

“Personally, I would like to see a cafe in the library at some point in time but it is not definite,” said Maxwell. Maxwell said that donations contributing to the construction of the third floor were accepted from local businesses and community members; however, the exact budget and finances of McKee Library were not provided by press time.

“I’m really happy about all the changes that have been going on at the library,” said Indira Strachan, sophomore nursing major. “From the library hours change to the completion of the third floor, the McKee Library is becoming more convenient for students like me who prefer to study in the library and need that extra hour especially since I have a late curfew.”

Other students said that the changes in the library and the completion of the third floor would not directly affect them. However, students said the changes would allow their peers to have longer hours at work and would benefit those who need that extra hour of study time or computer use for those without a computer in their dorm.

According to the library staff, the third floor of McKee Library should be completed within the next two weeks.

Late night hours extended at McKee Library

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Students feed ICU families for community service day

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The Social Work, Global Policy and Service club and Student Missions clubs partnered with the Salvation Army to bring the Street Store to downtown Chattanooga again.

Carolina Claus, junior social work major and event coordinator, said the Street Store is “basically a full-on shopping experience for someone who doesn’t get that experience everyday.”

Clothes were hung on the fence of the Salvation Army and students assisted homeless people in picking out clothes and other items for free. Bobby Brodie, one of the Street Store patrons, appreciated the helpful attitude of the Southern volunteers.

“You’re serving other people, it was real great,” Brodie said.

For lunch this year, the Christian Service department decided to book a food truck that provided students with grilled cheese sandwiches and soup. Unfortunately, said Desamour, the gym was unavailable so students had to eat outside or back in their dorms.

Some students complained about the cold but Claus said she enjoyed the food truck and thought it worked out really well.

Desamour said she received great feedback from community partners and was grateful for those who chose to serve their community.

“Although it was cold, we did it,” Desamour said. “My office organizes this event, but I don’t do it. We all do it together. I’m grateful.”

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A worker tending to the pipes of the sprinkler system.

Photo by Tyler Thomas

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Apison Pike set to finish in 2017**

Mareselinni Mawunutu  
**Opinion Editor**

Apison Pike construction from Pattentown Road to the Sun Trust Bank is planned to be completed summer 2017.

“We’re working on now is Phase 2,” said Eric Sines, public works director of Collegedale City Hall. “It’s a two-and-a-half year project, and we’re one year through.”

The public works team is planning on having the main roadway to Sun Trust Bank finished by summer 2017. The road construction was initiated to allow traffic to safely flow. Sines said the project is determined by traffic studies and how the roads are classified—whether or not there is traffic backup. The new construction project will expand roads by schools to prevent traffic backup during rush-hour times.

As for the question of cutting down the cedar trees between Southern and 4 Corners Café, Sines said, “We trimmed out some of the cedar trees that have overgrown for safety purposes.” The decision of leaving the trees or taking them down to re-plant Leyland cypress was scheduled to be made at the City Hall workshop meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 25.

“(Overall), the construction definitely benefits cutting down on traffic,” Sines said. “It will increase road frontage for new businesses in Collegedale and the university.”

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**Jacob Metzner**  
**Student Association President**

Dear Southern Students,

Welcome back to another semester here on this beautiful campus. As we get the semester going, I wanted to write a brief update so that you know what to expect this semester from the Student Association. I think the biggest question on everyone’s mind has been the banquet. Rest assured we are having a banquet. The details should be rolling out this week.

From my desk, you should expect to see four goals accomplished this semester. The first and most urgent goal is collaborating with Campus Ministries to provide an action component to each day of Student Week of Prayer (SWOP) to encourage a culture of service on this campus. The second goal I have for this semester is the planning and execution of DEEP Sabbath. This time, Oakwood students will be traveling here to share in worship and fellowship together. The third goal that I have is to utilize “Kari’s Kitchen” (the cooking area at the patio outside KR’s Place) more to provide you with some yummy treats on your way to and from class. The fourth and most important goal is to see the Community software launched before my term in office expires.

For those of you who will be graduating in May, remember Hebrews 11:8, which says, “By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.” As you begin to feel the weight of the unknown future pressing down on you, look to God for guidance. Oswald Chambers wrote in his devotional, “My Utmost for His Highest,” “God does not tell you what He is going to do; He reveals to you Who He is.” As you seek answers for the future, have faith in Who God is instead of what is going to come for you. Chambers says, “One of the difficulties in Christian work is this question—What do you expect to do? You do not know what you are going to do; the only thing you know is that God knows what He is going to do.”

As you transition into this new phase of life away from Southern, let your faith in God grow and climb to heights of trust and hope in Him, knowing that He has got your back.

With that, I would like to wish everyone a great semester and extend a special welcome to any transfer students as well as our returning summer cohort nursing students. We are glad to have you back.

**UPGRADE CONTINUES FOR SOUTHERN’S SEWER SYSTEMS**

**Jose Briones**  
**Religion Editor**

The sewer system at Southern Adventist University is undergoing a necessary upgrade due to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requiring the city of Chattanooga and area cities to upgrade its sewer treatment plants in order to make them more efficient.

Before the upgrade project, Southern’s sewer system was lightly damaged and started to leak under the pipes. The upgrade, which started in summer 2014, is scheduled to finish during summer 2018. The $11.1 million reconstructions will reduce water filtration and replace broken pipes that increase costs for the university budget.

Lauren Cundiff resigns as executive VP, replaced by Greg Manestar

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the appointment of Greg Manestar, and because SA Senate was meeting that very Wednesday, the appointment was ratified immediately.”

The decision must be finalized with a SA Senate vote of at least two-thirds in favor, which allowed Manestar, senior management major, to immediately replace Cundiff as the new EVP.

Manestar had previously held the position of chairman of the senate projects committee, working closely with the student senators to create and present projects. “In that position, I had the opportunity to work directly with most senators and very closely with Lauren herself,” said Manestar. “The combination of both these aspects, in addition to me having worked extensively with the SA faculty sponsors in the past, are what have made this transition a smooth one.”

Another aspect of this transition is that former SA Parliamentarian Charlotte McFadden is currently not enrolled at Southern Adventist University and also had to be replaced. While Metzner had anticipated McFadden’s departure and already lined up Andrew Cuevas, junior biology major, to fill her position, Cundiff’s was unexpected and caused more of a rushed decision in replacing her.

Although the transition may have been hasty, Metzner is positive about what SA hopes to accomplish this semester.

“It’s a pretty smooth transition,” said Metzner. “And I think it’s actually good that Greg is a part of it because being the chair of projects committee, he now can make sure that all the projects that have been passed through the senate come to fruition… I think Greg and I are going to be able to work together very well to keep these students represented.”

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Student Association’s Mid-winter Party: A College Theme

Lights were low, lasers were shot and popcorn was plentiful during Student Association’s (SA) annual Mid-winter Party, held in the Iles P.E. Center, on Saturday, Jan. 16.

Students sat on bleachers watching Disney Pixar’s “Monsters University,” while munching on popcorn and drinking soda. The first half of the gym was used as a laser tag warzone, complete with prizes suitable for college dorm rooms, such as basketball hoop trashcans, fuzzy pillows and desktop drum sets.

“This event’s theme was a college theme, so we decided to play a movie that could resonate with everyone,” said Rachel Cundiff, SA social vice president. “We also decided to have a game that would be quick with multiple rounds so that everyone could play.”

Cundiff said about 350 students attended the event, based off the number of prizes that were given out.

Although the event consisted a laser tag and a movie, Cundiff said the original plan was to have a concert. “We were in the process of booking Gungor, but last second had to cancel because they declared themselves a different religion, and later, Moriah Peters became unacceptable,” said Cundiff.

“We had to pick something that was still doable, but my social committee pulled off a fantastic event and people still had fun,” Whitney Powell, sophomore nursing major, said, “Tonight’s event was pretty good, pretty chill, not too over-the-top. It’s just like whoever wants to come, come and take a break and socialize.”

However, some students were not as satisfied with the event. “[The party] needed a lot more activities,” said Caleb Howard, sophomore financial management accounting major. “People can watch a movie anytime. Laser tag’s a good option, but that’s the only thing they have. I don’t think it’s Rachel’s fault; she’s great. But she’s having to single-handedly plan events…”

Cundiff said that for upcoming events students can expect a 1920s-themed banquet in downtown Chattanooga, a pizza-filled super bowl party, the annual talent show/Duck Awards and annual end-of-year Strawberry Festival.

Braxton Young in action during a live game of laser tag

Photo by Patrick Galabit

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: Paul Turner, uQuest Missions’ Assistant

“I started working for uQuest Missions in fall 2015. I go out to different classrooms giving students an insight on what uQuest Missions is and how they can get involved. I encourage them to come in for an interview so we can get to know them a little more and from there, they can sign up for whatever trip they want and then they can start fundrasing!

As for mission trip opportunities, we have several this year. One already went out in Dec. and eight trips are going out over spring break, the Gym Masters are going to Puerto Rico; I’m leading one out to the Navajo Nation; and the Argentina, Bolivia and Indonesia trips are going out during the summer. There are also trips heading to Egypt and Nicaragua.

There are a lot of different ways for people to get involved throughout the year and with different capacities. It’s not limited to certain majors.

The most enriching part about my job is seeing people come back from the mission trips hyped up or seeing students excited to go for their first time and seeing and hearing about the changes in their life. It’s so exciting to give my time and energy up for Christ and to make a noticeable impact on these communities.”

Paul Turner is a senior theology major.

RELIGION

Pass the offering plate

Joes Broines
RELIGION EDITOR

I was looking at the offering plate. I saw it pass before me. I looked down at my wallet and thought, “Man, I can’t give offering again. I have nothing.” I started to become sad. Then I started to think about my inability to give out of my pocket. However, as I thought deeper and deeper, I understood that monetary offerings are not the only ones that God values.

The Bible tells different stories about sacrifice. In the book of Leviticus, you can read about the different kinds of offerings, such as sin, burnt, meal, trespass or peace. These were at the core of the sanctuary service and allowed the human race to reconcile before God.

One of them had a different purpose though. While the offerings were geared toward the reconciliation of the people of God and their Creator, the meal offering was focused solely on the generosity that the chosen ones had in regards to their God.

We usually think of these offerings as the monetary contributions and donations given to the church when we chose to. However, they are not limited to these financial activities. God blesses the cheerful giver. While giving is often associated with currency, it is not limited to that. God blesses those who are coming before His throne and give Him their time, talents, thought and, most importantly, their hearts.

In 1 Kings 17, there is a beautiful story of a widow who was faithful to God and overflowing in her generosity. Elijah came close to the city of Zarephath and approached a widow gathering sticks. He had received a word from God instructing him to go there, for a widow would feed him. He saw the middle-aged lady and automatically asked her to prepare him a meal. The widow gazed at him, confused. She had been through some financial trouble and was ready to eat her last meal. She stared at him for a minute, thought about his request and replied, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.”

She was ready to die. She is at the fulcrum of her life, between death and her last meal. At that moment, Elijah replies, “Go and do as you say, but prepare me a cake first and then for you and your son. For the Lord says, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’”

The widow faced a test there: Would she believe the prophet and offer all she had or would she go and eat first in order to survive? She decided to offer all she had. She went and prepared the meal for the prophet and then for herself and her son. After that day, the promise of God continued.

The record tells us that “she and he and her household ate for many days.” She was faithful and her only way to offer to God was multiplied for a long time.

The widow offered her last meal in faith. She believed that God would reward her and allow her to be blessed even further. She trusted that her offering was sufficient. She saw that even though she did not have any shekels to give at the synagogue, she was able to feed a man of God. She understood that monetary offerings are not the only way we can help the cause of God. The result: A widow able to collect more than she imagined, more than she wished. A widow who ate from the mercy of God for more than what she had prepared. For more than one last meal.

As I pondered on that pew, I was able to see that my time, my resources, my intelligence, my body, my all should be given to God as an offering, as a sacrifice to Him who gave it all for me.

CASEY VAUGHN
CONTRIBUTOR

Four thousand young people gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, for the annual Generation of Youth for Christ (GYC) conference Dec. 30 to Jan. 3.

This year’s theme was “Called. Chosen. Faithful.” taken from Revelation 17:14. Attendees were challenged to deeply investigate their personal relationship with God and to fall more deeply in love with Him and to be faithful to Him no matter the cost.

Homer Trecartin, Sabbath School teacher, made an appeal for those who felt God’s call to give up their lives in service to God—completely—even if this meant martyrdom. Sixty-three young people responded.

“I especially enjoyed Elder Homer Trecartin speaking about God’s work in the Middle East and North Africa. God is doing amazing things,” Adrian Sarli, senior biology major said. “GYC is always a blessing. This year, it was especially so.”

GYC is a volunteer-led movement that seeks to inspire and equip young people to be more active in their individual churches and the Adventist movement at large. Each year before the conference, over 100 students are invited to participate in pre-conference canvassing outreach in the city where GYC will be held. Free registration is given to all who volunteer. Part of this includes an annual mission trip; this year Ted Wilson will help lead 100 preachers to Africa to hold 100 different evangelistic series at once.

Casey Vaughn serves as General Vice President of Internal Affairs.
New year, new me?

Let’s be real. How many of you actually keep your New Year’s resolutions? Less than 10 percent of Americans do. Most times, after only one month in the new year, we break our resolutions like glass. Is it because of loss of motivation? Nothing keeping you accountable? Whatever the reason may be, there are usually obstacles in the way. So, here is a list of commonly broken New Year’s resolutions and some solutions to resolve giving up on them.

1) Work out and get fit. Instead of saying, “Oh, you know, I’m going to work out Sunday through Friday, do all kinds of workouts, leg day, arm day, everyday,” take fitness one day at a time. Start with maybe half an hour for at least three to five times a week. Also, keeping your workout times consistent and even having a workout partner or “swolemate” can help your motivation.

2) Eat healthier or diet. Don’t go cold turkey on the turkey. If you’re not vegetarian yet, but you want to be, take your time transitioning. Don’t try to eat only celery sticks, oats and grains everyday. Start with a small serving size of mixed vegetables, a bowl of fruits, and give up the sugar and sweets. Try to not snack in between meals. Drink plenty of water.

3) Quit spending and start saving. Retail shopping is an issue of mine, and I usually buy more than I can afford. If that’s your problem, too, try to keep cash handy to avoid the temptation of just using your credit card. When you can actually see how much you have and it’s tangible, you’re less likely to spend it all.

4) Study more to ace classes. I’m sure we all want to get on the Dean’s List and do well in all our classes, but studying takes time and commitment and motivation. Set a good chunk of time aside everyday (one to three hours, if possible) to just sit down and read your books or do homework. Turn your phone off and avoid distractions as much as possible.

5) Grow closer in devotion to God. Being spiritually stable is a challenge to many, especially with 16+ credits, labs, work, etc. However, what I’ve learned is that you make time for things that are important to you, and God truly is the most important aspect of life. If you rush to get ready in the morning, devote just five minutes of your time with the Lord and work up from there.

So, new year, new me? It’s possible if you want it to happen. As Brad Paisley said, “[New Year’s] is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one.”
LIFESTYLE

#ExposeTheElephant: Racism and Societal Privilege

Jon Owolabi

“When I was a senior in high school, I became increasingly lazy due to senioritis and it caused me to stop combing my hair. My hair eventually turned wildly nappy and my friend started calling me ‘nappys.’ The name just kinda stuck, so I changed most of my social media to ‘nappys.’ From there I made the hoodie, and I guess people liked it because they kept asking for it, so I made the shirts and now NAPPS is something like a brand.”

Jon Owolabi is a senior marketing major.

Andrew Ashley & Luke Steen

Contributors:

This is an introductory article of a lifestyle series called #ExposeTheElephant, which consists of a group of students who are deciding to call out the “elephants in the room” and address/discuss social issues that we, as a university, may tend to ignore.

Andrew Ashley: This past summer, while serving as the chaplain at Mount Aetna Camp a little ten-year-old girl asked me a question in front of all the other kids: “Why is there racism?” Talk about an awkward moment! This question, while rather random at the particular moment, was not random in my life. In fact, I grew up asking the same question pretty much every day.

Growing up in the South, I experienced discrimination all the time. And now as a young black man living in the current racial tension of the U.S., it’s gotten slightly worse. I’ve had a cop pull out his gun on me as I was simply walking into Walmart and been kicked out of neighborhoods while canvassing because I looked “too suspicious.” These cases of discrimination themselves don’t upset me. However, it does upset me when I see people in denial of the reality of discrimination in America. I also become frustrated when I see people who feel discriminated against use it as an excuse to hate others. An example of such would be white-shaming, but we’ll get to that in a moment.

A few months ago, I went to a gas station with one of my white friends. A middle-aged white man there called me the N-word. My white friend was shocked. He later told me he had never witnessed racism before. Here’s a 22-year-old man who was not aware of the racism and prejudice still prominent in America toward ethnic minorities. This is when Luke – a 22-year-old white male – explained to me that it happened because of my friend’s “white privilege.”

Luke Steen: There is some debate about this theory of white privilege. Some say, “If white privilege were real, I’d be a millionaire right now!” But societal privilege is simply an advantage or immunity granted or available to a particular group of people. In this context, it would be white people. It is not suggesting that white people don’t have to work hard for success or that white people are automatically successful because they are white. It is stating that ethnic minorities experience societal disasters that a white person may not face. I believe there is strong evidence for this theory accessible to anyone who chooses to deeply explore his or her surroundings.

AA: Along with white privilege, I recently spent time with some of my female friends who enlightened me on male privilege. For you men out there, it’s okay; I didn’t know there was such a thing as male privilege, either, until that day. I’ve surely never felt special because I was a male. And I wouldn’t base any success off of that fact. However, my friends explained to me what it’s like to be a woman in this society. To constantly be defined by your body, to be circumstantially terrified of walking anywhere alone in fear of being raped. To see that there are certain positions and vocations that you will never have the privilege of attaining because of your gender. That is the life of a woman, and that is not the life that I live. This is the reality of my male privilege.

Male privilege, like white privilege, may be harder to notice (if you are white or a male) because you feel you’re just being treated like a normal human being. It was harder for me, as a man, to realize or be aware of my privilege. Until, of course, I listened, observed the evidence and heard the voices of others. This is the only way for me to have understood something that doesn’t relate to me. And this is the only way that my white friend could understand something he never experienced.

It would be unjust for me to not point out the double standard we often times have regarding racism. I’m referring to white shaming. Yes, this is a thing. Growing up, I’ve seen it and have been guilty of it. Many minorities vent their discomfort toward discrimination through indirect, passive opposition toward white people. For many, the anger and bitterness causes direct and aggressive episodes towards white people who have nothing to do with their opposition. For example, a group of people beating up a random white guy, cursing at the police or yelling racist slurs at whites. These aren’t fights for justice; it is simply hurt people hurting people. It is racism.

If there is anything Luke and I have discovered, it’s that hatred and ignorance feed racism. Therefore, our suggestion to you as a human being is to learn to love and seek to understand others. Make yourself aware of what your brother/sister is going through. It should be your lifestyle to fight for justice for any and every group of people.

In order for our kids to not ask, “Why is there racism/prejudice?” 30 years from now, we as a human race have to reject apathy and arrogance. Through listening and loving, we can become soldiers in the war against racism.

Andrea Ashley is a senior theology major and Luke Steen is a junior theology major.

Post-grad budgeting

Mario Ezra

Contributor:

Money is an essential part of our lives. Here are some basics to obtain financial peace in and out of college.

1. Learn to budget!

Budgeting is the most important building block of learning financial responsibility. In simple terms, budgeting is assigning every dollar a job. Ideally, the 50/45/5% rule will offer a simple template to budgeting:

- Fifty percent towards bills (rent, internet, cable, gas, insurance, etc.); if it is lower, great!
- Twenty-five percent towards retirement

Mario Ezra is the database administrator for Information Technology.

5. Start Building Wealth

Theoretically, you should be in a good place now. Becoming wealthy is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Wealth is all about discipline: learning and waiting. Rome wasn’t built in a day.


The temptation to buy everything your heart has ever desired the first couple of months into a job is extremely tempting. (I would know; I already worked.) But try to manage where your money goes, and find places where you can cut back. For a personal example, a normal phone plan costs $55-60 a month. This can add up! I looked around and found a plan that costs me $5.75 a month (unlimited talk and text with 1 GB of data); this saves me roughly $360 a year.

All in all, money is really great! It just takes some time, discipline and trial and error to figure out.
NFL championship weekend recap

**Caleb Begley**

**Contributor**

Sunday, the Denver Broncos made their presence known to everyone in the NFL. Their defense played in shutdown fashion as they defeated the New England Patriots 20-18, sending to Super Bowl 50 as AFC Champions. After throwing for 292 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday, Peyton Manning will have another chance to win that exclusive second Super Bowl title. A big factor on the statistical side of things was that Manning threw for no interceptions, while New England quarterback Tom Brady threw for two.

Both defenses played spectacularly. The New England defense stifled the Broncos running game, holding them to just 99 yards of rushing. In turn, the Broncos defense stifled the Patriots running game, holding them to just 44 yards of rushing, and most of that came from Brady, who carried the ball three times for 13 yards.

The passing games were wildly different. Brady threw for 310 yards, against Manning’s 176, and the Patriots outgained the Broncos in the passing game by a total of 292-145. However, one of Brady’s interceptions, caught by Denver defender Von Miller, was quickly parlayed into a touchdown by Manning’s offense.

New England tight end Rob Gronkowski, who had a slow first half, came alive in the second half and ended the day with 144 yards of receiving. The Broncos wide receiver Emmanuel Sanders led the team with 62 yards of receiving.

The game came down to the final minute when Brady’s offense marched downfield and scored a touchdown. This effort proved to be fruitless when Brady’s pass was tipped and then intercepted on the ensuing two-point conversion attempt.

In the NFC, the Carolina Panthers crushed the Arizona Cardinals beating them 49-15. Cam Newton was a huge asset, throwing for 335 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for two touchdowns. The Panthers offense was all over the field, rushing for 152 yards and gaining 324 yards off the pass game.

The Panthers receiving core was led by Greg Olsen, who made six catches for 113 yards total. Ted Ginn Jr. also had a good day with two catches for 52 yards total. All in all, Cam Newton and his receivers had great communication.

Meanwhile, the Arizona Cardinals had all sorts of trouble Sunday night. Carson Palmer, who threw for 213 yards and a touchdown, got intercepted four times and got sacked three times. Meanwhile, the Panthers defense held Cardinals running back David Johnson to just 60 yards on the ground, while also leading the Cardinals in receiving last night with nine catches for 68 yards.

The Carolina Panthers definitely dominated on Sunday. Their offense and defense played well together, and if they continue their play from last night into the Super Bowl, they should have a good game.

The Super Bowl should be a hotly-contested game, as one of the best offenses in the NFL takes on one of the best defenses. It will be a game to remember.

**Black Monday**

**Lexie Center**

**Contributor**

Black Monday, the day all coaches dread and fans await. After 16 regular NFL season comes to a close, the following Monday is known as Black Monday. NFL teams announce whether they are firing their coaches and/or general managers. This year was no different with some pleasant and surprising firings.

This past season was quite one-sided with one or two teams in each division taking control and the other teams fighting to stay out of last place. Because of this, many coaches were being eyed as possible targets come Black Monday.

Three teams sent their coaches packing before the New Year even began. First, the Miami Dolphins fired coach Joe Philbin on Oct. 5 with a 1-2 (wins-losses) start to the season. By the end of the season, they acquired a new head coach, Adam Gase, and a new defensive coordinator, Vance Joseph. Next, the Tennessee Titans fired coach Ken Whisenhunt on Nov. 3, with a record of 1-6. Mike Mularkey was then given the title as interim head coach but later became the Titans full-time head coach. Finally, the Philadelphia Eagles fired their coach Chip Kelly when they were 6-9 for the season on Dec. 29. They picked up the Chiefs offensive coordinator, Doug Pederson, as their head coach.

The Cleveland Browns ended the season with three wins and 13 losses. They said goodbye to their coach, Mike Pettine, and their general manager, Andrew Berry. They added Hue-Jackson, the Bengals old offensive coordinator. The San Francisco 49ers fired Jim Tomsula after only one season as head coach. They ended with a 5-11 record after three previous appearances at the Super Bowl from 2011 to 2013. Chip Kelly joined the 49ers as head coach.

Tom Coughlin of the New York Giants stepped down from his head coach position at the end of the season. Coughlin became head coach back in 2004 and led the team to two Super Bowls. Since their last Super Bowl win in 2011, the Giants haven’t been able to regroup and have missed the playoffs for four straight years. The Giants offensive coordinator Ben McAdoo was promoted to head coach.

One of the more surprising firings came from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They fired head coach Lovie Smith after only two seasons with the Bucs. Even though the Bucs were a wild-card candidate by November and into December, they lost their last four games and ended the season with a 6-10 record. Later, the Bucs announced Dirk Koetter as their head coach and Mike Smith as their defensive coordinator.

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**Australian Open update**

**Parker Center**

**Sports Editor**

The Australian Open began Jan. 18 with 128 men and women competing to be this year’s tennis champion. The singles semifinals start today with several prominent competitors.

For the men, the top five seeded women have advanced fairly easily except for one, Rafael Nadal. Nadal lost in the very first round to Fernando Verdasco, a fellow Spaniard. The No. 1 seed, Novak Djokovic, has advanced to the Quarterfinals along with No. 3 seed Roger Federer. Seed No. 2 Andy Murray and No. 4 Stan Wawrinka have not played their matches yet but are expected to advance.

For the top five seeded women single players, No. 2 seed Simona Halep was defeated in the first round. Serena Williams, the No. 1 seed, has had no problems advancing to the Quarterfinals where she meets No. 5 seed Maria Sharapova. Another surprise was the No. 3 seed, Garbiñe Muguruza, falling in the third round to unranked Barbara Stryscova. No. 4 seed Agnieszka Radwanska has beaten all her opponents to reach the Quarterfinals, too. Who to root for? Georgia boy John Isner, No. 10, is the only male USA player left in the men’s draw. He is looking to reach the Quarterfinals for the first time at this tournament.

The Buffalo Bills added a new member to their coaching staff, Kathryn Smith. She was hired as the new special teams quality control coach. She is the first female full-time member of a coaching staff.

Lexie Center is a senior public relations major.
## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY
- Convocation, 11a, Iles, Dave Farrow
- Student Organization President’s Meeting, 5:45p, White Oak Room

### FRIDAY
- Payday: Salary
- SA Senate Surprise Day, 7:45-10a, Promenade
- Education Application Deadline, Initial Admission & Student Teaching
- SOAP Horseback Riding, 1p, Wright Hall
- Compassion, West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: Commitment to Adventist Education, 6:30p, Lynn Wood Chapel
- Vespers: Ministerial Trainee Induction, 8p, Church
- Sunset, 6:04p

### SATURDAY
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Ministerial Trainee Induction, 9:30 & 11a, Thatcher Chapel Sabbath
- School/Church: Commitment to Adventist Education, 10a-Noon, Lynn Wood Chapel
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 6p, Church
- 3-on-3 Volleyball Tournament, 7p, Iles

### SUNDAY
- Symphony Orchestra Concerto Concert, 4p, Church (2 Credits)

### MONDAY
- Senior Education Interviews with Southern Union, 8:40a, Church
- Remember to file for Financial Aid (Priority Deadline March 1)
- Last day for 80% tuition refund
- Psychology Program applications due, Summerour
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p
- Student Week of Prayer, 7p, Church, Yaniz Seeley

### TUESDAY
- Convocation: Student Week of Prayer, 11a, Church, Evron Stewart
- Tomato Siren Test, Noon
- Student Week of Prayer, 7p, Church, Scottie Deal

### WEDNESDAY
- Teach3, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- Student Week of Prayer, 7p, Church, Grace Bondurant

## Ways that you can use to obtain information about activities on campus:
- **Student Emails**—Southern will try to protect you from receiving an overabundance of email communication, but the university occasionally sends out emails to your Southern email address with important and/or urgent information that relates to most of the student body. Weekend events are also sent out in one combined email (called The Weekender).
- **Campus Talk** also has some optional forums you may be interested in visiting or signing up for:
  - **Student Life**—announcements about other happenings on campus including intramurals announcements, club events, SA elections, convocation announcements, etc.
  - **Classifieds**—sale/wanted items, rides wanted, apartments for rent, expertise needed/offered, recommendations/requests for doctors, babysitters, restaurants, etc.
  - **Posters**—Many locations on campus have large bulletin board areas for advertising events.
  - **Website**—Directories, class and work information, and a wealth of other useful information for students is available on the university website (information catered specifically to you is found in the My Access area). The Event Calendar lists major events on campus.
  - **Mobile Apps**—iPhone and Android apps are available for your Smartphone
  - **Twitter**—We post news items and announcements to Southern’s @SouthernNews twitter account. We encourage you to check in with us.
  - **Facebook**—Southern’s Facebook is a great way to interact with other or simply share your Southern spirit.
  - **Information Displays**—Several screens on campus include campus information.
  - **Southern Accent**—The student newspaper also lists certain campus events and information.
  - **Housing Newsletters**—The residence halls distribute newsletters regularly that provide timely news, event, and other helpful information.
  - **Emergency Text Message System**—The university has this system in place to notify those who have signed up for the system about emergencies, school closings, and/or immediate instructions for your safety.
  - **Silent Whistle** —This system provides students with a means to anonymously communicate with Southern’s administration, and yet still receive replies to your anonymous comments via the Silent Whistle website at https://southern.alertline.com/gcs/welcome

### S.A. Announcements

**Verse of the Week:** “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.” (Phil 1:25) It’s a new semester with new opportunities, challenges, and adventures to be discovered. Though it all, know that the Lord’s blessing lies on each of you.

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NEW MEDIA

Thursday, January 28, 2016

twitter

#IfIWonPowerball I would pay my school bills and get the $2000 meal plan. 😃 SAULife

Shaina Rantung, @shainaranftung
Public Relations, JR

Southern is not kind to community students when there is ice. Oh, you can walk on campus? OPEN! No matter, I might die driving home SAULife

Erin Bush, @lilyandleather
Clinical Mental Health Counsel, Master’s

A little nostalgic as I approach my last semester in college. #college #last #semester #saulife

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

When you just give up in nursing class #SAUsleepers

Kassaundra Kirschmann, @kassaundraruth
Nursing, SR

To leave the warmth of the dorm to get food or to stay that is the question… #collegelife #saulife

Jolene Clayburn, @jojobeautifulme
Management- Entrepreneurship, SO

Literally could ice skate on the top of my car after this morning’s freezing rain. Can’t see out the windshield though. #prosvscons #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

We may not have a snow day but we have freezing rain. #saulife

Jolene Clayburn, @jojobeautifulme
Management- Entrepreneurship, SO

That moment when you have to decide between the great value brand and the renowned brand. #walmart #value #saulife #college

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Clinical today was odd. A lady came in & asked if we’d heard about the kid who swallowed a dime. There’d been no change she said… #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

Something that bugs me: people wearing fishtail parkas who don’t listen to the Who. These kids ain’t alright. #SAULife

Robert Willett, @_robertwillett
Computer Science Embedded Systems, SO
Thursdays, January 28, 2016

3 things you missed about Southern over break

by Jonathan Mancao, Humor Editor

Extended vacations are the perfect time to relax and unwind after the constant grind of a hectic semester. Being able to do the things you were doing while procrastinating last semester without the obligation of actual schoolwork is a truly liberating and powerful experience. But let’s face it; Netflix binges aren’t as fun when there are better things to do with your time, and it doesn’t take long until you’re itching to be back in an academic setting. Here are some of the things about Southern that you probably missed while gone over break:

1. Friends

Having a safe haven of genetically-unrelated cohorts is a great contrast from the questioning aunts and the crazy uncles that are a hallmark of any holiday tradition. The campus comes alive once again after the three-week break and Collegedale’s population returns to equilibrium, much to a Southern Village student’s delight. Sometimes our minds tend to compartmentalize “school” friends and “home” friends, being very judicious in deciding which category every person in our social circle should fall into. From your friends close enough to form group texts that went nonstop over the break (or pretty much all the time, for that matter), to the casual classroom friends that receive the cookie-cutter head nod, to the people whom you blatantly ignore in public but still “like” and retweet their posts on social media, there was a small void in your life over break that these oddly specific yet very applicable groups of people can fill once again.

Let’s face it; nothing beats the nostalgia and comfort of some traditional home cooking, but there are times in a person’s life where the constant caloric surplus of a holiday season cannot go further ignored. When you come back to campus, you can leave all that refrigerated turkey, the recycling bins full of empty Martinelli’s bottles and the guilt of not trying that one family friend’s potato salad behind you. Now you enter a place where instead of your food being made with love, it’s made for $7.25 an hour.

Having a large meal plan can get expensive, so you must carry that with a certain responsibility, which can be a challenge, faced against what this campus has to offer. There’s nothing like waiting in line by the entrance to the café on a Wednesday like it’s a SuperTarget on Black Friday, ever ready to balance fried ravioli on your plate with reckless abandon. If you were too busy to involve yourself in the world of culinary arts over break, now only a ladle separates you from hot, fresh, wholesome entrées, rather than the fridge at home that you checked every five minutes as if something other than leftovers would appear.

2. Food

Being in an academic environment is always a surefire way to enjoy an inflated sense of your own knowledge (Imposter Syndrome - look it up) by surrounding yourself with people that are all probably smarter than you anyways. College professors, some of the most polarizing influences you will encounter in your pursuit of knowledge, all seem to have a certain way of making you feel smart and making you feel stupid at the same time. If rolled eyes and groaning as a response to the barrage of “dad jokes” got old to you over break, you can now respond to the tasteless jokes made by your professors with empty laughs and knee slaps in the hopes of enjoying the phenomenal results of gaining their favor, while further validating their need to be seen under any form of comedic light. Teachers are your go-to people if you want your professionally-formatted, long-winded emails to be replied with a single word, if you like awkward encounters in the shopping aisles of the VM or if you like multiple-choice questions on tests in which all of the options are technically correct, but you have to figure out which one the teacher ambiguously thinks is “the most correct.” Just a few of the things about your professors that you didn’t get to experience over the break. Be sure to fill their front row seats with the same enthusiasm they possess when grading multiple class sections’ worth of midterm essays.

3. Faculty

Pro Tip: Another grandiose luxury of the food options here are the vending machines found all over campus, readily available to satiate any of your dietary needs. Because of these marvels of the modern age, a bag of barbeque chips, instead of those kale chips your mother tried to introduce to you over break, are just a simple swipe away.

Pro Tip: If you ever find out one of your professors has a Ph.D., be sure to put “Dr.” in front of their names whenever possible. This will exponentially boost your competence in their eyes because you recognize that receiving praise for earning a Ph.D. is more important than actually earning a Ph.D. itself.

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HEATING PROBLEMS FIXED IN SUMMEROUR

JASON FRIAS
STAFF WRITER

Plant Services has fixed an ongoing heating issue in Summerour Hall as of Jan. 26. During late November, students attending classes in the building complained about being cold in certain classrooms. The School of Education and Psychology looked into the matter and found that the heating unit of the building was faulty. Plant Services was then asked to identify the issue.

As winter came, Plant Services still could not figure out what was causing the problem. Ultimately, they called LG, the manufacturers of the heaters, to help identify the problem. Together they determined the heaters had been leaking their coolant. As of January 26, the heaters have been fixed and the rooms are now at a desirable temperature.

While maintenance worked to fix the problem, students still had to endure the cold classrooms. John McCoy, Dean of the School of Education and Psychology found a strategy to help.

“What I did was put out hot water out in the lobby to make hot chocolate and tea, so it could warm up the students up on these cold days,” he said.

While some students were aware of colder temperatures in the classrooms elements, some did not notice it at all. This was because some rooms were properly heated and only a few of them did not receive proper heat. Rhidge Garcia, freshman theology major, said that even though he didn’t know about the cold rooms, it was still a concern.

“The learning environment can be affected by the weather,” Garcia said.

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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE ANSWERS QUESTIONS

ROSANA HUGHES
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Student leaders had the opportunity to meet with David C. Smith, presidential candidate for Southern Adventist University. Smith is currently the senior pastor for Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The luncheon meeting took place after convocation on Jan. 28 in the conference room of Wright Hall. Student leaders were able to ask questions in private without any faculty members present.

“I’m not here because I want to be president, to be honest,” said Smith at the beginning of the meeting. “I want to do what God wants me to do and I’m giving Him a chance to speak.”

Throughout the meeting, Smith emphasized his concern for the role students play at Southern and his desire to have a student-led campus. He said he is particularly interested in spiritual life on campus, but it is not an exclusive interest.

CAMPUS CARD DESK TO RETURN TO WRIGHT HALL

SERRA EMILIAK
STAFF WRITER

After over a year of construction and remodeling, the Information Technology (IT) offices in Wright Hall are almost finished, and IT is set to move back at the beginning of February.

Last semester, Architectural Services completed phase one of remodeling the IT hallway, located on the second floor of Wright Hall. As of Jan. 1, phase two, remodeling the IT offices, has also been completed.

Gary Sewell, assistant director of Information Technology, said the space wasn’t suitable before.

“People were standing in closets as their offices,” Sewell said. “There was no glass door, just a blank white wall. We took some makeshift offices and gutted them to make a big room.”

“It was a necessary project, said Volker Henning, associate vice president of Southern, “in order to fit the facility needs of a very important part of the infrastructure of the university. We need it.”

This process began in Oct. 2014. During this time, the campus card desk and workstation support were moved to Herin Hall, the building next to Hickman Science Center.

Workstation support is where computers get fixed and any questions regarding wireless connection can be answered. Students and professors can bring in their computers for help. The campus card desk is where students can go if they have lost their campus card, need to add door access, or get help if it is giving them any trouble.

For trouble with campus cards, computers and other technology, most students do not know where to go.

“I have heard that they [IT] used to be under the cafe, but now you go to Herin Hall,” said Markia Warren,

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EDITORIAL

Clarification on honors ad

ROBANA HUGHES
Assistant to the Dean

The Accent would like to address student concerns about an ad that ran in last week’s edition of the Southern Accent. The ad, which was paid for by Academic Administration, listed the names of students that made the Distinguished Dean’s list, Dean’s List and Honor Roll. At least one student has claimed the ad violated his Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) rights to keep his grades private.

The Accent would like to clarify that the list was ad space purchased by Academic Administration and therefore was required to be published. The Southern Accent is not short on content. In fact, we had to cut articles in order to make room for this ad. Furthermore, Academic Administration’s decision to honor high achieving students in this manner was discussed with the campus FERPA expert, according to an email from Volker Henning, associate vice president of Academic Administration.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Education FERPA rules support this decision, stating, “Schools may disclose, without consent, “directory” information such as a student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance.”

Henning said Academic Administration checked to see if any of the listed students had privacy flags on their accounts, which would have kept their names off the list. There were none.

According to the email from Henning, the names of honor roll/dean’s list students has not been published in the Southern Accent in a number of years. However, graduation programs routinely identify students who are graduating with honors. The reason for beginning to publish names of honor roll/dean’s list students is because Southern is moving away from participation in “Who’s Who in American Colleges,” a long-standing honors program.

Henning said Academic Administration chose to publish the names of exceptional students in the Accent in hope that students will mention receipt of these academic honors on their résumés and applications to graduate schools.

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sophomore nursing major.

“To be honest, I don’t know where that is.”

The campus card desk and workstation support are being combined to make one presence for IT.

“We wanted to make it so that people could get help with everything IT, said Sewell. “Campus card, computers, questions everything together.”

Another IT room has also been renovated and updated with new technology. IT has always had a training room, where they teach workers how to use Southern software, such as software for eClass. It is now being used for distance education classes as well.

Distance education classes are new to Southern Adventist University and a part of a collaboration with Southwestern University and Union College to offer classes that students are interested in without having to hire a new professor. On Monday and Wednesday nights, Southwestern teaches a business class, and on Tuesdays Southern teaches a portfolio management class through video conferencing.

“We wanted to be more diligent with our Adventist resources,” said Sewell. This room is also located on the second floor of Wright Hall.

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Part of the new Information Technology office.

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Anti-Semitism will be a major topic of discussion on the tour. Holt said that the tour is a way for students to learn about the history of anti-Semitism and how it has affected the Jewish community. He emphasized the importance of understanding this history to prevent future instances of anti-Semitism.

The tour will focus on Jewish life in Central Europe before and after the Holocaust. Students will visit sites such as the Oskar Schindler Museum, capital cities in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, and Germany. The tour will go to places that most people don’t usually go to, such as various Jewish sites and hiding places in Berlin, the Warsaw Ghetto, Krakow Concentration Camp and the Grand Synagogue in Budapest, Hungary.

Diller also said that in Brno, Czech Republic, students will meet the city’s last surviving Jew of the Holocaust.

Diller said study tours usually have lots of information, but this trip will be more slow-paced than previous study tours. Along with a free day, students will spend 4-5 days each city.

“It helps track the learning,” Diller said, so that students can come away from the tour feeling that they know something about the subject of the tour.

As the tour historian, Diller said that students graduate within four years. The second of these goals is to have job success assured for students with a 2.75-3.5 grade point average. Diller said these students will probably not get into professional schools, so the department is doing all they can to ensure they succeed in their field as much as a student who would go on to professional school.
NEWS

Cowspiracy exposed

SERRA WENDT & ROSANA HUGHES
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John Landis, freshman theology major, has organized the screening of the film “Cowspiracy” on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Lynnwood Hall. The film explores how animal agriculture affects the ecosystem.

After getting board approval and figuring out licensing issues he still had to raise the $250 fee for showing the film publicly.

“Being a college student, I couldn’t raise that money on my own,” said Landis. “I marched up to Dr. Bietz’s office and caught him just as he was leaving.”

Landis said Bietz offered his support and got him started on my own,” said Landis. “I said I think God blesses you if you pursue something that is still happening across the board everywhere.”

Another topic discussed was the dynamic between students and donors. Smith said he did not believe in catering to interests or to people who want to use their money to manipulate an institution to their point of view.

“I do not believe in making decisions for an institution for political reasons,” said Smith. “I think God blesses you if you make the right decision for the right reasons.”

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Smith said he thinks Southern can defend itself if the university can offer an education that can equip students for not only one but many jobs. He said by the time students graduate after four years, there are many jobs in the field that didn’t exist before.

“You have to start to rethink what higher education really is,” said Smith. “[You have to] sell a product that hasn’t been sold because maybe it didn’t need to be.”

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all schools should have,” Smith said. “And allowing some latitude to make decisions in an environment that is generally positive and supportive; otherwise, they are making decisions in an environment that is generally hostile after they graduate.”

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Garcia said, “If the classroom isn’t a good condition, it’ll make it hard for people to learn.”

As students tried their best to stay warm, Plant Services worked to fix the problem. McCoy said that the workers were there day to day trying to fix the broken units, some even working after hours.

“Maintenance has worked on the problem diligently,” said Astrid Conibear, the office manager of the education department. “Without them this problem would’ve stayed a lot longer.”

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Addiction: Sin, Pride, and Unbelief

I am lying in my bed again. Ashamed. Angry. Weak. I have done it again. The detestable addiction in my life that never stops, that never leaves. According to the Bible, I am not supposed to do this detestable sin. This addiction that controls my life. But I do it because I like it.

We all have a problem. We all have an addiction. We all have a sin that we cannot get rid of by our own human strength. And it consumes us, or at least it consumes me, because I want God to take care of it, but He seems to not allow me to overcome this issue.

Theologians have catalogued this kind of addiction as besetting sin: a sin that we cannot leave behind because it seems to be our natural reaction to a problem. It is the action, thought, or feeling that we are more susceptible to. Some are more prone to view pornographic images. Others turn to alcohol or smoking. Watching television or playing videogames on our cellphones or consoles seems to be another common addiction nowadays. However, all of these addictions are rooted in two common traits: pride and unbelief.

Pride is deeply connected with our nature, the sinful aspect of our lives that tells us that we can do all things through our strength and power. It is pleasurable to feel self-sufficient. It is nice to see that you can do mighty things like lifting weights at Hulsey or getting 100 percent on that nursing test. There are aspects of our lives that give us fulfillment. Some of these, however, may increase the prideful attitude of our inner beings. They give us the ability to disregard the empowerment that allows us to move, perform, think, answer and ultimately live.

When we forget that God is the one that gives us life, we forget our reason to be alive. We forget that it is only through His power that we can lift those weights or get an A on the test. We forget that He is the one that allows us to increase in all areas of our lives. In order to get rid of our besetting sin, we need to get rid of our self-centered attitude. This is only possible by looking to Christ and His redeemptive power. He can change our character and make us to be selfless rather than selfish.

One author says, “By beholding we become changed. The mind gradually adapts itself to the subjects upon which it is allowed to dwell.” If we behold Him, He will change us.

The second root, unbelief, is not believing that He can change us. This issue tests our faith and is tied to the first root, pride. Unbelief in Christ and His power tells us that He cannot change us, that He does not have the power to create a new being in our lives, that He cannot make you overcome that sin.

This sin appeared in Heaven for the first time. Satan did not want to believe in God but wanted to have more power. He did not trust the revelation that was given to him but desired to obtain something that he could not have. He did not believe that God was able to get rid of his sin. In the same way, because sin entered the realm of this universe, we tend to not believe that God is powerful, able and ultimately in control of everything. We must then surrender and start trusting God and know that He will deliver us out of our sin.

We will still be tempted. We will still be weak and susceptible to the sin that holds us captive. However, if we look at Him and trust His Word, He will deliver us out of bondage. Pray for wisdom, strength and His spirit to empower you every time that you are tempted to hold that sin in your life.

Sweet like ice cream

I like the face that kids make when they first have ice cream. It’s really awesome — that “Oh, snap! Sugar! Where have you been all of my two years of life?”

It’s hilarious. One taste and they’re reaching for handfuls of the stuff.

On the other hand, we all remember our parents trying to get us to eat our vegetables at dinner; even to this day it’s almost unnatural for us to eat anything remotely green. If you think about it, there are interesting parallels between our eating habits and our spiritual walk with God. Often, we treat the Christian lifestyle like we’re learning to eat our vegetables. It’s hard, it’s bitter, it’s unnatural, but the Bible says in Psalm 119:103, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

David was on to something here. It was as if vegetables were made out of sugar for him. David was reaching for handfuls of the Word of God, and I’m more than certain his parents weren’t forcing him to eat his vegetables or do devotions in the morning. So, what then? What does a person have to do to get that sugar squeezed out of the Bible?

Now we sound a little bit like Nicodemus, asking Jesus, “How can this be?” Christ might answer, “You’ve been a Christian for so long, and still you do not understand these things?”

See, we can’t treat the Christian walk like learning to eat bitter vegetables, or squeeze the Word of God to get our fix or a “spiritual high.” The answer, then, is simply to get to know Jesus. Truly, honestly and prayerfully, give God the chance to show you that there’s no reason to find Christianity boring, dull or tasteless. A walk with Jesus is the sweetest thing in the world, and if you’ve ever seen kids fight over candy, you’ll soon find yourself having to share Jesus with everyone around you — there’s more than enough to go around. It sounds almost like a fairy tale, doesn’t it? All those years of being a Christian but forgetting Christ have dulled our taste buds and sharpened our disbelief, but give God a chance, and you’ll soon be making the same face kids make when they first have ice cream.

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Quit stalling and do something

Hard experiences prepare you for great things – at least that’s what I tried to convince myself last August when I learned that I would be driving a manual car to Southern for the school year. While I was stoked to have a car, I had never driven stick in my life and anxiety kept me far from my car until the day before my road trip to Tennessee.

Tip #1: Whatever situation you are forced to go through in your life, don’t procrastinate. It hurts you in the long run. Thank goodness for parents because my dad was willing to put his life on the line to teach me how to drive stick. After his instructional lesson, I began driving around the block for a couple hours desperately trying to master stick by the end of the day, but instead I stalled eight times in a row in the same place. Talent at its finest.

Tip #2: It takes way longer than one day to learn a new life skill. Have patience and continue to practice. You can imagine how the next day’s road trip went. Let’s just say that everyone who came along for the California-to-Tennessee road trip was very happy to reach Southern in one piece.

The first month that I drove around Chattanooga as a potential hazard, I wanted to trade my car in for an automatic, especially after nearly dying from embarrassment when I stalled in front of a group of guys in the Talge Hall parking lot.

Tip #3: Accept that there will be many opportunities for growth and possible embarrassment when learning something new.

Six months have passed since I took on the challenge of learning to drive stick, and I can say that I am glad that I forced myself to learn. It was another step outside of what was safe and normal for me.

Tip #4: Continue to take risks. They are usually worth the embarrassment.

I have now driven 12 times in a row without stalling – a statistic that I’m quite proud of. And while I am not the smoothest driver around, my fear of driving manual is slowing fading with each time I push in the clutch.

There are so many things in life that hold people back because of uncertainty and fear, but if you never try anything different or new, you will never change.

Tip #5: If you’ve been held back by your fear, quit stalling and do something new. It is easier said than done to put yourself out there with the risk of looking ridiculous while doing something new, but change is part of the whole college experience. Going outside of your comfort zone is exactly what this time in your life is all about. Accept the challenge.

Blessings in brokenness

Over the last few months, I have learned to be honest with myself. I’ve learned through my psychology classes and through the teaching of my Father’s Word to be vulnerable and to embrace my emotions, even if those emotions are not wanted. Sadness and brokenness are extremely painful and inevitable, but necessary. If we never experienced dark emotions, then we would not be able to fully appreciate light emotions; we might not even be able to tell the difference. If all we experienced were light emotions, would we become complacent? Would there be any motivation to grow? Why is it that when we are at our lowest, God is able to work the most? Why is it that when we are broken, He comes into the deepest crevices of our stubborn hearts and changes us completely? So, is brokenness a blessing in disguise? Let me say this: There is so much beauty in pain.

Through pain and trials we have the opportunity to grow. We may be feeling all kinds of dark emotions, but just because they are dark does not mean that they are negative. We choose to make our emotions positive or negative based on what we do with them. They can either be destructive or motivating. Society tells us you are less of a man if you cry, you have to be strong for others, you have to be perfect, and you have to have yourself together at all times no matter what. But God says otherwise. He says it is okay to feel however way you feel. You are not perfect. You are human. Do not be strong for others. Strive to be authentic.

To embrace your brokenness does not mean you are weak. It actually means the opposite. There is strength in your tears! If you want to be fully human, you have to feel. Feeling pain is obviously very difficult, but it is much worse to avoid it. Unfortunately, many of us think that suppressing our feelings will just make them go away, and while they might at the time, they won’t in the long run. Do not fill the emptiness you may feel with an overload of work to keep you busy, with a person who distracts you from the last person that hurt you, by binge-watching Netflix or anything else. Fill that void with your loving Father and He will romance you in ways you have never seen before. He is love. What better love story than the one you have with God.

Let God in. Let Him deal with the emotions you may feel. Oswald Chambers said in his book “My Utmost for His Highest,” “We can only be used by God after we allow him to show us the deep, hidden areas of our own character. When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbreak, temptation, disappointment, sickness, or by thwarted desires, a broken friendship, or a new friendship— when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach us.”

Life is hard and our emotions are wild. But Jesus came to this world to be our perfect example. I truly believe He experienced all types of emotions, especially brokenness. Because of that brokenness, we were given the chance to grow. Chambers goes on to ask, “If God can accomplish his purposes in this world through a broken heart, then why not thank him for breaking yours?”

So, next time you feel down, please do not shrug it off. Embrace it. The lessons that He will teach you and the revelation of your purpose will be life-changing. And while it may be scary to go on this new journey with Him, know that He will never leave your side. He is with you every step of the way: at your highest and at your lowest, when you are sad or when you are happy, when you are angry with Him and feel deceived. He is always there.

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LIFESTYLE

#ExposeTheElephant: Feminism

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“We’ve all heard about it: the so-called plague destroying America that hurts marriage, undermines child rearing and worst of all emasculates men, according to a blog post by the U.S. News and World Report. It’s the f-word that’s feared and revered, touted as a force of evil and worn as a badge of honor: Feminism. Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why there is so much controversy surrounding the ideology known as feminism? According to Merriam-Webster, feminism is “the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.” With such a simple and seemingly harmless definition, why is it that this “elephant in the room” makes everyone so uncomfortable? Part of this discomfort, especially in conservative Christian circles, comes from the fact that many people have the notion that Christianity and feminism don’t and can’t mix, but this is simply untrue. In fact, Christianity and feminism have a long history. Writer Sarah Bessey, author of “Jesus Feminist,” writes, “Christians can still give thanks to God for the good works associated with feminism, such as the gaining of status for women as ‘persons’ under the law, voting, owning property, and defending themselves in a court of law against domestic violence and rape.”

The right of personhood was instilled in all humans in the moment God created us in His image, as His children. Additionally, in the same way that various groups calling themselves “Christian” do and say deplorable and offensive things that not all Christians agree with, not all feminists subscribe to the same set of radical, secular beliefs either. Theologian Dr. John G. Stackhouse points out, “Christian feminists can celebrate any sort of feminism that brings more justice and human flourishing to the world, no matter who is bringing it, since we recognize the hand of God in all that is good.” This leaves us wondering what sort of actions involved in feminism bring about this justice and human flourishing. Dr. Stackhouse is referring to. This is where the understanding for a need for feminism comes in. We need feminism because although gender inequality may have never touched your life in a drastic way, for millions of women around the world, inequality is part of their daily life. One day, about two years ago, I saw just a glimpse of the daily experience endured by oppressed women from around the world. I was attending the young adult meeting at my local church’s summer camp-meeting. There were only about five of us at the meeting because it was the first night of the week-long event. We pulled our chairs into a circle and began a Bible study on Ephesians. About twenty minutes into the meeting, two men, whom I’d never seen before, walked in and sat down. At one point, the pastor asked the group a question, to which I began to answer. I had spoken no more than five words when the visitor leaped out of his seat, leaned over me, pointed his finger in my face and roared, “You are wrong! How dare you speak?! This is unbiblical!” I stared, speechless and paralyzed with fear, as the man’s face inched closer and closer to mine while he screamed. I could see his neck veins bulging and his skin turned bright red. I had no idea what to expect next. Thankfully, the overseeing pastor came to my defense and asked the man to respect everyone in the Bible study or leave. The man chose to leave, but not without stopping to express his disgust at me and the fact that I was allowed to speak at a church meeting. This experience may have been unique to me, but it’s the tip of the iceberg for women around the world. This is proved in statistics like these: Over 62 million girls worldwide are barred from attending school, according to the Malala Fund. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported in 2014 that about 125 million women and girls have undergone the horrific procedure known as female genital mutilation. Even American women aren’t safe; those in the US military in Iraq or Afghanistan are more likely to be sexually assaulted or raped by a fellow soldier than killed by the enemy, according to the Invisible No More coalition. These numbers are staggering and overwhelming, but it’s important that we understand why so much evil exists in the world toward women and its roots within the foundation of our Christian faith.

In their book, “Coveting,” John and Stasi Eldredge explain Satan’s “special hatred” for womankind because of his deep jealousy of their beauty. “Lucifer was gorgeous. He was breathtaking. And it was his ruin. Pride entered Lucifer’s heart…Satan fell because of his beauty. Now his heart for revenge is to assault beauty…most especially, he hates Eve. Because she is captivating, uniquely glorious, and he cannot be. She is the incarnation of the beauty of God…Eve incarnates the beauty of God and she gives life to the world. Satan’s bitter heart cannot bear it.” You see, feminism is a result of the great battle for the hearts of humankind! Satan hates all of God’s children and seeks to destroy them by spreading lies about God’s character. He does this by creating the type of pain and strife mentioned in the above statistics. Sadly, Satan has done a great job pushing the discussion surrounding feminism to the extremes on both sides of the argument, but it doesn’t have to be that way. We are part of the great controversy we’ve lived our lives hearing about. But Satan’s evil ways have gone on for too long, and Christians all over the world are realizing how deep this conspiracy goes. Being a Christian feminist simply means that you are an advocate for the humanity God created and showing. His love to all people, in many different forms. For this reason, Christian feminists are essential to battling the darkest forces of the universe because we are equipped with the truth and power of Christ! The question is, will you take up arms and join in with the fight?”

Marc Corea is a senior theology major.

The viewpoints on this page do not necessarily reflect those of the Accent, Southern Adventist University or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Photo by Bryant Rodriguez

“‘There is this move in wrestling, it’s a move popularized by the Heartbreak Kid, Shawn Michaels. In the early 2000s, Shawn Michaels caused a revolution and destroyed everyone with the superkick. Back then no one did the superkick. It was the Shawn Michaels signature finisher. My New Year’s Resolution is to start superkicking people. I want to start practicing the superkick. You never know when you’re going to need it. The superkick is all about flexibility. Currently, I can kick at abdomen level. Shawn Michaels kicked at face level, but I am not there yet. I used to only be able to superkick at knee level, but now I can do abdomen so that’s progress. It’s a lot of improvement considering it’s only been 31 days. I used to do backyard wrestling and who knows. I might start doing that again. You never know. I use the superkick to impress girls, it hasn’t quite worked yet but I am certain with enough improvement, I’ll be able to impress a girl into marrying me and my superkick.”

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Photo by Joshua Supit
A second improved NHL All-Star weekend kicked off and it was filled with excitement, controversy and an unlikely hero. Leading up to the weekend, fans had the power to vote in players they wanted for the All-Star Game, the annual exhibition ice hockey game between the Eastern and Western conferences. There is always risk in putting power into the hands of the fans, but the NHL never expected this to happen: 33-year-old John Scott was not only voted in, but leading in the polls. You might ask, “Who is this guy?” Exactly. The 6-foot-6-inch left winger has been a journeyman throughout his career, meaning most teams deal him away because of his lack of contribution in the scoring department. Scott has only six goals and five assists in his nine-year playing career, totaling 11 points. Certainly averaging 1.2 points a year will not get you into the ASG (All-Star Game) but he did. The NHL tried their best to avoid this and even sent an email asking him to remove himself from the voting, but that wasn't enough for Scott to bail, and we are all glad he didn't.

The weekend kicked off with the skills competition on Saturday night. The competitions included: fastest skater, breakaway challenge, accuracy shooting, skills relay, hardest shot and a team shootout. Detroit Red Wings' Dylan Larkin broke the record in the fastest skater competition for the fastest lap with a time of 13.172 seconds (previously held by Mike Gartner at 13.386). The East Conference won 5 points.

Next up was the breakaway challenge, where players try to score on their opposing goalies. This year, P.K. Subban of the Montreal Canadians stole the show with a spot-on impersonation of the living legend Jaromir Jagr. Subban won the Twitter vote of 51 percent and the East won one point. Following that was the accuracy shooting challenge, where the goal is to hit all four corners of the net. New York Islander John Tavares smoked with a time of 12.294 seconds and the East won three more points.

Next was the skills relay challenge, where each team had to try to finish each challenge. For example, one of the challenges was to try to score in a miniature net from a distance in the shortest time. The team with the shortest time to complete all the challenges wins. The Western Conference had the better time of one minute and 27 seconds, compared to the Eastern Conference with a score of one minute and 38 seconds. West won three points. The second to last competition was the hardest shot competition. Nashville’s own Shea Weber got first place with the fastest shot of 108.1 mph while East’s Steven Stamkos got second place with a shot of 105.9 mph. The West won three more points. The last event of the skills competition was the shootout. Multiple players from both teams competed to see who could get the most goals. East easily won with 17 goals, the West a mere four. The officials tallied up all the points: the East won with a total of 29 points and the West lost with 12.

The real game was held on Sunday with 3-on-3 hockey compared to 5-on-5 for the ASG. This was the NHL’s attempt to revamp All-Star Weekend in hopes to bring the excitement back. Each conference has two divisions. East has the Atlantic and the Metropolitan. West has the Central and the Pacific. The two divisions of each conference play against each other; then the resulting winners play each other in the final for a prize of one million dollars. The games were 20 minutes long with a halftime at 10 minutes. The first game was the Atlantic vs. the Metropolitan. The Atlantic won with a score of 4-3. Next up was Pacific vs. Central. Pacific came up with the upset and won 9-6 with the help of none other than John Scott with two goals. The final, Atlantic vs. Pacific, raised competition levels because the prize money. Pacific came out on top with a score of 1-0. The West wins.

We all like storybook endings, and having John Scott make the ASG was quite something, but having him score two goals to help his Pacific team seal the victory against the Central was something he never imagined. His presence at the ASG was mostly viewed as a joke, but he showed everyone his skill. All of this gave the NHL no choice but to name John Scott the NHL All-Star MVP.

“Hasn’t sunk in,” says John Scott following the game. “You can’t really write this stuff.” A month ago, he was just a man struggling in the NHL. Now he’s a hero to his team and to his two daughters.
**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY 4 FEB 48°**
- Convocation: Student Week of Prayer, 11a, Church
- SA Election Petitions Due, Noon, Student Services
- Deans/Chairs Advisory, 3:30p
- Student Week of Prayer, 7p, Church.

**FRIDAY 5 FEB 50°**
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- Volleyball Sign-up Begins, southern.edu intramurals
- Workshop: Finding Your Fit, 12:30p, Presidential Banquet Room
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: Student Week of Prayer, 8p, Church
- Sunset, 6:12p
- Afterglow/12 Hours of Prayer Begins, 9:30p

**SABBATH 6 FEB 52°**
- 12 Hours of Prayer Ends, 9:30a
- Branches, 9:45a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Prayer Breakfast with Dr. Bietz, 10:30a, Presidential Banquet Room
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- Flag Camp, Restore, Patten Towers, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 6p, Church
- 10th Annual Cardboard Boat Event, 7:30p, Iles

**SUNDAY 7 FEB 55°**
- SA Super Bowl 50 Party, 6p, Iles

**MONDAY 8 FEB 50°**
- Chinese New Year
- LSAT Exams, Lynn Wood
- SA Media applications/portfolio due, Noon, Student Services office
- Calling, Career & Vocation Committee, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- University Senate, 3:30p
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p

**TUESDAY 9 FEB 38°**
- Dean’s Luncheon, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- International Tax Preparation Seminar, 3-5p, Lynn Wood
- SA Candidate Election Orientation, 6p, Robert Merchant Room

**WEDNESDAY 10 FEB 36°**
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- International Tax Preparation Seminar, 3p, Lynn Wood
- Volleyball Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

**BIRTHDAYS**
- February 4
  - Bruno Benna
  - Krista Bonney
  - Kindsey Calvert
  - Kevin Christenson
  - Casey Ferree
  - Grady Hayden
  - Sierra Meintzer
  - Stephen Rodacker
  - Patrick Wunderlich

- February 5
  - Jeyde Milander
  - Kevin Miller
  - Matthew Wilson

- February 6
  - Kevin Corrigan
  - Brittny Desvarieux
  - Jeremy Faehner
  - Travis Herbert
  - Jenee Lee
  - Jeff Martin
  - Cristal Pizarro
  - Megan Simpson
  - Silvertone Spare
  - Landon Stoner

- February 7
  - Jasmine Smith

- February 8
  - Michael Chung
  - Sarah Davis
  - Camila Guarnizo
  - Jeffrey Hobin
  - Chloe Khan
  - Maria Kim
  - Melanie Ramirez
  - Mindy Steele
  - Erica Thompson

- February 9
  - Emily Deedrick
  - Glendy Gutierrez
  - Alissa Immamorati
  - Cassie White
  - Nicole Woodcock

- February 10
  - Jannai Areilano
  - Mark Gindi
  - Stefan Heldzinger
  - Stacy Higgins
  - Daniel Little
  - Fausto Lorenzo
  - Maxwell McKenzie
  - Kendall Miller
  - Stephanie Willison

**NOOGA HAPPENINGS**

**EVENTS**
- Thursday: River Gallery’s February 2016 Exhibit: James Conner & Calvin Nicely (free; 10 - 5 all month)
- The Chattery’s From the Heart: DIY Valentine’s Keepsake (Chattanooga Workspace; $18; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Winter Workshop Series: How To Poop In The Woods (Outdoor Chattanooga; free; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Jazzaanooga Presents: FOCUS 2016 (Part 1 of 4) (Jazzaanooga Arts Space; free; 6-8 p.m.)

**NOOGA HAPPENINGS**

**EVENTS**
- Friday: A Picture’s Worth: A Photography Exhibit, Opening Reception (Association for Visual Arts; free; 5:30-8 p.m.)
- Open Studio Nights (Chattanooga Workspace; free; 5:30-8:30 p.m.)
- The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)

**NOOGA HAPPENINGS**

**EVENTS**
- Saturday: The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)
- Cookies and Cocoa for Makers (Chattanooga Public Library; free; 3-4:30 p.m.)
- PhotoNight at AVA (Association for Visual Arts; free; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Harp Ensemble in North Shore (St. Marks United Methodist Church; free; 7-8 p.m.)

**NOOGA HAPPENINGS**

**EVENTS**
- Sunday: The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 2-3:45 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Music Club & the MacDowell Club present their Annual Free Joint Concert (Second Presbyterian Church; free; 2:30-4 p.m.)
- CSO: Peter and the Wolf (Volkswagen Chattanooga Music Club & the MacDowell Club present their Annual Free Joint Concert (Second Presbyterian Church; free; 2:30-4 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Harp Ensemble in uptown Chattanooga (First-Centenary United Methodist Church; free; 3-4 p.m.)

**S.A. Announcements**

**Super Bowl Party:** Come over to Iles gym this Sunday night at 6p to enjoy some free pizza, drinks, and a face off between the Panthers and Broncos. The big game will be shown on two large projector screens with plenty of space for everyone to see. Don’t miss it!

**Valentines Banquet:** February 14th at 7p is the S.A. Valentines Banquet. It will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center with the theme of “Twenties on the Town.” Come experience an evening downtown filled with carriage rides, catered food, circus acts, and a live jazz band. Dress Sharp! Tickets are on sale now for $25 per person at the S.A. office.
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, February 4, 2016

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twitter

When you are expecting to see if fire drill happens...
#lackofsleep #fire #drill #saulife

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Things I will not miss from Southern: Fire drill and long lines on pasta day on the same day. #why #saulife #longlines #firedrill

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

When you are the RA on duty and after the drill you have to do check...
#work #saulife #firedrill #RA #well

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Cold, Disturbing, Anger, and Tiredness all at once can only mean one thing: firedrill #saulife #firedrill #rantover #why

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

It’s hard to stay motivated on your run when you can smell Little Debbies baking less than a mile away #littledebbie #SAUlife #haterunning

Lindsey Conkle, @inTreble22
Marketing, SR

That moment when the preacher says the bushes in front of Thatcher were his friends back in the day...
#saulife #southernmatrimonycollege

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

Living off campus makes me miss fire drills… There’s something bonding about everyone being angry together at 1 in the morning. #SAULife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

When you get a job on campus that pays you $8.25 instead of the usual $7.25… #AllIDoIsWin #Started-FromTheBottom #SAULife

Shaina Rantung, @shainarantung
Public Relations, JR

Last fire drill last night. I would say it’s bittersweet, but I definitely won’t miss being woken up & standing in the cold. #SAULife

Alexy Gratica, @lexlex212
Clinical Psychology, SR

That moment you clean your car and then treat the whole thing like it’s a sterile environment. #nursingschoolproblems #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

Sleeping beauties #sausleepers

Kassandra Kirschmann, @kassaundraruth
Nursing, SR

 instagram

theyoungdylemma Dabbing on that classy flow.
#creepersintheback #sabbathvibes #squad #sdastyles
Here’s a collection of do-it-yourself projects that embody the statements “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” and “If it looks stupid but it works, it ain’t stupid” simultaneously.

Environmental friendly with a classy hardwood aesthetic (above)

Nail Clippers have some shockingly alternative uses (below)

With smoked ham being the latest trend in the fashion world, check out this deli meat tiara that’s stylish enough for Lady Gaga to sport at her next award show

Stay cool and sharp whilst saving time cutting lettuce with this one, simple trick that five-star chefs don’t want you to know! (above)

A quick and simple bootleg way to secure your favorite beverage (right)

Now you can enjoy the comfort of hot fresh pizza as you get grease all over the expensive shirt you’re ironing!

Share some of your own clever DIYs using the Hashtags #SAUhumor
The blog writers gather ideas from Campus Research Day. They listen to student researchers and find leads and follow up on them to put them online. Maxwell encourages students to follow the blog and submit research. He said they are trying to post one blog post once every week about 400 words or less in length. The library has two student writers to update the blog.

The blog has a wide range of articles. For instance, Lee Spencer, professor in the biology department, decided to pursue a new way to age the earth using ancient DNA. He wanted to acquire some ancient organic material near the Arctic Circle. The blog describes how his discovery came about.

Paul Miller, ‘15, got to collaborate with a team at Erlanger Hospital to do research on heart attacks. According to the blog post, “The team is looking for a way to quickly and accurately release patients who are not experiencing a heart attack, while expediting treatment for patients who are in serious danger.”

“It’s about optimizing the academic influence of Southern Adventist University.” Maxwell said.
Clarification on honors ad

The Accent would like to address student concerns about an ad that ran in last week’s edition of the Southern Accent. The ad, which was paid for by Academic Administration, listed the names of students that made the Distinguished Dean’s list, Dean’s List and Honor Roll. At least one student has claimed the ad violated his Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) rights to keep his grades private.

The Accent would like to clarify that the list was ad space purchased by Academic Administration and therefore was required to be published. The Southern Accent is not short on content. In fact, we had to cut articles in order to make room for this ad. Furthermore, Academic Administration’s decision to honor high achieving students in this manner was discussed with the campus FERPA expert, according to an email from Volker Henning, associate vice president of Academic Administration.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Education FERPA rules support this decision, stating, “Schools may disclose, without consent, “directory” information such as a student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance.”

Henning said Academic Administration checked to see if any of the listed students had privacy flags on their accounts, which would have kept their names off the list. There were none.

According to the email from Henning, the names of honor roll/dean’s list students has not been published in the Southern Accent in a number of years. However, graduation programs routinely identify students who are graduating with honors. The reason for beginning to publish names of honor roll/dean’s list students is because Southern is moving away from participation in “Who’s Who in American Colleges,” a long-standing honors program.

Henning said Academic Administration chose to publish the names of exceptional students in the Accent in hope that students will mention receipt of these academic honors on their résumés and applications to graduate schools.

Campus Card Desk to return to Wright Hall

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sophomore nursing major.

“To be honest, I don’t know where that is.”

The campus card desk and workstation support are being combined to make one presence for IT.

“We wanted to make it so that people could get help with everything IT, said Sewell. “Campus card, computers, questions everything together.”

Another IT room has also been renovated and updated with new technology. IT has always had a training room, where they teach workers how to use Southern software, such as software for eClass. It is now being used for distance education classes as well.

Distance education classes are new to Southern Adventist University and a part of a collaboration with Southwestern University and Union College to offer classes that students are interested in without having to hire a new professor. On Monday and Wednesday nights, Southwestern teaches a business class, and on Tuesdays Southern teaches a portfolio management class through video conferencing.

“We wanted to be more diligent with our Adventist resources,” said Sewell. This room is also located on the second floor of Wright Hall.

Part of the new Information Technology office.

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Biological department hits record number of majors

Caleb Begley
Staff Writer

This year, the Biology and Allied Health department has the highest number of majors in its history. According to data provided by department office manager Debbie Strack, the number of biology majors this year totals 228, while the number of Allied Health majors this year totals 120 people. This presents an increase of 13 majors on the Biology side since the 2014-2015 school year and an increase of 39 since 2013-2014. However, it also presents a drop of 24 majors on the Allied Health side since last school year.

Keith Snyder, chair of the Biology and Allied Health department, said the rate in which students have been coming into the department has shown a slow and steady increase.

“The thing that makes it unique, is that the university overall has dropped,” Snyder said.

Snyder also said that Southern is sending the most pre-med students to Loma Linda University of all the Seventh-day Adventist institutions. Snyder said that this recent rise in majors shows that the constituency of the department understands “good, solid education.” He said that this plays into the department’s two main goals.

One of these goals is to have a more efficient way of helping students graduate within four years. The second of these goals is to have job success assured for students with a 2.75-3.5 grade point average. Snyder said these students will probably not get into professional schools, so the department is doing all they can to ensure they succeed in their field as much as a student who would go on to professional school.

English never takes breaks: Professor uses sabbatical to write book

Hannah Jore
Staff Writer

Marcus Sheffield, English department professor, is on sabbatical this semester. He is using this break from teaching to write a book on Christian Apologetics, the defense of Christian theology.

Sheffield said the idea for his book occurred to him last semester while he was teaching a class on C. S. Lewis. In the midst of a discussion on Lewis’s book “The Problem of Pain,” the subject “why does pain exist” caused a stir in the class, Sheffield said. One student became upset with the answer to the question.

“I thought a lot about things in class, like the pain that God endures,” Sheffield said.

These discussions inspired Sheffield to use his sabbatical to write the book on Christian Apologetics. His goal is to write 250 words minimum, per day, in order to meet his long-term goal of 30,000 words, or 100 pages, by the end of the semester.

In regards to writer’s block, Sheffield stated that, in his mind at least, it doesn’t exist.

“Once you have a topic, you can always sit down and write,” he said. “There is always something to say, you just start writing with your topic in mind.”

Sheffield already planned on taking a sabbatical this semester but threw away his original idea, which was a book on how to teach literature, when he found inspiration for the book he’s currently working on. He had to inform the academic dean of his new plan because sabbaticals can only be taken when a professor has a specific goal in mind. A board must approve each professor’s project before they can begin if they are to take time off to work on it.

Keely Tary, English Department chair, was excited about Sheffield’s opportunity for research and academic pursuits outside of the department.

“I think that it greatly benefits the department,” Tary said. “I love that it’s a resource the university provides the professors.”

However, not everyone was happy about Sheffield’s break from teaching. Justina Siviglia, freshman nursing major said, “I wish I could have had him for Comp II. I hated writing before his class and when it was done, I found it much more tolerable.”

Jewish-themed European Study Tour

Bonnie Christiansen
Copy Editor

Southern Adventist University’s history and political studies department is hosting the department’s first themed European Study tour this May. The tour, titled “Jewish Life in Europe,” will be co-leading by Diller and professors in political science and has led the department’s themed study tour since the 2014-2015 school year. The trip costs $5,400. For students seeking lower or upper-division academic credit in history or political science, the trip costs $5,700 for three credit hours and $6,000 for six credit hours.

An additional processing fee of approximately 10 percent is also charged for all attendees, whether going for credit or not. Diller said she advises students to speak with their financial advisers to know what the exact fee will be.

The tour lasts three weeks May 9-29. For more information, contact the office of the History and Political Studies Department.

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Cowspiracy exposed

SERRA WENDT & ROSANA HUGHES
STAFF WRITER & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

John Landis, a theology major who took the initiative to screen the movie “Cowspiracy” on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. in Lynnwood Hall. The film explores how agriculture affects the ecosystem. After getting board approval and figuring out licensing issues he still had to raise the $250 fee for showing the film publicly.

“Being a college student, I couldn’t raise that money on my own,” said Landis. “I marched up to Dr. Bietz’s office and caught him just as he was leaving.”

Landis said Bietz offered his support and got him started toward his monetary goal by donating an unnamed amount of money.

“After that, the money just started flowing in,” said Landis. “A professor who heard about my project put a check on my desk out of the blue.”

Even after the money was raised, friends volunteered to help Landis with posters and advertising.

“I’m proud of Landis for taking initiative and leadership with this project,” said Barry Tryon, professor in the School of Religion.

Tryon isn’t the only one to commend Landis for taking initiative and being an active part of Southern.

“I believe in exploring ideas,” said Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services. “I highly encourage students who explore ideas. As long as those ideas are not contrary to Christian and Adventist values, then I’m all for students exploring.”

Landis first watched the film with a friend. “It totally changed our perspectives,” said Landis. “We felt it was something really important and something that needed to be shown.”

According to the film’s description, “Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation, water consumption and pollution, is responsible for more greenhouse gases than the transportation industry, and is a primary driver of rainforest destruction, species extinction, habitat loss, top-sod erosion, ocean dead zones, and virtually every other environmental ill. Yet it goes on, almost entirely unchallenged.”

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Presidential candidate answers questions

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all schools should have,” Smith said. “And allowing some latitude to make decisions in an environment that is generally positive and supportive; otherwise, they are making (decisions) in an environment that is generally hostile after they graduate.”

Another topic discussed was the dynamic between students and donors. Smith said he did not believe in catering to interests or to people who want to use their money to manipulate an institution to their point of view.

“I do not believe in making decisions for an institution for political reasons,” said Smith. “I think God blesses you if you make the right decision for the right reasons.”

Another topic addressed was the current drop in enrollment and how he would plan to bring numbers back up.

“What has happened at Southern has happened at all the other schools long before,” said Smith. “What is happening at Southern with enrollment is happening across the board everywhere.”

Smith said he thinks Southern can defend itself if the university can offer an education that can equip students for not only one but many jobs. He said by the time students graduate after four years, there are many jobs in the field that didn’t exist before.

“You have to start to rethink what higher education really is,” said Smith. “[You have to] sell a product that hasn’t been sold because maybe it didn’t need to be.”

Smith previously served as president of Union College for 13 years until he became senior pastor for Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church in 2011. Before becoming president of Union, Smith worked at Southern as chair of the English Department from 1981 to 1998.

Heating problems fixed in Summerour

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Garcia said. “If the classroom isn’t a good condition, it’ll make it hard for people to learn.”

As students tried their best to stay warm, Plant Services worked to fix the problem. McCoy said that the workers were there day to day trying to fix the broken units, some even working after hours.

“Maintenance has worked on the problem diligently,” said Astrid Conibear, the office manager of the education department. “Without them this problem would’ve stayed a lot longer.”
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I am lying in my bed again. Ashamed. Angry. Weak. I have done it again. The detestable addiction in my life that never stops, that never leaves. According to the Bible, I am not supposed to do this detestable sin. This addiction that controls my life. But I do it because I like it.

We all have a problem. We all have an addiction. We all have a sin that we cannot get rid of by our own human strength. And it consumes us, or at least it consumes me, because I want God to take care of it, but He seems to not allow me to overcome this issue. Theologians have catalogued this kind of addiction as besetting sin: a sin that we cannot leave behind because it seems to be our natural reaction to a problem. It is the action, thought, or feeling that we are more susceptible to.

Some are more prone to view pornographic images. Others turn to alcohol or smoking. Watching television or playing videogames on our cellphones or consoles seems to be another common addiction nowadays. However, all of these addictions are rooted in two common traits: pride and unbelief.

Pride is deeply connected with our nature, the sinful aspect of our lives that tells us that we can do all things through our strength and power. It is pleasurable to feel self-sufficient. It is nice to see that you can do mighty things like lifting weights at Hulsey or getting 100 percent on that nursing test. There are aspects of our lives that give us fulfillment. Some of these, however, may increase the prideful attitude of our inner beings. They give us the ability to disregard the empowerment that allows us to move, perform, think, answer and ultimately live.

When we forget that God is the one that gives us life, we forget our reason to be alive. We forget that it is only through His power that we can lift those weights or get an A on the test. We forget that He is the one that allows us to increase in all areas of our lives. In order to get rid of our besetting sin, we need to get rid of our self-centered attitude. This is only possible by looking to Christ and His redemptive power. He can change our attitude and ultimately live to be selfless rather than selfish.

One author says, “By beholding we become changed. The mind gradually adapts itself to the subjects upon which it is allowed to dwell.” If we behold Him, He will change us.

The second root, unbelief, is not believing that He can change us. This issue tests our faith and is tied to the first root, pride. Unbelief in Christ and His power tells us that He cannot change us, that He does not have the power to create a new being in our lives, that He cannot make you overcome that sin.

This sin appeared in Heaven for the first time. Satan did not want to believe in God but wanted to have more power. He did not trust the revelation that was given to him but desired to obtain something that he could not have. He did not believe that God was able to get rid of his sin. In the same way, because sin entered the realm of this universe, we tend to not believe that God is powerful, able and ultimately in control of everything. We must then surrender and start trusting God and know that He will deliver us out of our sin.

We will still be tempted. We will still be weak and susceptible to the sin that holds us captive. However, if we look at Him and trust His word, He will deliver us out of bondage. Pray for wisdom, strength and His spirit to empower you every time that you are tempted to hold that sin in your life.

What makes an authentic Christian?

Yaniz Seeley: “Christian authenticity is what happens in my life when I am completely filled up by Him.”

Evron Stewart: “Being an authentic Christian is being able to reflect Christ in our lives. This begins on the inside.”

Scottie Deal: “Being an authentic Christian to me means: not putting on a disguise, but simply bringing to the Creator all my imperfections and committing my will and talents to His will...

Most of all—it is to be what He has called me to ‘really’ be—His minister.”

Grace Bonduran: “For many years I have carried a heavy burden that completely destroyed my view of myself and how God viewed me... When I was finally able to reach out to others and be authentic about who I was, that’s when I was able to find true healing, and come to this amazing conclusion: God is not disappointed with me. I don’t need to hide anymore.”

Stephen Rogers: “Authentic Christianity doesn’t stem from what you know, or what you profess, but rather from Who you are connected to. For when you’re connected to the True Source, you’ll know that your experience is authentic.”

Alex Gallimore: “An authentic Christian to me is someone who allows the Holy Spirit to live in their heart and direct their actions at all times and in all situations. With the Holy Spirit comes the motivating power of love which will not only transform us, but will transform the lives of others.”

Anthony Burrell: “Being an authentic Christian comes down to knowing God and knowing myself. Knowing God through Jesus Christ is eternal life, knowing myself is knowing that I don’t know myself, and that Jesus knows me better than I know myself. When I am having this experience I am more aware of and more dependent on Jesus and His word than the very air that I’m breathing.”

Sweet like ice cream

Cesar Machuca

I like the face that kids make when they first have ice cream. It’s really awesome – that “Oh, snap! Sugar! Where have you been all of my two years of life?!” It’s hilarious. One taste and they’re reaching for handfuls of the stuff.

On the other hand, we all remember our parents trying to get us to eat our vegetables at dinner; even to this day it’s almost unnatural for us to eat anything remotely green. If you think about it, there are interesting parallels between our eating habits and our spiritual walk with God. Often, we treat the Christian lifestyle like we’re learning to eat our vegetables. It’s hard, it’s bitter, it’s unnatural, but the Bible says in Psalm 119:103, “How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!”

David was on to something here. It was as if vegetables were made out of sugar for him. David was reaching for handfuls of the Word of God, and I’m more than certain his parents weren’t forcing him to eat his vegetables or do devotions in the morning. So, what then? What does a person have to do to get that sugar squeezed out of the Bible?

Now we sound a little bit like Nicodemus, asking Jesus, “How can this be?” Christ might answer, “You’ve been a Christian for so long, and still you do not understand these things?”

See, we can’t treat the Christian walk like learning to eat bitter vegetables, or squeeze the Word of God to get our fix or a “spiritual high.” The answer, then, is simply to get to know Jesus. Truly, honestly and prayerfully give God the chance to show you that there’s no reason to find Christianity boring, dull or tasteless. A walk with Jesus is the sweetest thing in the world, and if you’ve ever seen kids fight over candy, you’ll soon find yourself having to share Jesus with everyone around you – there’s more than enough to go around. It sounds almost like a fairy tale, doesn’t it? All those years of being a Christian but forgetting Christ have dulled our taste buds and sharpened our disbelief, but give God a chance, and you’ll soon be making the same face kids make when they first have ice cream.

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Quit stalling and do something

ALEXY GATICA
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for the school year. While I was stoked to have a car, I had never driven stick in my life and anxiety kept me far from my car until the day before my road trip to Tennessee.

Tip #1: Whatever situation you are forced to go through in your life, don’t procrastinate. It hurts you in the long run.

Thank goodness for parents because my dad was willing to put his life on the line to teach me how to drive stick. After his instructional lesson, I began driving around the block a couple of times trying to master stick by the end of the day, but instead I stalled eight times in a row in the same place. Talent at its finest.

Tip #2: It takes way longer than one day to learn a new life skill. Have patience and continue to practice. You can imagine how the next day’s road trip went. Let’s just say that everyone who came along for the California-to-Tennessee road trip was very happy to reach Southern in one piece.

The first month that I drove around Chattanooga as a potential hazard, I wanted to trade my car in for an automatic, especially after nearly dying from embarrassment when I stalled in front of a group of guys in the Talge Hall parking lot.

Tip #3: Accept that there will be many opportunities for growth and possible embarrassment when learning something new.

Six months have passed since I took on the challenge of learning to drive stick, and I can say that I am glad that I forced myself to learn. It was another step outside of what was safe and normal for me.

Tip #4: Continue to take risks. They are usually worth the embarrassment.

I have now driven 12 times in a row without stalling — a statistic that I’m quite proud of. And while I am not the smoothest driver around, my fear of driving manual is slowly fading with each time I push in the clutch.

There are so many things in life that hold people back because of uncertainty and fear, but if you never try anything different or new, you will never change.

Tip #5: If you’ve been held back by your fear, quit stalling and do something. It is easier said than done to put yourself out there with the risk of looking ridiculous while doing something new, but change is part of the whole college experience. Going outside of your comfort zone is exactly what this time in your life is all about. Accept the challenge.

Blessings in brokenness

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Over the last few months, I have learned to be honest with myself. I’ve learned through my psychology classes and through the teaching of my Father’s Word to be vulnerable and to embrace my emotions, even if those emotions are not wanted. Sadness and brokenness are extremely painful and inevitable, but necessary. If we never experienced dark emotions, then we would not be able to fully appreciate light emotions; we might not even be able to tell the difference. If all we experienced were light emotions, would we become complacent? Would there be any motivation to grow? Why is it that when we are at our lowest, God is able to work the most? Why is it that when we are broken, He comes into the deepest crevices of our stubborn hearts and changes us completely? So, is brokenness a blessing in disguise? Let me say this: There is so much beauty in pain.

Through pain and trials we have the opportunity to grow. We may be feeling all kinds of dark emotions, but just because they are dark does not mean that they are negative. We choose to make our emotions positive or negative based on what we do with them. They can either be destructive or motivating. Society tells us you are less of a man if you cry, you have to be strong for others, you have to be perfect, and you have to have yourself together at all times no matter what. But God says otherwise. He says it is okay to feel however way you feel. You are not perfect. You are human. Do not be strong for others. Strive to be authentic.

To embrace your brokenness does not mean you are weak. It actually means the opposite. There is strength in your tears! If you want to be fully human, you have to feel. Feeling pain is obviously not enjoyable. We choose to make our emotions, then we would not be able to fully appreciate light emotions, because they are light does not mean you are weak. If we never experienced dark emotions, but just make them go away, and suppressing our feelings will inevitably, many of us think that suppress our feelings will just make them go away, and while they might at the time, they won’t in the long run. Do not fill the emptiness you may feel with an overload of work to keep you busy, with a person who distracts you from the last person that hurt you, by binge-watching Netflix or anything else. Fill that void with the emotions you may never seen before. He is love. What better love story than the one you have with God.

Let God in. Let Him deal with the emotions you may feel. Oswald Chambers said in his book “My Utmost for His Highest,” “We can only be used by God after we allow him to show us the deep, hidden areas of our own character. When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbeat, temptation, disappointment, sickness, or by thwarted desires, a broken friendship, or a new friendship—when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach us.”

Life is hard and our emotions are wild. But Jesus came to this world to be our perfect example. I truly believe He experienced all types of emotions, especially brokenness. Because of that brokenness, we have all been saved. Chambers goes on to ask, “If God can accomplish his purposes in this world through a broken heart, then why not thank him for breaking yours?”

So, next time you feel down, please do not shrug it off. Embrace it. The lessons that He will teach you and the revelation of your purpose will be life-changing. And while it may be scary to go on this new journey with Him, know that He will never leave your side. He is with you every step of the way: at your highest and at your lowest, when you are sad or when you are happy, when you are angry with Him and feel deceived. He is always there.

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LIFESTYLE

#ExposeTheElephant:
Feminism

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“We’ve all heard about it: the so-called plague destroying America that hurts marriage, undermines child rearing and worst of all emasculates men, according to a blog post by the U.S. News and World Report. It’s the f-word that’s feared and revered, touted as a force of evil and worn as a badge of honor: Feminism.

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why there is so much controversy surrounding the ideology known as feminism? According to Marriam Webber, feminism is “the belief that men and women should have equal rights and opportunities.” With such a simple and seemingly harmless definition, why is it that this “elephant in the room” makes everyone so uncomfortable?

Part of this discomfort, especially in conservative Christian circles, comes from the fact that many people have the notion that Christianity and feminism don’t and can’t mix, but this is simply untrue. In fact, Christianity and feminism have a long history. Writer Sarah Bessey, author of “Jesus Feminist,” writes, “Christians can still give thanks to God for the good works associated with feminism, such as the gaining of status for women as ‘persons’ under the law, voting, owning property, and defending themselves in a court of law against domestic violence and rape.”

The right of personhood was instilled in all humans the moment God created us in His image, as His children. Additionally, in the same way that various groups calling themselves “Christian” do and say deplorable and offensive things that not all Christians agree with, not all feminists subscribe to the same set of radical, secular beliefs either. Theologian Dr. John G. Stackhouse points out, “Christian feminists can celebrate any sort of feminism that brings more justice and human flourishing to the world, no matter who is bringing it, since we recognize the hand of God in all that is good.” This leaves us wondering what sort of actions involved in feminism bring about this justice and human flourishing Dr. Stackhouse is referring to.

This is where the understanding for a need for feminism comes in. We need feminism because although gender inequality may have never touched your life in a drastic way, for millions of women around the world, inequality is part of their daily life. One day, about two years ago, I saw just a glimpse of the daily experience endured by oppressed women from around the world. I was attending the young adult meeting at my local church’s summer camping meeting. There were only about five of us at the meeting because it was the first night of the week-long event. We pulled our chairs into a circle and began a Bible study on Ephesians. About twenty minutes into the meeting, two men, whom I’d never seen before, walked in and sat down. At one point, the pastor asked the group a question, to which I began to answer. I had spoken no more than five words when the visitor leaped out of his seat, leaned over me, pointed his finger in my face and roared, “You are wrong! How dare you speak?! This is unbiblical!” I stared, speechless and paralyzed with fear, as the man’s face inched closer and closer to mine while he screamed. I could see his neck veins bulging and his skin turned bright red. I had no idea what to expect next. Thankfully, the overseeing pastor came to my defense and asked the man to respect everyone in the Bible study or leave. The man chose to leave, but not without stopping to express his disgust at me and the fact that I was allowed to speak at a church meeting.

This experience may have been unique to me, but it’s the tip of the iceberg for women around the world. This is proved in statistics like these: Over 62 million girls worldwide are barred from attending school, according to the Malala Fund. The World Health Organization (WHO) reported in 2014 that about 125 million women and girls have undergone the horrific procedure known as female genital mutilation. Even American women aren’t safe; those in the US military in Iraq or Afghanistan are more likely to be sexually assaulted or raped by a fellow soldier than killed by the enemy, according to the Invisible No More coalition. These numbers are staggering and overwhelming, but it’s important that we understand why so much evil exists in the world toward women and its roots within the foundation of our Christian faith.

In their book, “Captivevating,” John and Stasi Eldredge explain Satan’s “special hatred” for womankind because of his deep jealousy of their beauty. “Lucifer was gorgeous. He was breathtaking. And it was his ruin. Pride entered Lucifer’s heart...Satan fell because of his beauty. Now his heart for revenge is to assault beauty...most especially, he hates Eve. Because she is captivating, uniquely glorious, and he cannot be. She is the incarnation of the beauty of God...Eve incarnates the beauty of God and she gives life to the world. Satan’s bitter heart cannot bear it.”

You see, feminism is a result of the great battle for the hearts of humankind! Satan hates all of God’s children and seeks to destroy them by spreading lies about God’s character. He does this by creating the type of pain and strife mentioned in the above statistics.

Sadly, Satan has done a great job pushing the discussion surrounding feminism to the extreme on both sides of the argument, but it doesn’t have to be that way. We are part of the great controversy we’ve lived our lives hearing about. But Satan’s evil ways have gone on for too long, and Christians all over the world are realizing how deep this conspiracy goes.

Being a Christian feminist simply means that you are an advocate for the humanity God created and showing His love to all people, in many different forms. For this reason, Christian feminists are essential to battling the darkest forces of the universe because we are equipped with the truth and power of Christ! The question is, will you take up arms and join in with the fight?”

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**SPORTS**

**NHL All-Stars in Nashville**

PARKER CENTER

**Sports Editor**

A second-improved NHL All-Star weekend kicked off and it was filled with excitement, controversy and an unlikely hero. Leading up to the weekend, fans had the power to vote in players they wanted for the All-Star Game, the annual exhibition ice hockey game between the Eastern and Western conferences. There is always risk in putting power into the hands of the fans, but the NHL never expected this to happen: 33-year-old John Scott was not only voted in, but leading in the polls. You might ask, “Who is this guy?” Exactly.

It’s been a journeyman throughout his career, meaning most teams deal him away because of his lack of contribution in the scoring department. Scott has only six goals and five assists in nine years playing career, totaling 11 points. Certainly averaging 1.2 points a year will not get you into the All-Star Game (All-Star Game) but he did. The NHL tried their best to avoid this and even sent an email asking him to remove himself from the voting, but that wasn’t enough for Scott to bail, and we are all glad he didn’t.

The weekend kicked off with the skills competition on Saturday night. The competitions included: fastest skater, breakaway challenge, accuracy shooting, skills relay, hardest shot and a team shootout. Detroit Red Wings’ Dylan Larkin broke the record in the fastest skater competition for the fastest lap with a time of 13.172 seconds (previously held by Mike Gartner at 13.386). The East Conference won 5 points.

Next up was the breakaway challenge, where players try to score on their opposing goalies. This year, P.K. Subban of the Montreal Canadiens stole the show with a spot-on impersonation of the living legend Jaromir Jagr. Subban who won the Twitter vote of 31 percent and the East won one point. Following that was the accuracy shooting challenge, where the goal is to hit all four corners of the net. New York Islander John Tavares smoked with a time of 12.294 seconds and the East won three more points.

Next was the skills relay challenge, where each team had to try to finish each challenge. For example, one of the challenges was to try to score in a miniature net from a distance in the shortest time. The team with the shortest time to complete all the challenges wins. The Western Conference had the better time of one minute and 27 seconds, compared to the Eastern Conference with a score of one minute and 38 seconds. West won three points. The second to last competition was the hardest shot competition. Nashville’s own Shea Weber got first place with the fastest shot of 108.1 mph while East’s Steven Stamkos got second place with a shot of 105.9 mph. The West won three more points. The last event of the skills competition was the shootout. Multiple players from both teams competed to see who could get the most goals. East easily won with 17 goals, the West a mere four. The officials tallied up all the points; the East won with a total of 29 points and the West lost with 12.

The real game was held on Sunday with 3-on-3 hockey compared to 5-on-5 for the ASG. This was the NHL’s attempt to revamp All-Star Weekend in hopes to bring the excitement back. Each conference has two divisions. East has the Atlantic and the Metropolitan. West has the Central and the Pacific. The two divisions of each conference play against each other; then the resulting winners play each other in the final for a prize of one million dollars). The games were 20 minutes long with a haltime at 10 minutes. The first game was the Atlantic vs. the Metropolitan. The Atlantic won with a score of 4-3. Next up was Pacific vs. Central. Pacific came up with the upset and won 9-6 with the help of none other than John Scott with two goals. The final, Atlantic vs. Pacific, raised competition levels because the prize money. Pacific came out on top with a score of 1-0. The West wins.

Now, we all like storybook endings, and having John Scott make the ASG was quite something, but having him score two goals to help his Pacific team seal the victory against the Central was something he never imagined. His presence at the ASG was mostly viewed as a joke, but he showed everyone his skill. All of this gave the NHL no choice but to name John Scott the NHL All-Star MVP.

“Hasn’t sunk in,” says John Scott following the game. “You can’t really write this stuff.” A month ago, he was just a man struggling in the NHL. Now he’s a hero to his team and to his two daughters.

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**NFL Pro Bowl: Irvin vs. Rice**

**Caleb Begley**

**Contributor**

The Pro Bowl, which matches the best of the best from both the American Football Conference and the National Football Conference, was contested this past Sunday, Jan. 31, at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii. Two teams were selected via a mini tournament. Michael Irvin selected one team, while former San Francisco 49er Amare Cooper, who was able to convert a fake punt into a touchdown that was brought back after review, as it was determined that Indianapolis Colt receiver Ty Hilton was unable to complete the catch. In the end, Derek Carr was able to find Keke with a 28-yard lead into halftime.

The running games were stifled, thanks to two good run defenses. Team Irvin was held to 97 yards on the ground while Team Rice was stopped and could only muster 61 yards of rushing. Oakland Raiders running back LaTavius Murray led Team Irvin in rushing with 18 carries for 42 yards while Team Rice led by Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson. Team Rice fought back, and had arguably one of the wildest drives in NFL history to do it. After seemingly going three and out, Team Rice was able to convert a fake punt into a first down. A few plays later, Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr was intercepted by New York Giants defender Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, who returned the football but was hit hard, and the ball popped loose. Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Doug Martin was able to pounce on it, and Team Rice retained possession.

The drive also included a touchdown that was brought back after review, as it was determined that Indianapolis Colts receiver Ty Hilton was unable to complete the catch. In the end, Derek Carr was able to find Keke with a 28-yard lead into halftime.

The second half, once again was dominated by Team Irvin, ending with 406 passing yards. Team Rice passed the ball a lot as well, scoring 396 yards in the air with 198 of it coming from Derek Carr. Jacksonville Jaguars receiver Allen Robinson led Team Irvin in receiving with just two receptions, but they totaled 103 yards and a touchdown.

Keke led Team Rice in receiving, with 5 catches for 91 yards and two touchdowns. The running games were stifled, thanks to two good run defenses. Team Irvin was held to 97 yards on the ground while Team Rice was stopped and could only muster 61 yards of rushing. Oakland Raiders running back LaTavius Murray led Team Irvin in rushing with nine carries for 42 yards while Martin led Team Rice with seven carries for 20 yards and a touchdown. Team Irvin won the 2016 Pro Bowl, 49-27.

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The Campus Chatter
Southern Adventist University

Thursday, February 4, 2016

**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation: Student Week of Prayer, 11a, Church
- SA Election Petitions Due, Noon, Student Services
- Deans/Chairs Advisory, 3:30p
- Student Week of Prayer, 7p, Church.

**FRIDAY**
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- Volleyball Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/ intramurals
- Workshop: Finding Your Fit, 12:30p, Presidential Banquet Room
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: Student Week of Prayer, 8p, Church
- Sunset, 6:12p
- Afterglow/12 Hours of Prayer Begins, 9:30p

**SABBATH**
- 12 Hours of Prayer Ends, 9:30a
- Branches, 9:45a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Dave Smith
- Prayer Breakfast with Dr. Bietz, 10:30a, Presidential Banquet Room
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Dave Smith
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- Flag Camp, Restore, Patten Towers, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 6p, Church
- 10th Annual Cardboard Boat Event, 7:30p, Iles

**SUNDAY**
- SA Super Bowl 50 Party, 6p, Iles

**MONDAY**
- Chinese New Year
- LSAT Exams, Lynn Wood
- SA Media applications/portfolio due, Noon, Student Services office
- Calling, Career & Vocation Committee, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- University Senate, 3:30p
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p

**TUESDAY**
- Dean’s Luncheon, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- International Tax Preparation Seminar, 3-5p, Lynn Wood
- SA Candidate Election Orientation, 6p, Robert Merchant Room

**WEDNESDAY**
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- International Tax Preparation Seminar, 3p, Lynn Wood
- Volleyball Captains Meeting, 5p, Halsey
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

**NOOGA HAPPENINGS**

**Thursday**
- River Gallery’s February 2016 Exhibit: James Conner & Calvin Nicely (free; 10 - 5 all month)
- The Chattery’s From the Heart: DIY Valentine’s Keepsake (Chattanooga Workspace; $18; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Winter Workshop Series: How To Poop In The Woods (Outdoor Chattanooga; free; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Jazzanooga Presents: FOCUS Chattanooga (Chattanooga Workspace; $18; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- To Poop In The Woods (Outdoor Chattanooga Workspace; free; 7-8 p.m.)

**Friday**
- A Picture’s Worth: A Photography Exhibit, Opening Reception (Association for Visual Arts; free; 5:30-8 p.m.)
- Open Studio Nights (Chattanooga Workspace; free; 5:30-8:30 p.m.)
- The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)

**Saturday**
- The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)
- Cookies and Cocoa for Creation (Lee University; free; 7:30-9:15 p.m.)
- PhotoNight at AVA (Association for Visual Arts; free; 6-7:30 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Harp Ensemble in North Shore (St. Marks United Methodist Church; free; 7-8 p.m.)

**Sunday**
- The Veil: Redemption Of Creation (Lee University; free; 2-3:45 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Music Club & the MacDowell Club present their Annual Free Joint Concert (Second Presbyterian Church; free; 2-3:45 p.m.)
- CSO: Peter and the Wolf (Volkswagen Chattanooga; free; 3-4:30 p.m.)
- Chattanooga Harp Ensemble in uptown Chattanooga (First Centenary United Methodist Church; free; 3-4 p.m.)

**[S.A. Announcements]**

Super Bowl Party: Come over to Iles gym this Sunday night at 6p to enjoy some free pizza, drinks, and a face off between the Panthers and Broncos. The big game will be shown on two large projector screens with plenty of space for everyone to see. Don’t miss it!

Valentines Banquet: February 14th at 7p is the S.A. Valentines Banquet. It will be held at the Chattanooga Convention Center with the theme of “Twenties on the Town.” Come experience an evening downtown filled with carriage rides, catered food, circus acts, and a live jazz band. Dress Sharp! Tickets are on sale now for $25 per person at the S.A. office.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**February 4**
- Bruno Benna
- Krista Bonney
- Kindsey Calvert
- Kevin Christenson
- Casey Ferree
- Grady Hayden
- Sierra Meintzer
- Stephen Rodacker
- Patrick Wunderlich

**February 5**
- Jeyde Milander
- Kevin Miller
- Matthew Wilson

**February 6**
- Kevin Corrigan
- Brittny Desvarieux
- Jeremy Faehner
- Travis Herbert
- Jenee Lee
- Jeff Martin
- Cristal Pizarro
- Megan Simpson
- Silvertone Stare
- Landon Stoner

**February 7**
- Jasmine Smith

**February 8**
- Michael Chung
- Sarah Davis
- Camila Guarino
- Jeffrey Hobic
- Chloe Khan
- Maria Kim
- Melanie Ramirez
- Mindy Steele
- Erica Thompson

**February 9**
- Emily Deedrick
- Glendy Gutierrez
- Alissa Innamorati
- Cassie White
- Nicole Woodcock

**February 10**
- Jannai Arelano
- Mark Gindi
- Stefan Heldzinger
- Stacy Higgins
- Daniel Little
- Fausto Lorenzo
- Maxwell McKenzie
- Kendall Miller
- Stephanie Willisson
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When you are expecting to see if fire drill happens...
#lackofsleep #fire #drill #saulife

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Things I will not miss from Southern: Fire drill and
long lines on pasta day on the same day. #why
#saulife #longlines #firedrill

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

That moment when the preacher says the bushes in
front of Thatcher were his friends back in the day...
#saulife #southernmatrimonycollege

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

When you are the RA on duty and after the drill you
have to do check... #work #saulife #firedrill #RA #well

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Cold, Disturbing, Anger, and Tiredness all at once
can only mean one thing: firedrill #saulife #firedrill
#rantover #why

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

It’s hard to stay motivated on your run when you can
smell Little Debbies baking less than a mile away
#littledebbie #SAUlife #haterunning

Lindsey Conkle, @inTreble22
Marketing, SR

That moment when the preacher says the bushes in
front of Thatcher were his friends back in the day...
#saulife #southernmatrimonycollege

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

Living off campus makes me miss fire drills... There’s
something bonding about everyone being angry
together at 1 in the morning. #SAULife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

When you get a job on campus that pays you $8.25
instead of the usual $7.25... #AllIsDolsWin #Started-
FromTheBottom #SAULife

Shaina Rantung, @shainarantung
Public Relations, JR

Last fire drill last night. I would say it’s bittersweet,
but I definitely won’t miss being woken up & standing
in the cold. #SAULife

Alexy Gratica, @lexlex212
Clinical Psychology, SR

That moment you clean your car and then treat
the whole thing like it’s a sterile environment.
#nursingschoolproblems #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

Sleeping beauties #sausleepers

Kassaundra Kirschmann, @kassaundraruth
Nursing, SR

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theyoungdylemma Dabbing on that classy flow.
#creepersintheback #sabbathvibes #squad #sasstyles
HUMOR

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D-I-WHY?

Here’s a collection of do-it-yourself projects that embody the statements “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” and “If it looks stupid but it works, it ain’t stupid” simultaneously.

Environmental friendly with a classy hardwood aesthetic (above)

Nail Clippers have some shockingly alternative uses (below)

With smoked ham being the latest trend in the fashion world, check out this deli meat tiara that’s stylish enough for Lady Gaga to sport at her next award show

Stay cool and sharp whilst saving time cutting lettuce with this one, simple trick that five-star chefs don’t want you to know! (above)

A quick and simple bootleg way to secure your favorite beverage (right)

Now you can enjoy the comfort of hot fresh pizza as you get grease all over the expensive shirt you’re ironing!

Share some of your own clever DIYs using the hashtag #SAUhumor
DAVID C. SMITH NAMED SOUTHERN’S NEW PRESIDENT

Rosana Hughes
Managing Editor

David C. Smith has accepted the position to serve as Southern Adventist University’s 26th president after the board of trustees unanimously voted to formally extend the offer of presidency on Feb. 10.

“I am honored to follow Gordon Bietz, who has provided Southern with 19 years of distinguished leadership,” said Smith. “I look forward to partnering with God and all who are associated with Southern to see how He will make a special school even more special.”

There will be two start dates for Smith to begin working with President Gordon Bietz: one when he is put on Southern’s payroll, due to meetings and other duties, and one when he sits in office. However, exact dates have yet to be determined.

Bietz said he is hopeful to have at least a month or so of working together before he retires.

“I have many good feelings about my 19 years as president, and because I will be able to let someone else do the ‘heavy’ lifting, that is also good,” said Bietz. “I feel bad because I love my work, I love the people that I work with, I love Southern and particularly love all the students – and I will miss it all.”

Smith said he is currently dealing with the emotions and reality of leaving his position as senior pastor of Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

“I’m not really leaving the people in this church,” said Smith. “I just had the most special experience in this church... But I’m excited about

This difference can cause discrepancies in weather forecasts, which will be fixed when Southern’s station is up and running. The station will feed information directly to apps like WeatherBug and AccuWeather, providing up-to-date information quickly to anyone in the area.

This project is still in the early stages of development.
LETTTER TO THE EDITOR

I recently began attending vespers and convocations and I am shocked at how disrespectful the students are. Often I can’t hear the speaker because of students talking, sharing with each other things on their phones, and laughing. I decided to move closer to the front. While it is better near the front, the noise level is still bothersome for trying to hear the speaker. I would like to ask these students a question. If you were at a movie theater and some people behind you were talking, making it difficult for you to hear the movie, would you like that? Not only is it rude to those around you, but it is rude to the speaker. Another question. What if you were the one presenting the message; would you like people talking, laughing, and looking at Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, and texting? I know that many of the students don’t want to be there and are only there to get credits which are required. But, can you please be unselfish and consider those around you who might want to be there to gain a blessing? Can you please consider the speaker and their feelings? Can you please refrain from talking during the convocation or vespers?

Here is something to consider. A wise woman told me that she used to travel the world visiting different mission organizations. She said she wondered why she didn’t see more demon possession in America. She then realized that if Satan can distract you and use you to distract others, he has the same effect as possessing someone. I would expect a Christian school to be more respect-ful and reverent than I have witnessed so far. I read Dave Smith’s comment about using students much more in leadership if he is president. I would hope that the selection of the students for these positions would be carefully reviewed. Jesus is coming very soon and without appearing to be judgmental, the fruit I see in these meetings are very saddening. Please pray for maturity and the desire to be respectful and Christlike during vespers and convocations. These are sobering times we are living in. That doesn’t mean we can’t have fun. We can have fun at the appropriate times and in appropriate ways.

I am praying for the students. I am praying for the new president. Kelly Plank is a Collegedale resident.

ACCENT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

The Southern Accent welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. They will be printed when space is available and may be edited for minor style requirements. Letters must include the authors first and last name (for community members, please include the area you live in). Letters must not be longer than 400 words. Anonymous letters will not be published. The deadline for letters to the editor is 2 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Email letters to: accent@southern.edu with “Letter to the Editor” in the subject line.

TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS MERGE AND CHOOSE NEW NAME

The technology department and the School of Business and Management at Southern Adventist University have merged and are now called the School of Business.

The School of Business proposed the name change in August, and agreed upon by both departments in October. It was later approved by the university cabinet on Nov. 3, 2015.

As of fall 2015, two new degrees are now being offered as a result of this merge, the bachelor of technology (BT) in construction management and the bachelor of technology in automotive services.

Verlyne Starr, associate professor of the School of Business, conducted surveys among students and faculty within the department in regards to the possible name change. With this information, the department decided on the School of Business.

"While deciding on a name, we thought ‘we’ve got lots of programs,’ said Mark Hyder, dean of the School of Business. ‘Why single out any one program above the others?’

The name change has not been heavily advertised. The office stationery and the school’s website still hold the original name. However, the university plans to correct the department name on all platforms by this summer. ‘I like working with [Hyder],’ he’s got to work with,” said Dale Walters, former chairman of the technology department. “All I can say is that it’s different.” The BT in automotive services was once a combined degree in auto technology and business administration. It used to take five years to graduate with this degree, but with the new degree it now takes four.

“If you want to run your own automotive business,” said Walters. “The four year degree is perfect for that.”

The only other Adventist university that offers degrees in technology is Walla Walla University. “This is a better situation,” said Hyder. “At least three students have already switched over. That’s encouraging.”

Both departments are benefiting from the merge, and the name change.

“They [tech department] insights and opinions are highly valued,” said Hyder. “They bring a down to earth, practical thought process to the faculty.”

RENOVATIONS OF LOWER STATESIDE APARTMENTS CONSIDERED

The Financial Administration is deciding whether or not to start renovating the lower stateside apartments.

These apartments include Carolina, Florida and Georgia and are located across the street from the upper stateside apartments on University Drive. They are mainly used to house married couples and young families. Renovations were made on the upper stateside apartments three years ago, and the Financial Administration is hoping to follow suit with the lower stateside apartments.

Both Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of Financial Administration, and Tom Verrill, senior vice president of Financial Administration, stressed the fact that Financial Administration has not made the decision to renovate the apartments and are still in the early stages of planning.

Hamilton said he aims to make the decision as soon as he gets the approval from the Administrative Council. He plans to take the proposal to the Administrative Council at the end of February. There he will discuss how the project will be funded and when the renovations will take place.

One big obstacle they face is funding the project. Hamilton said enrollment has been down this year and that limits them from making any decisions on the renovations. Another issue is when they would start with the renovations if they do pass the proposal through the Administrative Council. Tom Verrill said that if it does get passed, the renovations would start during the summer when the buildings are vacant.

“These apartments are very rundown,” Hamilton said. “They were built in the 60s and it’s now starting to show.”

If the renovations are approved, Hamilton thinks it will help improve the living conditions of the students living in the apartments.

“We have to plan with what the campus needs first,” said Verrill. “We need to see that the most important needs are met first before we make a decision.”

THURSDAY

• River Gallery’s February 2016 Exhibit: Featuring James Conner & Calvin Nicely (free; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all month)
• A Matter of Life and Death / Stairway to Heaven Screening (Heritage House; free; 2-3:45 p.m. & 7-8:45 p.m.)
• Elliott Daingerfield: Creating the Figure (Hunter Museum; $15; 6-7 p.m.)
• Writer Workshop Series: Navigate with Map and Compass (Outdoor Chattanooga; free; 6-7:30 p.m.)
• Jazzoonga Presents: FOCUS 2016 Movie Screening (Part 3 of 4) (Jazzoonga Arts Space; free; 6-8 p.m.)
• The Photographic Society of Chattanooga: Mike Daniel (St. John United Methodist Church; free; 6-8 p.m.)
• Jazzoonga Gospel & Soul Brunch (Bessie Smith Cultural Center; $15-20; 1-3 p.m.)

FRIDAY

• Pear Street Painters Exhibit: “Once in a Blue Moon” (Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association; free; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. all month)
• Bluegrass Jamboree (Harrison Ruritan Club; free; 6-9 p.m.)

SATURDAY

• Music at St. Paul’s: A Matter of Life and Death / Stairway to Heaven Screening (Heritage House; free; 2-3:45 p.m. & 7-8:45 p.m.)
• A Matter of Life and Death / Stairway to Heaven Screening (Heritage House; free; 2-3:45 p.m. & 7-8:45 p.m.)

SUNDAY

• Jazzoonga Gospel & Soul Brunch (Bessie Smith Cultural Center; $15-20; 1-3 p.m.)
COMMUNITY NEWS

Students intern at the Chattanooga Police Department

Siera Wendt  
STAFF WRITER

A new chaplaincy internship program at the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) is composed of seven students from the School of Religion. The program provides opportunities for the students to go on ride-along excursions, build relationships with police officers, be available for counseling and prayer, participate in chapel services and minister to victims of domestic violence at the Family Justice Center.

Of the 10 original students who signed up, seven have continued after orientation to the training portion of the program, which began Feb. 8: Jaime Barbosa and David Carnero, freshmen; Andrew Caban, sophomore; John Felts and Joe Ellis, juniors; and Ellainna Hart and Jared Callaway, seniors.

Andrew Caban, sophomore theology major, said he is doing it so that he can have the experience of being “where everything happens.”

“I never considered the role of a police chaplain,” said freshman David Carnero. “It wasn’t till I applied for the program that I realized how important chaplains are to the police department.”

This is one of the reasons CPD Chaplain Tuwan Ussery believes the program is valuable.

“We hope that the students benefit from this alternative to pastoral ministry and the opportunity to serve God and their community,” said Ussery.

Both Ussery and Greg King, dean of the School of Religion, expressed hopeful outlooks for the program.

“We feel really good about students being able to serve the community,” said Ussery. “We felt they displayed the spiritual maturity and knowledge that they need for the chaplaincy internship program.”

Ussery contacted King when the program became available. Southern was chosen for the pilot run of the internship program, but Ussery has future plans to contact theology and religion departments of other universities in the Chattanooga area.

“He [Ussery] called me, and I took it to the religion faculty, and we agreed that it was a good idea and an exciting opportunity for us to have a positive impact on our larger community,” King said, “to form some relationships that we wouldn’t otherwise have, and to get some good experience for our ministerial students.”
Two students hit
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“The weather played a role with rain and compromised visibility,” said Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of Financial Administration. “The flashing crosswalk lights were operational and flashing at both incidents.”

Hamilton also said that Southern’s current crosswalk flashing systems are the latest technology. “These type of lights were adopted by the City of Collegedale as the new standard, which also meets the National Highway Traffic Standards (NHTSA),” said Hamilton. “All of our four crosswalk flashing lights have been upgraded to this new standard over the last two years.”

Hamilton stressed that students and employees should always remember to press the flashing button before crossing a public street, something that many disregard. “We will be discussing this situation further on whether additional changes need to be made,” said Hamilton. “Those could include more caution signage, audible devices, and even further talks to the campus on crosswalk safety.”

According to Campus Safety, the Vision 20/20 plan will construct a road that goes around the campus instead of through it, effectively making Southern a walking campus. The section of University Drive that cuts through campus will turn into a walkway similar to the promenade, and a road will be added running parallel to the biology trail. Instead of driving over the train tracks on Apison Pike, that road will turn into a bridge traveling over the train entirely. Campus Safety is hopeful that this will decrease pedestrian accidents on campus.

Teri Reutebuch, administrative assistant for Student Services, confirmed that both students have been reached out to by Southern faculty to ensure their wellbeing.

Josh Fraker, field training officer at Campus Safety, reported this is the first time Southern has had two incidents in one day, and one of the first times the incidents had witnesses other than the victim and the driver. The Southern Accent reported on Nov. 8, 2012 that two professors had been hit at a crosswalk in the past year. The Accent also reported on March 20, 2014 that a student was hit that month and that there had been five incidents since 2008 where pedestrians were hit by vehicles. Further details will be reported on accent.southern.edu as soon as police reports are released.

Cassie Matchim and Sheann Brandon contributed to this article.

David C. Smith named Southern’s new president
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remaining a member here and coming over to the university and starting to work with people.”

Smith said his long-term plan for Southern is to improve enrollment, find ways to make education at Southern more affordable and reduce student debt. He wants to give students more opportunities to experience leadership on campus, to create a more authentic spiritual life for students and faculty and to find a way for Southern to play a more meaningful role in the local community.

A search for new senior pastor of Collegedale Church will be discussed at the March 29 board meeting.

Smith has previously worked as professor and chair in Southern’s English Department from 1981 to 1998, when he left to become president of Union College, where he served for 13 years before returning to Collegedale in 2011 as senior pastor for the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Come find out!

Faculty and current students from Southern’s graduate programs, as well as representatives from several other Adventist universities, will be on hand to answer questions!

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Wednesday, February 24, 2016, Back of the Dining Hall, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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Argentinian families visit Southern to study English

HANNAH JORI
Staff Writer

Six faculty and staff members from Argentina’s Seventh-day Adventist University, Universidad Adventista del Plata, are concluding a six-week English study trip to Southern on Feb. 19.

Laura and Marcelo Sapía, Silvana and Carlos Mari, and Cintia and Roberto Giordana, along with their children, came as part of an exchange program between Southern and the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) school in Argentina. They arrived at the beginning of the semester and are completing the program on Feb. 19.

“Three weeks is part of our vacation and three weeks the institution pays for the trip,” said Marcelo, director of the Student Advisory Center of the Argentinian university.

Laurie Stankavich, associate professor in the English department, worked with the participants and spoke of the impact this program has.

“What it allows for us as an institution is an opportunity to invest in the Seventh-day Adventist church globally,” said Stankavich.

Stankavich also said while it is unusual, the program is beneficial because it gives these families the “opportunity to be exposed to English in a good environment.”

Throughout the trip, the Argentinian families participated in English as a Second Language (ESL) training in order to become more fluent in speaking, writing and listening to English. They visited locations such as the Smoky Mountains and the Tennessee Aquarium. They also got the chance to meet members of departments at Southern that are equivalent to those in the Argentinian university.

During their stay, the Argentinian families stayed in campus apartments and were able to get a complete university experience. They enjoyed the food in the cafeteria and the recreational area that Hulsey provides. They were very excited to see snow since some of their children had never seen it before.

“We are very happy to have this experience and to be in this university,” said Cintia Giordana, assistant to the vice president of development at the Argentinian university. “We are thankful to the university for the opportunity to take classes and learn about the culture.”

The exchange program was developed in 2011 to give both universities the opportunity to learn more about each other’s language and culture. Faculty and staff members from both schools go to the others’ country during their summer break each year.

SA hosts Valentine’s Day banquet

DANIELLE ALLEN
Lead Reporter

Student Association (SA) held a Valentine’s Day banquet last Sunday, Feb. 14 in the Chattanooga Convention Center.

The theme for the banquet was “Twenties on the Town,” mirroring the era of the “Roaring Twenties.” The doors opened at 6:15 p.m. as students and faculty came dressed as people from the 1920s. A local band called “Jazz Revolution” and a local circus troupe, “Cirque de Vol,” performed various acts throughout the night. After dinner, the banquet ended as students and faculty were moved outside to the horse-driven carriage rides that explored downtown Chattanooga.

Savannah Brown, junior business administration major, coordinated the entire event under the supervision of Student Services and Rachel Cundiff, social vice president and sophomore nursing major, with a budget of $14,500. Brown is Cundiff’s assistant.

“I think it went really well,” said Brown. “It actually turned out better than I had hoped. I believe the thing that made the night a real hit was the fact that almost everyone put effort into dressing up like they were from the Roaring Twenties. It definitely added to the feel of the whole night.”

Brown said the only change she would have made was to spend more time planning the banquet.

Cundiff did not return requests for comment.

Many students expressed their satisfaction with the Valentine’s Day banquet. Patricia Duvrá, senior business administration major, and Jaron Hobdy, senior social work major, attended the banquet as a couple. Hobdy said the setup was elegant and it was a great way to spend Valentine’s Day. Duvrá said, “My favorite part was the carriage rides because normally they are really expensive, but it was nice that it was included in the banquet.”

Both said the only thing they wanted to change about the banquet was more interaction among the guests.

SA hosts a Valentine’s banquet for students every year.
When you should fix instead of upgrade

Joseph Bedross
Religion Editor

Do you remember the first time that someone said to you, “Well, that’s just your opinion.” It hurt, huh? At least, it showed you that your “opinion” was not the norm or the universal truth. It was just that: your opinion.

About a month ago, I was doing outreach in a community near Louisville, Kentucky. While walking down a street in a very wealthy neighborhood, my outreach partner and I encountered a retired army colonel. He was a very intelligent man, a polite person and an agnostic. We started to talk about his life and some of the experiences that shaped him throughout his life and military service. After chatting for quite some time, we encountered a point of tension: our faith. I, a Christian, and he, an agnostic, could not agree on the existence of a higher being.

We discussed slavery in the Old Testament, moral standards and other changes in human lives. The more we discussed, the more quickly I realized we were only shar-
Creative writing spotlight: The life of Pablo

HANANAH STRAUGHN

As Jacqueline entered her dorm room, an aura of gaiety pulsed from her being, flooding the room with positive vibes. The squad was gathered there for their usual debriefing on one another’s social life and the latest gossip on the streets.

Sensing Jacqueline’s unusually high spirits, Ashley couldn’t help but ask her, “Who is...?”

Before she could finish, Suze replied, “His name is Pablo and he seems like a really great guy!”

Jacqueline quickly plodded down on the floor beside the rest of the girls and took some time to peer into each of their souls as she inquired, “What do you guys know about him?”

An incomprehensible stream of words simultaneously spewed from the mouths of her friends with the ferocity of Niagara Falls.

“Hold on! One at a time, ladies,” Jacqueline protested. “You go first Jasmine. What do you know about him?”

“Well, I have Christian Ethics with him and he always has a lot to say,” Jasmie responded. “He knows a lot about the Bible and Ellen White. He must be a theology major.”

“Yeah, I’m not really close to him—I’m only his friend on Facebook—but based on his posts, he seems like a pretty insightful and respectable guy,” Sarah chimed in. “He may be a little too old-fashioned for you, though.”

“Are you serious?” Maya asked, her face convoluted. “I heard he’s a player. I wouldn’t have anything to do with him if I were you, Jacqueline. Just observe him! He hugs every girl he passes by, and he’s always hanging out with a different one every time I see him.”

There was a moment of silence as an air of skepticism crept upon Jacqueline, stifling her excitement. “Well, so much for that...” she mumbled.

Then Marcella spoke. Her words were a glimpse of light in a world consumed by darkness: “Honestly, none of us know him personally, Jacqueline. You should get to know Pablo for yourself before jumping to conclusions about what kind of guy he is.”

“Marcella’s right,” Ashley agreed. “Do what you want to, Jacqueline.”

“True!” the girls all exclaimed, except Maya, who rolled her eyes in disdain. “But I don’t know...” Jacqueline shrugged. “I think I’m just going to leave him alone.”

Are you health conscientious?

MARCELLENNA MAVUNTU

What does it mean to be conscientious of your health? Is it eating fruits and vegetables all day? Or avoiding junk food because your parents say it’s bad? Health conscientiousness is ultimately the trait of being thorough and careful about a task—concerned about doing something correctly and following what you know to be right. At the end of the day, it’s your choice whether or not you want to live a healthy diet and lifestyle. So, here is a list of ways to help you have a health conscientious life:

1) Avoid snacking in between meals. I know this is a struggle, even for me. It’s rather tempting to sneak in a bag of chips or fruit snacks during class before that long line at lunch. Snacking just makes your stomach have to work non-stop without any breaks, which can take a toll on your digestive system. Eating three meals a day is a standard way to get the nutrients you need at specific times instead of scattered throughout the day.

2) Have a variety of foods. Eating just fruits and vegetables all day can get bland, and too much of one thing is never good. Throw in some other nutritious foods like 100 percent whole grains and dairy, too. With different foods in your system, it’s easier to get more vitamins and minerals. Eating a rainbow of various foods is something to always keep in mind.

3) Eat gluten-free. Are you aware of what gluten is and what it can do? Overall, it’s important to know and be conscientious of what you’re eating. Looking at nutrition labels, I also get lost in the 3,000-letter labels that are often found on most food containers. However, it’s also good to read gluten and even GMO labels before purchasing foods.

For the class Research in Biology, I’m conducting a research survey for 300 to 500 Southern undergraduate students to measure students’ health conscientiousness and awareness of their diet and lifestyle. This research proposal is also in collaboration with the cafeteria as a food polling method to see what students like to eat. Why not take just five to 10 minutes to fill out a short 20-question survey online? It’ll not only help me and Southern but also help yourself to see how aware you are of what you’re eating. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/5QRTRV9 to fill out a survey.
Like never before, society is being faced with juggling a rapidly diversifying set of worldviews, beliefs, lifestyles and practices. Issues like homosexuality, abortion, transgenderism, pornography and premarital sex have become hot-button topics that society can’t agree on. Because of the potential for civil chaos, many have decided that tolerance is the best way to navigate the cloud of moral and ethical dilemmas. However, no one can agree, tolerance seems like the perfect solution to society’s problem. Those who advocate tolerance do so on the grounds that everyone is entitled to their own opinions and that no one has the right to impose their beliefs on others.

At its core, tolerance is born out of the mindset that since there are so many differences of opinion on what is right and wrong, all alternative lifestyles should be accepted and thus moral relativity is born. Moral relativity states: “There are so many different beliefs and opinions that it is impossible to know true right and wrong, so who are you to judge?” This mindset in which right and wrong is merely relative, rather than absolute, has permeated every aspect of society and has greatly affected public policy, social interaction and even written laws.

I recall seeing a news story in which a self-employed wedding cake store-owner declined to prepare a cake for a homosexual couple seeking to buy a wedding cake. The store owner was charged and accused of being intolerant. The intolerance of tolerance is disagreement. It is impossible to tolerate something you like or approve of. For example, I love chocolate cake. If a friend offers to give me some, my acceptance of the cake will not be out of tolerance, but out of genuine appreciation of it. However, I don’t like apple pie. But if a friend of mine cooked one for me, I would accept it, or tolerate it, on the grounds that I value my friend’s feelings more than my personal preference.

However, in today’s society, tolerance has taken on a new meaning. Those who demand tolerance of their beliefs and lifestyles do not merely ask for acceptance and respect from those who disagree but instead assert that those who disagree should change their opinion and agree with them. Am I required to make apple pie for my friend in order to accept it? The definition of tolerance has been entirely lost in the recent distortion of the concept. For example, those who practice alternative lifestyles claim that no one has the right to judge and that if someone believes that their lifestyle is wrong, then that person is intolerant. But when did tolerance go from accepting and respecting someone whom you disagree with to being forced to agree with everyone? This is the first fundamental problem. Today, tolerance doesn’t even mean what it actually means. The second fundamental problem is that although tolerance appears to be neutral and impartial, it couldn’t be farther from it. The popular view in society is that goodness, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder. There are no absolutes. Right and wrong is an individual choice. Yet this view of moral relativity violates its own principle of tolerance when it does not tolerate the views of those whose morality is nonrelativistic. Society prides itself in its “tolerance,” yet refuses to tolerate those who don’t share their view of moral “looseness.” Its argument self-destructs. Society would tell you that in order to be tolerant, you have to agree with those of alternative lifestyles, not simply accept them. The concept of “tolerance” then is very intolerant because it forces its beliefs on those who disagree.

Those who practice alternative lifestyles claim they have the right to believe whatever they want and that more traditional people should accept that without imposing their beliefs. This much is true, but then doesn’t it follow that the more traditional person has the right to believe whatever it is that they believe without being discriminated for it or forced to change their opinions? However, this is not the case. There seems to be an inequity here. In the name of tolerance, a heterosexual is forced to approve of the homosexual lifestyle, whereas the homosexual remains free to judge and impose their beliefs on the heterosexual.

The third fundamental problem with tolerance is that it is based on a presupposed premise that morals are relative rather than absolute. The assumption is that since there are differing opinions about what is right and wrong, no single view can be right, and therefore morality is individual rather than universal. Suppose that five people attempt to solve an extremely difficult math problem and all get different answers. Does the fact that no one agrees mean there is no right answer? Of course not, that is ridiculous. But this is what society teaches. It’s training people to believe that when they are confronted with the most difficult problems, there are no guidelines. There is no right and wrong and it’s simply up to them.

Assuming there are no real moral standards, why be tolerant at all? Why not force my morality on others if it’s in my self-interest, and my personal ethics allow it? And if nobody has the truth, why bother listening and being open minded at all? In short, the tolerance movement doesn’t help people have more rights; it morally empowers people to be allowed to do whatever they want. Tolerance can’t even produce the end it desires. Maybe next time you are accused of being intolerant because of your beliefs, you should respond, “If I don’t have the right to challenge your opinion, why do you have the right to challenge mine?”

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Supercross: High risk, high reward

Jeffrey Brownlow
Contributor

As the excitement of the Super Bowl fades into memories of victory or defeat, another sport continues to wage battle for a champion. Since its inception in 1972, Monster Energy Supercross has accommodated some of the world’s most talented athletes as men and motorcycles combine to compete on dirt race tracks. This 17-race series is held every year January to May with the final round in Las Vegas.

Every Saturday night, two groups of 22 men line up on the starting line with the hope of winning either the premier 450 class main event or 250 class main event. The two classes differ according to bike size. Also, the 250 class generally contains a younger group of riders who are still trying to establish themselves as top professional athletes.

Supercross is composed of a 20-lap main event race with man and machine navigating through a barrage of man-made obstacles, corners and jumps. Unlike Motocross, which is hosted outdoors, Supercross is held in indoor arenas, making the race easily viewable to fans.

Growing up in the sport of Supercross, I have seen first-hand the dedication these athletes and families give to the sport. In order to be a successful professional, families must completely commit their calendar, finances and life to racing. But dedication alone will not guarantee success because only the consistent top 10 finalists are able to make an adequate paycheck from racing full time. An overwhelming aura of respect can be felt flowing from these modern-day gladiators. Each race these Supercross athletes continue to raise the bar of competition in the world’s second-most physically-demanding sport. The risk of injury is high, but the reward is higher. Supercross’ fan base cannot compete with sports such as football and baseball, but what the sport lacks in fans it makes up for with the ruggedness and loyalty at each event.

With the end of the football season, I encourage everyone to watch a Supercross race on TV or check out Racer X magazine in the McKee Library. Maybe TV or reading isn’t your thing? On February 27, Monster Energy Supercross will be coming to the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. First-hand experience of this sport will leave jaws gaping as racers hurdle through the air. It is truly a sport unlike any other!

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2016 Southern basketball intramural divisional winners

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CALENDAR

Thursday, February 18, 2016

**[Student Life Announcements]**

**Academy Choir Festival Concert:** Southern’s School of Music invites you to experience a celebration of excellence in the art of choral singing. Guest conductor Matthew Pottery will lead the Festival choir of more than 200 singers from 13 academies in the Southern Union on Saturday Feb 20 at 4p.

**[S.A. Announcements]**

**Primary Elections:** Primary elections will be open this Thursday, Feb 16 from noon till 11p. The candidates you will be choosing for S.A. President were Moses Mainer, Greg Manestar, and Hayden Palm. Check you email for a link from Survey Monkey.

**Talent Show:** The dates for this year’s talent show have changed. Audition will be on February 25th from 6-11p. Come by the SA office to sign up for audition times. Seven acts will be chosen to perform, so come prepared to impress! The talent show itself and duck awards will be on March 19th in Iles Gymnasium at 9p.

**Studio 4109:** Studio 4109 presents the third episode of season 5. With Coach Schwarz hosting, musical guest Christina Shin and your Studio 4109 house band, Lost and Found. Come enjoy a pre-show at 8:04 with the main show immediately following. Studio 4109 is open to the community. Anyone is welcome to come!
NEW MEDIA

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

**tweeter**

**twitter**

Risking everything by wearing my pearls tonight. #20sNight #SAULife #SAUValentinesBanquet #SDAprobs

Eloise Ravell, @elo_mate

Journalism and International Studies, SR

Pray for your SA candidates--they could change your uni. #prayforSA #SAULife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook

Theology, JR

When your UNCLE, JOB, AND SCHOOL PRESIDENT is mentioned at the same Adventist Review article. #SAULife #Proud

Shaina Rantung, @shainarantung

Public Relations, JR

Liking the student-made comic strip in the @Southern_Accent today! Nothing like random college humor built on experience. #SAULife #Loveit

Carin Bartlett, @carin_bartlett

Public Relations and Graphic Design, SR

Petition for people to stop wearing flip flops in February

Karyn Davies, @karyndavies

Graphic Design, SR

Valentines Sunday makes me crave for Monday to come so bad. What a supernatural phenomenon. #1000tweet #SAULife

Bryan Chen, @bryxbchen

Music-Theory and Literature, JR

When you rush out of the gym to get ready for convo and convo starts late #SAULife

Rebeca Amich, @rebeca_amich

Nursing, SR

Welcome to Southern Dave Smith. Welcome to vespers dates, cafe prices, and fire drills. #saulife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook

Theology, JR

I hope this year we get community 2.0 #sarcasm #whyarewestillpayingsomethingwedontuse? #saulife #13k #peryear #ohboy

Jose Briones, @jnbs21

Theology, SR

**instagram**

It’s below freezing, it’s snowing outside, and I’m wearing flip-flops

David Mancao, @madmanmancao

Film Production, SR

Petition for people to stop wearing flip flops in February

Karyn Davies, @karyndavies

Graphic Design, SR

Snow and hot chocolate: two of winters best!

#saulife

Jolene Clayburn, @jojobeautifulme

Management- Entrepreneurship, SO

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**paolamendezz**

Wouldn’t have been a great day without them #amazingfriends #amazingnight #twentiesonthetown
Southern: A Graphical Representation

Things people on your hall are doing while you're trying to sleep

- Studying
- Vacuuming
- Playing Music
- Dribbling basketballs

Reasons I opened the SAU app

- Class Schedule
- Email
- Grades
- Cafeteria Menu

My freshman year at Southern

Shopping at the VM

TASTY

HEALTHY

CHEAP

Comic Corner

comic created by Richard Roberts

comic created by Hannah Justinen

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EMBRACING DIVERSITY

SPECIAL EDITION: STUDENTS SPEAK ON ISSUES THEY CARE ABOUT MOST
Editorial: The all-access pass nobody earns

ROSANA HUGHES
Editor-in-Chief

I am not black. My skin is not even remotely dark. I cannot and will not pretend to understand racism on a personal level because I was born with privilege—privilege brought on by having white skin.

Although I am Hispanic, I am also white. I have the choice of blending into white culture if I so choose. To avoid the prejudice, avoid the discrimination, I can use my “white card” to get what I want out of the people running the system. For it’s not the system, you see, but the people who run it.

The law doesn’t discriminate against blacks, Hispanics, Asians. It’s the individual people in office who discriminate. I cannot understand racism on a personal level, but I can understand it from the outside. I see it all around me on a regular basis.

The lady startling before scurrying to compose herself when the person I used to date walked in the door to hand me food as I worked. The same lady quickly assuming he is a delivery boy for a restaurant (that has historically never delivered) and not my significant other.

The man clutching his lady’s arm while walking past the person I used to date and me on a sidewalk late at night.

The security personnel in a shopping mall following me and the person I used to date to make sure we—but it was really just him, wasn’t it?—don’t steal any merchandise.

I personally do not know what it feels like to be profiled. I’ve been stopped by police officers and let go without warning for the same offense that the person I used to date committed, but only he was ticketed and required to appear in court and pay a fine.

So, no, I do not know the feeling of being profiled based on the shade of my skin, but I do know what it is like to be with someone who is, and that, to me, is just as offensive.

But these things all happened outside of Southern Adventist University. I was naive to think Southern was an exception. We’re all-inclusive.

A point of view

ADAM SAWYER
Contributor

White people have often asked me why white clubs and a white history month don’t exist.

Here’s a point of view.

One does not want to create a white history month because there’s a need for one. They want to create it simply because there’s a black history month.

That mentality is the very problem.

Blacks in this country are underrepresented. Black history is rarely considered a major role in American history. And black history month isn’t for us; it’s to educate the people who aren’t us so the majority can understand us.

There are many white people in the U.S. that only attach Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks to the civil rights Movement (CRM)—and the CRM was only one aspect of black American history. But those same people have no idea about other major people that play a part in it.

The very fact that we need to keep having these conversations over and over is proof that people are still ignorant of black culture, and why we have this month.

My white friends who ask me these questions feel as if February is an arbitrary month to celebrate black history just for the heck of it but have no idea about the history it is steeped in.

Blacks are still fighting an uphill battle even in 2016, not to actually have the rights of white Americans (because we recognize that we have them) but to actually be seen in the same light that white people are shown daily.

These clubs are about minority celebrations, all of which are under-represented in the U.S.

And at Southern, there is a white club, just not officially. Every club on this campus that is not a minority-represented club is white. When you make a hikers club, an outdoor leadership club, a geocaching club, learn-to-make-a-macaroni-casserole-club, etc., these are your white clubs.

They represent you and the various aspects of who you are. But you don’t see it as that because you are the majority. It’s the norm. For you.

But as black people, our everyday/norman lives are absolutely not represented. Our culture is very different. And yes, there is much overlap. Geocaching and camping are not exclusive to white people. I know plenty of black people who do these things and love them. But there are many aspects of our culture that we leave at home when we come to work and school to fit into the norms of American culture that is your norm.

Whenver people cry, “Why can’t we have a white club?” black people hang their heads in disbelief because you sound like the spoiled kid at recess who is playing with all 6 of his toys but gets mad because the teacher gave the other kid a special toy. The spoiled kid fails to realize that the other kid has a special toy because if he wasn’t given that, he’d have nothing.

Also, it’s okay to not understand. No one should belittle you for asking these questions. But we hurt when people fail to care.

The sad reality is that many will read this and dismiss my words because they can’t relate. And I mourn that reality.

The activist’s dilemma

BRENT RODRIGUEZ
Contributor

Human beings are hard-wired with a need to feel good. Given the great lengths to maintain this sensation. At times this leads them to compartmentalize emotions or ignore aspects of their lives where their behavior is less than ideal.

When people are confronted with information that destabi-lizes their ability to perceive themselves as fundamentally good people, they oftentimes become hostile. Their brains perceive the information as threatening and the messenger as dangerous or out of line. It becomes easy to shoot not only the messenger but also the message that causes them to doubt their fundamental goodness.

The same fight-or-flight mechanisms that are triggered in the face of physical threats are triggered in the face of psychological threats.

This human reality creates a difficulty when a person of color stands up and speaks out against the injustices or hurts they face at the hands of white people in America. What ends up happening is that the people within the system become upset because their fundamental identity as a “good person” is being disrupted and it becomes hard for the message to be received. Thus, the activist faces a challenge: how do I speak in a way that both adequately communicates the problems I face without making my audience feel so threatened that they miss the message altogether?

For this reason, I have become more more careful when I express my activism. It’s true that sometimes you need to be willing to unper and destabi-lize the system to make every- one up to the problems around us. Sometimes throwing the tables upside down and making a scene is necessary. But no one was ever saved getting driven out of the temple. It seems that in both salvation and social justice the way of self-sacrifice is the only way to long-lasting change. And that is the dilemma of the activist—how willing are you to give up your desire to punish your audience? Are you willing enough for the sake of change?

Racial Diversity of Undergraduate Students at Southern

Data: Records and Advisement Office Fall 2015 Board Report
Design: Tia Huff and Cassie Matchim

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**Equality for all, discrimination for none**

**KYLE HARRIS**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Race is a touchy subject across campuses in the nation. Today we are the children and grandchildren of the civil rights generation. Some people have become angry because they feel like no one cares about civil rights anymore. They feel like America has moved on to other things and it’s not a priority. Humans are not capable to maintain their attention span on problems for very long. They focus more on crises, the biggest of which is ISIS. So, racism has been pushed to the back of many of our minds.

However, I want to bring attention to two things: I feel as a white male I am being discriminated against but also how we need to keep our eyes open for minority races and make sure they are treated equally, because everyone’s rights are threatened all the time.

As a white male I find it incredibly difficult to say what is my true opinion on certain subjects, such as race. I realize that people discount my opinion because I am a white-privileged citizen. There is evidence both supporting and disproving the notion of white privilege. Whether it is real or not is not something I will debate. I will say that when certain white people’s opinions are discounted because we are white-privileged, then we have an issue. Minority groups can’t ask white people to stop being racist, to support current civil rights movements or to try to relate when they are completely throwing our opinion away or making us feel like our opinions don’t matter simply because we are white-privileged.

Most importantly, I believe race should never have been an issue in the first place. It is okay if people feel uncomfortable because of a skin color. That is simple racism and prejudice. We must fight past that. However, racism is there, always has been and will always be until the end of time.

So, I feel it is our duty as Christians that we look after our fellow man, especially those who may be discriminated against in our college campus like Arabs, African-Americans and Mexicans. We should show them how much we care and stand up next to each other when one of us is being discriminated against or disrespected.

**Colorblindness does not solve racism**

**DANIELLE ALLEN**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

I can recall the countless times I have heard “I don’t see color” or “Your race does not matter to me” from well-meaning, non-black friends who are obviously not outright racists. I have even heard people hide behind the “all are precious in His sight” rhetoric of racial equality. However, no matter how harmless their intentions are, that mentality is still destructive to people who look like me.

The colorblind rhetoric that so many well-meaning, non-black folk use to avoid dealing with the anxiety of having racial conversations is quite destructive to dealing with racism because it avoids the conversation entirely. Why do people have to “un-see” my race or downplay the color of my skin in order for me to be seen as a human being? Why does “colorblindness” have to happen in order for us, regardless of racial background, to have these often awkward and uncomfortable conversations about race?

The color of my skin matters, who I am as an Afro-Caribbean woman matters, and looking at me and people who look like me and saying that our color has to be “un-seen” for us to be seen as human beings is destructive to advancement in race relations at Southern Adventist University. My skin color should not matter in terms of my advancement in society, but it does comprise a large part of my cultural and ethnic identity.

I am not a crybaby or whiner for calling out the inherent racism on our campus; I am merely a person who knows that Southern has the potential to change for the better and wants to see that change happen before I leave this campus. For too long, we have been too comfortable with the racism on our campus that we do not even recognize it as such.

Now more than ever, we need to recognize racism for the evil societal that it is and change the status quo on our college campus. All lives will matter once black lives begin to matter to those around us.

**The false rhetoric of “Stop complaining about it” Christianity**

**JULIANNE AMEGAN**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Last week, as many of us know by now, there were some questionable comments made on social media about the Southern BlackOut Day hosted by the Black Christian Union. This satirical post created a firestorm of discussion about the importance of celebrating race and having productive racial dialogue on campus.

One of the most significant comments made throughout all the discussion was made in Grady Hayden’s “apology” to Danielle Allen stating, “Ideas like a black out are divisive and not helpful towards our final goal of love and unity. It is especially harmful in a community that is supposed to be united in Christ.”

In theory, this comment is valid, but I can’t help but feel like this statement was used as a scapegoat to avoid the tough and uncomfortable discussion on racism and race at Southern Adventist University.

Some might call Southern an exclusive Christian university with a rather diverse student body. As followers of Christ, we are called to empower and support one another. Some people were deeply offended by the idea that black students would want to celebrate and empower themselves.

But let me ask a question: What is being done on campus to empower one another? Do we empower other marginalized racial groups? No, we do not. We have to take the time and the effort ourselves to feel empowered. We have to build each other up because if we don’t, nobody else will. I truly believe that if our goal is to move forward in the spirit of Christ, the hateful comments made toward black students were terribly misplaced and actually quite disgusting.

As a black and Latina woman, I have fallen victim to racial hate myself and it is so incredibly hard to take a step back and acknowledge that the person saying those things may be not only incredibly misinformed or their experiences in life have led them to a less enlightened outlook on life. But I also believe that in order to have progress here on campus, both parties need to be willing to have dialogue and both voices need to be heard – without insult.

I like to think about it like this: In our relationship with God, He wants us to admit our wrongs, ask for forgiveness and come to Him with our burdens. Never did God say, “If you just don’t talk about it, it will go away.”

We can’t treat racism like it’s a disease that we can get over because it is. We need to tackle it head-on, try to understand why this is hurting other students and what we can do as part of the body of Christ to fix the hurt that has been done. Healing only comes from a unified attempt to reconcile our past of hatred caused by racial divide and an indifference to change.
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here in Happy Valley, aren’t we?
No. We are not.
Racism is such an inher-
ent part of our culture today,
I fear some don’t even realize
they are being racist. They’re
trained to think the way they
do due to their entitlement.
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that it’s hard to understand
why it’s not easy for everyone
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In last week’s issue, the Southern Accent reported on two pedestrians hit in separate crosswalks. On Wed., February 17, at 10:50 a.m., a third student was hit, this time in the Mabel Wood Hall parking lot.

Last Wednesday, Delaney Harris, freshman general studies major, was hit between her rib cage and her hip by a sedan backing out of a parking space in the Mabel Wood Hall parking lot. Harris stated she slammed onto the trunk of the car and that her spine twisted painfully. Although there were a dozen or so witnesses, Harris said no one came over to check on her or the driver.

Harris spoke with the driver and then headed to class, thinking she was fine, until she started to shake uncontrollably. She went to Campus Safety and filed a report and was then sent from the University Health Center to Memorial Imaging Center to get x-rays. No broken bones were found.

“Over the next few days, I noticed bruises on my side,” said Harris. “I couldn't walk, laugh or breathe without pain. My spine ached. Worst of all, I had trouble mentally getting over the situation.”

Harris is still recovering, but is maintaining a positive attitude towards the situation. According to the unofficial police report issued by the Collegedale Police Department, the first student hit in the crosswalk last Monday, who declined to be named, “hit the pedestrian crossing button to activate the lights in the crosswalk” and began to walk across the street, although “she could not remember if the lights were flashing at the time she began to cross.”

Police Corporal David Holloway then spoke to the driver of the vehicle, who claimed to have not seen the flashing lights. He attempted to swerve around the pedestrian after his daughter screamed at him to “look out.” Unable to avoid contact, the driver struck the pedestrian with the front passenger side of his truck.

The driver’s sister, who was driving an SUV in front of her brother’s truck, stated she did not see the lights nor the pedestrian when she drove through the crosswalk moments before.

The pedestrian was transported to Erlanger Hospital via ambulance for treatment of her injuries. The driver was able to drive away from the scene with minor damages to his truck.

According to the police report, the second woman who was hit last Monday night, Andrea Herrera, sophomore chemistry major, was struck after pressing the pedestrian crosswalk lights and continuing to cross the street. The driver was traveling north on University Drive was unable to stop in time and hit Herrera on her left side.

Officer Robert Hirko stated in the police report that he asked Herrera what happened and she responded that she was told a car had hit her, but when asked if she remembered the car hitting her, she said she did not. Herrera was transported via ambulance to Erlanger East for further evaluation.

“It was dark, especially on the right side of the crosswalk from which [Herrera] was coming from,” said the driver, who declined to be named. “When I saw the lights come on I applied the brake, but I was already too close to the crosswalk to stop properly. My hope and prayer is that she heals quickly.”

The driver went on to say that the police did not fault either party for the accident.

**UPDATE: Third student hit by car last week**

**ELOISE RAVELL**
MANAGING EDITOR

The school’s final year at Graysville, 1915-1916.

**NEWS**
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016**

**New student life center moving to Promenade**

**KRISTEN VONNOH**
STAFF WRITER

The employee Town Hall meeting on Feb. 23 revealed that board members decided on Sunday to build the Student Life Center between Hickman Science Center and the McKee Library, instead of building the Student Life Center (including a new cafeteria) next to Hulsey Wellness Center. This will allow more student accessibility.

The original plan to build the new Student Life Center and cafeteria budgeted at $28 million. The new plan is projected to cost $13 million and excludes the cafeteria moving. This will allow for renovations to be made to the existing cafeteria. President Gordon Bietz said in the meeting that the new Student Life Center will free space for academic expansion as well as provide for future use as an academic building.

“The design of the location of the originally proposed student center will be held for future growth,” said Bietz. “If we grow... then we can take the original plan to go across the street [beside Hulsey], and we can turn the student center on the promenade into an academic building and then transfer the cafe and student center across the street.”

The new Student Life Center will replace Herin Hall. It will be 45,000 square feet with two stories, and it will include an eating option like that of the former Campus Kitchen. Student Services will move to the Student Life Center.

The idea for this renovation was part of the Campaign for Excellence in Faith and Learning. Carolyn Hamilton, vice president for advancement and strategic planning, said that this plan was launched in 2012 and has received “truly amazing and visionary gifts and pledges -- more than [they] have ever raised in a past campaign.” There are many other components of this campaign, including building changes, but it was decided one part of the campaign should be focused on the Student Life Center.

“I cannot say at this time when we will have ground breaking,” said Hamilton. “But we will plan a celebration around this event.”

**Southern’s 100-year anniversary move to be celebrated**

**ROBANA HUGHES**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Southern Adventist University’s move from Graysville, Tennessee.

The convocation is to be held on March 17, kicking off the centennial commemoration, as it is listed in the calendar. President Gordon Bietz will also be giving his address.

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The 100th anniversary of the founding of Southern, dating back to its founding in Graysville.

Southern will be putting up banners around Collegedale as the date approaches in order to alert the community of the anniversary.

2017 will mark the 125th anniversary of the founding of the university in 1892.

“So, we have back-to-back events,” said McArthur. “The 100th [anniversary] of the move, which is in some regard the key event because it was so important to have a new site; but then there’s the founding of the school, which is important too.”

McArthur said there will be more upcoming celebratory events throughout the year.

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Race: more than a color

Eljay Andersen, freshman allied health major.

Photo by Joshua Supit

As Christians, we believe that Christ’s church is for all people. God loves all of us the same and calls each of us by name—and it is not our job to divide, categorize or exclude anyone. But as humans, we come to know and experience God’s work of healing and restoring in our lives as well as the persistent pain and injustices of racism in the world. This is where God has placed us, in the thick of life, where we take part in His plan for us by relentlessly insisting on justice and upholding our convictions of human dignity for the inclusion of all people in the life of not just our church but also our society.

As a church, we are called to embrace each person and confront racial, ethnic, cultural, religious, age, gender, familial, sexual orientation, physical, personal and class barriers that often manifest themselves in unjust treatment, inequalities, exclusion and violence.

When we confront racism and move toward fairness and justice both in the church and society, we all benefit. At times it’s a fearful stand to take, but definitely worthwhile. Once we begin to understand that each of us has a unique story, and we are all part of a larger, rich story that Christ has written for us, embracing each other as family becomes an intrin-
sic part of us.

Black culture and religion: the reason I sing

Marc-Antony Pierre

Singing is something that is done in some of the most awkward places. Some people sing for the gram and some for the snap. Some in the shower and others while they drive. Some while cooking and others while they clean. Some even sing when they are eating some good food. But regardless of when you sing, most people sing at some time or another.

In the black community, singing is something that we have done for generations. After being brought to the Americas, black slaves were singers. On the plantations, black slaves would use songs to convey hidden codes and to help boost the morale of their fellow workers. In addition to that, the songs of the slaves were primarily to praise the Lord or to ask the Lord for guidance.

As Christians today, we still sing many of the songs that they sang, like “Amazing Grace,” “Follow the Drinking Gourd” and many more. But is there something that the slaves understood that we can apply to our lives today? Singing is one of the best ways to communicate with God. Praise is one of His love languages. In the ancient Near Eastern culture, they understood that there were seven words that described praise. Their meanings ranged from opening your hands to God, entering into God’s presence, kneeling in devotion to God and Who He is, singing songs with instruments and lastly, to being foolish before the Lord. First Corinthians 2:14 says that the preaching of the gospel is foolishness to those who aren’t spiritual because someone who hasn’t experienced Jesus Christ cannot understand why you praise the way you do.

While we praise, we enter into the presence of God; we take our cares and stress and leave them at the foot of the cross. Singing was a way for the slaves to make it through tough situations and it helped them find encouragement and strength to continue working. In the same way, regardless of our situations, we should use singing as a vehicle to take us and those around us from the valley of despair to the hills of joy.

Many times we let cultural differences, languages and even age create invisible barri-
ers that only love can tear down. I am convinced that it is though music we can find ways to deal with our “in spite of.” In spite of your lack of financial aid, in spite of the class you failed, in spite of the insecurities you feel and in spite of your past, present and future mis-
takes, you are to praise God. He never allows us to bear more than we can handle, and He is always working things out for our good. He is the reason why I sing and you can, too.

Marc-Antony Pierre is a senior theology major.
As I am: Asian

Marcellinda Mawuntu
Opinion Editor

Racial tension is honestly everywhere you go—you can’t avoid it. Whether in school or sadly even in church, this is a growing social epidemic evident in today’s society, especially on Southern’s campus. Yes, we have heard about being racist against black people or white people, but have you ever really heard anything about yellow people, a.k.a. Asians?

I am Asian and I have grown to love my Pacific Islander roots. Born in Indonesia, it was hard at first for me to adjust to the American way of life. I don’t know if it’s strictly an Asian thing, and this is obviously my own view, but here is my list of typical “you know you’re Asian when...” cases:

- You own more than one rice cooker.
- You’re still used to taking your shoes off when entering someone’s house.
- You formally call older people Mr. or Mrs. (Insert Last Name).
- An A-is failing; a B means death.
- No matter what part of Asia you’re from, people automatically think you’re Chinese. I have heard many people assuming that Asians are smart and they know it all. “Oh, square root of pi? Let me ask her; she’s Asian.” Or people feel that Asians are super “cliquey” and remain close to people in their own race. I, for one, know this is not always true. I like branching out of my comfort zone and meeting new people from all different races. Just because you’re a different skin color doesn’t mean we can’t associate. I feel that diversity is truly needed in social interactions in life—a new environment.

Some people may feel intimidated by us because Asians seem hard to approach at times because we seem rather shy and reserved. Because English was not my first language, I was determined to learn and efficiently communicate. Although I have taken several personality tests to prove that I am an introvert (INFJ), I can be a sociable people person on a good day. With all the racial tension that stirs in society, you choose how you will respond to the opinions around you. At the end of the day, what other people think of you does not matter. What matters the most is what you think about yourself.

So, aside from all of the common stereotypes, I am happy and comfortable as I am: Asian.

Unapologetically black

James Matthews
Contributor

Every year Black History Month is an issue. There is racial tension, guilt, shame and constant racial strife. For some, it is a reminder of the ugly history of our country. As a black man, it is a reminder of the strength, power and resilience of my people. It is a time of reflection. Many black people like me celebrate our history throughout the year and teach the young ones what it means to be black. We redefine what society claims we are. We teach each other the value of truth and work to become awakened. Black History Month is a time of celebration and awareness of our history and culture, but many choose to tear it down instead.

It seems that every time black pride takes center stage it is still plagued by oppression. People are offended by how outspoken we are. People argue the media is oversaturated with blackness. My question for them is why is that such a horrible thing?

We have been mistracted, misrepresented and unappreciated for centuries. I repeat, for centuries. And now that we have some of the spotlight here and there, it’s a problem? Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar’s outstanding performances this month have helped to open the discussion to the issues happening still in our country with racial oppression, but some chose to still ignore it. People also decide to spew their venomous words with no regard to how we feel at all. Evil statements are declared and the confederate flag seems to rise higher.

On this campus the battle continues. Students here do not talk it out in public, but in turn they feud on Yik Yak. I have never been more disappointed with Southern. I have seen the ugliest comments, especially after the conversation with Bryan Stevenson. I noticed that some white students felt attacked when racial issues were mentioned. Some came up with every excuse in the book to not properly talk about it. When one individual was pointed with Southern. I have happily, unapologetically black and with that, Southern, get into formation.

James Mattheus is a freshman broadcast journalism major.

Racial tension

Keren Gomez
Contributor

Racial tension is something that we all experience at some point or another. Racial tension does not always have to be as open as calling someone out for being a certain race or having a certain skin color. Sometimes it is as subtle as not sitting next to someone who is different from you or maybe avoiding someone who has an accent. Racial tension is trying to force people from other places to convert to their way of thinking.

I know that many times I’ve experienced this social awkwardness because English is not my first language, and although I have spoken English for a long time now, there are still things that I need to translate in my head in order to really understand it. There are also things I feel I cannot do or say even if in my culture it’s acceptable, but here it is not. More than once I have refrained from speaking my mind or acting a certain way because I do not know what kind of reactions I will get.

Being a Latino female is not always easy because there is always that stereotype of getting pregnant at 15. There is that shocked look I’ve received from more than one professor at my dedication to getting good grades. It is not an open acknowledgement, but that’s racial tension, a barrier between two people based on things that cannot be changed. It is important to simply be open to knowing people as people, not as Latinos, blacks, Asians or whites. Diversity is what makes us unique. It is what brings us together.

Keren Gomez is a junior psychology major.

HAVE AN OPINION? MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD. CONTACT OPINION EDITOR, MRSIE MAWUNTU AT MMAWUNTU@SOUTHERN.EDU
**People of Southern:**
The Lee children

Embedded in the word “grace” is the word “race.” I try to teach this to my children who are mixed-race. They need to first apply grace before addressing race or ethnicity.

As mixed children, they stand out. Their physical features are unique given their parents’ ethnic composition. My husband’s parents emigrated from South Korea. My heritage is western European. My daughter has almond-shaped blue eyes. My son has freckles like mine. Throughout their young lives, strangers and friends alike have addressed and sometimes obsessed about their looks. “What is she?” asked the cashier at Little Caeser’s one day, “Is she adopted? Did you adopt her from China?” Grace and then race, I said to myself, irritated that someone I had just met was playing the crazy card whilechefing up some crazy bread. I didn’t want to honor her questions, particularly because she was talking about my daughter as if she was not a whole person, as if she were a painting in a museum. But I wanted to exhibit grace in front of my children. So I answered, “Both are my biological children. My husband is Asian.”

I’m glad for the voices represented in this issue. Your dialogue enriches this community. Talking about others, talking as though they need spokespeople was not the manner of our Savior. Nor is it what I try to model for my children. Thank you for paving the way for them.

Kendra Stanton Lee is an assistant professor of journalism and the Accent sponsor.

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**Lifestyle**

Dear black people

**Jordan Putt**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Dear Black people,

Sorry.

It’s a single word that unless followed up with action, doesn’t mean much. Nevertheless, I say it sincerely.

I’m sorry that a part of me is afraid to write this article because I don’t want to rock the boat, and that to many of our peers, this will come across as self-hated or pandering.

I’m sorry that my community often hears without truly listening. I’m sorry for the lack of empathy that is too often exhibited by White people, myself included. Without empathy, we can’t put ourselves in other people’s shoes or consider history when passing judgment. We assume that everyone has had the same opportunities we have, even when that’s not the case.

I’m sorry that we take things so personally, not realizing that just because someone is critical of systemic injustice doesn’t mean that they hate White people, or that celebrating your culture or appearance (things that society tells you to be ashamed of) is just that—a celebration—not an attack on White people. I’m sorry that we got up in arms about #blacklivesmatter as though it was saying White lives didn’t.

I’m sorry that we get so offended when White privilege is brought up, acting as if it’s some kind of special treatment that we receive and not simply the fact that we, for the most part, get treated with the respect and dignity that every human being deserves while Black people and other minorities often do not.

I’m sorry that we love Black art and music and don’t respect the struggle it is born out of, and that we think that having Black friends makes it magically easy to use racial slurs. I’m sorry that we paint with a broad brush, profiling and stereotyping. I’m sorry that we don’t believe you when you talk about your experiences.

God created us all in His image. If we claim to be His followers, how dare we insult His image in our brothers and sisters by demeaning each other? Many of us want reconciliation, but on our own terms; however, if any progress is to be made, it involves people coming together and in humility listening to one another, putting aside our prejudices and agendas. It involves my White brothers and sisters using our voices to amplify the voices of those who are not being heard. It involves a level of mutual trust that only the love of God can give. It requires us to believe you when you talk about your experiences.

Dear Black people: I personally commit to supporting and fighting alongside you in this fight against the prejudice and inequality that plague this world. I invite you to call me out when I’m out of line. I pray that God would give us all a spirit of humility and unity as we seek to understand and help one another.

Your ally, friend and brother in Christ,

Jordan

Jordan Putt is a sophomore business administration major.

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Dear white people

**Andrew Ashley**

**CONTRIBUTOR**

Dear White people,

As a Black person who breathes the same air as you, lives in the same country as you and was created by the same God as you, I am sorry. I am sorry for misunderstanding you. I am sorry for not listening. I am sorry for ignoring the fact that you, too, experience discrimination. I am sorry that many of you have been shamed for the actions of your ancestors and blamed for the actions of other White people.

I am sorry for the double standards: I’ve indulged insensitive jokes about your physiological features, culture and stereotypes, but get offended by jokes targeted at my own. My own community use the “N” word around you, but condemn you if you use it, too.

I am sorry for saying that you have no culture. I am sorry for assuming you hold prejudices because you live in the South. I am sorry for letting previous experiences with other middle-aged White men affect my current experiences with my White male professors.

I am sorry that my community often makes you feel like you don’t have to work hard for what you have. I am sorry for making it sound like “White privilege” is saying that life is easy for you. I am sorry for mainstream hip-hop that speaks negatively about you. I am sorry that young Black men who call themselves “artists” and produce music about smoking, killing, and fornicating, which makes it easier for you to be scared of my community.

I am sorry that some of us can be so sensitive about things. I am sorry that we criticize you when you embrace our culture, and criticize you when you don’t. I am sorry that you are often hated and blamed for things you have no control over.

On behalf of ethnic minorities, I am sorry for the injustice and disrespect you may feel and receive. Much of it is due to a failure to communicate our heartbreak, and the injustice many ethnic minorities may have felt and experienced. We’ve become sour, judgmental, spiteful and hateful towards you without even knowing you individually and in-depth.

I promise from now on, I will seek to understand your side of the coin. I will love you no matter what social ideologies you identify with, what you say or what prejudice I think you may have. I will seek to explain myself without bitter tones and spiteful groans. I will listen and think more before I speak. My goal is peace and justice, not division and war. I love you because you are a part of my family in Christ, I will fight for the belief that your life does matter. I just hope that you will fight for the belief that mine does, too.

Sincerely your Black friend,

Andrew

Andrew Ashley is a senior theology major.

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Jaymes Canson (left), junior engineering major and Prempeh Osei (right), freshman allied health major.

Photo by Joshua Supit
A look back: Kobe Bryant

On April 30, 2014, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver held a press conference and handed out these punishments for Donald Sterling (who at the time was the owner of the Los Angeles Clippers): to be banned for life from all NBA activities, such as attending any games, practices or business, to be fined the maximum fine of $2.5 million and to be forced to sell the team. This was the harshest penalty ever handed down by the league and one of the stiffest punishments ever given by any professional sports owner. What did this man do to earn such severe penalties?

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Sterling, a racist, was upset because anything she did would be connected with his name. The fact that his girlfriend was associating herself with a black man infuriated him. Stiviano retorts and asks him why he hates minorities. Sterling replies, “It is like talking to an enemy to me… It has been that way historically and it will always be that way.” It seems Sterling cannot implement the lifetime ban toward the African-American community. It shows there is no room for such a prejudiced attitude toward the African-American community was extremely flawed, and it cost him everything. The decision by the NBA commissioner to implement the lifetime ban showed there is no room for that kind of mindset in the NBA and in normal society. It shows that, even in such a high position, you cannot get away with such a prejudiced approach toward any race or community.

But while these career statistics are impressive, he has also been involved in a lot of controversy on the court. The website Bleacher Report released a list of the top 10 controversial moments of Kobe Bryant’s career. One of these moments was during his first NBA All-Star Game in 1998 when he attempted to score more points than retiring Michael Jordan. Another of these on-the-court moments came in 2004 in a game against the Sacramento Kings when Bryant only attempted one shot in the entire first half.

But through all the controversy, Bryant is probably best remembered for never having left the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team. He was drafted by the Charlotte Hornets in 1996 but made his NBA debut with the Lakers later that year and has never gone anywhere else. He is certainly one of the most-talked-about black athletes in history and one of the NBA’s all-time greats.

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- SA General Elections, 7a-11p, Online
- Convocation: Health Career Fair, 11a, Iles (Booths Open, 10:30-11a & Noon-1:30p)
- Meet the Firms, 2-5p, Church Fellowship Hall
- Sigma Tau Delta Induction, 5:30p, Presidential Banquet Room
- SA Talent Show Auditions, 6:30p, Ackerman Auditorium

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| **FRIDAY**

- uQuest Orientation Weekend (26-28)
- West Side for Jesus, Compassion, 2p, Wright Hall
- SOAP Overnight Caving, 3p, OEC (26-27)
- Vespers: African American Heritage, 8p, Church
- Afterglow, Church Fellowship Hall, 9:30p
- Sunset, 6:32p

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| **SABBATH**

- Breakfast Ministry, 7a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Pathfinders
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Pathfinders
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- West Side for Jesus, Patten Towers, Hospital Ministry, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 6p, Church
- BCU Night, 8p, Iles

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- No Field Trips (28-March 3)

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- Payday: Salary
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p
- Archaeological Museum Lecture, 7p, Lynn Wood Chapel, Thomas Levy (1 credit)

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- FAFSA Priority Deadline for 2016-17
- Tornado Siren Test, Noon

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| **WEDNESDAY**

- Teach3, Noon, Presidential
- Banquet Room

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**[Student Life Announcements]**

**ACA Information Meeting:** ACA Information Session for students interested in studying abroad this summer or during the 2016-17 academic year will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6:30p in Miller Hall room #201. Meet Odette Ferreira, Adventist Colleges Abroad Program Director, Juan Antonio López, Program Director at Escuela Superior de Español de Sagunto (Spain), and Haroldo Brouchy, Program Director at Universidad Adventista del Plata (Argentina). For more information, please contact Pierre Nzokizwa in the Modern Languages Department at pierren@southern.edu.

**[S.A. Announcements]**

**General Elections:** Final elections will be open this Thursday, February 25th from noon till 11p. The candidates you will be choosing from are Moses Maier and Greg Manestar for President, Kit Clements and Jake Strauss for Social Vice President, and Martha Freire for Executive Vice President. Check your email for a link from Survey Monkey.

**Talent Show:** The dates for this year’s talent show have changed. Auditions will be on February 25th from 6-11p. Seven acts will be chosen to perform, so come prepared to impress! Cash prizes will be handed out as follows: $1,000 for 1st, $750 for 2nd, and $500 for 3rd. The talent show itself and duck awards will be on March 19th in Iles Gymnasium at 9p.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

February 25
- Stephen Avila
- Yuliya Belova
- Marc Brooks
- Hannah Bullock
- Kayla Lopez
- Haronid Lorenzo
- Emily Merwin
- Moses Siliwa
- Erin Song

February 26
- Ana Aguilera
- Cris Dutra

February 27
- Rachel Guido
- Daniele Kuhn

February 28
- Nerea Alucchi
- Mary Aquino
- Jason Carrazana
- David Glassford
- Bess Helton
- Kaitlyn Icard
- Julia Izquierdo
- Micaela Myers
- Cristina Nieves
- Guereldy Vendome

February 29
- Dominique Anson
- Julia Bonney
- Nathan Leffew
- Austin Long

March 1
- Kim Knowles
- Christal Lirungan
- Avery Nash
- Heidi Quelres
- Ella Snider
- Christian Soeharsono

March 2
- Asha Chutei
- Lizandra Diaz
- Lauren Long
- Evelyn Ruiz
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, February 25, 2016

twitter

And thus the Sabbath has begun with a handshake from Dr. Bietz. #sauvespers #SAULife

Andy Hausted, @andyhausted
Chemistry, SR

Never underestimate the power of a 10 minute nap on a random couch. #SAULife

Bryant Rodriguez, @BF_Rod
Theology, JR

When you forget something essential in your apt and you have to RUN all the way back!! #saulife #running

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

I bet no one knew that the theme song for Studio 4109 was Kings and Queens by 30 Seconds to Mars...

Sierra Emilaire, @waxchinadoll
English and International Studies, JR

Just by setting foot in the tractor supply co, I feel my masculinity has increased exponentially.

David Mancao, @madmanmancao
Film Production, SR

So I heard that Jeb dropped out of the presidential race. He must have been bushed...

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

Today was really nice, and I think I shall make tomorrow the same.

Karyn Davis, @karynjdavies
Graphic Design, SR

Saying you’re going to actually eat healthy this week and then buying cheesecake in the caf. #SAULife

Kristen Vonnoh, @kristenstagram
Journalism and International Studies, SO

We are going to bring SMC weekends, more vespers dates, and scholarships. #saulife #runningforpresident

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

2 SAU students got engaged today. Jonathon & Elizabeth, thanks for letting me capture it! #SAULife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

TWEET US
@southern_accent

Adventist version of offering someone a beer- Hey man, you want a Coke?

Aileen Martinez, @hola_aileen
Art Therapy, SR

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dawnofdenny I am back in the south for sure #villagemarket #southernadventistuniversity

Cody Morford, @codimorf
Media Technology, JR

Whoever invented read receipts hated all forms of relationships/friendships

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not delight in evil, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love is not easily provoked, always protect, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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Tutorial: How to be offended in 2016
by Jonathan Mancao

Even though in the last 50 years alone we’ve seen consistent rises in global trade and commerce, huge declines in child mortality and poverty and an overall decrease in violent crime, people love to say that the world is getting worse. Since life in general is in such a better place than precious decades, the brilliant millennials of our generation have found new ways to experience adversity that baby boomers could only dream of. So instead of getting drafted into an overseas war effort like our grandparents, try this new-age way of suffering by “being offended”:

**Step #1: Overreact Whenever Possible**

Picture this situation. You’re in the café, non-GMO salad and organic juice cleanse in hand, looking for a place to sit. You see a group of people from your gym class call you over, and as you sit down, you hear the most blood-pressure-increasing, eye-twitching and forehead vasodilating comment of absolute profanity come from one of your so-called “friends.”

“Running is so dumb and boring to me. I’d much rather play volleyball or go swimming instead!” she laughs as she takes a bite of mashed potatoes. Little does she know that you just installed the Stravia running app on your phone, and you’ve actually been training all month for an upcoming 5K. So, rather than respecting her opinion, take this opportunity to loudly call her out for her ignorance and establish your superiority in the most overbearing way you can imagine. Out run her to the tray return.

**Step #2: Remember Your -isms**

By far the easiest of the three steps, this method of antagonization simply involves the use of big words to make yourself sound smart. If you ever find yourself in a situation where someone else’s opinion triggers you into questioning your own beliefs, you can use these buzzwords as a distraction tactic. The best part of this method is that most people who use these words don’t actually know what they mean or where they came from, but as long as the word is more than three syllables then you’re in the clear.

Avoid well-known words like "sexism," "racism" or "socialism" and opt for more abstract and less cared-for words like "ableism," "equality" or "veganism." This, paired with yelling random logical fallacies at anyone just trying to share their perspective, makes for a case that is sure to change minds.

**Step #3: Play the Victim But Yet Patronize Everyone at the Same Time**

Since being offended nowadays doesn’t necessarily mean actual harm, but rather an emotional response, the most logical way to deal with being offended is to automatically assume your beliefs are better than everyone else’s. But at the same time, you must create an artificial sense of oppression whenever faced with someone who merely doesn’t agree with you in every single way. This mindset of harboring a superiority complex whilst maintaining a constant feeling of being attacked is a surefire way to form new friendships and strengthen existing ones.

Following these simple steps will have you well on your way to getting a strong reputation of being easily offended. Feel free to share these tips with a friend if perpetuating a divided society is something you have in mind. And about the photo, for those who were offended, it is a picture of British Columbian hockey team The Fernie Swastikas. Taken in 1922, their team logo represented ideas of good luck and peace.
YIK YAK BANNED DUE TO RACIAL TENSION

Rosana Hughes
Editor-In-Chief

As of Feb. 27, Southern Adventist University has blocked the social media app, Yik Yak (an app that allows people to post anonymously) from its Wi-Fi network in response to students’ complaints of the racially insensitive posts made recently on the social media app.

The posts escalated on Yik Yak during Black Christian Union (BCU) vespers on Feb. 26. The posts were captured in screenshots and then shared on Twitter and Facebook, where they gained a lot of attention.

Southern’s administration tweeted a response to the racially insensitive posts on Feb. 27 stating, “Southern’s mission includes nurturing Christ-likeness in our students... those who hide behind anonymity to spread hatred and ignorance are not representative of Southern’s values.”

President Gordon Bietz also took to Twitter to make a statement. “God finds every race precious. Anyone who believes otherwise should reconsider whether Southern is the right fit for them!” read the Tweet.

The speaker for Friday night vespers, Corey Johnson, wrote a blog post in reaction to the posts that were made that night during his sermon. “The most stirring thought from this weekend for me was the realization that I don’t know who is sitting next to me when I’m in church,” Johnson wrote. “In the same sanctuary where I am praising God, I am praising God, I am praising God.”

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NURSING ACCREDITATION NOT IN JEOPARDY

Sheann Brandon
Lead Reporter

As of last month, Southern Adventist University’s School of Nursing is under conditional approval status by the Tennessee State Board of Nursing. It is not facing the loss of its accreditation.

According to a statement released by Marketing and University Relations, the School of Nursing holds accreditation through fall 2018 by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. However, its associate program is under conditional approval due to the low scores of the National Council Licensure Examination for nursing candidates (NCLEX-RN), which have fallen below 85 percent for the second consecutive year. If the 2016 pass rate is 85 percent or above, the Associate of Science (AS) program will return to its full approval status.

Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing, said that if the 2016 pass rate is 85 percent or above, the Associate of Science (AS) program will return to its full approval status.

Mathematics and Computing to Move to New Building

Bethany Thornton
Staff Writer

Southern Adventist University administrators voted on Feb. 23 to move the mathematics department and the School of Computing from Hickman Science Center to a new building to be constructed where Herin Hall is currently located.

Herin Hall, currently home to the Campus Card Desk, will be demolished in order to provide space for a new mathematics, computing and allied health building as well as a new student center. The two new buildings will stand side by side between the McKee Library and Hickman Science Center.

Marty Hamilton, vice president of Financial Administration, said this building will have three floors and be 18,000 square feet in size. It will cost approximately $5 million, all of which Southern hopes to fund through private donations.

Originally, administration had planned to move the mathematics department and School of Computing to Herin Hall. However, Kevin Brown, chair of the mathematics department, said that he is glad that mathematics will be moving to a new building instead.

"It would have taken a lot of renovating to get [Herin Hall] up to a good state,” Brown said.

Hamilton said the sciences remaining in Hickman will expand to fill the rooms left vacant by the two departing departments.

Keith Snyder, chair of the biology department, said that the chemistry and biology departments have been growing...
Thatcher and Thatcher South hire new resident assistants

Shaina Rantung
Staff Writer

Thatcher and Thatcher South Halls hired three replacement resident assistants (RAs) in the middle of this school year after three RAs resigned their posts before this school year let out.

J. P. Mathis, associate dean of Thatcher Hall, said that they were not fired. They themselves made the choice to leave due to different reasons, including moving off campus and other personal reasons.

All three new recruits, Marie Durisme, senior nursing major; Mara Aguirre, junior nursing major and Claude Delille, sophomore biology major, had experience working for the women’s residence halls, each previously manning the front desks.

“We are grateful, and I am happy that God answers prayers because we did not know what we were going to do,” said Chamra Anthony, associate dean of Thatcher Hall.

“The children would climb all over us and even asked us something.”

Karla Aponte, sophomore liberal arts education major, added, “Overall it was absolutely an incredible experience.”

Dwight Magers, dean of men. Mathis said Southern Village did not have any of the RAs leave.

Gym-Masters spend spring break in Puerto Rico

George Nelson
Staff Writer

The Gym-Masters just came back from a spring break mission trip in Puerto Rico, where they spent the week performing seven shows and held three workshops throughout their stay on the island. This was their first time visiting the island of Puerto Rico.

Cody Reich, junior nursing major and men’s captain, said they spent most of their days traveling around the island to different Adventist schools, including Antillean Adventist University. Their schedules were mostly consumed by performances and workshops, but they managed to get time to visit the beach.

The workshops held at the schools were given to show students how to do handstands, tossing and tumbling. They also performed at Antillean with the Acro Eagles and with the Aerokhanas from Great Lakes Adventist Academy. The show itself had separate routines from each team.

Karla Aponte, sophomore liberal arts education major, coordinated the mission trip. Keenu Romero, former Gym-Master and current student at Antillean, also helped in coordinating the joint show at the university. Gym-Masters who spoke Spanish helped with translating and assisting the others to navigate throughout the island and speak to the locals in the area.

Chelsea Khargie, sophomore nursing major, has gone on many spring break mission trips while she was in high school, but this one was different because it was with the Gym-Masters.

“This trip was different because the focus was the kids. My other mission trips were all building and construction, but this one was more of a learning curve for both us and the children,” said Khargie.

“We could learn from their optimistic attitudes. They were always so happy.”

The Gym-Masters usually perform every other week while here in Tennessee, but they specifically practiced for this trip one week prior to leaving. Reich was happy with the results and said each performance went very well.

“Overall it was absolutely an incredible experience,” Reich said. “The locals were very hospitable wherever we went. The children would climb all over us and even asked us for pictures and autographs, kind of like we were famous or something.”
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significantly, necessitating this expansion.
“We’ve basically outgrown our space,” said Snyder. “With additional space, it gives us all more room to have more classrooms and labs that we need.”

Tentatively, the biology department will expand to include the first floor rooms occupied by computing, and the chemistry department will expand to occupy the whole third floor, said Snyder.

“We’re pleased to be able to upgrade our classrooms.” Junior mathematics and music education major Michelle Nieb said she is excited about the change.

“We already have a little trouble finding places for some of the larger classes,” said Nieb. “The timing could not be better.”

Hamilton said the new mathematics and computing building is second in focus to the chemistry department. A specially-held conversation in the chemistry department will expand to occupy the whole third floor, said Snyder.

In order to improve pass rates met the 85 percent standard. The conditional approval has no impact on those already graduated or currently in the program.

“The faculty and I have been very concerned about our declining scores for 2014 and 2015 and have sought advice from a variety of sources as we scrutinize our program and seek to improve student success,” said Brown.

“We have always taken the preparation of our students for NCLEX-RN and the workforce very seriously but have taken additional measures to help students successfully pass.”

School of Nursing graduates from 2001-2013 scored pass rates ranging from 89-100 percent. In 2014, graduates only achieved a 76 percent pass rate, and in 2015, only 83 percent.

In order to improve pass rates, admission standards have been revised, content review and mentoring that was once optional is now required, courses have been added to better prepare students for NCLEX, testing processes have changed, more help with mental preparation for NCLEX has been added and increased development of the faculty is underway.

“While Southern’s and its School of Nursing accept and applaud TSBN’s high standards, it is worth noting that Tennessee is one of only two states with the 85 percent benchmark; all others are lower,” said Lucas Patterson, editorial manager in Marketing and University Relations.

“Nursing graduates from Southern have a strong reputation and are in demand both locally and across the country.”

Yik Yak banned due to racial tension

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there could be people right next to me who see me as ‘less than.’”

On Feb. 27, students from Oakwood University in Alabama drove to Southern to attend the BCU church service and BCU Night to show their support. The same day, Andrew Ashely, senior theology major, started the #LiveToListen movement that has gained a large following on social media.

“I was reminded in short, that the gospel is all about humility, all about patience, and it’s all about listening,” said Ashley. “While it might be awkward, painful, humiliating and/or exhausting to talk, listen and have mature conversations about this issue of racism; it is the only way to get anywhere with this topic.”

Jordan Putt, sophomore business administration major, is one of the students who helped start the movement. He said he was convicted that what Southern needs most is a mindset of reconciliation through prayerful listening and constructive conversation.

“When the initial controversy started, I noticed that a lot of people were talking; but people, especially my own people, weren’t listening to understand and were unwilling to hear both sides of the story,” said Putt.

The #LiveToListen movement is aimed to encourage people to “reject apathy and be activists for one another.”

Some of the universities getting involved include Burman University in Canada and Union College in Nebraska. Adventist Intercollegiate Association (AlA) is also getting involved in the #LiveToListen movement by posting affirming words on social media.

“There will be further efforts as the semester progresses,” said Ashley.

Some of those efforts are already being made, including a time of prayer that was held at the flag pole on Taylor Circle on March 2. A peace march around campus for racial equality was also organized by the professors of the School of Education and Psychology on the same day.

Racial tension had been growing on social media prior to the Feb. 26 vespers.

On Feb. 8, the BCU Facebook page made a post asking for black students to post selfies, artwork and photography on social media with the hashtag #SAUBlackOut on Feb. 14. On the same day, Grady Hayden, freshman music major, made a satirical post in response to the #SAUBlackOut movement, proclaiming #SAUWhiteOutDay. The post received much attention on social media. Some people supported him, while others were outraged.

Hayden apologized to the author of the BCU post the next day by posting a status to Facebook.

“I felt the need to apologize to the original author because I could see how my use of her words could possibly misinterpret her original intention,” said Hayden. “However, my apology was for the author only. I was not apologizing broadly or to people as a whole. I still stood, and do stand, by my argument.”

Hayden also wrote a letter to the editor titled “A Double Standard,” in which he explained his satirical post, in the Southern Accent’s special edition called “Embracing Diversity” that was published on Feb. 28.

Conversations about racism continued across social media platforms, spurring the #SDABlackOut movement, in which non-black students from all Seventh-day Adventist institutions were welcomed to participate and wear all black “to have a day of solidarity” on Feb. 26.

“This is the start of a social media movement and I ask that all of us can stand together and grow,” read the BCU post.

The conversations continue across campus and social media. A specially-held conversation took place Thursday, March 18 in which President Bieten addressed “overcoming prejudice with a true conversion of the heart.”
SA Senate approves poster restoration

Caleb Rigley
Staff Writer

Student Association (SA) has approved a project to preserve five to 10 World War I posters currently residing in the McKee Library’s basement. Scott Cloutier, president of the History Club and senior history major, and Christina Angel, president of the Society of Political Sciences and junior history major, and their respective clubs have collaborated on this project.

On Feb. 24, Cloutier and Angel made a presentation before the SA Senate at its weekly meeting. “It is a tragedy that we have over 180 authentic World War I posters hidden in filing cabinets,” Cloutier said. According to a PowerPoint presentation provided by Cloutier, the posters were given to the history department by Southern alumnus Ron Numbers, and the set has posters that were created by John Montgomery Flagg, who was best known for his “Uncle Sam: I Want You” poster.

The presentation also said that the clubs would need $100-$500 per poster to complete the restoration. Cloutier said the Senate was unanimous in their vote to fund the restoration of five to 10 of the posters. According to the presentation, this would come to an amount of $1,000. He also said the clubs are currently in the process of finding a professional to do the archival preservation, which will be paid for by SA Senate funds. The amount of time that it would take to complete the restoration process still is not quite clear.

Some of the war posters encourage citizens to purchase war bonds, grow their own food and utilize agriculture so that all food that was purchased could go toward the war effort.

Cloutier is very excited about the opportunities that this project brings to the table. “By students’ taking the initiative, Southern will see that this is something we as students care about,” he said.

As for how the posters will be distributed around campus, Cloutier said that they would be distributed through constant circulation through the history classrooms and “across campus.”

Making history: BCU Weekend 2016

photos by Chevon Pegrave and Joshua Supit

Female students of Southern celebrating various countries for BCU night

Corey Johnson delivering the word on Sabbath morning of BCU weekend

Students of diverse ethnic backgrounds all joined in hand during BCU Night
Liberal Christianity isn’t what you think

JOSÉ BRIDGES
RELIGION EDITOR

Last week, someone asked me a question: Are you a liberal or conservative? I quickly glanced at him and asked, “What do you mean? Politics?” He replied, “No, in Christianity.” I pondered and asked myself: What am I? In reality, what does it mean to be liberal or conservative? I came to the realization that I, as a Seventh-day Adventist, could not be a liberal, and you can’t be, either.

In Adventism, we have different definitions of “liberal” or “conservative.” I understand that they are quite engrained in your brain. Moreover, I know that this article may not change your view in regard to these coined terms. However, it is crucial for me to explain what those terms mean in order for you to comprehend and confidently say, “I am this or that.”

Liberal Christianity is not a matter of whether you listen to Christian rock music, ordain women, dress “immodestly” or use a different worship style in your church. While the terms are usually connected to those ideas, they are not the substance of the liberal reality. To be a liberal Christian is to question the authority of the Bible, to discount the divinity of Jesus or to deny the existence of a message to your life. In essence, liberals take the Bible as a metaphor — good stories that can help you to live a better life but not impact your way of living. Furthermore, liberals question the veracity of the Bible and its contents.

Liberal Christianity also believes that the Bible is a witness of God and not the Word of God — just a book full of good stories about humanity and its history. If this is your reality, then I invite you to confidently say, “I am a liberal!” Walk confidently and publicly profess that you don’t think the Bible is real. When you say, “I am a liberal,” you are basically saying you don’t believe in the possibility of God and that His Word is just another book in the records of history. As an Adventist, this is an impossibility.

Casey Vaughn is a junior theology major.

The first doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventist Church proclaims that the Bible is the Word of God. If you are an Adventist, you can have doubts about a certain doctrine, which music to listen to, what way to worship, where to attend church. However, the SDA church states, “The Holy Scriptures are the supreme, authoritative, and the infallible revelation of His will. They are the standard of character, the test of experience, the definitive revealer of doctrines, and the trustworthy record of God’s acts in history.” The Bible is more than a book. It is the only way to live like God desires us to. It is the only record that gives us hope. And if you throw it away and say that it is just a mere book, as liberals do, then you may need to reconsider your standing with Adventism.

We as Adventists and Christians are to believe in Him Who gave us light and called us to His marvelous light. There are more matters of discussion in regard to this topic. For example, what if I am a progressive, someone who is a conservative/liberal but believes that there are some reforms needed? I will tackle this subject in the future.

I hope that this article opened your eyes and that you evaluate your beliefs when you say, “I am a liberal” or “I am a conservative.”

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT:
Mission Trip to Navajo Nation

Photo by Felipe Mendes
A couple of students have shared their experiences from their mission trip to New Mexico this past spring break.

“We went to La Vida Mission, which is a SDA mission school located in New Mexico on the Navajo Nation. The main focus this year was on renovating one of the gymnasium walls that was rotting and becoming a little dangerous. Members of our group also worked on building a retaining wall and tiling a bathroom in two other buildings on campus. Additionally, we split up and had evening worship services with the students in the four dorms on campus. As a graduating senior, I really took advantage of the time off the grid (there’s no cell phone or internet out there) to reconnect with God and search His heart for His plans for me after graduation. I felt so rejuvenated spiritually and emotionally during the trip. This trip was so prayer-soaked and it reminded me of the importance of prayer and arming yourself with the Spirit daily. There were multiple times when we were having discord as a team or issues with the work projects and we just stopped to pray. Almost always, the issues were resolved or a sense of peace came over us. It was super cool to experience!”

“T really the week of prayer and how we were able to connect with the students of the school who range from six to 18 years old. We were able to experience and see with our very eyes the outpouring of Christ’s love and the Holy Spirit in that place as we did worship in each of the dorms each night. I personally have been very moved by the impact God was able to make through our team!”

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Give unto Caesar: why it’s our duty to vote

Eagerly the Pharisees shifted their weights back and forth, waiting for his answer. Either He would blaspheme God or commit treason. He had no way out. Then Jesus, smiling, picked up the coin and said to them, “Bring me a denarius.” One of the Pharisees managed to pull one out from somewhere deep within the pockets of his lavish priestly robe. “Whose face is on it?” Warily, they grinned. He had Him now.

“Caesar’s.”

“So, give unto Caesar the things that belong to him, and unto God, the things that belong to Him.”

And we all know the end of the story. They went away frustrated that for the umpteenth time they had failed to foil Him—the All-Wise One. But what, you’re asking yourself, does this have to do with me today?

A lot. It’s election season and most if not all of us are aware that either way this election goes, it’s probably going to be historic. And as Christians, it’s our duty to raise our voices in this election. It’s our duty to vote our conscience. It’s our way of rendering unto Caesar—and unto God. If every Christian voted their conscience, how different would this election be?

But even before we can vote our consciences and render unto Caesar, we have to render unto God. Rendering unto Caesar without rendering unto God is basically living your life just like all the rest of the world. And we’re called to be different. We’re called to give God our first, best and last.

As Christians, it is our duty to make a difference in this world. It is our right and our privilege to cast our vote and elect someone who can uphold values and principles, even if we know they may be corrupt. We can vote. Go to the precinct caucus and vote. Go to the ballot and help the United States to be a better place.

You don’t even have to be home to vote. Simply run a search for “Absentee Ballot” and the name of the state of your legal residence and click on the link. It’s also your duty to vote informed. Websites such as votesmart.org can help give you the information on the issues that you need to know about. Voting as a Christian isn’t just about being a good citizen; it means being active in the world around you. It means shaping the religious liberty of our country—for yourself and those who will follow.

So, vote. Render unto God—but render also unto Caesar.

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OPINION

The definition of a miracle

KEREN GOMEZ

Currently, I am taking one of the most challenging, interesting classes that I have to take as a psychology major: history and systems of psychology. A question came up recently in one of our discussions about what a miracle is. Sometimes, we use words without really knowing what they mean. However, the word “miracle” really got me thinking.

There was a discussion about how Christianity is really based on miracles, and so any truly wise person will not believe in Christianity because of the lack of evidence. If we cannot measure something, then we cannot believe in it – that’s what empiricists say, anyway. But are miracles really something that cannot be explained? Or can empiricists also be Christians?

One example that came to mind was how we use the word “miracle” to refer to life. We have a fairly accurate understanding of how life is formed. A sperm meets an egg and BAM, baby. It’s more than that, but you get the idea. Life is that one sperm out of 100 million that makes it. This is an explained miracle, but it took a long time to develop enough tools to be able to understand this. Could this then mean that the rest of the “miracles” that we cannot explain are simply because we do not have enough tools yet? How much of all the information out there do we really know?

This is where faith comes in. We believe in things we cannot see, but this “faith” in itself is a miracle. So then, we use faith to describe miracles and miracles to describe faith, which seems like nonsense. My friend Zach described this in a way that I thought was really accurate. Faith and miracles are “a circle that makes sense and you can jump in at any point and still understand it.”

I am extremely disappointed in the majority of our student body at Southern. This disappointment is not new to this year; in fact, it has grown every semester since I started here as a freshman in fall 2012. What am I referring to? Our lack of respect, maturity and reverence. The times when I see this behavior displayed most prominently is at school events, such as convocation, concerts given by the School of Music and vespers. As I sit in my seat at almost all of these events, the majority of my fellow students are talking or whispering throughout the course of the program, playing on their phones or both.

Do we have no sense of propriety? From observation alone, it seems that we are incapable of acting even remotely like adults and showing respect both to those up front and behind the scenes who are working hard to bring us these programs. Not only that, we appear to be unable to respect each other. Sure, not everyone wants to attend certain events, but do we have to ruin the experience for those who actually want to be there?

The most appalling occurrence of this lack of respect, maturity and reverence that I saw firsthand was at the first vespers of this semester. Campus Ministries put on a communion service for us, and it was a very meaningful service (as communion always should be). Throughout this, the most solemn and sacred service that we as Christians have, the service that Jesus commanded us to have in remembrance of His amazing sacrifice for us, students all over the sanctuary were talking, laughing, texting and being generally disruptive. Granted, vespers is almost always this way, and always this inexcusable, but to act like this during communion? What kind of young adult Christians are we? Children behave better than we do, and we’re supposed to be working toward becoming professional adults. It boggles my mind, and I have yet to find someone who can logically explain why we are this disruptive. Jesus himself showed his disgust with all irreverence in the sanctuary when he said, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a ‘den of thieves!’” (Matt. 21:13, NKJV). It’s a shame that His Word is not enough to keep us from being so disrespectful in His house.

Whether it’s convocation, a concert or vespers, we must show respect for our peers, our leaders and most importantly our God, whether we feel like it or not. It doesn’t matter if talking to your friend is more interesting at the moment; grab a little maturity and act like an adult. It’s time to grow up, Southern, and learn what is really important.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T: find out where it needs to be

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We Yik Yaked ourselves

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In the wake of several racially-charged comments and statements posted on social media last month, Southern’s administration, faculty and student body have stepped up to combat the pain and hurt incited by these comments. Southern’s administration banned the forum for many of these statements, Yik Yak, on the university’s Wi-Fi, and many students and faculty have engaged in productive discussions in order to combat the ignorance that fueled this racial controversy. People across the campus have come together over various platforms to separate themselves from those who made the racist comments and learn to listen to the experiences and beliefs of those who are from different backgrounds.

In a recent convocation, Dr. Bietz furthered the productive discussions by encouraging the university to look inward and address the prejudice that we all harbor in our hearts. If we are indeed committed to asking ourselves some tough questions, then I believe we need to ask ourselves why this truth in it. We’ve all let Yik Yak become a place where students of spurn nasty comments, bickering criticisms and other dehumanizing statements without remorse. We allowed a sanctuary of sin to grow on our campus and did little to make it feel out of place. As students of an Adventist institution, we’ve got some explaining to do. It doesn’t take much research to see why these students felt comfortable posting their comments on Yik Yak. Students have used Yik Yak to single out and bully certain students. Some of these mean-spirited comments even turned into threats. This happened to someone a friend of mine knew last year. My friend tried using Yik Yak to stand up for the student. Her plea to consider the victim’s feelings was promptly downvoted out of existence. Last year, during the SA presidential elections, one of the candidates was ridiculed on Yik Yak because she was a girl. Several people claimed or implied they wouldn’t vote for her simply because of her gender. Neither of these events were punished by the university or drew a public outcry from the student body. The seemingly daily sexual comments have all received similarly silent levels of concern along with the rude comments frequently made toward guest speakers and people on stage. If students have been able to make comments that were sexually explicit, mean-spirited, and sexist, who’s to say they received were desperately needed. I think it’s beautiful that so many of us came together to fight this battle. I just think it’s troubling that we surrendered so many other ones. We let worldliness snuggle into our conversations and realized how ugly it is during Black Christian Union weekend. We allowed the enemy into our campus and were shocked when we woke up with him in bed. It took a public relations nightmare and people being offended enough to stand up for something in order for the administration, faculty and students to address the elephant in the room: we were all okay with sounding like the world.

I don’t mean to be a fuddy-daddy or a Debbie Downer. Sometimes Yik Yak was awesome! I’ve read numerous uplifting and thoughtful messages that were way more popular than the dumb types of comments I’ve referred to. Some people have used Yik Yak for good, clean humor, too. (Whoever said “I want my case study group as my pallbearers so they can let me down one last time” deserves a scholarship for comedy!) Whenever there is evil, there is always good, and those who worked to make Yik Yak a better place were doing the Lord’s work. Unfortunately, Yik Yak wasn’t a better place. It wasn’t even a good place. It gave us the power of anonymity and our human nature went wild with it. There was no accountability from the people of Yik Yak, and there was no accountability from Southern Adventist University. Thankfully, though, there is now. We did the right thing. We told the administration that there was a real problem that needed to be fixed. We upheld our duty as Christians to hate sin and make our communities safer and more loving. In the future, let’s not wait until we look bad or until the major gets offended to stand up for what’s right.

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SPORTS
MLB Spring Training with the Braves

Caleb Begley
Contributor

I had the privilege of going to the Major League Baseball’s annual Spring Training event in Florida over spring break. During this time, I watched three games featuring the Atlanta Braves baseball team. The Braves, who are currently 2-6 on the spring, are in the midst of rebuilding the team back into contender status in the National League’s eastern division, and I was able to witness some of the Braves’ young prospects in action.

My Spring Training journey began in Dunedin, a little town just north of Tampa and St. Petersburg. There I watched the Braves as they played the Toronto Blue Jays at the Jays spring training home. Next, I went to Lake Buena Vista, just south of Orlando, to watch them at home against the New York Mets. Finally, I drove to Kissimmee, which is about 15 minutes from Lake Buena Vista, to watch them play the Houston Astros at the Astros spring training home.

I was very impressed with some of the Braves’ prospects. One of them, named Mallex Smith, interested me in particular. He has a lot of speed on the base paths, and he hits the ball solid every time he steps in the batter’s box, even if he makes an out. Two other prospects also caught my eye: Dansby Swanson and Ozzie Albies.

In the game against the Mets, the Braves were down 4-3 going into the bottom of the ninth inning. Smith led off the inning with a double, and Albies grounded out to advance Smith to third base. Swanson came up and laced a double into right field that scored Smith to tie the game. Swanson took third base on the throw, and veteran player Emilio Bonifacio was able to come up and get a walk-off single to win the game 5-4. Even though a veteran player won the game, it was the young prospects that ensured the victory.

All in all, the Braves’ prospects look to be some of if not the best prospects that the club has ever put forward at spring training. They helped to spur the Braves to victory against the Mets and played essential roles in other games, even though the team lost. I firmly believe that these prospects will help the Braves win actual games in the future and, maybe, a world championship.

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Top 5 reasons to play intramurals

Parker Center
Sports Editor

Here at Southern, you can easily get stuck in the wake of all your studies and never feel like you have time to go out, be social or exercise. Luckily, Southern offers a great intramural program that was ranked by Best Colleges in the 2013-2014 school year, an academic review website, on a shortlist of colleges they deem will provide the best intramural sports programs in the country.

Playing intramurals is a great way to separate yourself from your studies and have fun. To convince you more to play intramurals, here are five great reasons you should get out and play intramurals here at Southern Adventist University:

1. You learn about new sports.

There are many sports that Southern’s intramural program has to offer, from softball to hockey to tennis, to name a few. There is no better way to learn a new or unfamiliar sport than by playing it. Playing sports is all about learning and improving yourself to become a better player and to have fun.

2. You can play at your level.

You might be thinking, “I am really bad at sports in general,” or “Everybody is better than me; I will just be in the way.” That is certainly not the case. Every sport has multiple divisions of skill level. Depending on which sport is being played, Level A is typically where the more advanced players play at. Level B is generally where intermediate players play and Level C is where either beginners or new players play. There is a place for you regardless of your experience, and it shouldn’t stop you from playing.


Southern does a great job of getting people involved in Student Association events, but one of the best ways to meet new people is to play intramural sports. Whether it’s signing up with a team or individually and being placed on a team, there are many ways to reach out and make new friends while playing the sports you love. Sports have a great way of bringing people together while also forming a bond with each other through friendly competition and creating lasting memories.

4. You get great exercise.

A lot of students struggle with the balance of trying to get their schoolwork done and stay in shape. It’s another way of preventing the dreaded “Freshman 15.” Intramurals gives you the chance to stay fit and also improve your physical wellness.

5. You relieve stress.

After a hard school day filled with tests and busy work, you need a place to decompress. Southern intramurals is the perfect place for that to happen, it takes your mind away from the stresses of your academic life and substitutes it with the enjoyment of playing the sports you love. Plus, feeling a little angry? Spiking a volleyball down on your opponents might help alleviate that.
## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY
- Convocation, 11a, Church, Karl Haffner
- PreviewSouthern 103 (17-18)
- Graduate Council, 3:30p
- RAD-Men’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- SOAP Adventure Movie Night, 6p
- Convocation: Brain Awareness, 7:30p, Thatcher Chapel, Jud Lake (2 Credits)

### FRIDAY
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- Soccer Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/intramurals
- International Student Event, 2p, Wright Hall Steps
- SOAP Build Your OWN Trip, 3p, OEC (18-19)
- Vespers, 8p, Church, Paddy McCoy
- Star Watch, 8:30-9:30p, Hickman Parking Lot

### SATURDAY
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- Evensong, 7:30p, Church
- SA Talent Show, 9p, Iles

### SUNDAY
- First Day of Spring
- Adventist Lego Robotics League, Southern Challenge, 9a-5p, Iles
- SOAP Day Caving Trip, 10a, OEC
- Psychology Seniors, Major Field Test, 2-5p, Summerour #2820
- Symphony Orchestra Concert, 7:30p (2 Credits)

### MONDAY
- BRIDGE Luncheon, 11:45a, Presidential Banquet Room
- Last day for 40% tuition refund No tuition refund after today
- ASSIST/PFE Spring Conference University Senate, 3:30p
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p

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### WEDNESDAY
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- Soccer Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey

### NOOGA HAPPENINGS

**Thursday**
- River Gallery March Exhibit (free; 10 am to 5 pm all month)
- The Classic Film Series at Heritage House Presents: The Deadly Companions (free; 7-9 pm)
- Ooltewah Farmer’s Market (Ooltewah Nursery; free; 3-5 pm)
- Women Ground Breakers Storytelling #3 - Civil Rights (Ridgeview Baptist Church; free; 5-6:30 pm)
- Be seen in Green: The Wiz Watch Party! (Jazzanooga Art Spaces; free; 6-9 pm)

**Friday**
- Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show (The Forum; free; 10am-6pm)
- Men’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Convocation: Brain Awareness, 7:30p, Thatcher Chapel, Jud Lake (2 Credits)

**Saturday**
- Bluegrass Jamboree Open Mic Night (Harrison Rutlan Club; free; 6-9pm)
- The King and I (Chattanooga Christian School; $7-13; 7-9:30pm)
- Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show (The Forum; free; 11am-5pm)
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**Sunday**
- Jazzanooga Gospel & Soul Brunch (Bessie Smith Cultural Center; $15-20; 1-3pm)
- First Day of Spring Concert (Volkswagen Conference Center; free; 3-4:30 pm)

### S.A. Announcements

**Talent Show:** The SA Talent show will be this Saturday, March 19th in Iles Gymnasium at 9p. Come out to support your friends and the great talent we have on campus.

### BIRTHDAYS
- **March 17**
  - Brielle Anderson
  - Britni Barlow
  - Ellysse Bertus
  - Ethan Fishell
  - Hailey Hilgart
  - Justice Peltier
  - Joel Petgrave
  - Dwight Rey
  - Mia Spicer
- **March 18**
  - Dylan Gibbons
  - Joseph Min
  - Catherin Silva
- **March 19**
  - Morgan Aumack
  - Allie Bermudez
  - Dava Berrong
  - Dion Sanders
  - Enaea Smith
- **March 20**
  - Sunny Cardenas-Gomez
  - Dalles Carr
  - Christian McClung
  - Morgan Parker
  - Jose Rosales
  - Ashlan Rumenson
  - Austin Wagner
- **March 21**
  - Bradley Donesky
  - Hannah Kelsey
  - Yoshiaki Suzuki
  - Emily Tan
  - Kailley Wales
  - Selena Zarrudio
- **March 22**
  - Bryan Chen
  - Esther Ferraz
  - Max Giron
  - Derek Kondek
  - Josue Montilla
  - Michelle Nieb
  - Annika Northrop
  - Daniel Widner
- **March 23**
  - Joraldine Feliciano

### 17 MAR
- 72°

### 18 MAR
- 69°

### 19 MAR
- 60°

### 20 MAR
- 56°

### 21 MAR
- 61°
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, March 17, 2016

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Every culture. Every race.
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Twitter

I lose my id card like every other hour...only to find it in my pocket every other hour #saulife
Danielle Allen, @iamvistoso
Journalism and GPS, JR

There is a sign language tutoring session happening close by and all I can hear is English. #saulife
Bryan Chen, @bryxbchen
Music-Theory and Literature, JR

Donald Trump is the Sith Lord. I’m convinced.
Sierra Emilaire, @waxchinadoll
English and International Studies, JR

24 & still spilling coffee all over myself like a child #adultingwell #newyearsameJulia
Julia Bonney, @jbonney2
Mass Communication, SR

What I am proud of, tho, is the powerful community coming together to stand & fight this disease. #SAULife
Rosana Hughes, @hughesrosana
Journalism, SR

Can someone link me the mixtape for BCU Night 2016? #SAULife #BlackChristianUnion
Inah Ulangca @alohainah
Nursing, SR

The nice thing about having a boyfriend is that he eats the food I don’t want.
Samantha Smith, @sam21elena
Nursing

I had every intention of doing homework this past break
Bryant Rodriguez, @BF_Rod
Theology, JR

Walking through wet grass in Birkensocks is acceptable b/c my destination involves a nap #HelloBed
Aaron Negrillo, @arislens
Computer Information Systems, JR

Instagram

It’s such a great feeling when the person you wanted to see your story is the first person to see it
Veronica Garcia, @LynetteVeronica
Business Administration and Public Relations, SR

Why did I eat my weight in pasta at lunch today
Curse you, pasta day! You shall regret this night. #saulife
Aileen Martinez, @hola_aileen
Art Therapy, SR

#southernsleepers #mckeelibrary
Ashley Rich, @arich_rich
Public Relations, SR

TWEET US
@southern_accent

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REAL HEADLINES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Ohio girls high school basketball team loses 108-1

Man legally changes name to Bacon Double Cheeseburger

MORGAN FREEMAN IS FINALLY A GPS NAVIGATION VOICE

Michigan says its potholes make it the best place to test driverless cars

‘Hangry’ woman arrested for biting Wendy’s worker over wrong order

Man spends $71,000 fighting $180 speeding ticket

Now you can pay to take a college course on how to eat tacos

Man accused of tossing gator into Wendy’s drive-thru window

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Mathis also said the only concern the committee faced was that the change would make it easier for upperclassmen to bring their younger friends along to live together. The likelihood of different ages pairing is due to students being required to sign up in groups of four.

Several other prerequisites remain unchanged. These include being at least 20 years old and having a good citizenship record. Students who currently have living arrangements that would not cause any noticeable changes for students’ living arrangements. The residence halls and Southern Village are still within their limits and do not face the cut-off phenomena dead but not knowing it yet.”

Meanwhile, the Housing Availability Committee (HAC) finalized its decision to reduce the number of required credit hours from 80 to 75 in mid-February for students who want to move into Southern Village apartments.

The HAC is comprised of the head deans of the men’s and women’s residences, the housing deans and Dennis Neffron, vice president of student services. Jeff Erhard, associate dean of men, explained why credit requirements were reduced by five hours.

“[Credit hours] are adjusted depending on the number of students for the coming fall semester. Southern is optimistic about a modest increase in enrollment this fall semester,” said Doug Frood, associate vice president of Financial Administration. “Food Services last year lost $575,000 and this year it is on track to lose $250,000.”

Modeled after Union College’s meal plan, residence hall students will automatically be enrolled in Southern’s “Silver” ($1,400) meal plan and may change to a “Bronze” ($1,200) or “Gold” ($1,600) plan. The meal plans include a $450 Food Services fee that helps to cover the cost of food preparation, which is subtracted from these amounts.

However, residence hall students will receive a 40 percent discount on all food purchases.

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SA Talent Show seizes the duck

Shadia Raniey
Staff Writer

The Student Association (SA) annual talent show was held on March 19 and was themed “Carpe Diem: Seize the Duck.”

Eight contestants competed before a panel of five judges and more than 950 students for the first place prize of $1,000. Judges included religion professor Philip Samaan, junior theology major Evron Stewart, Campus Safety Officer Stevenson Pangley, senior nursing and outdoor emergency services major Nick Simons and nurse Mary King.

Sarah Graham, senior history major, and Jaren Humphreys, senior business major, emceed.

First place winners, Tricycle, performed a Disney medley featuring music from “Pocohontas,” “Tarzan,” “Hercules” and “Mulan.”

“We’re really happy. We’ve been trying to do this for the past few shows, but it never worked out,” said Amanda Cook, junior mathematics major. “It’s Danny’s last year, so we’re glad we got to do it and surprised that we won.”

Daniel Alvarez, Joe Mixon and Cook performed a musical skit where Disney was looking for a new cast member who met the following qualities: versatility, rhythm, passion, and creativity.

“Tricycle combined everything I wanted to see,” Evron Stewart, junior theology major, said. “They really checked all the boxes for me.”

Second place winner, Amberhope Velbis, senior corporate and community wellness major, performed an original song titled “21.” Velbis said she wrote the song when God led her to leave the music scene in Nashville. La Rue Saint Jacque, a group of three, won third place.

The remaining five acts entertained the crowd and received positive feedback from almost all of the judges.

“You always want to give props to people who want to go up, but we have to remember that they’re doing this for money,” Stewart said. “For $1,000 you have to do a little more than just have fun.”

One of the most memorable acts was “Hit the Bietz” a demonstration of dancing without moving your feet presented by a group of students and a cardboard cutout of President Gordon Bietz. Toward the end of the performance, the president himself joined the group on stage.

“That was my favorite part of the show,” Taylor Hayes, sophomore nursing major, said. “It was exciting and creative.”

Throughout the night, Graham and Humphreys underwent three outfit changes, courtesy of Christina Angel, junior history major, and Elias Martinez, junior business administration. The crowd was not responsive to some of their jokes and the emcees held their script in hand, but this did not discourage them.

“It was just good to be up there with Sarah,” Humphreys said. “We’ve been friends for four years, and it’s just been good to know each other. It was easier to flow off each other.”

As the judges decided the winners of the night, Bietz conducted an informal town hall meeting to answer students’ questions.

During the talent show, SA introduced a new student website where students will be able to track all events on campus: southern-community.symplicity.com. Intramurals, LifeGroups and community service are not yet available.

“Every event is always pure chaos,” said Rachel Cundiff, SA social vice president. “We have to do twenty things at once and so many things fall through. You have to be quick on your feet or you won’t get through events. This year was lit. That’s all I have to say.”

Southern adding summer commencement ceremony

Andrew McClure
Staff Writer

An additional commencement ceremony is being added to the graduation experience offered at Southern Adventist University. It will be held on July 28 at 7:00 p.m. and will allow graduates who finish their program after May to be able to participate in a graduation service without having to wait until December.

By adding another commencement ceremony, Southern will be saving students money, while allowing graduates to experience a ceremony much sooner without having to wait until December.

“Our desire is to not add significantly to the cost of providing commencement ceremonies by moving the December ceremony off-campus because this ultimately would add to student cost of attendance,” said Bob Young, senior vice president of academic administration.

Young said the summer commencement ceremony is due to an increase of potential July graduates.

“The reality of our December commencement ceremonies held in the Iles P.E. Center is [it’s] nearing capacity,” said Young. “Given these parameters, it seemed most prudent to add a third ceremony to the academic calendar.”

Nursing students are especially excited about the new commencement ceremony. Although not strictly for nursing students, the July ceremony will primarily include nursing majors. This is due to the nursing program offering students a summer semester.

“Since I am planning on entering the program this summer, I am happy that when I do graduate I will be able to finish the ceremony in July rather than December,” said Stacy Rodriguez, sophomore nursing major.

“I think it is great that Southern is doing what they can to save students money,” said Erie Palacio, sophomore nursing major. “Adding another commencement ceremony will make the December ceremony less crowded and allow for a more enjoyable experience for everyone there.”

Young said the summer commencement ceremony is not new at all. He said the practice was discontinued in 2007 due to the number of July graduates dwindling to the point that a ceremony was no longer needed.
Team V.E.T. (Veterans Empowerment Training), a division of Southern Adventist University’s Enactus Club, will enhance the lives of Chattanooga’s unemployed veterans by creating a free career-oriented workshop that will be held on March 29.

The workshop will focus on teaching veterans basic workforce skills: résumé building, interview skills, professionalism, etc. Everyone who attends will receive a light meal before, followed by the workshop at 6 p.m., which will be held at the Community Center in Ooltewah across from the Veterans Memorial Park.

The ultimate goal is to have these workshops become self-sustainable. Enactus’s mission is to create symbiotic organizations with the culture that surrounds it, forming a productive relationship.

Getting this project off the ground was not an easy endeavor, said Alexa Smart, junior marketing major and V.E.T. team leader. “It was a little intimidating,” said Smart. “Our team had to create a sustainable organization from scratch, and I honestly didn’t even know where to begin.”

Another problem the team faced was finding veterans to register for the workshops. Chattanooga has a large military veteran population which the city mayor’s office and the Chattanooga Veterans Council work with closely. As of now, Team V.E.T. has worked with these organizations and Blue Cross Blue Shield to find veterans for the workshop.

Automatic Data Processing, Inc. (ADP), one of America’s largest tax, human resources and business solutions corporations, was a large force in aiding this project by donating $1,500 to the Enactus team. The donation was used for purchasing textbooks and finding a venue.

All the members of Team V.E.T. share a similar vision in wanting to implement a real change in the lives of people who sincerely seek it. Holly Rigby, senior financial management major and V.E.T. team member, said, “I think helping them prepare for and find jobs is a great way to incorporate the mission of Enactus with a deserving group of people.”
Southern celebrates 100 years in Collegedale

“...the more you learn something, the more you appreciate it,” said Brownlow. “[T]hose who have come before are the reason we’re here now.”

Brandon Ford, junior accounting major, said that he thought the speech was all about “getting back to our biblical roots” and that the speech was “a wake-up call.”

Not only were the students impressed with the speech, but Bietz was impressed with the attendees’ respect for him as he spoke. He said he was pleased with the “high attendance” and that “the general demeanor of the student body was respectful during the entire presentation.” Regarding where the school is headed in its next 100 years, Bietz said, “Heaven, I expect, but if we don’t get lost in the relativism and postmodernism that plagues our generation.”

Jeffrey Brownlow, junior theology major, said the move to Collegedale was “a history lesson.”

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Required credit hours reduced for students to move into village

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The move to the Village for the second semester of the school year must have 94 credits or have senior status.

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Students will be able to add money in $100 increments throughout the semester. If a student exceeds their chosen meal plan amount, $100 will automatically be added to his or her account. Email notifications will occur when a student’s meal plan gets lower than $80, $60 and $40 as a warning. Students will still receive a 40 percent discount when adding additional funds, and added funds will be refunded if unused.

Non-residence hall students may opt for a $250 meal plan per semester or decide not to have one at all. Students under this plan will receive a 20 percent discount at the register. Any unused money will be refunded.

Meal plan changes again

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at the register, excluding prepackaged foods, bottled drinks, vending machine items and Village Market purchases. Even though students will have to pay the Food Services fee, the 40 percent discount will help students stretch their meal plan money. A different maximum refund amount has been determined for each plan: $70 for Bronze, $250 for Silver and $420 for Gold.

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Mysterious Pole Unvaulted

SERENA WENDT
STAFF WRITER

The pole in front of Hackman Hall is part of an astronomical art project by Henry Kuhlman, adjunct professor in the physics department. The pole currently there is a placeholder for a more aesthetically-appealing sun pole that will be designed by Randy Craven, dean of the School of Visual Art and Design (SVAD).

Students in astronomy and earth science classes have been required to chart information from sun poles for the last three decades. The shadow of the current official sun pole in the Hickman parking lot is sometimes hard to see and the pole itself is technically a modified telescope mount, Kuhlman said. Due to this, a new sun pole was in order.

“I saw that nice flat square cement pad [in front of Hackman] and I said that would be a great place,” said Kuhlman.

Kuhlman plans to sandblast a path in the cement in the shape of an annalemma with brass spikes embedded at key measurements. An annalemma is the shape of the path the sun creates when measured at a specific time for an entire year. In Collegedale, the sun is directly overhead at 12:40 p.m. and measured at this time since Collegedale is not in the middle of the time zone. Kuhlman said this project will help students visually grasp the concept that the sun is higher in the sky in summer and lower during the winter.

Southern Adventist University administration asked the SVAD to come up with a visually appealing design for the pole. SVAD prepared several concepts.

“One of those concepts was a sunflower, or the silhouette of a sunflower,” said Craven. “They seemed to like that one.”

SVAD is currently working on the technicalities of the design.

“It’s fun,” said Craven. “I like the idea of combining the idea of the artistic aspect of the device and the scientific aspect of it. That was the goal for this one, to have the scientific instrument take on sculptural form that would look interesting.”

Craven referenced the sundial near Thatcher as an example of merged science and sculptural form that already exists on campus.

Craven said they hope to see the sun pole project completed in the next several months.
Schools of Religion unite

This past Saturday, eight students and eight professors from the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University visited Oakwood University for the Student Research Theological Symposium and Sabbath Fellowship with Oakwood’s School of Religion. The purpose of that Sabbath day was to create community between the schools and to allow students to present their projects and papers. The day began with presentations by Bright Baah from Oakwood and Sebastian Lopez, senior theology major, who presented his research on the book of Daniel. Judit Manchay, senior theology major, gave a homily on “Loving Your Unlovable” based on the book of Proverbs. Next, Caryl LiHang, a religious education major from Oakwood, presented on the book of 2 Corinthians. Students and professors enjoyed a buffet at the Oakwood cafeteria and then reconvened in the afternoon for more presentations and a panel discussion. Juan Mora, sophomore theology major, presented his paper on the metaphors of light and dark in the Ancient Near Eastern philosophy and religion. The day closed with a panel discussion with Jose Briones, senior theology major, me and John Nixon, professor of the School of Religion, who represented Southern on the topic of “Multicultural Ministry.” Both students and professors thoroughly enjoyed the day as they engaged with the different presentations on biblical and archaeological matters. This weekend was part of an annual program hosted by both universities’ schools of religion. It alternates between faculty and student presentations every other year. This year was the turn for student presentations. Because they also alternate campuses every two years, next year’s program will be hosted here at Southern. It is hoped that these events will continue to open doors of communication between the schools and among members of differing races in Adventism.

Casey Vaughn is a junior theology major.

Why everybody should be a pastor’s wife

As a lady at Southern Adventist University, I hear the words “you should be a pastor’s wife” more often than I’d like to admit — and I am sure I’m not alone. Ironically, it can sometimes be both a slight insult and a polite compliment. Either way, I never quite know how to react to this statement. I believe everyone should be a pastor’s wife. I believe everyone should be a pastor. I believe as Christians we should all be involved in ministry. We should all be pastors, pastors’ spouses, and pastors’ kids, and create pastoral families — God-fearing families. Perhaps not in the literal sense but in the practical sense. Pastors should not be overworked. Pastors’ spouses would not feel pressured to present themselves in certain ways. Pastors’ kids would not feel judged. We should all be living the struggle of attempting to reflect Christ in a sinful world, but we should be facing the challenge together.

If we would all carry the burden of saving the lost, not only would we be saved in the process, but also our means to share the Gospel would exponentially grow. We would all visit and care for our church members. We would all attend to the sick and the poor. We would all work with our spouses to do ministry. We would all know our Bible as we should. We would all be a convincing testimony to the world.

I am convinced that everyone, to some extent, is called to be a pastor and pastor’s spouse. Not only would we create powerful God-fearing families but also hasten Christ’s Second Coming. Therefore, every God-fearing Christian should be part of a pastoral family.

Melissa Salazar is a senior liberal arts education major.
**Spring cleaning: how to stay motivated**

**Kristen Vonnoh**

Coming back from spring break, you can almost hear the collective sighs of students looking out every possible window as they long for summer. Motivation (and class attendance) can plummet as the sun makes its return. Though these last seven weeks seem rather daunting, I would like to provide three tips and some words of encouragement.

**Tip #1: Don’t Procrastinate**

I know this is much easier said than done. However, proactivity will help relieve stress and give you a more peaceful state of mind. In order to stop procrastinating, be sure to use a planner; it keeps things easier than allow you to wander aimlessly online.

**Tip #2: Get Creative**

Sometimes it is extremely hard to stay focused. When you seem to have studied for hours on end, take a small break. Instead of sitting on Twitter or Tumblr for 30 minutes, do something creatively productive—writing, drawing, or doing whatever else you enjoy. Doing these things will help your motivation and inspiration grow and increase your brain capacity. It’s a win-win situation.

**Tip #3: Sleep**

While everyone jokes about how little sleep college students get, it really is true. But this lack of sleep can cause serious problems, including anxiety, stress, bad eating habits and poor social skills. Sleep is such a critical part of life that enables you to function. Remember you can’t do everything in a single day. Tomorrow is a new day. Take it one day at a time.

I realize that these tips may seem cliché and even impossible to achieve at times. But remember that mental health is as equally important as (if not more than) school! Do not make yourself miserable in these last few weeks. Of course, there are responsibilities and time constraints in college, but those will always be present throughout life. Learning how to balance these things is a key factor of contentment and happiness. I hope these tips provided a glimpse of hope on this downhill slope to summer.

Here is a quote by the wise philosopher DJ Khaled to help get you through the end of the semester: “You smart. You very smart. We the best. You a genius.”

Kristen Vonnoh is a sophomore journalism major.

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**Get smart: learn a language**

**Genesis Serrano and Marsie Mawuntu**

One of the elements that differentiate humans from other mammals is our ability to use language to communicate in a systematic and understandable way. Language is a complex system of both phonetic and written symbols that allows us to communicate our ideas, queries, thoughts, desires and feelings to others. As social creatures, it was essential to develop a form of transmitting our ideas, emotions and thoughts to further generations.

Human beings have used various forms of communication since prehistoric times, and its complexity has evolved, rendering different dialects that vary geographically. This geographical language evolution has allowed for communication to become a staple in certain cultures, such as the Hispanic culture and the Spanish language. It’s a language that is understood and spoken in South America, Central America and Spain. There are also different forms of language, such as sign language, which was established to promote communication among the deaf-mute. It’s a language of gestures that are common to all and serve to signify ideas, feelings or sensations without the use of verbal words. Whether it be a physical or linguistic form, communication is a vital part of everyday life and gives human beings the power of expression and individuality.

Learning a new language changes the physical structure of the brain by forming neural pathways. When stimulated by any mental activity, neurons fire chemical signals creating new electrochemical pathways that enhance and strengthen the information in your brain. When learning a new language, your left hemisphere is mostly stimulated, as it is believed to be the center where our language skills originate. A Swedish study observed that studying other languages thickens the cerebral cortex, which has been shown to enhance memory, consciousness and improve acuity later in life.

Last week, it was both Brain Awareness Week and National Foreign Language Week. Learning various languages goes hand-in-hand with enhanced brain activity, which can help the brain to retain more knowledge and memory.

Bilingual people have a greater chance at landing positions in the job market as well. As President and Vice President of Alpha Mu Gamma Foreign Language National Honor Society, we have a vision to promote the various cultures here at Southern. With the racial situations that happened last month, it is crucial that we all come together as one student body—one human race—to embrace the diversity we are privileged to have on campus. Join us for our induction ceremony on Tuesday, April 26, and email us if you would like to be a part of the honor society!

Genesis Serrano is a sophomore nursing major and Marsie Mawuntu is opinion editor.

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#ExposeTheElephant:

Reflections on growing up biracial

Christen Mourey

Race is a word that is used to define different ethnic groups within humanity. But I believe that we have incorrectly used the word “race” as an interchangeable synonym for “species.” Growing up in a biracial home, this thought has been a constant thread woven into my life. My father is a second-generation American with Polish blood and my mother is native to a small country in South America called Suriname.

Looking at them both, they are total opposites. My father is a towering 6 feet 3 inches, quiet but hilarious and has the complexion of Wonder Bread. My mother is 5 feet tall, incredibly beautiful and has milk chocolate skin. Friends and family questioned their love and persuaded them to think twice and even a third time about the implications of their relationship.

“How will you live, eat, get along? How would it even work?” whined my mother as she echoed the questions that were thrown in her face.

Do my parents have different racial backgrounds? Yes. Are they still the same species? Obviously, because they went ahead and had a child — me!

My experience of growing up biracial is not everyone’s experience. The amount of variables that can influence the situation are innumerable. All I can say is that I appreciate my upbringing because I am not limited to a race or another label to define me. It is my pure belief that the most difficult thing a human faces is finding his or her identity. Because of this, many people take shortcuts to find comfort and security rather than endure the journey of creating the exceptional person that everyone is capable of being. These short cuts can be found in relationship, religious beliefs and the stigmas that come with a skin tone. So when people ask me if there is a race that I resonate best with or if I struggle with my identity because I’m biracial, I simply say no.

My family, my upbringing and the people that have been placed around me is the situation that I have been born into. However, I get to choose who I am, what qualities I adopt and how I will see the world. My wish is that everyone else would realize that they have that same privilege. More importantly, I wish that the world would escape the boxes that they allow themselves to be placed in and realize that there is a higher position we all belong to: being sons and daughters of the Most High God.

Rosanne Bruso

When I was in the seventh grade, there was a boy in my class who would get annoyed anytime someone brought up the fact that I was half Puerto Rican.

“No, she isn’t,” he would say. “She wasn’t born there, so she is just white.” I never had any one challenge my heritage before, so it really hit me.

“He isn’t wrong,” I would tell myself. “I was not born in Puerto Rico. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, pale skin and I can’t even speak Spanish. Technically, there is nothing Puerto Rican about me.”

No matter how much I told myself that the boy in my class was right and that I wasn’t Puerto Rican, I still struggled to drop it from my identity. I was raised with my mother’s Puerto Rican culture being a big part of my life, and I was proud of it. Looking back, I should have stood up for my culture, but I was so young and it was much easier to just stay silent.

From then on, I would leave that detail out when asked about my ethnicity, but it felt wrong. I love both sides of my culture, so to have one without the other felt unnatural. It didn’t seem fair that I was told I had to pick one to be accepted – because I wanted to be both. I am both. I was too afraid to embrace both my cultures in any way because I knew I would just be mocked. Yet I couldn’t fit in with just one culture. There was always something missing – something I felt wouldn’t be an issue if I were just one nationality.

One day, during my senior year of high school, my religion teacher made my class do an activity where we would write down the good and bad traits of each of our classmates. According to one of my classmates, my “bad trait” was that I denied my Puerto Rican side and should embrace it as part of my identity. Guess who wrote that? It was the same boy who in seventh grade told me I wasn’t allowed to call myself Puerto Rican. I should have been angry; instead, I just realized that I should have never listened to him in the first place.

It’s okay to be proud of your nationalities, no matter how many you have. Our nationalities are beautiful details that contribute to who we are. Culture does not define who we are, but it influences us from the day we are born. No one should make you hide your culture, and no one should rely on the validation of others. We define ourselves, and the only one who can validate us is God.

Rosanne Bruso is a sophomore International Studies major.
March Madness upset

Intramural volleyball champions

Women’s A League Champions: “Serves Up”
Men’s A League Champions: “Super Smash Bros”
B League Men’s Champions: “Rampage”
Women’s B League Champions: “Short Bus”
Co-ed A League Champions: “Oooo Kill ‘em”
Co-ed B League Champions: “Bold and Beautiful”

March can bring great times for college students: spring break, the end of winter weather, the approach of baseball season and, most importantly, March Madness. The definition of madness is “a state of frenzied or chaotic activity.” That perfectly explains the atmosphere during March Madness: a chaotic state of mind that not only the players feel but also the millions of alumni supporting their schools feel during the tournament.

For those who don’t know what March Madness is, here is a summary. The college basketball season starts in early November, and each team plays around 30-35 games in a season. In early March, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) selection committee chooses the best 68 teams to play in a huge tournament called March Madness. This tournament is essentially the playoffs for the teams that have been ranked the highest and have played the best all season. March Madness is so captivating because millions of people participate in trying to pick the perfect bracket, and anything can happen – anything.

That is why picking a perfect bracket is so seemingly impossible. A No. 2 seeded team could be beat by a No. 15 seed. You might say, “Well, somebody has got to pick a perfect bracket if so many people participate.” To put in perspective how hard it is to pick the perfect bracket, in 2014 Warren Buffett, one of the wealthiest investors in the world, offered $1 billion to anyone who could do it. The odds of picking a perfect bracket out of 68 teams are 1 in 9.2 quintillion! Needless to say, the prize went unclaimed.

With that, let this year’s madness begin.

This season of college basketball, there was never a concrete No. 1 team in the nation. For a while Oklahoma State University had the top rank, then University of North Carolina (UNC) had it, Michigan State University once had it and then it fell to Kansas State University. This led most experts to say that this year’s March Madness would have more upsets than ever, and they were not wrong. During the first two rounds of the tournament, most of the top seeds (No. 1- No. 5) usually advance because they play teams with a lower seed (No. 10-No. 16). This year, in just the first two rounds of the tournament, there have been multiple bracket busters (major upsets), such as Yale University (No. 12) beating Baylor University, a No. 5 seed, No. 14 seed Stephen F. Austin University beating No. 3 West Virginia University and the biggest bracket buster so far: seed No. 15 Middle Tennessee State University beating seed No. 2 Michigan State. It is common for a few people to have perfect brackets after the first two rounds, but after Michigan State lost, not a single person had a perfect bracket.

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### CALENDAR

**24 MAR**

- Convocation: Hasel Lectureship, 11a
- Last day to drop a class “W” on transcript
- Preview Southern 104 (24-25)
- SOAP Challenge Course, 5p, OEC

**25 MAR**

- Faculty Summer Textbook Adoptions due, Campus Shop
- Tennis/Badminton Sign-up Begins, southern.edu/intramurals
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- SOAP Camping Trip, 3p, OEC (24-26)
- Vespers, 8p, Various Locations, Student Organizations/Departments/Schools
- Sunset, 7:56p

**26 MAR**

- SonRise Resurrection Pageant
- Table Game Night, 8p, Student Center
- Free Slushies, 8-10p, Student Center

**27 MAR**

- Easter

**28 MAR**

- Soccer Season Begins
- Online Fall Registration for Southern Scholars
- University Assembly, 4p
- E.A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p
- Archaeological Museum Lecture, 7p, Lynn Wood Chapel, James Hardin (1 Credit)

**29 MAR**

- Online Fall Registration for Returning Seniors >93 hours (29-30)

**30 MAR**

- Payday: Salary
- Faculty Professional Development, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- Tennis/Badminton Captains Meeting, 5p, Hulsey
- ACA Orientation, 6:30p, Miller Hall #201
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

### BIRTHDAYS

- **March 24**
  - John Boggess
  - Josiah Gallimore
  - Leilani Gamnada
  - Isaiah Griffiths
  - Grace Lee
  - David Mancao
  - Daniel Masela
  - Devin Nash
  - Sharon Njalaleh
  - Anna Plank
  - Rebecca Preval
  - Ethan Smith
  - Lauryn Waterhouse

- **March 25**
  - Ayisha Allen
  - Christian Cautivar
  - Marcus Harden
  - Amber Mangrum
  - Rebecca McGintey
  - Eileen Segura
  - Breanna Thornton

- **March 26**
  - Joseph Galabt
  - Sabrina Galindo
  - Joy Lacorte
  - Stephanie McElheney
  - Evelyn Park
  - Neil Santos
  - Mackenson Vendome
  - Carie Whitaker
  - Ben Williams

- **March 27**
  - Carolin Blackburn
  - Carina Lopez
  - Gaby Molgaard
  - Emily West

- **March 28**
  - Rodolpho Alves
  - Steffy Bohorquez
  - Emmylou Drusky
  - Pablo Huertano
  - Mysa Israel
  - Trevor Kondek
  - James Lee
  - Maria Reyes
  - Kyle Shaw
  - Karin Sokolies

- **March 29**
  - Jordan Antone
  - Maria Deal
  - Seth Edens
  - Natamor Pasaribu
  - Sarah Stollenmaier

- **March 30**
  - Amber Ballesteros
  - Paige Cosgrove
  - Brandon Dobrowsky
  - David Grau
  - Adrian Sarli
  - Benjamin Schuen

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**[S.A. Announcements]**

**Talent Show:** Congratulations to the winners of this year’s talent show! The results from Saturday night were as follows: 1st The Tricycle, 2nd Amberhope Velbis, 3rd La Rue Saint Jaque.

**APRIL 4:** May Senior deadline to complete Christian Service, Incompletes, and correspondence.
When I was in high school, I loved going to the youth festivals and prayer conferences to see Improv.

Inah Ulangca @alohainah
Nursing, SR

And the community demo flops on inauguration day.
#saulife #whyarewepaying13kagain? #getitoutnowt
Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

You can spot all the seniors at the talent show who didn’t dress up and are taking the most free food. #lazyandproud #saulife
Eloise Ravell, @elo_mate
Journalism and International Studies, SR

Laying on my bed trying to think of something deep to tweet about. Well, my roommate’s snoring is pretty deep. #saulife
Bryan Chen, @bryxbchen
Music-Theory and Literature, JR

Only people who are thinking raise objections--the others vote for Donald Trump. -heard in class #MakeDonaldDrumpfAgain. 😳 #saulife
Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

Dear interviewer it’s not my GPA that matters, it’s the morals that I bring to the table #SAULife
Andre Garcia, @Eandgarcia
Psychology, SR

i like so much music that i forget about entire genres for a while because it’s too much to keep track of
Jordan Putt, @jordanputt95
Business Administration, SO

The VM claimed to “not have forks” on spaghetti day so they could watch newly forming couples struggle & be embarrassed @Southern_Accent
Aileen Martinez, @hola_aileen
Art Therapy, SR

“He just doesn’t get it. Even though he’s six!” - son of 5 years-old, upon discovering that eldership does not = omniscience
Kendra Stanton Lee, @kendrasondence
Assistant Professor

Celebrating 100 years in Collegedale! God has definitely blessed and led this school. #SAULife
Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

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The Accent’s Guide to Mild Anarchy

Social media is a great platform for rebellion and activism:

Few souls make for better anarchists than passive-aggressive baristas:

Never let public transportation tell you how you should feel:

The call for revolution isn’t only limited to man:

Family group chats are the perfect place to take a stand:

Whoever said towel dispensing couldn’t be a collaborative effort?

If society shouldn’t be confined to arbitrary boundaries, then neither should staplers:

Let us know what you think using #SAUhumor
President Bietz dyes shirts in his kitchen. Photo by Joshua Supit

President Dr. Bietz, 71, Dyes Peacefully in His Collegedale Home

Nathan Jo Cowman
Contributor

In an interview with the Southern Acc., he said, “There’s a stigma that before we graduate we should find a wife, and I figured the nursing program would be fertile ground.”

An unnamed SA officer estimates the president used up to $2,000 on his dinner dates while claiming that the money was going towards Community, the online communication forum software that would replace the Joker, which was promised to launch by the end of the semester.

SA President Impeached

Ben Dover
Contributor

The Student Association (SA) President was impeached earlier this week on the grounds that he used SA funds to take multiple female nursing students on luxurious dates over the course of the 2015-2016 school year.

“It’s really the School of Religion’s fault,” he said. “There’s a minor in graphic design, who had recently launched his clothing label named “10G.”

“My brand represents the idea that staying true to yourself and others will find you success,” said Warren. “That’s the idea that I feel Bietz embodies perfectly.”

Bietz reflected on his own legacy as he tie-dyed over his kitchen sink. “With all this social media, you can feel like you’re more connected with students, more so than when I was in college,” said Bietz, commenting on his social media and pop culture presence on campus. On the subject of student-president connection, Accent photographer Josh Supit challenged Bietz to a game of Ping-Pong, which allegedly will happen before the end of the semester.

Bietz plans on spending his retirement traveling. He and his wife plan on attending the upcoming Ireland-Scotland tour with the university, led by the School of Religion's Dr. Greg King. He also plans to spend the entire month of June in a condo on Cote d’Azur, located on the French coast, overlooking the Mediterranean.

Upon his return, he will become associate director for higher education and the department of education of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Contents of the time capsule include various duck feathers, answer keys to zoology classes and a few letters to the future campus from students and faculty. The time capsule and its contents will be on permanent display in the archeology museum next week.

SA PREMIER: STUDENT KILLED IN CAR CRASH

INVESTIGATIVE FEATURE: AN INSIDE LOOK AT SOUTHERN’S BUDGET

OUT OF MIND, BUT NOT OUT OF SIGHT

#EXPOSE THE ELEPHANT: TRUMP

WHAT SOCCER MEANS TO ME

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FORGOTTEN TIME CAPSULE FROM 1916 UNEARTHED

S. Tongue Ran
Contributor

A time capsule with Southern Adventist University inscriptions and a 1916 date was found buried between the duck pond and Brock Hall. The capsule was found during the January construction for the EPA-mandated sewer system renewal. The capsule and surrounding areas have been under excavation since early March and will reach completion on April 1. Archives reveal that the capsule was a gift from the class of 1916, which was the same year that Southern relocated its campus from Graysville, Tennessee, to its current location in Collegedale. The opening date was set for 1956, but was cancelled for undetermined reasons.

“Well, [construction] manager told me and the boys to dig near one of them sewer drains, but something in my heart told me to go dig this random patch of crabgrass near the duck pond, so I did,” said Joe Schmoe, one of the bulldozer operators who discovered the forgotten capsule. “I’ve since been fired, but I couldn’t be happier because of this discovery.”

Michael G. Hasel, director for Southern’s institution of archeology, spearheaded the three-week excavation with the help of a team of senior archeology majors. All excavation operations were kept unannounced to prevent looting or arson, requiring the excavators to work past curfew at night and over spring break.

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**INVESTIGATIVE FEATURE**

**CASSIE MATCHIM**

News Editor

It’s no secret that Southern Adventist University is working to meet its budget. Lower enrollment means less money coming in, which means a tightening of the belt all across campus. This leads some students to wonder—why is Southern making plans to build a new student center?

Where’s the $900?

Tax-exempt, non-profit, charitable organizations are required by law to file an annual form with the IRS called Form 990 that breaks down how that organization uses its money. Southern Adventist University’s Form 990 cannot be found online, although one may be found for all other Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) universities in the United States.

On May 24, 1984, after filing its 1982 Form 990, Southern received a letter from the IRS. Laminated and kept in a special binder in the accounting office, the letter states that because Southern qualifies as a religious institution, it is no longer required to file a Form 990. This is common; many religious institutions are exempt. Southern falls under the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which falls under the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which qualifies Southern for religious exemption. In 2008, the IRS sent a letter asking for Southern’s Form 990. When the IRS realized that Southern had the previous exemption letter, it granted continuation of the Form 990 exemption that still exists today.

Not yet a budget crisis

Although the Form 990 doesn’t exist, audited financial statements are available from the Financial Administration office upon request.

Tom Verrill, senior vice president of financial administration, said he estimates it takes about $70 million to operate Southern every year, which was verified on the May 2015 Consolidated Financial Report.

Verrill said that Southern makes roughly $15,000 annually per student, after the portion of scholarships that Southern pays. This money comes from student payments and federal and state money (scholarships or loans). In the last three years, enrollment has dropped by about 200 students.

“If you have a drop of 200 students, at $15,000 a piece, that’s 3 million dollars [lost],” said Verrill.

In addition, Southern implemented four-year renewable scholarships starting in the 2014-15 school year, which is more money that Southern pays out and doesn’t take in. This results in scholarship costs going up about $4.5 million over the past three years.

“We’ve made changes to help absorb some of that, but that’s putting pressure on our finances,” Verrill said.

Typically, Southern budgets about a $1.7 million gain and actually experiences a $2-3 million gain, but this past year, the gain was only $800,000. Although that sounds like a lot of money, compared to a $70 million budget, it’s rather small.

“The school wouldn’t shut down—there’s just not enough money to do everything,” Verrill said. “The budget would continue to receive adjustments and cutbacks, as it already has this year.”

Departments were asked to aim to cut 2.5 percent of expenses. Some departments have more discretionary, or non-people-related, spending than others, which makes it easier for them to reach this goal. Administration and department heads have tried to cut general costs rather than personnel.

Verrill stressed that no one has been asked to leave Southern for budget-reduction reasons, although each vacant position that comes up is evaluated to determine whether or not it needs to be filled.

For example, when the short-term missions coordinator left in the summer, Campus Ministries had to cut one employee position. They chose to refill the short-term missions coordinator spot, which meant a forced job relocation of beloved office manager Teri Reutebuch. She now works in the Student Services office.

Student Center

Verrill explained that the money for the new student center and other buildings is an allocation of the annual capital budget—money set aside to renovate, build, and expand different projects on campus. The capital budget has been reduced by about half this year. This is part of the reason why the decision was made to move the student center from near Hulsey Wellness Center to the promenade.

As reported by the Southern Accent on Feb. 25, the new student center originally cost about $28 million. The one to be built on the promenade will now cost about $13 million. It’s 100 percent donation-based and groundbreaking and building will not begin until the money is in hand.

Verrill said. Called restricted funds, money that is donated for a specific project cannot legally be used for other purposes, such as tuition. It must be used for projects within the specified campaign.

While funds are being raised, academic administration will continue to focus on gaining and keeping more students.

“Recruitment and retention: those are key things we look at on a regular basis,” said Verrill.

This article is an excerpt of a longer article Cassie Matchim wrote for Investigative Reporting.
SonRise Resurrection Pageant draws thousands

SonRise, held on March 26, featured interactive scenes from Jesus’ last days on earth in a walk-through pageant on Southern Adventist University’s campus. Students, employees and community members volunteered as cast. SonRise directors estimated that about 10,000 people attended the event.

Photos by Joshua Supit
English composition class renamed

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Despite decades of the name’s use in most universities, the name of Southern Adventist University’s College Composition 101, 102 and honors 103 classes has been changed to “Critical Thinking and Academic Reading/Writing.”

Many aspects of these classes will stay the same after the name change. Students will still learn citation styles and academic writing techniques with a similar amount of work, but in Critical Thinking and Academic Reading/Writing 101, 102 and 103, a greater emphasis will be placed on analytical reading.

“Studies show that critical thinking is the most valued skill set that employers are looking for,” said Keely Tary, English department chair. “Introductory writing courses are a prime opportunity to develop critical thinking when we can help students evaluate, synthesize, and respond to both texts and ideas through writing.”

Part of the reason for this change is that many departments want to ensure that their students know how to conform to the writing style they will be using for their majors. But because these disciplines are so vast, teaching students each one can be difficult.

Kathy Goddard, English professor and composition coordinator, said that despite the challenge, “it is our role to make sure that students going into upper division classes have the critical thinking skills, research skills and writing skills needed to adapt to what their disciplines’ writing requirement will be.”

Although students will not see evidence of the change on eClass or the course schedule until this summer, it has already taken effect in the degree audits of students who are currently enrolled in composition classes. Students who have already completed the courses will see no change, said Tary.

Students should not have transcript difficulties because of this change. Many other universities have alternate names for composition classes, so this is not something that the records department is unfamiliar with.

Sandy Tucker, assistant director of Records and Advisement said, “as far as transferring in and out, it isn’t going to matter because the course description is the determining factor of the class.”

The new name is more representative of the English department’s goals for students of all disciplines.

“We wanted to be more precise for what we’re teaching students,” Goddard said.

The English department began talks to change the classes’ names in fall 2015. Although the name change is official, class content is still being decided so changes to course content may not take place next semester.
Three business professors set to retire in May

The School of Business will undergo faculty changes with longtime professors Richard Erickson, Verlyne Starr and Jon Wentworth retiring after this semester.

“It’s time,” said Erickson about retiring. Erickson is retiring after 32 years of teaching at Southern.

“My plan after retirement is to destroy my alarm clock,” said Starr, who has taught for 23 years.

Wentworth has taught 20 years. His plan is to be a fulltime grandpa.

“We’re losing a lot of history of our department,” said Mark Hyder, dean of the School of Business. “We’re losing some incredibly qualified individuals.”

Despite the professors’ upcoming retirement, Hyder said that because of the streamlining and efficiency of the School of Business’s program, the school has enough faculty. The School of Business is absorbing the responsibilities of the professors and shuffling duties among professors Lisa Kuhlman, Mark Guild and others.

The professors have different plans for how they will spend their time after retirement.

Starr said she plans to spend time with her grandchildren and enjoy more free time with her husband, as well as possibly volunteer in the community.

As for Erickson, retirement won’t end his busyness.

“It’s going to take me a year just to catch up on all the projects that I’ve postponed for the last five or six years,” said Erickson.

“I’ll still see what’s happening at Southern,” said Erickson. “I won’t be totally disconnected from it.”

Both Erickson and Starr also expressed interest in traveling.

The professors shared some stories about interactions with students.

“During an exam, a student asked me a question, and I attempted to direct the student’s thinking without providing the answer to the exam question,” said Starr. “Finally, I could say no more, but the student was apparently no closer to the answer than before. As I stepped away from the desk and returned to the front of the room, I silently prayed for clarity of thought for the student. Turning to look at the student, I was met by the biggest grin ever. Afterwards, I shared my prayer with the student, who promptly said, ‘I know you were praying for me and that helped.’”

Wentworth shared a story about teaching car warranty policies in a personal finance class. He told students what to do if something happened to their cars that shouldn’t happen, such as some part falling apart too soon after the warranty expires. They could take it to the dealer and ask for a “policy adjustment,” and the manufacturer would pay for repairs.

“Oh, Monday, I had a student come running into class and almost hug me,” said Wentworth. “I did it! I shouted. ‘I went to the dealer and got a policy adjustment, just like you said!’ You learned things in personal finance [class] that no one else will tell you.”

The professors expressed what they’re thankful for.

“I’m grateful for opportunities I have had at Southern to grow in my career...to watch the sunrise from Brock Hall before my 8 a.m. class,” said Starr. “I will miss that view of the golden orb splashing the day with its brilliance.”

Erickson said he will miss the everyday interactions of his job.

“The favorite parts of my work and what I do—I just thank the Lord everyday that I get an opportunity to do this,” said Erickson. “It’s a different story every day.”

One student shared her experience of taking classes with the retiring professors.

“All three professors are very enthusiastic about teaching and connected to their areas of discipline,” said Imani Hamilton, junior financial management major. “Overall, I enjoyed my classes with all of them.”

Bonnie Christiansen contributed to this article.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: SonRise 2016

As always, this year’s SonRise, a passion play of Jesus’ ministry, crucifixion and resurrection, evoked many emotions and positive results in those who attended and participated. Some participants shared their experiences.

“When I signed up and auditioned for SonRise, I was expecting to bless others and watch their lives be changed. Little did I know that SonRise would change me, too,” said Melissa Schiffbauer, junior liberal arts education major. “Putting myself fully in Peter’s perspective of Christ through acting brought a paradigm shift to the attitude that I had towards him. Although cowardly, he ended up being the one that Jesus wanted as his pioneer for the early church. SonRise brought to light a simpler meaning of Peter’s connection with Jesus. Seeing one of my best friends here on earth model the character of my best friend in heaven impacted the way I saw Christ. I saw that Christ wants to be your friend,” said Gustavo Moretta, sophomore biology major.

“When the appeal is given at the end, I remember what this pageant is all about and what our purpose on Earth is. If we’re not telling others about this amazing news, we’re wasting our time,” said Michael Ciurea, junior financial management major. “I was very humbled to be able to even attempt to portray the character of Jesus. This experience not only had a huge impact on my life but, by the awesome power of God, will have eternal impacts on everyone else who got to be a part of it as well,” said Aaron Keiser, sophomore biology major.

Seth Hill

One summer, a hammock, a group of guys, a lake, a canoe, a paddle, an island. All of these things describe the tools that were required for the greatest innovation to hammock camping in the past century.

A lot of people ask me, “Where did you come up with the idea?” I often tell them that the best inspiration for a new idea that could change the world is getting out there and doing something. If you want to know how to design a state-of-the-art structure, you don’t go sit in a cubicle, squint your eyes shut hoping the new Eiffel Tower will pop into your head. You get out there, you look at stuff, you feel stuff and that’s how new stuff is born.

As many people on campus may have heard, I am starting an insulated hammock company called SWAYY. It’s a registered trademark, and we own the name. SWAYY is, simplistically, an experience like no other. We have dared to be bold, innovative and specifically warmer by intricately designing the hammock being too hot! You get warm, no stress: unzip it. The same with SWAYY – if you get warm, no stress: undress – your hammock, that is. We will even make a “SWAYY Spreader,” which is an engineered spacer rod that props the hammock open for summer use.

Now, aside from all the fun and business of SWAYY, it is not the only thing I am doing. Yes, while SWAYY is my what, it is not my why. Allow me to explain.

When I was a student missionary in the beautiful Philippines, I had amazing experiences. I learned that the ample opportunities I had back home in years past were squandered by my lack of scope and purpose. The Lord above, my personal Savior and Friend, expects more from a servant and friend.

During my last few months in the Philippines, I decided that I wanted to help, but how? Well, that is where for-profit SWAYY comes in. My best friend Gaye Parcell and I started Adventist Mountain Ministries (AMM), a non-profit in the Philippines, to help reveal truth, sustain growth and foster sustainability through missions. So that is what SWAYY is all about. We are here to have a greater impact on the world, but an even greater time serving God in the Philippines through the profits of SWAYY.

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Out of mind, but not out of sight

And this isn’t just an Old Testament theme. Jesus spoke about the Christian’s relationship to strangers in Matthew 25 when He said, “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.”

You might still be asking, “What does this have to do with me? I’m not connected to the refugees in any way.” Actually, here at Southern we have the opportunity to help out with the refugee crisis.

Dora Desamour, Christian Service Program director, has teamed up with an organization to assist refugees here in Chattanooga that need our help. Jesus challenges us all to help those around us, and the refugees need us.

To help out, email serve@southern.edu or drop by the Christian Service office for more information.

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The beginning of SWAYY

But that’s where we find the Christian’s response to the refugee crisis. Leviticus 19:33-34 says, “And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. The stranger among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.”

As Christians, we have a responsibility to not only care about the refugees but also love them! This isn’t just about politics. This is about treating people the way that Jesus would treat them. This is about loving people because Jesus loves you. It is our responsibility to care for them. In fact, all throughout the Bible we find the theme of social justice for the foreigner. Malachi 3:5 says that God was upset with the Israelites because they were ignoring those in need.
**All truth is an opinion**

**Krantz Boursiquot**

Truth is opinion—and that’s not a fact, or even my opinion. It’s reality. Before I tell you what I mean, I’ll explain where I’m coming from.

Imagine with me there is a continuum with the words “truth” and “opinion” as polar opposites. Truth is full of different definitions, but there are two that pertain to my perspective: absolute, unchanging truth and truth that changes, which is often referred to as fact (for example, smoking was once thought to help stop coughing). Truth seems to convey the idea that there is something more, something higher than just the mere superficial facts, something larger than life.

On the other side, opinion is something else completely. It is deceptively simple at first, but there are two types of opinions are focused on. Political views, what the President or congress has to say, are one type. The greater question is: I wonder if God has any opinions? Whatever it is or isn’t, these are just my opinions. The greater question is: is this opinion or is that opinion? Whatever it is or isn’t, these are just my opinions. The greater question is: I wonder if God has any opinions of feelings. That is why we get hurt when people forget our names, birthdays, etc., because of a failure to appreciate our opinions of feelings. That is why we get hurt when people forget our names, birthdays, etc., because of a failure to appreciate one another’s opinions of feelings, and this can be applied over other aspects of society.

So yes, truth is opinion. If this is not too clear, let me put it another way. People attach a piece of themselves to their opinions of feelings. That is why we get hurt when people forget our names, birthdays, etc., because although I’m good at memorizing and public speaking, I wasn’t sure if I could memorize an entire script, and I hadn’t experienced the kind of team presenting that is done at competition. Even with my hesitancy, I memorized the script over the weekend and presented it at the audition later that week. Overall it went well, and that evening I received an email from the Enactus coordinator officially inviting me to join the team.

I had a choice to make. I sent up a fervent prayer for God and trust Him even when I don’t know anything about the situation. He helped me get past my initial fears about joining the team and instead showed me what I am capable of, even when I couldn’t see the outcome. No matter what happens at competition, I will be glad in knowing that when I am faced with new opportunities in the future, God will be by my side, teaching me as He trains me on the job.

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**God’s on-the-job training**

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“If you’re asked to do something you’re not sure you can do, do it. You can always learn on the job.”

This was advice I heard several times in my business seminar class concerning the new opportunities that will be presented to us when we graduate and join the business world. As a person who never likes to make mistakes and always wants to be prepared before starting something new, this advice seemed crazy. Why would I risk failing when I could play it safe and just stick with what I know? Little did I know that I would have to soon use this very advice to make an important decision.

A friend mentioned that the Enactus team on campus was looking for presenters at their regional competition. My initial reaction was to say “no” because although I’m good at memorizing and public speaking, I wasn’t sure if I could memorize an entire script, and I hadn’t experienced the kind of team presenting that is done at competition. Even with my hesitancy, I memorized the script over the weekend and presented it at the audition later that week. Overall it went well, and that evening I received an email from the Enactus coordinator officially inviting me to join the team.

I had a choice to make. I sent up a fervent prayer for guidance and slept on my decision that night. In the morning, I decided to follow the advice I’d heard in class and just go for it and join the presenting team. All of this happened several weeks ago, and since then we have been practicing rigorously for the competition, which will take place in a few short days.

Looking back to the night when I decided to join the team, I thank God for how far He has brought me. My experience of being a part of the presenting team has taught me how much I can lean on God and trust Him even when I don’t know anything about the situation. He helped me get past my initial fears about joining the team and instead showed me what I am capable of, even when I couldn’t see the outcome. No matter what happens at competition, I will be glad in knowing that when I am faced with new opportunities in the future, God will be by my side, teaching me as He trains me on the job.

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LIFESTYLE

#ExposeTheElephant: Why Christians should love Trump

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In the last few weeks, word has gotten out that one of Adventism’s finest has decided to endorse presidential candidate Donald J. Trump. The reaction from Adventists around the country has varied. Many believe that this is confirmation that Trump should be their vote. Others who hate Trump and everything he represents express their frustration and anger towards Dr. Ben Carson by calling him all manner of names. I want to make a point as to why, if one identifies as a Christian, they should love Donald Trump.

Jesus and Paul both point out in Matthew and Romans that as Christians we are called to love everybody, especially our enemies. In fact, Jesus goes as far as to say that if you only love those who love you, you are no better than a “pagan.” The real challenge is loving those who hate you, who disagree with you and who have no respect for you. This demonstrates Christian living. So, using hateful rhetoric towards Donald Trump or Ben Carson is not the position one should take as a Christian. True Jesus-followers will love Donald Trump despite his statements, despite their own ethnicity or gender. A true Jesus-follower puts Christianity before political views and decides to love Trump.

That being said, although Christianity and hating Trump are incompatible with one another, I believe that Christianity and voting or supporting Trump are in the same way incompatible. Allow me to explain.

When Trump first declared he was running for office, it seemed like 90% of Christians were completely against him. I heard Christian Republicans call him arrogant, ignorant, rude, racist and hateful. I heard several professors, pastors and students (who identified as Republican) make fun of him, stating that he would be the worst president. However, now that it seems likely that he will be the Republican nominee, many of those same professors, pastors and students have ceased to criticize Trump — some even coming straight out and saying that they are going to vote for him because they’re Republican. This is very concerning. Jesus makes it clear to his followers, while rendering to Caesar what is Caesar’s, they are to also live as citizens of the heavenly kingdom. A kingdom that puts his brother before himself, a kingdom that loves others and stands up for the poor, oppressed and misunderstood. This is the lifestyle and ideology of the Christian. How close has Trump, through his actions, his demeanor and his rhetoric, demonstrated the values of the Christian that he claims to be?

Trump is recorded on a regular basis using hate speech towards individuals he doesn’t like. He has lied about statistics and facts regarding Muslims, Mexicans, women, his own businesses and other politicians. Many people criticize Clinton for the lies she has told, but Trump has told more public lies than she has. Along with the hate speech and lies, Trump also encourages and condones violence at his rallies, as well as criminalizing and threatening various groups who are innocent. Although later denying it, Trump has been seen joyfully encouraging violence and promising to “pay the legal fees” of those who commit violence on his behalf. He has also accused Mexico of sending their criminals over to this country intentionally. Of course, there’s no evidence for this. In fact, studies show that immigrants actually commit fewer crimes than American citizens. His statements regarding Muslims being the source of our violence problem in this country and his desire to ban them temporarily have criminalized millions of innocent Muslims. In the last decade, 280,024 Americans have been killed by gun violence and only 24 of those deaths were Islamic terrorist acts.

Banning someone based off of religion is directly against one’s constitutional right. Yet, by making these false claims, Trump is able to influence the American people to oppress, discriminate and criminalize millions of innocent citizens so much so that even “Christians” are endorsing and supporting him. But my concern with these “Christians” is the same concern I have with those who hate Trump: these individuals are putting their political views before their own Christian principles.

Yes, most politicians are liars and ungodly. It would be ridiculous to hold them to our Christian standards because most of them aren’t Christians. However, while all sins are equal, all sins don’t have the same consequences. History tells us that Christians have been put in dilemmas where they had to stand against political views for the sake of justice. In the 1800s, Christian Abolitionists are one example of that. No, Trump isn’t suggesting slavery, but he has demonstrated that his words, actions and campaign is one of intolerance, hate and oppression towards various groups.

As a Christian, I don’t hate presidential candidates, but I also don’t support presidential candidates who openly hate others. As a Christian, I don’t use rhetoric that is intolerable towards presidential candidates, nor do I promote presidential candidates who use intolerant, hurtful language towards others. As a Christian, I have to love Donald Trump, but I can’t vote or support him. I may be a Republican, I may agree with some of his policies and share some of his thoughts, but I cannot vote for him.

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SPORTS

What soccer means to me

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Q: What does soccer mean to you?
A: Soccer is a game where I let go of all the stress, worries and frustrations and play the sport I love so much.

Q: What has been your experience with it?
A: My passion for soccer started when I was in second grade while I was living in New Jersey. A friend introduced me to the game, and I had potential to become a soccer player and began to teach the basic fundamentals needed to know. Each day my love for the game grew stronger and stronger.

Once my friend knew that I was ready, he brought me to his team to try out. The funny thing is I technically did not make the team at first, but the coach saw potential in me so he told me to keep coming to the practices so that I could continue training with the team and learn.

Six months later, I caught up to the level of my teammates and made the team. My coach initially wanted me to be a defender because he saw that I had some speed. As my first game came along, he placed me to play left full back (defense), but he saw that it was a struggle for me because I had no idea what I was supposed to do. He took me out immediately and thought, "Maybe you would be better playing left wing (midfielder)." He put me in and I had a much better performance playing in that position.

Later on as the season went by, he decided to put me to play up top as a forward. As the game went on, my teammates played the ball and I headed it in. I still remember that play as it was yesterday.

A few years later, I moved to New Jersey far from my club team. I had to leave schools and my soccer team. But like the Lord works in mysterious ways – He found me another soccer team. This team has changed my life and my perspective of the game. When I was on this team, I improved quickly and played at a national level because I was taught by fantastic coaches. In fact, my coach was, and still is, a scout for Real Madrid and for the Olympic Development Program (ODP). Having high connections all around the country and overseas, he would take players each year from the U.S. overseas to play in friendly matches against the best teams in the world from Brazil, Spain and Argentina. The year 2010 was when I got the chance to go overseas to Spain and play against the well-known Real Madrid in my age group. That trip was unforgettable.

As the years went by, my family moved to Miami, which meant I had to leave all the passion and soccer family I had in New Jersey. Once I moved to Miami, I stopped playing club soccer and just played high school soccer, which of course was not the same. Ever since moving to my high school in Miami and even now, I enjoy teaching those who love the game and want to become better players. Teaching others and watching them grow and develop into fantastic players is exactly what my coach did for me, and that is what I enjoy and try to do for others.

Q: How has it impacted you?
A: In reality, it has increased my relationship with God.

Q: How is it more than just a game to you?
A: It is more than just a game to me because each time I touch a soccer ball, it brings back all the memories and special moments I have had. I always have hope that one day I will be reunited with my friends playing the sport that we all love.

Samuel Duany is a junior allied health major.

First 10 NFL Mock Draft

PARKER CENTER
SPORTS EDITOR

After the college football season ended, some players had to make a life-changing decision: stay with their team or enter the NFL Draft. It can be very challenging for some college prospects, and that is what a lot of scouts consider when choosing their draft pick. So, with the Tennessee Titans holding the first pick, who will they draft? Also, with some teams picking up players in the free agency, how will those pickups affect their draft process? These questions will be answered in the first 15 to be selected in this year’s 2016 NFL draft.

1. Tennessee Titans – Laremy Tunsil, OT
   By far the best offensive lineman in the draft, and quite an obvious pick if you are the Titans. You need to protect your franchise, Marcus Mariota, who was hurt for four games. Laremy Tunsil, a 315-pound, 6-foot-5-inch lineman with quick feet, can immediately help with that.

2. Cleveland Browns – Jared Goff, QB
   Even with the free agency signing of Robert Griffin III, they will still draft a young talented quarterback. The Cleveland Browns have the worst luck with the quarterback position, so it would be smart to have options at the position. Jared Goff has a strong arm and is very athletic; plus, the Browns head coach attended California, which is where Goff played.

   Arguably the best prospect in the draft, Ramsey is fast, pivots quickly and has crazy long arms, which are key for cornerbacks. With the departure of three-time Pro Bowler Eric Weddle, the Chargers can put together a strong safety tandem with Ramsey plugged in at free safety alongside the newly re-signed Jahleel Addae.

4. Dallas Cowboys – Joey Bosa, DE
   Bosa looks like a cornerstone player and he shouldn’t disappoint with the Cowboys. Although he is not JJ Watt, he can become a consistent player on and off the field, something Randy Gregory hasn’t been able to do.

5. Jacksonville Jaguars – Myles Jack, LB
   Myles Jack has incredible advantage, and with new defensive coordinator Todd Walsh, experts think Jack can thrive under his leadership. Jack has absorbed athleticism that lets him play all three linebacker positions.

6. Baltimore Ravens – DeForest Buckner, DE
   Experts name Buckner the best pure pass-rusher in the draft. This man is a monster: 6 feet 7 inches, 287 pounds. Buckner has crazy quick feet and the largest hands in the draft – he can move around offensive lineman with ease.

7. San Francisco 49ers – Carson Wentz, QB
   Due to the kenniness of Colin Kaepernick’s future with the 49ers, Wentz is the selection here. Although Wentz didn’t go to a school that played the best talent in college football, NFL scouts believe he can transition well.

8. Philadelphia Eagles – Ronnie Stanley, OT
   With the recent re-signing of quarterback Sam Bradford, the Eagles need some help protecting him. Stanley’s potential as an elite pass protector is simply too good to pass up at this point in the draft.

9. Tampa Bay Buccaneers – Vernon Hargreaves III, CB
   The 5-foot-10-inch Hargreaves has raised some minor concerns about his height, but he makes up for it with excellent coverage skills and superior tackling ability. With the signing of Brent Grimes, who is also a cornerback, the Buccaneers believe Grimes can be the short-term fix while he teaches Hargreaves, who is the long-term fix at the cornerback position.

10. New York Giants – Ezekiel Elliot, RB
   Picking a runningback in the first round has never been a regarded option, but when you look at the Giants’ depth at the runningback position, you will understand why they need to. If the Giants can block for Elliot the way Ohio State did, Elliot can be a serious weapon.
CALENDAR

THURSDAY
- Convocation: Social Work, 11a, Travis Lloyd, Iles Gym
- Online Fall Registration for Returning Juniors >54 hours & Seniors (31-April 1)
- Tuition Freedom Day

FRIDAY
- Payday: Hourly/Student
- SA Senate Surprise Day, 7:45-10a,
- Promenade Scholarship Event (1-3)
- SOAP Spiritual Retreat, 3p, Wright Hall (1-2)
- Vespers: Campus Ministries, 8p, Church
- Sunset: 8:01p

SABBATH
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- Evensong, 7:30p, Church
- Asian Night, 9p, Iles

SUNDAY
- Senior Recognition Banquet, 5:30p, Dining Hall

MONDAY
- Online Fall Registration for Returning Sophomores >23 hours, Juniors & Seniors (4-5)
- May graduates deadline to finish incompletes & home study correspondence
- Badminton/Tennis Tournament Begins
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p
- E. A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p

TUESDAY
- Tornado Siren Test, Noon
- Asian Night, 9p, Iles

WEDNESDAY
- Online Fall Registration for Returning Freshmen <24 hours, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors (6-8)
- Teach3, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room

[S.A. Announcements]

S.A. Positions Available: Cabinet applications are available in the Student Services office. Positions available include Parliamentarian, Executive Secretary, Public Relations, and Assistant Finance Director. The Media positions open are Memories Editor and Strawberry Festival Director.

Senate: Get involved by joining Senate! Applications are available in the S.A. Office and are due by April 4th.

BIRTHDAYS

March 31
- Mikayla Bieri
- Roxanne Bruso
- Allison Carbaugh
- Jesse Darwin
- Sheryl Gentle
- Brianna Melgar
- Shivani Ward
- Keightee Weekes

April 1
- Alex Castillo
- Shanti James
- Amanda Johnson
- Alexander Nelson
- Claudia Ramirez

April 2
- Naomi Cruz
- Grace Danaher
- Karissa Goodman
- Brent Hevener
- Ariel Lee
- Riley Manestar
- Shania Sandovał
- Alina Sherman

April 3
- Katlin Barnes
- Chandler Bozarth
- Jordan Ela
- Lauren Greek
- Jonathan Mancao
- Carolina Nascimento
- Eric Palacio
- Miyoko Verduzco-Tanaka

April 4
- Miranda Howe
- Megan Wilkens
- Devin Gray
- Krystal Morris
- Dee Reeves
- Melissa Salazar

April 5
- Astrid Banegas
- Eveling Grajales
- Dillon Hamilton

April 6
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twitter

When the cafe tries to get you drunk... #fermentedgrapes #saulife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

If you afford to dress up so nice for vesper, you wouldn’t be so poor for carrying a pen around with you. BRING A PEN GROWNUPS! #saulife

Bryan Chen, @bryxbchen
Music-Theory and Literature, JR

I enjoyed watching Sonrise that has a lot of different ethnicities in it. #saulife

Bryan Chen, @bryxbchen
Music-Theory and Literature, JR

“Is what you’re living today for worth Christ dying for?” - Leonard Ravenhill

Luke Steen, @Lukemangosteen
Theology, JR

Hearing WSMC play the Harry Potter theme song and getting super confused #saulife

Jessica Pieretti, @jess_pieretti
Customized, Masters

Apparently I prefer to wait and do my homework in a stressed induced panic at 10pm. #SAUlife

Jacklyn Ruth, @booknerd828
Mass Comm, SO

Spring relationships are springing up faster than the flowers. #saulife @SouthernNews
@Southern_Accent

Denise Pleytez, @dxp019
Chemistry, SR

When you were gonna slay the game with your outfit then realized you couldn’t do your hair so you settled for a dad hat...

Marvin Campos, @MarvinCampos
Psychology, SR

To my students (to myself): 6 weeks-ish left in the semester is enough time for you (for Jesus) to show up and make a difference.

Kendra Stanton Lee, @kendraspondence
Assistant Professor

@Southern_Accent these chairs have met their match.. Get it? #libraryjoke #dothisinyoursleep #southernsleepers

Israel Olaore, @IzzyOlaore
Public Relations, SR

TWEET US

@southern_accent

versesinvignettes Relieving Jesus’ life on Earth and His sacrifice for us via the Sonrise “walk” event in Southern Adventist University today....
BTW: This will probably be our last issue due to administration cutting our funds for writing the impeachment article*

here’s a comic strip for the road

*Let us know what you think using #SAUhumor although we probably won’t see it
STUDENTS EXPERIENCE VOTING IRREGULARITIES

SIERRA EMILIAIRE

STAFF WRITER

On Super Tuesday (March 1), Southern Adventist University students in the American National and State Government class encountered difficulties and inconsistencies when trying to vote in Tennessee primary elections due to photo ID requirements.

Nine out of the 15 students enrolled in history and political studies associate professor Kris Erskine’s government class that went to vote in the primaries experienced irregular voting procedures. All but one of these students went to vote at the Collegedale City Hall.

Four of the students produced out-of-state licenses and were not permitted to vote. Two of the students were not given the option of returning with a passport and none of the students involved were offered provisional ballots.

“Here I am a 21-year-old college student attending a private university who wasn’t able to vote,” said Natalia Pena, senior management major. “People make it seem like voting is easy, and if you wanted to, you could, yet I couldn’t.”

Two students were allowed to vote without showing any ID.

“It didn’t look like anyone around me was being asked, [for ID] either, and it was my first time voting, so I didn’t question it,” said Hannah Odenthal, junior psychology major. “I thought it was really unfortunate that people in the same situation as me weren’t allowed to vote when I was.”

Two out-of-state voters were asked for ID, presented their out-of-state ID and were still permitted to vote. All but one student went to the Bradley County precinct to vote and offered to show ID.

360 DEGREES OF ASIAN NIGHT

HANNAH JUSE

STAFF WRITER

On April 2, Asian Club tried something new with their annual cultural festival. Instead of using the main stage, a stage was constructed out of platforms in the middle of the Les P.E. Center. In previous years, the Asian Night performance was held on the stage with chairs and bleachers set up for people to sit and watch the show. This year, because the stage was set in the middle of the gym, students and visitors got a 360-degree view of the show.

Rhidge Garcia, freshman theology major, and Liezel Cornejo, freshman nursing major, served as emcees for “The Lights of Asia: A Cultural Festival.” Garcia said, “It was stressful, but it was very fun. I got to let my comedic side go wild.” Students representing China, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, the Pacific Islands and Indonesia performed skits and cultural dances.

SHUTTLE SERVICE PROVIDED FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS

SHAINA RANTUNG

STAFF WRITER

Student Association (SA) Senate started a temporary shuttle service, free of charge, for Southern Village residents as of March 28 until the end of the semester.

The shuttle leaves the Village to Wright Hall at 7:40 a.m. Monday through Friday, and another shuttle leaves Wright Hall back to the Village at 5:10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Times are subject to change, and tentative plans are being made for more stops along the promenade.

Transportation Services rented out one of their biggest golf carts as the shuttle vehicle at around $180 per week. Senators volunteered as drivers, and though they are not paid, they are getting Senate points.

Greg Manestar, SA executive vice president and senior management major, explained that this shuttle service idea was born around the perimeter of the stage.

Jonathan Tanguan, Asian Club vice president and junior biology major, played a big part in the setup change because the vice president of Asian Club always organizes Asian Night, said Laurie Stankovich, English associate professor and Asian Club sponsor.

The decision to place the Filipino booth serves food to the attendees of Asian Night.

Photo by Mario Ezra

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Greg Manestar, SA executive vice president and senior management major, explained that this shuttle service idea was something Southern has considered for years.

“This is just to show the university that there’s actually people that want a shuttle service. And that it [could] be feasible. It is a proof of concept for the university,” said Manestar.

For years, Village residents without cars have been struggling with the distance. Lexie Center, senior public relations major, is one of them.

“I chose to live in the Village," said Center. “I knew the pros and cons of living farther away from campus. But obviously when it’s raining [it’s hard to walk].”

The project was proposed and carried out by Senators Vance Gentry, sophomore business administration major; Abigail Jansen, sophomore marketing major, and Victor DeRose, sophomore marketing major.
Record number of prospective students visit Southern

George Nelson
Staff Writer

Enrollment Services hosted their triannual Preview Southern for prospective students March 24-25. This semester, there was a total of 156 people in attendance, including parents. Usually, the number of visitors averages about 25 to 60 visiting students.

Rick Anderson, Enrollment Management ministry coordinator and admissions counselor, said that the numbers are usually smaller, but that this Preview Southern event was the biggest they’ve had.

“This was one of our largest Preview Southern events ever. It’s the largest since I’ve been working at Southern,” Anderson said.

Campus Experience Coordinator Christalee Crary said that in November they had 64 total students and 42 in October—a total of 106 students combined. This number included transfer students, high school students from academics and public schools, students with GED diplomas and home school students.

Adam Brown, director of admissions, coordinated the event. Brown said that the event took two months to prepare. “We did an email campaign. We did a mailer, which is a postcard invitation, and we segment out that. That usually starts in February.”

The event was not only for those around the Southern area. There were students from the west coast as well. Students from Washington, Oregon, Canada and even China attended. Anderson said Sonrise was a big help in bringing in students this past weekend.

“The big draw to having it on that date was having it coincide with SonRise. A lot of families were able to get tickets to SonRise and that’s why they came for this Preview. Some of the families that weren’t able to get tickets were pretty disappointed because they came all this way and couldn’t go to SonRise,” Anderson said.

Prevent Southern is hosted through Enrollment Services as a tool to show students how life at Southern would be if they were to become an enrolled student. It showcases Southern’s campus, academic programs and student life. The visit consists of visiting with the finance office, an academic appointment with the department of their choosing, a trip downtown to see what Chattanooga is like and a worship service conducted by Engage Ministries.

SAY HELLO TO NEXT YEAR’S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sierra K. Emilaire is a sophomore English major at Southern Adventist University with minors in marketing and political economy. She was born in Connecticut as the oldest of four children. She now lives in Pennsylvania, where she graduated from Blue Mountain Academy in 2014. Her main goal as editor-in-chief is to follow the legacy of past editors while encouraging more discussion among students, staff and community members on topics that directly affect the campus, church and community. Her writing has been published in Insight magazine and her photography in Teen Ink magazine. Among her many career goals, Sierra wants to work for Alternative Press in Cleveland, Ohio, and eventually be appointed as a U.S. ambassador. She wants to spend most of her young adult life traveling and to eventually settle down in Boston, Massachusetts.

Sierra Emilaire
Mabel Wood Hall cools down as a result of new ductwork

Bethany Thornton

In hopes of solving temperature imbalances, the addition of ductwork to the Ackerman Auditorium lobby of Mabel Wood Hall was completed on March 16.

Plant Services began installing six new ducts and air vents the week before spring break, said Annie Smolinsky, office manager of the School of Music in Mabel Wood Hall. After the installation was complete, Plant Services also repainted the affected walls.

Previously, no ductwork had been installed in the walls of the lobby, causing heating imbalances in the lobby and the third-floor balcony above it, especially during the winter.

Bryan Chen, a junior music theory major who spends much time in the music building, said that when he opened the door to the third-floor balcony during the winter, it would be burning hot in there.

"It would be 100 degrees in the upper offices, and then down below it would be cold," Smolinsky said. As far as she knows, the music building has always had this temperature imbalance because of the lack of ductwork.

Because Ackerman Auditorium is at the center of the building, special measures had to be taken to protect instruments and voices from the dust created during the installation process. The doors to Ackerman Auditorium had to be taped shut to prevent dust from filtering in. The organ and pianos inside had to also be covered so that the dust from the construction would not ruin them.

Gennevieve Brown-Kibble, director of choral studies and conductor of all three choral groups on campus, expressed her concern about how the dust would affect her students' voices.

"Dust is hard on the lungs and on the vocal folds," Kibble said. "It can affect people the same way pollen does, but this can be much more long-term."

Despite the possible ill consequences of the ductwork installation, Smolinsky said that she was impressed with the quality of the installation and the professionalism and helpfulness of Plant Services.

"They just did a great job," Smolinsky said. Chen said that he is pleased with results of the new ductwork on the temperature balance in the lobby and balcony.

"It’s the same temperature as everywhere else in the building," said Chen. "And that’s a good thing."

COMMUNITY NEWS

Students experience voting irregularities

This student was told ID was not needed to vote. Weeks before the incident, Erskine’s government class had discussed the topic of Voter ID laws and whether or not requiring a photo ID was constitutional.

Students were encouraged to go out and vote on March 1. They were also asked to report their voting experience to him for extra credit.

Christina Angel, junior history major and Erskine’s reader, contacted Tennessee’s secretary of state, Tre Hargrove; his chief of staff, Mark Groin and the director of elections for Hamilton County, Kerry Steelman with the students’ reports and referred them to Erskine. These state officials expressed their frustration at what happened and voiced how they might go about dealing with the voting irregularities experienced by the students.

The state officials contacted Groin said there have been no other reports of voting irregularity in Tennessee. Groin said the training of the polling officials at the Collegedale precinct would be looked into.

Erskine expressed his doubts about the irregularities.

"I do not believe that this could have been the only place in Tennessee where voting irregularities occurred," said Erskine. "It is basically statistically impossible that out of 15-ish students who told me they voted, that eight or nine of them experienced some kind of irregularity."

Rebecca Myshral, junior psychology major, was one of the students with an out-of-state ID that was able to vote.

"I personally find what happened to be shameful and inexcusable," said Myshral. "We need to make sure that this never happens to anyone again."

CORRECTION

The SonRise photo essay featured in the March 31 issue of the Southern Accent incorrectly attributed to Joshua Supit. The photos were actually taken by Tyler Thomas.
360 degrees of Asian Night
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stage in the middle of the gym instead of using the main stage was a difficult one, said Laura Tobing, senior nursing major and Asian Club president.

“It took a lot of time to decide if we wanted to stay the same or go with the new, but Jonathan got support and went with it,” Tobing said.

Tangunan was also happy with the results of not only the change but also Asian Night as a whole.

“Overall, it went great,” said Tangunan. “I had doubts because it’s a different setup than we were used to, but it was phenomenal.”

Many students expressed positive comments about the event, but there were some mixed reviews about the change in the stage setup.

Rachel Smith, junior English major, said that although “it was hard to hear what was going on, I thought it was a lot easier to see what was happening.”

However, not everyone agreed.

Lynn Bridges, junior history major, said, “[Asian Night is] fantastic! It just should have been on the [main] stage so people could see better. I’m glad they’re still doing the dances, though, ’cause otherwise it wouldn’t be Asian Night.”

Shuttle service provided for Village residents
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“The idea for a shuttle to Southern Village came from one of my constituents,” said Gentry. “We then adapted it into something that was doable for Senate.”

In regard to challenges faced, the senators said getting the administration’s consent was hard. Senate itself voted and approved the project on Feb. 24. The President’s Cabinet was to vote on it by Feb. 29 but delayed until March 21. Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services, said the reason for the delay was due to budget meetings replacing usual Cabinet meetings. In addition, finding an affordable shuttle vehicle and getting senators to volunteer as drivers were problems the three senators faced.

Volunteer drivers took part in a training session on March 23. Barry Becker, director of Transportation Services, explained the guidelines of driving the golf cart. Becker’s main concerns included controlling the vehicle and maneuvering the sidewalk, turns and careless pedestrians.

Despite initial reservations, senators expressed great hope for this project. DeRose said that depending on students’ interests and participation, the school might expand it into next school year.
New workshops at McKee Library

Jacklyn Ruth
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, April 5, the McKee Library began hosting a series of workshops teaching students basic computer skills. There are workshops on research and Microsoft Office Word, Excel and PowerPoint. The library plans on having more workshops during the summer and fall 2016 semester.

Since the McKee Library is open to the public, community members were also invited to come and learn more about basic computer programs and Microsoft Office.

“We saw a need for these workshops because we observed that there are a number of students who struggle with technology,” said Pamela Jansen, acquisitions and evening supervisor. “So, the library thought it would be helpful to provide some basic technology workshops to help all students learn to make the best use of the tools that are available to them.”

Jansen said it can be challenging for students to complete college level courses, so the technology at the library is available to help students succeed.

The workshops are valuable to students, faculty and staff because evidence-based research underlies the foundation of learning and informs our decisions, said Donald Martin, electronic services librarian.

“McKee Library acts as a facilitator in this process by providing an understanding of the research process and a knowledge of the software that will be your pallet, your data repository and your projection to the world,” said Martin.

“This will hopefully be a series that we can continue from now on,” said Jessica Spears, embedded knowledge specialist. “We will have about three or four a month.”

Spears said that students involved especially on Campus Research Day tend to be unsure of how to navigate PowerPoint.

“These workshops will be beneficial for the student body so they can become comfortable and familiar with using technology, not only for entertainment but for academic uses,” said Spears.

Jansen said sometimes the technology can become more of a hindrance than a help.

“The idea is using technology and taking it from a toy to a tool,” said Jansen.
A college student in an adult sandbox

Students swim in the Dead Sea. Photo: Nick Lindsay

From zero to falafel at the Damascus Gate

JUAN MORA

The title of this article describes a single sentence, my time in Israel. Coined by my friends and I, this phrase represents all the excitement, adventures and life-changing experiences we had there. This expression is a scale we now use to compare how good things are. Starting from 0, the zenith of this scale is a falafel at the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem, one of the highest points we’ve experienced.

Food, they say, is the way to a guy’s heart. If one were to change the noun “a guy” with “an American archaeological expedition in Israel,” I believe the statement would still be true. During the week, walking down the Old City in Jerusalem smelling the spices, tasting the fruits, eating traditional cuisines and experimenting rare combinations of food was as natural as a sunrise. Miracles can happen—and it was here where a 19-year-old tradition was broken: olives became delicious and my hate of them became love. Even the somewhat repetitive food during the weekdays was good in its own way. Yet it was the weekends that were la crème de la crème, making Israel a “land flowing with milk and honey” even until today.

Yet men (and women) do not live by bread alone. It was in this trip where many of my closest friendships at Southern were made. Before the adventure began, I barely knew the people that were going. It only took six weeks in an adult sandbox and weekends of sightseeing to make us as close as family. Proverbs 18:24 describes a friend as someone “who stick[s] closer than a brother,” and it’s incredible to think that in a month and a half I met many brothers and sisters. Engaging with people from other cultures, languages, and even different universities here in the U.S. gave me a totally new worldview on people and missions.

This trip is where the Word of God became much more meaningful to me. I would read the Bible where an actual biblical event happened, close my eyes and imagine it taking place. Even as I was reading a story in the gospels a few weeks ago, I could see Jesus and his disciples walking in a now familiar scene to me. Field excavation also helped me understand the history of the Old Testament, to see the fulfillment of prophecy (the destruction of Judah) and to understand that the people we read about in the Bible were living, breathing people. They had possessions, dreams and fears just like we do.

This expedition opened my eyes to that part of the Bible I hadn’t fully understood. I can say that my experience in Israel was a falafel at the Damascus Gate and much more.

Juan Mora is a junior archaeology major.

RELIGION

A college student in an adult sandbox

JUDIT MANCHAY

Contributor

Last summer I spent six weeks participating in an excavation on the Fourth Expedition to Lachish, a field project investigating the Iron Age history of the ancient biblical city of Tel Lachish. Beyond the thrill of travel and the privilege to work and learn from experts, I had the opportunity to grow. Undoubtedly, participating as a volunteer in an archaeological excavation has much to offer.

For the Travel Enthusiast

The glamour of an archaeological excavation in a distant country was found in our weekend opportunities for travel. Our team was able to visit some of the best places to see—those everyone wants to check off their bucket list. Returning home and telling family and friends that I saw a first-century tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, ascended Masada, bathed in the Dead Sea, rode a donkey up to the monastery at Petra and snorkeled in the Red Sea made me feel quite adventurous. What’s more, as a team we were able to visit other excavations sites, including Tel Hazor, Ashkelon, Hamat Teverya, Tel Dan and Qumran. Visiting these helped me further understand the context of the Bible. Beyond the brag rights gained from such extensive site-seeing, these visits revealed how biblical history and archaeology work together to paint a picture of the past. Several sites we visited are locations where archaeology has made a significant contribution.

The Daily Struggle

4:00 a.m. Hit the snooze button.
4:30 Somewhere to make it to the bus.
5:00 Arrive at site, coordinate with team, and climb the site.
5:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Dig, dig, with some food breaks in between.
1:00 p.m. Lunch.
2-4 p.m. Shower and catch some z’s.
4:00 Make it to bone and pottery washing early.
7:00 Lecture hall.
8:00 Dinner and more z’s.

Of course, not all that glitter is gold. There was a daily struggle. Waking up every morning at 4 a.m. was not exactly what we all looked forward to. Still, there was something appealing about seeing the sunrise every morning and watching the sun “wake up.”

I experienced a sense of reward in physical labor as I hauled buckets of dirt out of my square (assigned square excavation area). Perhaps more exciting was the thrill of discovery when my hands picked up ancient vessels and tools out of my adult sandbox. Through this, my appreciation for the discipline necessary in the dig life grew.

In Conclusion

Do I really have to conclude? No, I’ll just go play in my adult sandbox again. You should join me.

Judit Machay is a theology major.

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It’s the climb

MARIE MAVENUTU
Opinion Editor

The best view comes after the hardest climb – it doesn’t get any realer than that. This semester, I had the chance to take a rock climbing class. Before the first day of class, I was second-guessing myself and my willingness to take the class. One, I’m afraid of heights, and two, I’m afraid of heights. Looking down at the ground below me as I inch my way up a mountain wasn’t exactly on my list of happy places. With uncertainty and anxiety, I made the decision to finally get over my fear.

It was Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016, that I signed my will (not really, but you know). Fast forward to the next couple of weeks. It rained. Every week. I don’t know if it was God answering my silent prayers, but it rained every week. I don’t know if it was God answering my silent prayers, but it rained every week. It rained. Everything was covered in a blanket of gray. The sky was a miasma of gray clouds. It rained every day. It rained. Even on Tuesdays. I was second-guessing myself, but I knew I had to do it. I had to climb.

We drove to Sand Rock in Alabama to go on our first outdoor rock climbing adventure. When we arrived, we got our gear and started heading over to our first rock spot, which was rated 5.7 between 5.0 and 5.15 in rock climbing difficulty. I remembered to tie my stopper knot, which prevents the rope from unraveling, then tied my “figure 8” follow-through knot into my harness. After checking the 5 H’s (helm, hair, harness, hardware and heart), I called out, “On belay,” meaning I was secured to the ground below me as I inch my way up a mountain wasn’t exactly on my list of happy places. With uncertainty and anxiety, I made the decision to finally get over my fear.

As I made my way up, I thought, “This isn’t hard. I got this.” When I passed the halfway point, I stopped. I found no footholds or handholds, and I was near giving up. I wanted to get to the top and be done with it. My arms were aching. I threw my legs numb from the cold. Then I remembered to pause and look around. Take deep breaths and take my time. If I hastened to the top, I might not see what would help me climb and miss the chances of finding a foundation for my feet to stand on and keep going. When I stopped rushing and looked up from a different angle, I saw a small crevice that I overlooked before. I put my right hand in it and hoisted myself up. I smeared a rock with my left foot and made it up to the top.

Ultimately, this rock climbing class was a grand experience for me, and it truly helped me conquer my fear of heights. Our awesome instructor Doug Brown, associate professor and outdoor leadership coordinator, and his assistants did an amazing job of teaching us accurate knots, techniques and other skills in order to climb safely and efficiently. In the words of the pre-Wrecking Ball Miley Cyrus, “Ain’t about how fast I get there / Ain’t about what’s waiting on the other side / It’s the climb.” What I learned from the class is something I will keep with me forever: Sure, the top will be a great view, but how you get there is even greater.
In my 19 years of life, I’ve very rarely, if ever, heard stories about divorce. I don’t think I’ve even heard it mentioned in the church. There are many sermons about marriage, but I’ve never heard any about the end of one. So many families, including mine, have silently gone through the separation, disconnect and detachment that comes along with divorce – all unmentioned and seemingly ignored by our church family.

Legally, divorce is a single event, but socially, psychologically and emotionally it is a series of bombarding events, relocations and radically changed relationships that result in broken families, changed life-styles, economic hardships and a series of transitions that challenge, disrupt and modify the lives of the persons involved. While it promotes growth for some, it exposes vulnerabilities for others. While the word divorce is inflammatory, it needs to be recognized as a process that begins with a failing marital relationship and lasts long after what is probably the greatest emotional pain an individual may experience.

When I was 14 years old, my parents made their divorce official. My father moved out of my home and my mother moved into her work, and we both pretended we were fine. Growing up without a father during my crucial teenage years was a giant stab to the heart. Psychologically, girls get their worth from their fathers and their identity from their mothers. My self-worth was absolutely destroyed. I felt abandoned, unloved and depressed.

We became ostracized by our church family. Not only did they all pretend like nothing had happened and never reached out, my mother was voted off leadership positions due to her “imperfect family relations” by the pastor himself. People who once welcomed us stopped speaking to us, and no one ever asked us how we were holding up or offered kind words.

In addition to all of the pain I was already feeling, the most painful of all things was feeling absolutely isolated in the place you’re supposed to feel most loved, most embraced and most supported. I felt none of those things. I was disillusioned with love, with the church and with families.

Although I felt the utmost abandonment from my earthly father, my Heavenly Father was not done working in my life. Throughout my pain, He has shown me a greater love than I could ever have asked for. Sometimes, I still feel a little broken, a little lonely and, at times, a little hopeless. Don’t we all? “Jesus, please embrace me today” is my daily prayer. And He does. Every single day. He’s provided strong fatherly figures and amazing friends and loved ones who have added so much joy to my life.

He’s captivated me with a sense of purpose. I only wear my pain so that others know they aren’t alone, that there are people who’ve gone through the same and that there is always someone to reach out to.

So, to all of you who come from broken families, here is my message to you: You are never alone. Although our church at times can’t help but fit the societal structure of pretending to have it all together, pretending to be perfect and having yet to figure out how to not be awkward about certain very sensitive issues, we must remember that we are all imperfect humans just trying to make it work. But our Leader, our High Priest and the ultimate Pastor of our church is a kind man. He embodies all lovely things and will only embrace you during your darkest, most vulnerable moments.

So when everything on earth is crumbling, look up to Him. Only His love can put together all your broken pieces.
The Chattanooga Lookouts: new season, new look

Lexie Center
Contributor

Major League Baseball kicked off earlier this week and now it’s time for minor league teams to do the same. Our local Double-A minor league team, the Chattanooga Lookouts, start their season tonight on the road against the Biloxi Shuckers. The home opener is April 12 against the Jackson Generals and will include a post-game fireworks show.

The Lookouts unveiled three new uniforms and hats in late March because of a change in affiliation. The Lookouts were affiliated with the Los Angeles Dodgers from 2009 to 2014. The Minnesota Twins became the parent team for the Lookouts last year, but since the transition happened in early March of last season, they were not able to change up the uniforms.

The team revealed the new uniforms to the public and explained which looks would be for home, away or alternate games. The alternate uniforms will be worn on Thursday home games, which is a night aimed at college students and young professionals.

The team store also got a makeover to help accommodate the fans and to make room for the new uniforms. According to the Lookouts’ Facebook page, the store will be almost twice as large, allowing us to better accommodate our fans at the ballpark.

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In a press release from the Chattanooga Lookouts, Rich Mozingo, team president, stated, “We couldn’t be more excited to open up the store to our fans after renovating, particularly with all the excitement surrounding our new look. With the renovations complete, the team store will be almost twice as large, allowing us to better accommodate our fans at the ballpark.”

The Lookouts have a good reputation for the multiple promotions they offer. Some promotions for the upcoming season include: Fireworks Friday Extravaganzas, three bobblehead giveaways, seven entertainment acts and more. The Lookouts are also bringing back theme nights and their weekly promotions, including the chance for fans to run the bases after every home game.

Tickets are on sale now and the price ranges $3-$9. If you aren’t able to make it to a game but would still like to listen, iHeartMedia’s 96.1 the Legend will air all 140 games. Go to their website for more information: www.lookouts.com.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY
- Convocation: Origins, 11a
- Deans/Chairs Advisory, 3:30p
- SOAP Challenge Course, 5p, OEC
- I Cantori Concert Tour (7-10)
- Convocation: Folk Music, Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, 7:30p, Ackerman
  (2 Credits)

FRIDAY
- Commitment Deposit of $250 must be paid to register for F16
- Faculty Fall Textbook Adoptions due, Campus Shop
- Vespers, 8p, Church, Gym-Masters
- Sunset, 8:07p

SABBATH
- Breakfast Ministry, 7:00a, Wright Hall
- Branches Ministry, 9:45a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Cave & Goliath Wall Open, 11a-3p, Student Park
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- FLAG Camp, Restore, Hospital Ministry, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 7:30p, Church
- Gym-Masters Home Show, 9p, Iles

SUNDAY
- SOAP Ocoee Rafting, 10a, Wright Hall
- National Volunteer Week (10-16)
- Gym-Masters Home Show Matinee, 2:30p, Iles
- Wind Symphony Concert, 7:30p, Church

MONDAY
- Online Registration for S16, S16S1, S16S2
- Online Registration for New/Transfer students for F16 (11-August 29)
- Calling, Career & Vocation Committee, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- University Senate, 3:30p E. A. Anderson Lectures Series, 7p

TUESDAY
- Campus Research Day
- Last day to order May Graduation regalia online, www.cbgrad.com
- Student Teaching Interviews
- Deans Luncheon, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room

WEDNESDAY
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

SOUTHERN WORD SEARCH

BEST WRAP
BIETZ
DUCK POND
GYMMASTERS
HEAVEN IN A CUP
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BIRTHDAYS

April 7
- Ayerton Alexander
- Rachel Ferrel
- Sung ho Kim
- Jewell Lavalas
- Christian Long
- Silvia Menjivar
- Jonathan Osvoid

April 8
- Don Baxter
- Judy Byeon
- Raissa Muoyo
- Alena Roberts
- Peter Wolcott

April 9
- Ellie Doze
- Annie Moretta
- Ryan Wick

April 10
- Anna Benko
- Phillip Choi
- Michael Ciurea
- John Davilmar
- Moses Maier
- Emily Real
- Chris Royster
- Samya Sawalha
- Bryce Splawinski
- Shederyl Stewart

April 11
- Alexis Candelaria
- Giuliana Chavez
- Joshua Heldzinger
- Nathanael Jones
- Johnetta Langston
- Jeffrey Lorenz

April 12
- Guilherme Brasil de Souza
- Lizzy Penner
- Melissa Peterson
- Omar Rodriguez
- Kailie Taina
- Ryan Tucker

April 13
- Hannah Justinen
- Gelissa Leveille
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, April 7, 2016

twitter

The library needs sleeping pods. I feel too exposed sleeping on the couches in public. An alarm going off in public wouldn’t be ideal #saulife

Aileen Martinez, @hola_aileen
Art Therapy, SR

If you’re going to repeat a nursing level, make sure it’s level 4. At least you get free food from the hospital recruiters. #bonus #saulife

Seth Sutherland, @sethsutherland
Nursing, JR

I asked the children of my church what they ate today in the morning and one of the said: “Ramen!!” #saulife #childrenstory #honesty #love

Jose Briones, @jnbs21
Theology, SR

Ok I seriously need to decide where I’m going and what I’m doing with my life

Inah Ulangca @alohainah
Nursing, SR

I have a really ugly laugh. But that’s ok because someone will love me for it one day.

Kiara Wilson, @kiarachanel
Nursing, SO

“John was the Donald Trump of the 1st century” -Gordon Bietz (aka white Morgan Freeman) #Southern_Accent

Andrew Oliver, @gingerhead257
Nursing, SO

When Gordon Bietz is the guest lecturer for class

Yaniz Seeley, @yanizseeley
Nursing, SR

Pro tip: wear lipstick on days you don’t have time to do your hair & no one will notice the mess going on above #stylewithJulia

Julia Bonney, @jbonney2
Mass Communication, SR

I’ve been up since 3:15 because I’m seriously dying from my allergies. but it’s fine.

Jonathan Rodney, @shelovestheRod
Music Education, SO

“Don’t go shopping when you’re hungry, don’t get into a relationship bc you’re lonely.”

Kathryn McNulty, @awkcactus
Management, JR

Perspective: this costs $6 at the cafe. #saulife

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

TWEET US
@southernAccent

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meganraejene Balance and poise. #mydogiscoolerthanyours #aussiesofinstagram #patienceisavirtue #southernadventistuniversity #yesitsacleanfuzzysock

When Gordon Bietz is the guest lectures for class

Yaniz Seeley, @yanizseeley
Nursing, SR
HUMOR

COMIC WEEK

The only week of the year where using comic sans is acceptable

“FLORIDA DOESN’T GET PAST 50°”

Dear God, please help me find a girlfriend this winter.

And now for the Weather...

Winter has been canceled this year.

“I’LL DO IT TOMORROW”

“I’LL DO IT TOMORROW”

“It’s due tomorrow”

Friday Afternoon

Saturday Night

Sunday Night

What did you do for your behavior change for health class? Something easy, I hope!

I eliminated my coffee addiction.

“You don’t even drink coffee!

And what an easy project it was!”

Kasey Layson

Justin Oeftger

Richard Roberts

Give our artists some love using the hashtag #SAUhumor
Caleb Begley
Staff Writer

On April 22, the history department and McKee Library will host a conference about the long 19th century. Professors from around the greater southeast region will be invited to present papers on this subject.

Lisa Clark Diller, chair of the history department, said the long 19th century was a period in American history stretching from the American Revolution in the 1700s to World War I in the early 1900s. Subtopics to be covered under this umbrella include nationalism, which Diller said could be seen as promoting colonialism, industrialization, faith, missionaries, racism, capitalism, people’s expression and the development of the American West. The conference will also take a look at different changes that occurred as people moved around.

Diller also said that some of the schools sending professors to speak will include The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Covenant University, Lee University, Kennessaw State University, The University of Kentucky and The University of the South. Professors will not be the only ones to speak, as some graduate students will be speaking as well. These speakers will be “regional scholars who do work on the long 19th century,” Diller said.

The conference will also have an interdisciplinary approach. There will be speakers from the business department and English department. Linda Tym, English professor, said she is excited about the prospect of meeting other people from around the region. She said that she feels as though it is a great thing for students with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) as all the money raised from the 5k will go directly to those students.

Sponsorships play a major role in raising money. According to the event flyer, SOAR has set up different levels of sponsorships with related benefits. The highest level is a chief funder, which means by donating at least $500 dollars, sponsors will have a place on their website, a booth setup at the event and registration fee waiver for 10 participants. Community organizations are welcome to join.

Mariella Pechero is the Disability Services Coordinator and coach.

Why Archaeology is Relevant

AMERICA, WHERE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS MEAN NOTHING

NHL PLAYOFF PREVIEW

PHASE ONE OF GREENWAY EXTENSION COMPLETE

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The statue in front of Summerour Hall titled “I Am the Way” had its final piece installed during the week leading up to Easter. The statue itself was installed earlier this year but was missing its plaque that explained the meaning behind it.

In his article titled “I Am the Way Statue” for Summerour’s newsletter, John McCoy, dean of the School of Education and Psychology, states that the statue was born from the desire to mark the school’s commitment to leading students to Christ. In the article, the statue is described as Jesus kneeling next to a student on a bench. The student realizes that Jesus is at her side saying, “I am the way.”

The statue was created by Gregory Johnson, a sculptor from Atlanta who has worked with Southern Adventist University in the past. Johnson said that he had never done a sculpture of Jesus before and wanted this one to be his best work ever. Plant Services also helped by installing lights around the area.

McCoy said he was impressed by how the statue turned out.

“I wanted to do something that would set our building apart from the other ones,” McCoy said. “I hope that students can relate to the statue whenever they look at it.”

The sculpture was part of the planned renovations of Summerour Hall that originally began in 2011.

Gym Masters find freedom at home show

George Nelson

The Gym Masters performed their annual home show this past weekend, April 9 and 10. The program was titled “Tales of Freedom.” The theme revolved around the idea that people get so wrapped up in their sinful lives and finally find freedom in Christ. The team performed several acts that showcased this theme through gymnastics.

Throughout the show, there were references to a box in which different Gym Masters would be trapped but would eventually find their way out of the box to perform their routine.

“Many of us when we grow up, we feel like we get labeled, and we get put in a box,” said Richard Schwarz, Gym Masters coach. “The search for freedom from those boxes is finding out what you feel and that only you can have true freedom through Christ.”

Kaelibeth Caviness, senior international studies major, had thought about the idea of the home show and had been planning this show with Schwarz and some of the team leaders since last summer.

“We started brainstorming ideas about what makes you think of freedom. You then have to connect the ideas to routines. Someone said, ‘When I think of freedom, I think about getting outside of the box.’ So then we have to think about how we can incorporate that into a routine, the flow, adding music, costumes, all that kind of stuff,” Schwarz explained.

Most of the routines consisted of different kinds of gymnastics. There were routines with silks hanging from the ceiling with two people, stacking of the chairs with multiple Gym Masters on them, individual and duo routines, tumbling routines on the tumble tramp, men’s routines and women’s routines.

At one point, Gym Masters did a routine that resembled a type writer with a monochromatic black and white theme reminiscing the average nine-to-five, white-collar job and breaking free from that environment into a more colorful scene with vivid hues like reds, oranges, greens and blasting music from Phil Collin’s “Trashing The Camp” from Disney’s “Tarzan.”

Several Southern Adventist University and Gym Master alumni were in attendance of the show. Chris Hudson Jr., ‘14, said he was very happy and proud of the team.

“I think they flowed really smoothly. There weren’t really any awkward parts and that was something I was proud of seeing as an alumni,” Hudson said.

Colton Adams, ’15, said he was nostalgic throughout the show.

“This is my first time going a full year without doing any kind of gymnastics. They definitely did a great job, and I kind of wish I was out there with them,” Adams said.

The Gym Masters perform their home shows every year in the Illes P.E. Center toward the end of second semester. They spend about a month in preparation for the two shows with the help of the Audio/Visual department and team leaders.

“This year was a lot smoother in terms of production and the team getting ready. Thursday is usually really late, but this time it wasn’t so bad,” said Schwarz. “The kids did really well with moving everything plus performing. There’s usually glitches on Saturday night, but we didn’t have any of that this time. It was very much smoother. We’re definitely getting a lot better in doing it.”
Phase one of greenway extension complete

**Sierra Emilaire**

**Lead Reporter**

On April 9, the Trust for Public Land officially opened a new extension to the South Chickamauga Creek Greenway, connecting it to the River Walk and completing the first phase in a project to extend biking trails in Chattanooga.

The new bridge connects neighborhoods along the creek and allows members of the community to cross it more efficiently. It extends five miles from the River Walk to the South Chickamauga Greenway. There are 30,000 people that live along the trail.

Trust for Public Land Tennessee Director Rick Wood said people in this community will now have the opportunity to ride their bikes to work, restaurants and downtown as a result of this extension to the greenway.

“The trail creates a new lifestyle and opportunity for transportation,” said Wood. “Chattanooga is leading the charge.”

This past weekend, events were held in celebration of the opening of the new extension. On April 7, major donors of the project were given a preview, and on April 8, members of the Trust for Public Land delivered baked goods to all the neighboring companies that touch the Greenway. A public festival was held on April 9 for members of the community at River Park. Art120 hosted a bike parade while a free 5K run commenced.

Students at Southern Adventist University are also excited about the extension of the greenway.

“I like that Chattanooga is becoming more biker and runner friendly,” said Julia Bonney, senior mass communications major. “I haven’t been there yet, but I am really excited to see the River Park connected to other parts of the city.”

The City of Chattanooga public works department works closely with the Trust for Public Land and is in charge of maintaining the trail systems. James Bergdoll, director of parks maintenance for the department, said their job is to help in making sure the transition from construction to the city parks’ opening is easy.

“We won’t be aggressive with maintenance practices; we just want to keep people safe,” Bergdoll said. “This trail is meant to be more rustic looking, more natural. We want people to feel like they’re really walking through the woods.”

The goal for phase two is to build an additional three miles that will take members of the community from the Brainerd levee system all the way to Camp Jordan. This project will eventually result in 12 miles of trail systems.

Wood said designing for the new trails has just started, so construction will not begin until next year. He also said funding will not be certain until this fall.

“We appreciate all the work the Trust for Public Land has done to put this new greenway in the city of Chattanooga,” said Bergdoll. “We look forward to more miles of greenway.”

Chattanooga is not the only city involved in building new trails and greenways. Cities like Houston, Denver, Boulder, Boston and Nashville are also investing in city development through building trails. Wood said for people in communities and cities it’s a great way to get outside.

Psychology majors travel to New Orleans for convention

**Jason Frías**

**Staff Writer**

From March 30 to April 2, a group of 20 students and faculty from the School of Education and Psychology attended the South Eastern Psychology Association (SEPA) convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana. They listened to presentations given by fellow students and professors from other colleges and even from professionals working in the field.

On April 1, three seniors, accompanied by psychology professor Ruth Williams, presented their independent research. The seniors who presented were Jazzmyne Page, Zakeya Sisco and Marvin Campos. Williams presented on behalf of former student Seth Stennis, ’15, who wasn’t able to attend.

Jazzmyne Page said she had multiple people say how impressed they were with her work.

“I even had one woman tell me I was her favorite presenter because she could tell how passionate I was,” Page said.

Students also had the chance to go around the iconic city. Marvin Campos, senior international studies and psychology major, and one of the students who presented, said they were able to explore New Orleans during their breaks.

“We did a lot of things,” Campos said. “We tried beignets, walked through Bourbon Street and listened to live jazz bands.”

Campos said that the students had a great time at the SEPA convention.

“This was one of the top highlights of my college experience,” Campos said. “I felt honored to represent our school, as this has shown me that I can go above and beyond what is expected.”
**History department makes history with conference**

However, she said this was the library's idea, as the library is in possession of a large set of materials concerning the subject. Daniel Maxwell, library director, said this conference was the library staff's collective idea, and that the collection includes a large collection of rare Mark Twain books and Civil War items.

**Intramural soccer leagues change this season**

"I'm fine with the change, it's just a little scary if we get bumped up to play Central [league]," said Beau Darkens, sophomore outdoor leadership and general studies major as well as team member of Barely Legal.

Based on the results of this trial-run, there will be A and B league playoffs at the end of the season for both men and women divisions. Next season, players are strongly encouraged to sign up for the leagues they know they are appropriate for.

"The purpose of intramurals is for fun, fitness, and friendship [friendly social interaction], in that order," said Walker. "Competition is a distant second."

**SOAR’s first 5K autism fun run and walk**

According to a press release by Southern’s Marketing and University Relations, the theme of the 5K is “Be Who You Want to Be” and participants are encouraged to wear costumes. A $50 prize will be given for best costume.

"There is always more than one way to reach a destination, you just have to want to get there," said Pechero. "I want to make sure each student has the tools to set them up for success, but whether they get there is up to them."

Registration can be done on site beginning at 2:30 p.m. or online at runsignup.com/Race/TN/Collegedale/SOAR-AUTISMAWARENESS5K.
First business European study tour

Thirty Southern Adventist University students, including seven from Southwestern Adventist University and Union College will attend the first School of Business European Study Tour from May 16 to June 6. The tour will offer six academic credits and will cover five countries.

“We’ve never had a European Study Tour before, this is our first time ever doing that, and so that’s very exciting for us,” said Mark Hyder, dean of the School of Business.

Mark Guild, professor in the School of Business, will be leading the tour as they travel through England, France, Switzerland, Germany and Czech Republic. During their time in each country, students will visit major cities such as Berlin, Prague, Geneva, Paris and London. Students will also have the opportunity to experience castles, cathedrals and museums that hold cultural significance.

According to the tour’s information sheet, students will be able to visit stock exchanges in Paris and London, tour factories such as Volkswagen Germany, Swiss Chocolate Factory and meet with company executives to understand European business models and strategy.

“We want to get a very good taste of the business culture in those countries,” said Guild.

Noelia Oase, senior accounting major said she is excited about the trip. “Living in America can be like living in a bubble secluded from the rest of the world, so I’m glad I’ll have the opportunity to experience Europe’s many cultures,” said Oase.

Lucas Karpuk, junior management major, said he has been to some of the countries on the trip’s itinerary, but now he is interested in seeing these places from a business perspective.

These credits that are being offered are for Business Administration International Study Tour and Ethical, Social and Legal Environment of Business.

Still going strong at 70: Phil Garver

While most baby boomers retire to stop working and take it easy, Phil Garver, former professor, chair and dean of the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness, hasn’t slowed down since retirement and has recently written two books.

Two of his passions — wellness and helping people develop the wholeness and skills needed to be better people and great employees — combined to inspire him to write two textbooks for classes at Southern Adventist University. One textbook focuses on how to run a Christ-centered holistic wellness program and is being used in one of the Christian Ministry classes. The other, the workbook for the Fit for Hire class, teaches senior students how to be great employees. He says he wouldn’t have had the time or interest to write textbooks if he hadn’t retired.

Commonly known as “Garv,” the 70-year-old retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year at Southern Adventist University as professor, chair and dean of the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness. He served about 28 years as chair and dean and taught even longer: 37 years since 1976. The first six of those years he was also the university gymnastics coach.

He is also socially and now politically active in the Collegedale community. Since retirement, he has become more involved. Last fall, he ran for one of two open seats on the City of Collegedale’s Board of Commissioners. He was elected and began serving Nov. 15. He said his job as city commissioner, which is a four-year term, has been “a very interesting, eye-opening journey.”

Garver and the other commissioners are tasked with approving the city budget, serving on various subcommittees and hiring a city manager, who, in turn, hires various city staff, including the chief of police and public works director.

Garver serves on three city committees, including the Planning Commission, which approves codes and various city changes, as well as zoning for properties and buildings.

Besides his local involvement, he has also become involved on a state level in connection to health and wellness. Last year, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam launched an initiative, Healthier Tennessee Communities, to promote health and wellness in the state. The initiative targets workplaces, churches and schools and promotes daily exercise, a healthy diet and abstaining from tobacco use. At Collegedale Mayor Katie Lamb’s request, Garver serves as chair on its board, which regularly meets with community and church leaders.

“That’s a huge thing [for me] — very much the center of my whole life is around that kind of stuff,” Garver said. “I’m very connected to the entire Chattanooga wellness world.”

Being a commissioner and serving on committees aren’t the only things he’s doing these days. Even though he no longer teaches in the classroom, he continues to educate as a wellness consultant.

“The wellness consulting is just right down my alley,” said Garver. “My passion is health — still is — health and wellness.”

Garver, a Vietnam War veteran, also serves as post commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1697 in Ooltewah. He remains active in the post’s community activities, which include spring and fall flea markets to raise money for the post to give back to the community through various community programs.

Garver believes in passing on values and principles about life and relationships to students and others.

Often spotted with knee-high socks as he walks on the university campus, the spry footballer-sized Garver stays physically active. He recently spent two weeks in Africa building schools. “It’s not about getting. It’s about giving,” Garver said about life and his life philosophy. “It’s all about relationships. It’s all about choices. ... We determine our destiny.”
“How does the existence of the Hittite people or lack thereof really affect me?” Here’s how: archaeology confirms the Bible and the Bible is the foundation of our faith. Before modern archaeology, we only had limited records from history about a few of the stories, people and events the Bible speaks about. But there’s more. Knowing and understanding biblical archaeology can help us understand the culture and setting in which the events in the Bible took place. It aids us in interpretation of God’s Word. For instance, knowing that the ancient Egyptians worshiped the sun god, Ra, makes it more significant that one of the ten plagues was the sun darkening. It also can give us information the Bible doesn’t necessarily record, such as supporting events, places and time frames. All of this further aids our understanding of the Bible and its veracity.

Besides all of that, archaeology makes the Bible come alive. Seriously. Being able to see a seal or a vessel from the time of ancient Israel makes the people and events in the Bible seem that much closer to us today.

Take 20 minutes and drop by the museum. Check out the history and real-life examples. Learn new ways to solidify your knowledge of the Bible. And remember: digging in the dirt is vital to your faith.

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America, where constitutional rights mean nothing

SIERRA EMILIAIRE
Contributor

In the last few weeks, the proposals and passing of anti-LGBT+ legislation in states like North Carolina and Mississippi have stirred the social waters, and Americans are outraged.

North Carolina’s House Bill 2 (HB2) is the first in our country to regulate transgender people’s use of public bathrooms based on the gender listed on their birth certificate. Mississippi passed House Bill 1523 around the same time. This bill allows businesses and religious organizations immunity from discrimination against LGBT+ people. The language of this bill does not explicitly regulate the use of bathrooms like that of HB2, but it does grant businesses and schools immunity if they choose to enforce these regulations.

As of this past Monday, anti-LGBT+ bills have been introduced in 28 states. This legislation is unconstitutional based on the Fourteenth Amendment and court precedents because they discriminate against a minority and on the basis of sex.

The Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment protects all persons under the country’s jurisdiction from being denied equal protection of the law. These individuals are also protected from state laws that intend to strip them of their privileges and rights as United States citizens.

People fail to realize how direct the effects of these bills are on members of the LGBT+ community. These laws present opportunities for bigots to use religion as a tool for their discrimination against LGBT+ people and, potentially, other minority groups.

With the passing of these bills, organizations can turn away LGBT+ people, single mothers and unwed couples from their services based on religious convictions. Services like counseling, housing, social work, employment and medicine, should not be withheld simply because one does not agree with their lifestyle.

Last week, Tennessee passed House Bill 1840. The public is calling it “Hate Bill 1840”. This bill is headed to the governor’s desk and is meant to protect Christian counselors from having to counsel LGBT+ clients because their lifestyle contradicts that of Christian values and religious beliefs. Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery III warned that the state would lose federal funding over this discriminatory bill, as well as those targeting transgender students.

These social injustices are moving closer to home. Although it may seem like these bills are protecting our religious freedoms, I believe they will be the same bills that bite us in the last days. We fail to realize that declining these people constitutional rights will be what leads to our religious rights being taken away later on. This kind of legislation opens the door for discrimination on levels that we cannot even imagine, and I doubt we want to.

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#ExposeTheElephant: Double standards and male shaming

Josue Sanchez

In today's society that advocates women's equality, one thing is overlooked: men! I've heard comments from women about men saying, "I want a guy who's in touch with his feelings." But they shame men who are emotional by saying, "They are too sensitive."

"I want a guy who opens doors for me and goes out of his way for me," women say. Men should play their roles, be strong, not cry or show emotions (but still be in touch with their feelings) and not be weak in any way. Women in today's society say they want to be treated equally and respected. They claim they do not want to be placed in a traditional gender role, yet at the same time, they apply gender roles to men. For example, a woman can say that a man should know how to fix a car and do all the work in a relationship, and this is not frowned upon by society. Yet a man who wants a woman who knows how to cook, clean, and raise children is considered sexist. Is this not a double standard?

When arguments arise over women who are victims of abuse, no one questions the woman and more often than not the man is punished, guilty or not. Men are accused of being sexist and abusive, and there seems to be a generalization that all men are this way. However, women are also sexist and abusive; the only difference is that society only victimizes one.

I am not in any way saying that treating women unequally is correct. I believe all women are beautiful creations of God and should be treated with the utmost respect. What I am saying is that society needs to recognize that men are victims as well; we are just less likely to say anything about it because of male shaming.

Male shaming is an emotional device that is meant to play on a man's insecurities in order to shut down debate. Shaming tactics are often used to make all men seem evil and abusive. Some examples of shaming words towards men go like this: Someone must have hurt you. Real men do this or that... You hate women. You're just insecure. You're just afraid of strong women.

I am an advocate of both men's and women's equality and believe both genders should be shown respect. So ladies, don't forget the next time you make a statement about what men should and shouldn't do, and that by treating men this way, you're implying that you do not believe both genders should be treated and respected equally.

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Natalie Recasner

I agree with you, man! It is frustrating as a man or woman to deal with double standards. Even I have played a part in the spread of double standards. Usually, women are seen as the gentler being, so when there's a dispute, it's hard to believe that it could ever be the woman's fault. Then, if it is the woman's fault, the man still gets shamed and experiences backlash. It's not fair for women to automatically assume that you've been hurt by someone or that you're insecure because you act and feel differently about gender roles.

However, you have to understand that this is a cultural epidemic in America. The romanticized view of American society is that the man went to work while the woman stayed home. She cleaned, tended to the children (if any), bought items for the house and had dinner prepared by the time her husband came home. That was part of the American dream. Women were taught by society to desire a manly man. If you are manly, find someone who desires that in you. If you are sensitive, find someone who appreciates that. Men should play their roles, be strong, not cry or show emotions (but still be in touch with their feelings). When arguments arise over women who are victims of abuse, no one questions the woman and more often than not the man is punished, guilty or not. Men are accused of being sexist and abusive, and there seems to be a generalization that all men are this way. However, women are also sexist and abusive; the only difference is that society only victimizes one.

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The 411 on tennis

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Contributor

Unless you're a die-hard tennis fan or periodically keep tabs on your favorite player, you may not be aware of everything that's happening in the world of tennis. For those who haven't had time, need an update for tennis class or are just curious about the sport, here are some important tidbits to know.

First, Maria Sharapova announced March 7 that she failed a drug test at this year's Australian Open. She is currently the world's highest-paid female athlete and this has shaken the tennis sphere. She tested positive for meldonium, something she had been taking for approximately 10 years already for health reasons. This drug was added by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) to their banned substance list as of Jan. 1 this year.

To help lessen the blow from the media and public, she scheduled a press conference and read a statement about the incident. In her press conference she stated, “I thought it was very important for me to come out and speak about this in front of all of you… I made a huge mistake, and I've let my fans down. I've let this sport down that I have been playing since the age of four and that I love so deeply.”

Second, Novak Djokovic is cementing his spot as No. 1 in the world. He recently took the title in Miami for the third time and with that prize money surpassed Roger Federer for highest career winnings at $98,109,548. At only 28, Djokovic currently holds the career record for ATP Masters 1000 titles after winning in Miami, is the seventh player ever to win the first two ATP Masters 1000 events (Indian Wells and Miami) back-to-back and has held onto the No. 1 spot for 92 consecutive weeks now.

Third, two-time Australian Open winner Victoria Azarenka is the third woman in history to win the first two WTA events (Indian Wells and Miami) since 2005. She's had some injuries to work through in past seasons and dropped from her world No. 1 ranking to Serena Williams. But she is currently on a win streak with a 12-0 record in tournaments in the United States. With her win in Miami, she has upped her world ranking from No. 8 to No. 5.

Fourth, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal have both been absent from recent tournaments. Federer suffered a knee injury after losing in the semi-final of the Australian Open in August and hasn't played since. He was scheduled to return in the Miami tournament but caught a stomach bug and was unable to compete. Nadal has been making a slow comeback from his injury-filled past seasons. He was playing his second round match when he had to withdraw due to a dizzy spell. He has yet to win a title this season but has already landed, along with Federer, in Monte Carlo to prepare for the next tournament and the beginning of clay season.

While the top female and male players seem to be comfortably locked in the top, some new blood is coming up the ranks. Though some might not be fully ready to take on the likes of Serena Williams or Novak Djokovic, they are certainly preparing and may rattle the top players soon enough.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY
- Convocation: Awards, 11a, Iles
- Graduate Council, 3:30p
- Residence Hall Housing Fair, 7-9p, Dining Hall

FRIDAY
- Payday: Salary/Hourly/ 15 Student
- Income Tax Return Due
- Student Missions Exit Retreat (15-17)
- SOAP Horseback Riding, 1p, Wright Hall
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- SOAP Camping/Back Packing Trip, 3p, OEC (15-17)
- Vespers: Topics III, 8p
- Iles, Brennon Kirstein
- Star Watch, 8:30-9:30p, Hickman Parking Lot
- Sunset, 8:12p

SABBATH
- Branches, 9:45a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Jacob Metzner
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Jacob Metzner
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Volker Henning
- West Side for Jesus, Patten Towers, 2p, Wright Hall
- Evensong, 8p, Church
- Studio 4109 LIVE, 9:33p, Iles

SUNDAY
- Legacy Society Brunch, 10a
- SOAP Ocoee Rafting Trip, 10a, Wright Hall
- International Student Event, 11a Wright Hall
- Social Work SWIP Trip, Washington, DC (17-21)
- I Cantori Spring Concert, 7:30p, Ackerman Auditorium (2 Credits)

MONDAY
- GRE Subject Exam, Lynn Wood
- Undergraduate Council, 3:30p
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

TUESDAY
- RAD-Women's Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety
- Tornado Siren Test, 6p
- Enactus Year-End Presentation and Awards Ceremony, 6:30, Brock 3205, Convo credit
- Branches, 9:45a, Wright Hall
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WEDNESDAY
- Summer Institute Reunion, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- RAD-Women’s Self Defense Class, 5p, Campus Safety

BIRTHDAYS
- April 14
  Kristen Downs
  Kwabena Glover
  Hananiah Straughn
  Ayana Uono

- April 15
  Leslie Contreras
  Karen Monchery
  Andrew Oliver
  Maggie Pickens
  Martyn Rhie
  Jonathan Tangunan

- April 16
  Brad Beisiegel
  Josh Harris
  Katherine Hesler
  Makayla Sanchez
  Josh Wilkins

- April 17
  Sharon Jeon
  Erin Jones
  Carolina Matos
  Adel Ochoa
  Candra Ravariere
  Dyan Sanchez
  Kamron Stock
  Joseph Suffriti

- April 18
  Jamal Bryant
  Olivia Londis
  Monica McKenzie
  Savannah Minear
  Ashley Mitchell
  Patricia Sanchez

- April 19
  Cassandra Dannenberger
  Alex Donesky
  Camaren Humphrey-Davis
  Allie King
  Crystal Min

- April 20
  Andrew Anobile
  Marcos Giordana
  Jaren Humphreys
  Deborah Ilunga
  Alyssa Krause
  Gabriel Larrazabal
  Vanessa Luque
  Jim Stewart

[S.A. Announcements]

Deep Sabbath: This Saturday, April 13 Oakwood University will be on campus for Deep Sabbath. They’ll be joining us for the regularly scheduled Renewal service, and we’ll all be meeting in the dining hall for joint lunch. Students are encouraged to enjoy time with their friends on the biology trails, Greenway, and all parts of campus.

Strawberry Festival: Strawberry Fest is next Sunday, April 24 at 8p in Iles Gymnasium. Come out and watch a video recap of this past year, enjoy great food, and pick up your copy of the 2015-2016 yearbook. On top of all this, we have American Idol finalist Clark Beckham coming in as musical guest.
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, April 14, 2016

**twitter**

A skill I think all guys should learn is how to shine their own dress shoes.

Karyn Davis, @karynjndavis
Graphic Design, SR

“Your face smiled but no laugh? On the count of 3 laugh at my joke.” -Dr. Samaan #thingswedoforanA

Ashley Rich, @arich_rich
Public Relations, SR

When you’re running low on meal plan and your bestie is like: I have $400 left, hit me up. Let’s go!

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook
Theology, JR

I guess all you need for a good nap is a Christian Ethics book #southernsleepers

McKee Library, @McKeeLibrary

Things theo majors love: asking in-depth questions with 30 seconds left in class.

Julia Bonney, @jbonney2
Mass Communication, SR

Waking up in the morning without contacts or glasses, I hold my phone close to my face to see and think, “wow, great depth of field.”

Alexandra Dye, @adlyley
Public Relations, FR

sometimes eating alone has its perks like listening to some of the uncomfortable small talk people have during dinner.

Aaron Negrillo, @ArisLens
Computer Information Systems, JR

You know you’re life is pretty dull the moment you watch DJ Khaled’s whole snapchat story

Sarah Graham, @sarah_ashley37
History, SR

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**instagram**

I’ve got to live up to the standards I want in the opposite gender. especially if I don’t see myself “settling” for less.

Danielle Allen, @iamvistoso
Global Policy and Service Studies, JR

therodsinyoureye Day 94/366 I don’t think any of us are loathing the fact that we got to sng some WICKED tonight for Krystal’s senior recital. #whatisthisfeeling
Stages of Grief
As Illustrated by Muddy Dogs

1. Denial
Denial is a conscious or unconscious refusal to accept facts, information, reality, etc. It’s a perfectly natural defense mechanism. Some dogs can become locked in this stage when dealing with an ignorable traumatic event.

2. Anger
Anger can manifest in different ways. Dogs dealing with emotional upset can be angry at themselves, others, or at the situation as a whole. Knowing this helps keep detached and non-judgmental towards dogs in this stage.

3. Bargaining
Feelings of helplessness and desperation are characteristic of dogs in this stage. Many dogs often resort to blaming other dogs for their anguish. Bargaining rarely provides a sustainable solution to the source of the dog’s grief, or in this case, complete mud coverage.

4. Depression
Also referred to as preparatory grieving, dogs in this stage are marked with emotions of sadness and regret toward towards a traumatic loss. This phase may be eased with words of reassurance and overall mental support. This stage is necessary for the dog to begin accepting reality.

5. Acceptance
This stage varies depending on situation and on dog breed, but this stage is often characterized by emotional detachment and solidarity with themselves. While not always a period of happiness, it must not be mislabeled as depression, for coming to terms with grievous situations are necessary for the dog to return to its normal emotional state.

Hannah Justinen
Justin Oefter

“Don’t bother, it’s mostly air”

Let us know what you think using the hashtag #SAUhumor
MODERN LANGUAGES ADDS NEW CLASSES

KRISTEN VONNOH
STAFF WRITER

The modern languages department will begin offering a Spanish for Health Professionals class during Summer 2016. The department will also begin offering Intermediate German and Intermediate Sign Language classes in fall 2016.

Adrienne Royo, professor in the modern languages department, said Spanish for Health Professionals is geared toward nursing majors, who are experiencing more of a demand for the language.

“We’re going to start out [this summer] with Elementary Spanish I,” said Royo. “Who knows where it’ll go from there."

All three of these new classes came about by the request of many students, both in the department and outside.

“I’d be really disappointed if I had only been able to take Elementary German,” said Sheann Brandon, sophomore broadcast journalism major.

“I want to go to Germany anyway, but it’s cool to be able to get as much German knowledge and experience here as possible.”

Sylvia Mayer, associate professor in the School of Nursing, emphasized the need for the class.

“In the healthcare setting, it is important to have some basic communication skills around language needed to care for patients,” said Mayer.

Mayer also said the composition of the class is focused on healthcare vocabulary.

Adjunct professors are going to be teaching the new intermediate classes.

Jillian Walthers, adjunct German professor, said the intermediate class helps in preparing students who are going abroad to Austria and Germany.

SOUTHERN VILLAGE GETS PICNIC TABLES

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STAFF WRITER

Student Association (SA) Senate bought five metal picnic tables on March 28 to put behind Dogwood and Cedar apartments in Southern Village.

The materials are expected to be delivered and assembled by the first week of May. Before then, Landscape Services will be putting down either mulch or concrete foundation so it will be easier to mow the grass around the tables.

The project was first proposed one-and-a-half years ago. It got as far as SA Senate passing the project. However, the plans were not finalized due to its being brought up at the last Senate meeting of the school year.

Patricia Duvra, SA senator and senior business administration major, spearheaded the project.

“We never got the tables, so I would like to follow through on that project,” said Duvra. “My goal is just to provide a place outside that’s not on the ground for people in the Village to come together and just hang out.”

Duvra went to Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of financial administration, who directed her to a checklist of things that needed to be done to buy the equipment.

“Our job is to find ways to improve the campus and the experience for our students,” said Hamilton. “We regularly work with Student Services and Student Association on partnering with student-led projects.”

Funding was the main problem Duvra faced. The five picnic tables totaled $4,200, but Senate did not want to spend that full amount. Senate does, however, have a contingency fund where they place leftover money.

DEEP SABBATH BRINGS OAKWOOD TO SOUTHERN

DANIELLE ALLEN
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On April 16, Southern Adventist University hosted the semi-annual DEEP (Diversity Education Exchange Program) Sabbath, where Student Association (SA) centered the student-led Renewal church service around Oakwood students in Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Jacob Metzner, junior theology major and SA president, preached on “Living for Eternity.” Praise and worship along with special music was led by several Collegedale Academy students and Collegedale community members.

“I thought it was a nice service and showed a taste of what we get here at [Southern] every week,” said Metzner.

This year, several students joined together along with some SA officers to host a separate service in Thatcher Chapel to combat what they believe lacked “intentional effort” from some members of the Student Association who were responsible for DEEP Sabbath.

In an e-mail sent from Joelle Kanyana, junior finance major, to Kari Shultz and leaders in Campus Ministries, she said Southern is so rich in diversity and “the best way to improve race relations is to learn from each other and mingle with each other.”

She also said this takes intentional effort, which is the ultimate purpose of DEEP Sabbath.

SOUFL FOOD PERFORMS AT CAMBRIDGE SQUARE

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THE 8-YEAR-OLD MOM

OLYMPIC 2016: BRAZIL IN A BIND

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First acting workshop in more than 13 years coming soon

Andrew McClure  Staff Writer

Stephen Ruf, associate professor in the School of Journalism and Communication & Multimedia, will teach the acting workshop this summer through the fall of 2016. Ruf has been teaching at Southern for 20 years and is planning on using this time to focus on his professional development as well as adding to his creative portfolio.

"As a visual communicator, one of my objectives is to create and share new stories with the latest technology in the field," said Ruf.

Ruf is hoping this time off will help him better himself as a professor, and ultimately help students to benefit from that experience when he returns to teach in winter 2017.

Linda Crumley, dean of the School of Journalism and Communication, said that Ruf is not even aware of being followed. Comerzan is NOT a murderer. Comerzan is a young man who made a mistake—one that most young adults have made without consequences. The loss of Bava’s life does not justify destroying Comerzan’s for a crime he did not commit.

I pray that the jury Comerzan faces will make the right decision, based on logic, facts, and justice, not on emotion. Austin T Greenwood is an employee for the School of Nursing.

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On April 16, students and community members gathered at Cambridge Square in Ooltewah, Tennessee to experience what people are calling the "Chattanooga Cochella."

Soul Food is a collaborative musical experience organized by former Southern Adventist University student Jordan Layao. The group’s debut performance was at Wired Coffee Bar on March 5. This was the second free music event hosted by Soul Food.

“I realized there was not enough diversity in the music scene of Ooltewah,” said Layao. “I’m trying to push for more variety. That’s why we want to give the community a larger variety [of music genres].”

The show started with Sons of Ander, a band from Southern. Matt Chancey, also Southern alumnus, accompanied them on the bass guitar. Sons of Ander’s set list included “Hold My Hand,” which they performed at this year’s Student Association Talent Show. As the second act, Lumbercat, made their way to the stage, Cambridge Square grew more crowded. Lumbercat is an indie rock band from Chattanooga. Three out of the four members have attended Southern.

During Lumbercat’s act, Jess Keen, a community member, hula hooped near the stage as part of the performance.

“Hula hooping at shows is like a form of street dancing, I guess,” said Keen. “I went to a music festival in high school, saw it and fell in love. I have been practicing since high school.”

Young, Gifted & Black (YGB), an education art outreach program for ages 14-25 based out of Chattanooga, followed Lumbercat’s performance. During their second song, they were interrupted and led off stage due to issues with the batteries on their synthesizer.

“No pressure, something is always bound to happen,” said Image Jackson, a dancer for YGB. “We just have to promote good vibes and good spirits. We actually just had a prayer so we’re back and ready to perform.”

While Layao worked on fixing the battery problem, Chloe Khan, sophomore fine arts major; Angela Fears, junior nursing major; and Samantha Smith, junior nursing major performed individual acts, covering a variety of popular songs including Hotline Bling by Drake and Unaware by Allen Stone.

“They’re all great, but I wish there would’ve been more preparation,” said Thandy Ojande, freshman nursing major. “I think people had to wait too long [between sets] and started losing interest.”

Once the battery situation was resolved, YGB returned to the stage to accompany Layao on the fronted band, Soul Food, who ended the night with Power by Kanye West and Jumpman by Drake and Future.

Meg Hope, CEO of Hope Wins, a non-profit organization for suicide, depression and other mental disorders, had a merchandise table near the stage during the event. Aris Andrews, lead singer of Lumbercat and senior nursing major, helped organize the musical performances of the night.

“It takes a lot of work to pull off a performance like this, but I think it went well despite some logistics that we had to deal with,” said Andrews. “Overall, the performances went well. Jordan is very passionate about this, and we want to make it happen again.”

As of press time on April 18, the Chattanooga Police Department (CPD) has reported at least eight shootings and one fatality in Chattanooga since April 16. However, several area news organizations are reporting nine shootings in the four days. A Southern Adventist University student responded with police officers to the scene of a shooting on April 17.

CPD believes some of the incidents may be related to the April homicide of “well-known validated gang member Robert Jackson III,” according to a post on the department’s Facebook page. The CPD did not return request for comment as of press time on Tuesday night.

The only fatality as of press time was a 17-year-old male who was killed as a result of a drive-by shooting on Seventh Avenue around noon on Monday, the Chattanooga Times Free Press reported. WRCBTV reported that Erlanger Baronsen Hospital put their emergency room on temporary lockdown as a result of the fatal shooting.

Other victims of the shootings include two pregnant women.

Around noon Sunday, CPD responded to a shooting on South Seminole Drive. A man was shot in the ankle while doing yard work, WRCBTV reported, after the shooters demanded money from him.

Jaime Barboza, chaplaincy intern with the CPD and senior theology major, at an officer on Sunday, April 17. Due to the active nature of the police investigation, Barboza was not able to specify where the shooting took place or what exactly happened.

“Fortunately, nobody was hurt or killed, but the victim was very shaken up by the ordeal. As chaplain intern, I was able to speak briefly with the victim and offered prayer,” Barboza said. “The officer and I did speak in regards to the shootings for some time, and while I would not say that I counseled him, I did give him words of reassurance that they were doing an excellent job in protecting the community.”

The CPD has increased patrols and officer hours and have all available intelligence officers on the cases, according to an April 16 Facebook post.

“I feel the department has been affected in the sense that they are taking each shooting as a very serious matter and are going above and beyond to get these shooters off the streets,” said Barboza. “They are determined to stop these gang wars and make this city a safer place for everyone.”

A longer version of this article, including a timeline of events, may be found online at accent.southern.edu.
Southern Village gets picnic tables

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Since the Southern Village tables project was passed one-and-a-half years ago, Senate had set aside some money for it. When no one used the money to buy the tables, the money fell into Senate’s contingency fund.

Duvra spent around three weeks looking through files to find exactly how much money was allocated for the Village picnic tables project before it ended up in the contingency fund. She submitted an estimate of $600, and Senate then gave her the remaining $3,600 needed.

Jacob Metzner, SA president and junior theology major, said he was delighted with the project.

“I’m going to be living in the Village next year,” said Metzner. “So I think providing that nice little scenario outside is a very good decision made. That’s a step in helping the Southern Village students feel more included in SA and Senate thought.”

DEEP Sabbath brings Oakwood to Southern

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Andrew Ashley, senior theology major, and Christina Angel, junior history major, hosted a discussion throughout the Thatcher service on how Southern and Oakwood students can apply the fruits of the Spirit in one’s life.

“I was glad to see students taking initiative, but I was not involved in the process at all,” said Metzner of the separate service.

Michael Ciurea, sophomore business major and SA executive secretary, said most Oakwood students attended the service in Thatcher Chapel.

“The service was more intimate of $600, and Senate then gave her the remaining $3,600 needed.

DEEP Sabbath is an opportunity for Oakwood University students to spend the day visiting Southern’s campus and fellowshipping with Southern students. It originated from a semester exchange program, where students would spend a semester at Oakwood or a semester at Southern. Eventually, it became a one-day only event that connected Southern and Oakwood students.

Ashley Supit, nursing major, communicating with another student using sign language.
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Quickness: pursuing God, finding peace

Seth Sutherland
Contributor

Sometimes I go to a quiet parking lot beside the train tracks and lie on the back of my car to watch the sun go down. Not because it’s on my list of things to do. Not because I have the time. Not because my phone, securely lodged below me in the glovebox, isn’t screaming 10 different things I need to do or respond to. It’s because I need to...

“ I struggle with this idea of being created in God’s image and representing His character here on earth.”

So often I don’t know how to pray for mountains to move. I don’t know how to hold the hand of imminent death and be the strength that’s needed. I don’t even know how to love. My love is selfish, arrogant, driven by feelings. So often I waste my time trying to understand my emotions rather than talk with the One who gifted me with them. But it’s simple, really.

I’ve learned that I need to recklessly pursue the heart of God. Only then will I have a relationship so secure that I can enter the busyness of life, the stress of friendships and the constant wear of school and work. Relationships take time. It’s not until you put everything behind you and focus your time and attention onto one person that love can finally change you.

God doesn’t want our time because He’s insecure. He wants our time because He wants us. He’s crazy about us. His love is relentless, and yet we keep running because we’re scared to be vulnerable with Him.

I silently linger just a few more minutes as the sun sinks below the distant hills before heading back into the rush of life. Renewed. Revived. Restored.

Seth Sutherland is a junior nursing major.

What it means to be a conservative Christian

Jose Broenni
Religious Editor

Conservatism. Most individuals associate it with long skirts, veganism, legalism, prophecy and lack of overall fun. However, conservative Christians have lost their identity. They have been swallowed up by the trends and campaigns that give them a negative reputation. To be a conservative means to truly love the Bible and the principles that it presents. Moreover, conservatives apply the words from God to their lives and live accordingly.

While it is true that in the spectrum from conservative to liberal, most of the time the former has been blamed for having a lack of mercy. Nothing could be further from the truth. True Christians who advocate for the Word of God would be nothing but loving. They will take the words of the Master and love others as they love Him. They will not condemn, but restore. Conservatives will help and show you that there is truth in Scripture. In contrast to liberals, conservatives do not see sin as a passive action, but an active decision. They see sin as something to not partake in rather than an inevitable choice that comes when we put on our evil masks. They see sin as despicable and not something to yield to. Christians who are serious about God see the promises of the Savior. They understand that He said that He will be there for you. He will help you and deliver you. He has made every provision.

To be a conservative is to trust in the Lord and know His truth. If you think that you are a serious Christian who wants to take the side of the Bible in all matters, I invite you to lift your voice and represent Him by displaying your love for Him. I call you to be on the side of truth and to embrace your Christianity. Be proud of being a conservative – or a liberal, if that’s the case. I know labels are always dangerous. I know labels do not define us. I know there is much more behind the label, so I invite you to show the character behind the label. Thus, others will understand what it truly means to be a Christian.
Your beliefs: Unique or a copy?

Brandon Peggau

I used to lie in bed pondering, “If I cease to pray, will those I prayed for become vulnerable to the woes of evil?” Believe it or not, I contemplated such nonsense. The belief that a deity is the only god is quite the conundrum. I imagine many intellectuals battle with this same debate, regardless of religious preference. However, many cling to theistic hearsay instead of questioning it. Because of this, the idea of living without a god overseeing everything one does is quite distressing to some, while the principle of being shackled to a totalitarian relationship is somehow soothing.

This leads to faith imposing on scientific fact. Many Christians can’t grapple with the scientific facts of their origins and instead stand by “creationism” without evidence. The Christian majority reasons that the prophecions the universe offers (primarily what science can’t explain) is “God working in mysterious ways.” Unfortunately, if one views the world in this way, where God exists in the unknown, then God is an ever-dwindling expanse in his or her life. As mankind understands more about the universe, the unknown is an ever-shrinking spectrum. This idea has been referred to as “the god of the gaps.”

Millenials are the future. However, if we allow ourselves to become thralls [servant slaves] to an ancient book without question, we are setting ourselves up for a life rooted in ignorance. I won’t go into all the inconsistencies of the Bible in an attempt to mass-evangelize atheism. But I do encourage you to truly look at your life and ask if you sincerely believe in God and if you do, why. The most destructive thing you could do is live your entire adult life never truly understanding why you believe in a particular religion. You might nonchalantly question, “Why does it matter?” But one day (if not already) you will become a parent and will desire to teach your beliefs to your children. It would be foolhardy and selfish to pollute their malleable minds with something you know little about. Just because you know the tenets of your faith from a religious scholar or pastor that regurgitated it to you means nothing.

Only when you constantly study and question the Bible’s contents can you define yourself as religiously educated. Imagine, if you will, that you were raised without bias, and though your parents were devout Christians, they taught you equally about creationism and evolution and allowed you to decide for yourself what to believe. Would you still be religious today?

Becoming extensively educated in your religion will allow you to see the transparency in your Christian hubris. With this new enlightenment, you can better contribute to society with all you have to offer both skillfully and intellectually. To paraphrase one of the greatest minds of the last century, Albert Einstein, “Never stop questioning.”

Brandon Peggau is a senior public relations major.

Reflections on Gym-Masters

Saminta Hean

Ever since I was in high school, I’ve admired the Gym-Masters. The girls were so pretty, the guys were so strong and everyone was so flawless. There was no way I would be able to make it onto a team of such perfection.

Try-outs rolled around, and I was so nervous because I was surrounded by previous Gym-Masters. They walked in, and I promise there was a certain glow about them. They went about try-outs with such ease that it was all I could do not to give up. Some saw me in my corner and encouraged me to keep trying. They helped me with my form and gave me the inspiration to try moves that I have never done before. Granted, I have not done the moves, but that is beside the point.

Being a Gym-Master is a commitment. We spend two hours a night together and most of our weekends, too. We have suffered hours on end on bus rides that do not exactly smell like roses and are impossible to get comfortable in.

Why would I choose this life?

Because being a Gym-Master is like being a part of a family. Plenty of memories have been made, and stories have been told and retold. We sweat together, we laugh together and we cry together. We support one another through our ups and downs. It is impossible not to form a bond after all the time we spend with each other. I can honestly say that I have made lasting friendships within this group. I trust my life with these people. Literally.

Three years down the road, I still love being a part of this team. Though we do a lot of flipping and throwing people in the air, our main focus is to use our skills to point others to Christ. We share with people how wonderful and magnificent He really is. That’s what I think being a Gym-Master is all about: putting aside our differences and coming together to share the skills God has blessed us with to shine some light in someone else’s life.

Saminta Hean is a sophomore sports studies major.
Isary Sanchez

I have been part of Enactus for the last two years. I help them with design and content preparation. Enactus is an organization on campus that coordinates volunteer work to help people. But we help people not just one—time—the kind of projects we coordinate are to help people get stable and get ahead. We were able to recover from a few down years and had four successful projects.

As part of Enactus, we also present our projects at two events. First there is a regional event; if you win that, then you get to go nationals. It was great to be part of a winning team—we are going to nationals! We present in May.

I have had a lot of fun working with the team. Through Enactus, I have learned how to communicate with a team of people outside my major. It’s been a good learning experience because what we concern ourselves in the art world isn’t always what the people you’re working for concern themselves with.

But the biggest lesson I have gathered through Enactus is patience and perseverance. I remember one project that we did for the veteran community in Chattanooga. I showed up and there were only like four of us there to do all the work. I was a little upset but by the end, I could tell how much we meant to the veterans. They were all smiling and it made it all worth it.

Isary Sanchez is a graphic design senior.

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People of Southern: Isary Sanchez

Israel Olaoe

Contributor

Stopping for a moment to pick at the crusted clay between her fingernails, HD smiles, then digs deeper.

“It wasn’t about cutting,” HD says. “I have a high pain tolerance. It was about realizing I was doing something to me. Not my body. My mind.” Her eyes got a little brighter. “If this is all that you deserve, you’re letting the world walk all over you. That’s not okay. No, I have to save myself. I’m worth saving.” That’s what I told myself.

Her smile turns into a smirk as she tosses a chunk of clay into the mixer. “And I promised myself that I would live my life to the fullest.”

Meet Camaren Humphrey-Davis, better known as “HD,” the 8-year-old mom.

Three suicide attempts, a drinking problem, eating disorders, eight years of cutting and an addiction to any pill she could find.

“You’re not broken, but you’re breaking.” That’s what her shrink said.

“She seems like she’s got everything together.” That’s what her professor said.

If you walked into the ceramics lab, where she’s the lab assistant, and saw her covered in clay and gliding around in her “ClayMobile” of a rolling chair, coaching students through their first assignment, you would think she was a professor, if not a superhero.

“People say... I thought you were 24!” HD laughs. “It’s kind of ironic. I’m usually the youngest in the room.” It’s not that the 19-year-old looks older than her age. It’s the way HD carries herself.

“People say they envy my success, my composure and my drive,” she says. To those people, HD has one reply: don’t.

“When I was 8, my mom had birth complications. While my mom was really sick, my dad would tell me, ‘If she dies, you have to assume her role in this house.’ I was 8 years old! That freaked me out!” That’s how everything started.

“In my 8-year-old mind, that meant that if I don’t do what I’m supposed to do, my mom is going to die.”

That pressure sent HD to a dark place. “I started cutting, since I was clumsy, I could easily hide my scars. I thought if I could control my own pain, pain wouldn’t happen to others.” Her mom didn’t die, fortunately, but HD was still far from her happy ending.

“In middle school, alcohol became easily accessible. I was a social drinker, but I strived to push my limit.” Be the best. These concepts are real to HD, but not for the reasons people would want to be my friend.” That wasn’t the case. Things got worse.

“My oldest brother attempted suicide, and dad blamed me. I attempted suicide, and my other brother disowned me. I went to my first counseling session and the chick called me a liar. After two sessions, my dad said I should just figure myself out.” More drugs. More alcohol. More cutting. Less feeling.

“I tried a different counselor. I actually felt like it worked this time.”

Then her dad stopped paying. That was three years ago. In real life, there is no happy ending, because life doesn’t just end. It goes on, no breaks, no timeouts, very few victorious triumphs and no superheros – just super people. HD is one of those people.

She has realized how to keep going with life. “Life is long, not short. We have 24 hours. Break that down to moments, heartbeats and breaths, smiles and tears... that’s a lot!”

Life is long, not short. We have 24 hours. Break that down to moments, heartbeats and breaths, smiles and tears... that’s a lot!

As HD creates beauty from formless clay like an extension of her being, Ephesians 2:10 comes to mind: “We are God’s masterpiece... created to do good works.” Sometimes we read that passage and feel like it means that we must blow minds and save the world to be worthy of the air that we breathe. Our true purpose, however, lies in the first phrase. We are God’s masterpiece, just as we are. Just be.

You’re invited to HD’s Pottery Vespers, titled “Broken,” happening this Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m. at the outdoor amphitheater behind Hackman Hall. Engage in a hands-on pottery experience as you embrace the broken pieces that make us God’s masterpiece.

Camaren Humphrey-Davis forms a bowl. Photo by Israel Olaoe

We are God’s masterpiece, just as we are.

Israel Olaoe is a senior pub-
Olympics 2016: Brazil in a bind

Marc-Antony Pierre
Contributor

This past NBA season was one filled with many highs and lows. Every team came into the 2015-2016 season with high hopes of being contenders for an NBA championship. We patiently awaited watching Derrick Rose, LeBron James, Chris Paul and the Los Angeles Clippers, and even Kobe’s last season. After all the winning and losing streaks, we ended up seeing history by the end of the regular season.

On the last night of the season, we saw Kobe Bryant score 60 points in his last game against the Utah Jazz. We also saw Stephen Curry and the Golden State Warriors break the single-season win record against the Memphis Grizzlies, finishing the season with a blazing 73-9 score. Let’s not forget Oklahoma City Thunder point guard Russell Westbrook’s 8 triple doubles and center Hassan Whiteside’s emergence with great potential to be a future star center for the Miami Heat.

But now that the season is over, the question for the next two months is who will win the 2016 NBA Championship. The West seems to be stacked significantly in comparison to the East, but that still doesn’t mean that they can just hand over the win. We have the returning champions, the Golden State Warriors, looking to repeat their victory, but they have a long road to climb with the San Antonio Spurs looking to prove who the king of the West is. On the East, we have the Cleveland Cavaliers waiting to challenge their competitors for the title.

With the West, there is a predictable match-up between the Warriors and the Spurs, but the East is a bit trickier. With the Indiana Pacers playing the Toronto Raptors, the Pacers could face the winners of the Miami Heat and the Charlotte Hornets. If Miami wins and upsets the Pacers, they could play Cleveland in the Eastern Conference Finals. The return of the King (LeBron James) to South Beach to battle it out in Wade County gives them a chance to play the winner of the West. Since Miami has beaten Cleveland all year long, it wouldn’t be a surprise if Miami comes out of the East.

The West is another story. Golden State and San Antonio have duked it out with the Warriors winning 3-4 contests. Even with Chris Paul, the Clippers don’t have what it takes, and if he isn’t careful Chef Curry will make him do the whip one more time. The Portland Trail Blazers don’t have enough weapons and the Oklahoma City Thunder is not ready for that stage yet. And it’s clear the top two will make it out. However, I see Golden State winning six games over San Antonio and going on to play the Miami Heat.

No, Miami has not beaten the Warriors all year, but this could be the year for an upset. If not, then we will see a repeat of Steph and the Warriors winning it all over again. Yes, these are speculations. Anything can happen. The playoffs just started, so we’ll just have to see what unfolds on that court.

Marc-Antony Pierre is a senior theology major.

Lexie Center
Contributor

Furmoll, lack of sales, a health scare and boycotts are not the words you would hope to associate with the Olympics. In a quick turn of events, that is all people seem to be discussing as they stray away from Brazil’s culture and famous beaches. Rio de Janeiro will hold the 2016 Summer Olympics from August 5-21. This is South America’s first time holding the Olympic Games.

One setback Rio is dealing with is how slow tickets are selling. According to a CNN article, only half of the available 7.5 million tickets have been sold. Statista.com reported that 97 percent of available tickets during the 2012 London Olympics were sold, 95.6 percent of tickets during the 2008 Beijing Olympics were sold and 71 percent of tickets during the Athens Olympics were sold. George Hilton resigned as Brazil’s sports minister and Ricardo Leyser stepped up. He is hoping to boost ticket sales with new approaches. Leyser is looking into having the Brazilian government purchase tickets and give them to public schools, he said to Brazilian newspaper Folha.

With top officials stepping down, Brazil is also facing a possible impeachment of their president, Dilma Rousseff. Amid a scandal involving her allies. Huge protests have come from this, and Brazil’s lower house of Congress is in the process of voting to see if it will be moved to Senate, then to a trial. A major concern moving forward is if any Olympic contracts are linked to the scandal. A Brazil-based construction company called Odebrecht manages more than half of the Olympic building contracts and is also connected to the Operation Car scandal.

Another potential letdown may be that many Olympic venues aren’t finished. In past years, the question usually is if they will be ready in time. And while that question is always asked, all previous destinations have finished in time, but many are starting to doubt Rio’s ability to tie up loose ends. Test runs have been postponed, payments have been halted for the Deodoro Olympic Complex and the Rio Metro extension has been slowed.

CNN also reported that this is Brazil’s worst recession in 25 years. They also mentioned the Olympic budget was reduced by $500 million in January. Because tickets aren’t selling, there is also a concern that they won’t get enough tourists. Brazil’s high crime rates and terrorism have raised concern, and CNN reported that Brazil will be using twice as many security agents than were used in London’s Olympic Games.

The growing issue of the Zika virus continues to add to the list of worries heading into the Olympics. While most athletes are still toying with the idea of whether to go or not, some have made up their minds. U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo has decided she will still go to Rio despite the Zika outbreak. Golfer Vijay Singh has confirmed he will not be going to Rio because of the Zika virus. Even though the virus is still spreading, Olympic officials have expressed assurance since the Games will be held during Brazil’s winter season when it rains less and the temperatures are lower, reducing the risk of mosquitoes.

Amidst all the scares continuing to pop up, there are some positives. Two sports will be returning to the Olympic games: golf, after 112 years, and rugby, after 92 years. A total of 42 sports will be competing including rhythmic gymnastics, fencing, archery, water polo and more. Qualifiers are currently underway and the official 2016 U.S. Olympic Team will be confirmed July 18.

Lexie Center is a senior public relations major.
**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY**
- Convocation: Asian Heritage, 11a, Church, Zane Yi

**FRIDAY**
- Earth Day
- uQuest Orientation Weekend (22-24)
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- iWitness Outreach, 2:30p, Talge Conference Room
- Fighting for Autism 5k, 3p, Duck Pond
- SOAP Bat Vespers, 6p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: Asian Heritage, 8p, Church
- Sunset, 8:16p
- Afterglow, Asian Club, 9:30p, Fellowship Hall

**SABBATH**
- Breakfast Ministry, 7a, Wright Hall
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church, Jerome Maslialmony
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church, Jerome Maslialmony
- Connect, 11:35a, CA, Andy Nash
- Flag Camp, Patten Towers, Restore, Hospital Ministry, 2p, Wright Hall
- School of Music Concert, 4p, Church, Elijah by Mendelsohn
- Evensong, 6p, Church, Zachary Woolsey & Thomas Wilson
- Divisions: Student Organization End of the Year Parties, Various Times & Locations

**SUNDAY**
- No Field Trips or Tours (24-29)
- McKee Library Open, Noon-6:30p
- SA Strawberry Festival, 8p, Iles
- Student Center Closed

**MONDAY**
- University Senate, 3:30p
- SA Cookout, 12-2p, Outside Student Center

**TUESDAY**
- Student Appreciation Day, Various Times & Locations
- Department/Schools/Student Organizations (elections), 11a, Various Locations

**WEDNESDAY**
- National Administrative Professionals Day
- Faculty Showcase, Noon, Presidential Banquet Room
- SA Senate, 7:30p, White Oak Room

**SOUTHERN WORD SEARCH**

**ART DISTRICT**
**CLUMPIES**
**COOLIDGE PARK**
**GOOD DOG**
**PADDLEBOARDING**
**RIVERBEND**
**SODDY DAISY**
**SOUTHERN BURGER**
**WALNUT ST BRIDGE**
**WIRED COFFEE BAR**

**[S.A. Announcements]**

**Strawberry Festival:** Strawberry Fest is next Sunday, April 24 at 8p in Iles Gymnasium. Come out and watch a video recap of this past year, enjoy great food, and pick up your copy of the 2015-2016 yearbook. On top of all this, we have American Idol finalist Clark Beckham coming in as musical guest.

**S.A. Cookout:** This Monday, April 25 between 12-2p, your current and incoming SA officers will be serving up hot dogs, burgers, and fries at Kari's Kitchen outside the Student Center. Come out and enjoy some free food and the chance to mingle.

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### Twitter

**The cons of going to a small university: everybody knows your business or everyone wants to know your business. There is never anything but.**

Danielle Allen, @iamvistoso  
Global Policy and Service Studies, JR

**B/c my life is so immersed in social media, I read interactions much more deeply.**

Aaron Negrillo, @ArisLens  
Computer Information Systems, JR

**The fact that your meal plan is done and you gotta eat frozen food instead. #saulife**

Prianca Pathak, @prianca_pathak  
Liberal Arts Education, FR

**You know ur a senior when you wake up late & don’t worry about not looking fine for class. Did I take a shower? You’ll never know #saulife**

Casey Vaughn, @myupwardlook  
Theology, JR

**I just tried to open the door to leave Brock using my car’s automatic unlock button. Guess it’s one of those days. #senioritis #saulife**

Cassie Matchim, @cassettemarie  
GPS and Journalism, SR

**My mom gave me money to buy food when she heard I was eating cereal for dinner, but I’m still eating cereal for dinner. It’s just high-end**

Sierra Emilaire, @waxchinadoll  
English, JR

**Senioritis level: Bietz level #Csgetdegrees #saulife #Bietzmode #Icantanymore #getmeoutofclass**

Jose Briones, @jnbs21  
Theology, SR

**I took a 5 hour nap....**

Veronica Garcia, @LynetteVeronica  
Business Administration and Public Relations, SR

### Instagram

**Shaina Rantung, @shainarantung**  
Public Relations, JR

**Being in a bad mood all morning because you don’t think you look cute #justgirlythingz !!!!!!!!!!!!**

Kristen Vonnoh, @kristenstagram  
Journalism and International Studies, SO

**Probably the most heartbreaking email I’ve received this semester. #SUAlife**

Elaine David, @LanyDavid  
Biochemistry, JR

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**From: Student Finance ›**

**To: Elaine David ›**

**Meal Plan Balance Low Notification**

*Today at 07:54*

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**TWEET US**

@southern_accent

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**cosgrove.paige** Got paid to go fishing today! #ilovemyjob #landscapeservices #work #fishing #gonefishing #goldfishing #vsco #liveauthentic #liveagreatstory #sau #southernadventistuniversity PC @jemattox
Unintentional & Uncanny Color Coordinations

Here are some examples of people demonstrating the art of blending into the world (or couches) around them:

BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER
END OF THE SEMESTER

by Kacey Layson

EVENING WORSHIP
John 3:16
Gonna go to class

Morning Worship

by Richard Roberts

Let us know what you think using
#SAUhumor
WHAT HAPPENED TO COMMUNITY?
ELOISE RAVELL
MANAGING EDITOR

The launch of Community, the online communication forum software, to replace the Joker at Southern Adventist University has been delayed all year. Community attempted to launch at the talent show on March 19, but Southern’s server crashed with the sudden flow of traffic. Due to technical difficulties, Community is now looking to be implemented in the 2016-2017 school year. Right now, the Community software is available for students as an electronic Joker.

“The wrong decision we made was not to include an overlap year, during which we printed the Joker and implemented Community,” said Dennis Negron, vice president of student services. “We made the decision for an immediate change because we were told by the company, Symplicity, the transition could happen within a summer.”

Negron said there were many things on Southern’s end that needed to be done in order to implement the software, which couldn’t have reasonably been finished in the span of a few months.

“Community is in our hands now,” said Jacob Metzner, Student Association (SA) president. “It has been implemented into our system, but there are still a lot of bugs that need to be worked out. The biggest problem is that Student Association and Student Services have not united with everyone to make a move toward this. Everyone is too busy to focus their attention on Community to produce the most effective implementation process.”

According to the cabinet minutes from April 17, 2015, Community’s total cost was $18,350, most of which came out of SA’s budget.

“In the software world, $19,000 is not that expensive for a project like this,” said Negron.

SOUTHERN CELEBRATES 19 YEARS OF BIETZ

Rosana Hughes
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Southern Adventist University will celebrate the Bietz legacy today in the Iles P.E. Center for convocation at 11 a.m., by honoring President Gordon Bietz and his wife, Cynthia Bietz.

Speakers for the event include Dan Jackson, president of the North American Division; Ron Smith, president of the Southern Union Conference; Jay Dedeker, president of alumni relations; Chris Mc Kee, executive vice president of Mc Kee Foods Corporation and Lisa McClusky, vice president of marketing and communications at CHI Memorial Health.

Current and former presidents of area colleges and universities are also expected at the event as well as area city officials and representatives.

A week before the convocation, President Bietz sat down with the Southern Accent to share some of his memories and experiences as president of the university.

Bietz said one of the first memories he has as president is students grabbing him and throwing him down a water slide during a welcome party for freshmen.

“That was memorable,” Bietz said. “I’ve always enjoyed interacting with the students.”

Another aspect that Bietz said he enjoyed about being president was working with students on special projects.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHANGE

Cassie Matchim
NEWS EDITOR

General education requirements have changed and will be effective next school year, 2016-2017. These requirements will only affect incoming freshmen and current students who decide to change to the 2016-2017 undergraduate catalog.

Previous catalogs required bachelor’s degree students to obtain 56-59 general education hours from specific areas. The new catalog will only require 45-46 hours, which means overall requirements have been reduced by about 11 to 14 hours.

“We did two things: One, simplify the requirements,” said Scot Anderson, computing professor and chair of the general education committee. “The big change is one section for intellectual and social.”

Under the previous catalog, general education hours were divided into the categories of spiritual development, intellectual development, individual and social development and physical development. Under the new catalog, individual and social development has been combined and added under intellectual. There are now 10 subcategories for intellectual development.

Subcategories have been cleaned up, and some have been limited to specific classes for students to take. For example, under the new human development category, students are required to take either PSTD-128 (Developmental Psychology) or SOCI-125 (Intro to Sociology).

Physical development hours have been reduced from 6-7 to 4, and so have natural science requirements. Aesthetic analysis has been reduced from 6 to 3 hours. A new requirement is that all students under the 2016-2017 catalog must take MATH-215 (Statistics).

Bethany Thornton, junior
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Editorial: A final note
ROSANA HUGHES EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
As my team and I wrap up the year for the Southern Accent, I’d like to thank all of the people who have supported me and been a part of the Accent team this year.
I would like to thank our readers. Those who have supported me throughout the year and those who have challenged me and pushed me to the edge because it has helped me grow in ways I didn’t know I could.
I would like to thank all of our lead reporters and staff writers who have been good sports and great team players from the moment they were thrown into the news reporting class. These students took on the task of being the eyes and ears of the campus and stepped up to the challenge of meeting our quick deadlines.
I would like to thank the contributors who wrote for us, some even coming forward to talk about the hard issues that no one is willing to tackle. They bared their hearts to the student body in order to take a stand for what matters to them. Thank you for being the student voice on this campus and helping me make a difference.
This year has been one of the most challenging years I’ve had for many reasons, but I truly feel blessed to have had the experiences I’ve had this year with Accent - from having the opportunity to interview a former presidential candidate to localizing many national stories as well as seizing the opportunity to make a statement and help bring our campus together and embrace our diversity.
I’m so proud of my staff. I could not have accomplished all that I did without them and their full support. They stepped up to the plate and helped me fulfill the visions I had for Accent, no matter how difficult they seemed, especially with our Embracing Diversity special edition.
Over the three years working for the Southern Accent, beginning as a staff writer, I finally bid it farewell. It is time to let go and turn over a new leaf. My best wishes to Sierra Emilaire, incoming editor. It’s your time to shine, girl.

Nursing makes changes to regain full board approval
STEANIE BRANDON STAFF REPORTER
After the “conditional approval” status given to the School of Nursing by the Tennessee State Board of Nursing in February due to low NCLEX passing rate scores for the second consecutive year, the program has made changes to correct the issue.
Barbara James, dean of the School of Nursing, said the faculty has scrutinized the curriculum, testing, teaching, admission and progression policies and “has tightened some of these policies.”
In a letter to the Tennessee State Board of Nursing, James said that applicants are required to take a pre-admission standardized test, PAX, but instead of acceptance into the program being weighted equally off of a student’s cumulative GPA and the PAX scores, acceptance is now weighted more heavily on PAX scores. This was implemented in October 2015. Also, special emphasis will be placed on GPA earned from pre-requisite courses such as Anatomy and Physiology and Survey of Health Chemistry.
“We have a testing committee where exam questions are reviewed and screened by a few faculty,” said James. “Students not passing NRSG-110 Fundamentals cannot progress in the program. Students with a B- or lower in any nursing course will register for a course that covers study and testing techniques. Finally, Level 4 students will enroll in a ‘Preparation for Licensure’ [class], which includes practice and predictor exams and is a pass or fail course.”
James also said students at risk of not passing the NCLEX are those who previously failed a nursing class, have marginally passed any nursing course, are dependent on tutors, try to pass without studying, take on too many other responsibilities and don’t follow the nursing faculty recommendations.
The fact that you were accepted into the program means that you absolutely can be successful in passing each class, graduating and passing NCLEX,” said James. “However, the decisions you make each day in learning all you can be to a knowledgeable, competent, caring nurse impact your future care for your patients either positively or negatively.
Some nursing students seemed wary but optimistic about the approval status.
“When I first heard the news, I felt frustrated and kind of hurt because this has been a problem for awhile, and I felt the nursing department hadn’t been very forthcoming with information,” said Alexandria Martin, sophomore nursing major.
Martin said when her class was told about the conditional approval, she and several classmates were upset and swore to leave Southern Adventist University’s nursing program. Since then, she said the nursing department has positively helped to clarify misinterpretations, and many students seem to be at ease.
Tyler Duff, senior nursing major, who is graduating with an associate degree in May, said that with the School of Nursing’s first-time NCLEX pass rates being low, it does place extra pressure on his class to do well in their upcoming NCLEX.
“But I believe that our class has shown potential to do well on the NCLEX,” said Duff. “Given this, I am positive that this class will have a higher pass rate. We have put in the work since fundamentals, and now it is time to trust in God and let him do His part.”
If the 2016 pass rate is 85 percent or above, the associate program will return to full approval status.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
“8-year-old mom” clarification
Dear Editor:
With respect to the profile, “The 8-year-old mom” in the April 21, 2016 issue, I would like to set the record straight; the girl that was portrayed in those words was straight; the girl that was morbidly obese.
The main mission of the article was not to exemplify or draw attention to the things that have happened in my life but to show the everlasting love of Christ and how He puts us back together.
I, at a young age, like so many others, struggled with fitting in. Bullying was something that happened every day and in order to cope with those stressors, I became involved with the things the article mentioned, however, not all of those were to the severity stated.
I have experienced a prolonged history of self-harm, and when paired with a recreational use of drugs and alcohol, introduced at a young age, this created a temporary form of self-medication rather than a case of clinical addiction. During that time period, I did not have a strong sense of value on my life and even though I did take chances to permanently end it, God intervened.
I have been blessed with a wonderful childhood and a family that is very supportive even though I struggled with a lot of things. I do apologize if the wrong impression was given off to those who have read this article. I pray that the clarification will be well received. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to untangle the web of confusion and disconnect.
Camaren Humphrey-Davis is a junior psychology major.

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Strawberry Festival features American Idol finalist

Bonnie Christiansen
Copy Editor

Hundreds of students gathered in the Iles P.E. Center on Sunday night, April 24, for Strawberry Festival, the end-of-year event featuring a video recap of the school year and ending with the yearbook release. This year’s festival also included a performance by Clark Beckham, runner-up in last year’s American Idol’s fourteenth season.

Students ate strawberry cheesecake, served by Strawberry Festival and Student Association (SA) staff, and the first 300 students to arrive received Strawberry Festival T-shirts. Herman Wilhelm, Strawberry Festival director and sophomore interdisciplinarian film management major, said T-shirts were gone within a few minutes.

Host Rachel Cundiff, SA social vice president and sophomore nursing major, and Wilhelm opened the program introducing Beckham, resident of White House, Tennessee and graduate of Lee University.

During the Q&A, Beckham, a Christian, said he sings songs “through redeemed eyes” and advises aspiring singers to “through redeemed eyes” and “mess with people” at wedding receptions by weaving the State Farm jingle into background music to get people’s attention and then switch to something else.

The second half of the program featured an approximately half-hour video highlighting events and activities throughout the school year and giving glimpses into the life of five students from various majors. It closed with a tribute to President Gordon Bietz by colleagues sharing memories about his 19 years serving as president of the university.

At the end of the night, the “Southern Memories” yearbook for the 2015-2016 school year, edited by senior graphic design major Amber Kuo, was distributed to students outside the building.

The featured students were Sheann Brandon, sophomore journalism digital broadcast major, Caleb McQuistan, senior history major, Danieila Monzon, senior musical education voice major, Christopher Celis, junior biochemistry major and Naomi Schumacher, junior fine arts major.

After the video ended, Beckham was invited to perform a few more songs to close the show. He finished with “Georgia on My Mind” and altered the lyrics to replace “Georgia” with “Jesus,” which received cheers and some standing ovations from students.

Brandon Van Philips, sophomore computer science major, said it was fun and that overall it was a great night.

“One thing was amazing. The yearbooks are fantastic.”

One student said this is her first year at Southern Adventist University, and she had transferred from a big school that doesn’t have an event like Strawberry Festival to feature highlights from the school year.

“I thought it was really nice,” said Z. Bishop, business administration master’s student. “[Southern] is small enough to do something like that.”

Another student had a mixed reaction to the Strawberry Festival video.

“It was awesome, yet disturbing,” said John Greer, freshman automotive service mechanics major, referring to a portion of the video showing him participating in the later-condemned “Harlem Shake” dance at the Harlem Wizards v. SAU basketball game last semester. However, Greer’s opinion of the program was positive.

“It was hyped,” Greer said. Wilhelm began planning Strawberry Festival last summer. His team began shooting footage beginning with SA’s first event of the year, the Welcome-Back Party. At least 15 people contributed to the making of the video, including three camera operators, an editor, associate producer and some freelance students who provided animation sequences and sound design.

Wilhelm said he wanted the Strawberry Festival video to be engaging and not boring for students to watch.

Strawberry Festival switched to a video recap format in 2011, breaking a years-long tradition of a photo slideshow recapping the school year.

Clark Beckham performs for Strawberry Festival.

Photo by Caleb Cook

LETTER FROM SA PRESIDENT-ELECT

A few months ago, I was longboarding down a particularly steep hill. As I approached a corner at a fairly fast speed, I knew that I was not going to make it. With that in mind, I proceeded to have a bonding experience with a tree right in front of me. As I took the long walk of shame back to my car, I was thankful that I was still alive and despite the pain, able to pick myself up and walk.

Sometimes that is how school feels. In the midst of the excitement we rush forward to the end. Sometimes we crash and burn, and sometimes we succeed. The greatness of falling is learning that we can get back up.

I picture school being better when we are in it together. To crash and fall is terrible, but to do that alone is devastating. My vision for us as a school is that we may become a student body that serves each other. This means that we will have our mistakes, our failings, but we will lift each other up. When we see those classmates who do not have friends, we will befriend them. We will be open and vulnerable, not concerned about a facade or image. We will be genuine in our love for everyone. I believe that we are a great and diverse student body that will continue to grow into a community that cares deeply for all of its members.

I cannot accomplish this vision alone. A community based on the wellbeing of its members requires every member to care for the other. Your insight, friendship, and counsel are paramount to this vision’s success, and it is with great excitement that I look forward to working with you all this next school year.

All the best with finals,
Moses

Moses Maier is a junior global policy and service studies and financial management major.
Southern celebrates 19 years of Bietz

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such as collaborating with Studio 4109 for their short films.

"Last night we spent three hours recording one minute of video for the Saturday night program on [April 30]," said Bietz.

One of the most painful things he’s had to do as president is call the family of Kelly Weimer, the 20-year-old who died in a fire in Thatcher Hall on April 26, 2005.

Bietz still has a stuffed lion that was given to him by counselors who were passing out stuffed animals to help comfort people.

Bietz recalled one of the craziest experiences he’s had during his time at Southern was being stuck in Cambodia during a military coup in 1997, the year he became president.

In an article of the Southern Accent from Sept. 5, 1997, it is reported that Bietz and his wife were “stranded for five days in Phnom Penh, Cambodia,” from Saturday, July 5 to Wednesday, July 9.

The tour was interrupted by a military coup led by Hun Sen to disarm Prince Norodom Ranariddh’s security forces.

While fighting erupted between the two forces in the capital with rockets and mortar fire scattered throughout the city.

Later that evening on July 5, when Bietz and his wife got back to their hotel from church, they began to hear machine gun fire and exploded spots and billowing smoke from a building.

Bietz and his wife were on an Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) tour with presidents of the Southern Union Conference and former Oakwood University President, Delbert Baker, to view humanitarian projects in Southeast Asia.

Incidentally, this is when Bietz and Baker came up with the idea for the Diversity Education Exchange Program (DEEP) Sabbath.

Apart from a few of his memorable experiences, Bietz also shared some of his plans for retirement.

"I prefer to not use the word ‘retirement,’” said Bietz. “I think a better word is ‘transition.’ I’m transitioning to doing some different stuff. I’m looking forward to that.”

Bietz said he and his wife enjoy travelling, so they plan on spending the month of June in France with one of their friends who has an apartment on the Mediterranean coast.

Once Bietz gets back from travelling, he will be working on a part-time basis with the North American Division on higher education issues.

“I will be working with all the colleges and universities across the United States in trying to develop more ways to collaborate and as well as work on accreditation issues,” said Bietz.

Another plan Bietz has is to write more. He plans on writing a book on leadership and creating more of the Fenton Forest stories.

“I’ve already communicated with the artist about producing another book or two,” said Bietz.

Bietz said these final weeks are a bittersweet experience for him.

“My mind says it’s time and my body occasionally agrees with my mind,” said Bietz. “But my heart will be a Southern heart forever and it is hard to leave.”

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What happened to Community?

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Doug Frood, associate vice president of financial administration. “What I have seen of this software is I think it will help us communicate better and help students get to know one another. But software is only as good as students want to use it.”

Negrón added that the initial cost of Community will be more expensive than the subsequent maintenance.

In regards to why Southern did not develop its own software instead of using Community, Metzner said the university does not have the servers to handle the amount of potential traffic.

Gary Sewell, associate vice president of information technology, said that Southern could have created an electronic Jokers themselves if that’s all that was desired.

“The Jokers is just a printed directory,” said Sewell. “The Community platform is much more than that. However, there have been some challenges integrating this.”

With Community, users can access other students’ names, majors and pictures just like the Joker. After the first fully functional, students will be able make "connections," similar to adding a friend on Facebook. Community will also cater to clubs, with each having a page to update their members, and will include a calendar of events, including convocations, vespers, SA events, club events, concerts, LifeGroups and intramurals, according to Jacob Straus, freshman film production major.

Straus, who works at the Office of Student Life and Activities, is in charge of charging club leaders how to use Community. He is optimistic about launching the program at the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

General education requirements change

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music performance and English major, is appreciative of the changes in general but thinks Statistics is unnecessary.

“For me, it seems like some of the classes are just extra busy work for those of us who have double majors,” Thornton said. “Especially with the new requirement for Statistics, I really don’t see why that’s necessary for just music majors. Why do we need to take Statistics if I’m not doing a science degree?”

Anderson said an understanding of statistics will be helpful for every student, regardless of their major.

“Statistics is used by almost every major when you get out in the real world,” Anderson said.

Although general education hours have been reduced, bachelor’s students are still required to have 124 hours to graduate. This means that the 11-14 hours are still necessary and can be considered electives. Anderson said this gives students more flexibility when changing majors or to take classes that interest them, like choir or band. Students can actually have that course credit count toward their overall hour requirement.

The committee also focused on making the general education hours a specific core of classes.

"The goal was to create a core representing what the campus wanted a Southern graduate to know and be able to do," said Bob Young, senior vice president of academic administration. “One that reflected the heritage of Adventist education and its philosophy.”

The change was largely due to the desire for students to be able to graduate in four years.

“Two years ago..., the president and the Strategic Planning Committee asked academic administration to decrease the number of semesters the average student takes to complete a bachelor’s degree at Southern,” said Young. “At the time, the average number of semesters needed to complete a degree was approximately 10.”

Students seem pleased with the requirement change.

“What I really appreciate about this new arrangement is that it really gives students a fighting chance at graduating in four years,” said Steve Rogers, senior history and religious studies major and student representative to the general education committee.

“As someone who will graduate a six-year senior, I am ecstatic to know that this reform will make me one of the last of my kind.”

Anderson recommended that students compare their current degree audit with the new catalog to determine if switching catalogs is best for them.
Student missions coordinator to leave Southern

SHEALYN BRANDON
LEAD REPORTER

Julie Norton will be leaving Southern Adventist University after five years in the position of student missions coordinator.

“My husband’s been asked to be the Guam-Micronesia Mission President and he’s accepted,” said Norton. “Missions has always been the center of our relationship, and it’s our passion. After a lot of prayer and consideration, we feel like this is where the Lord is calling us: into a different aspect of His ministry.”

Norton said she and her husband will be leaving by late summer.

Brennon Kirstein, chaplain, said the administration is currently evaluating how to proceed with this position change and are hoping to fill this position soon.

“Our student missionary program and missionaries will be in very good hands during this temporary transition,” said Kirstein. “Melissa Moore, our uQuest missions coordinator, will assume temporary leadership as Julie transitions, helping next year’s [student missionaries] to go out.”

Alexis Hartline, junior English major and former student missionary to Palau, said it will be strange not seeing Norton in the Campus Ministries office.

“Julie really was such a strong support for those of us who went out as student missionaries,” said Hartline. “She did whatever needed to be done to ensure that we had the best year possible, and it was always clear that she cared about each of us on an individual level.”

Norton said she loved working with students through their entire student missionary process, listening to their stories and watching them grow as individuals.

“It’s been really enriching and very rewarding,” said Norton.

Southern’s Enactus team wins regional competition

MARSHALLYN MAMUNU
OPINION EDITOR

Southern Adventist University’s Enactus Team won the regional competition in Atlanta, Georgia on April 1.

“This year we came in with a lot of work to do,” said Rick Griggs, president of Southern’s Enactus team. “After a few rough years, we were able to get back on track.

I’m so proud of the way the whole team bought in to our mission and believed in our potential. Their hard work paid off.”

As a result of the work of the sponsors, leadership team, project managers, and members, the team successfully won in its league. There were six leagues with six teams per league. Although there were challenges throughout the projects, the team was able to push past the odds and keep moving forward—the main theme of their presentation.

“I think our efforts to make a change this year were largely successful,” said Griggs. “People really believe they can make a difference through Enactus, and they’ve gone out and done it.”

Through the team’s work with Veteran Empowerment Training, Launch, and the StopGo Movement, these projects have helped move individuals and communities in the right direction, both domestically and abroad.

“The great thing about having a successful year as an Enactus team is how easy it is to build on that success,” said Griggs. “No matter what happens at National Competition, I know that the steps we took this year will pay off for years to come.”

The Enactus National Competition will be held in St. Louis, Missouri on May 15-17.

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Religion: a word or a lifestyle?

By Jose BRiones

This year I have been privileged to be the religion editor for the Southern Accent. I first want to thank you for reading this section, submitting articles and interacting with this part of the paper. I have enjoyed reading areas in which people have questions, answers and research to show others and voice those opinions. Honestly, it has been a growing experience. It has been full of crazy deadlines, different themes, difficult topics and all of the great content that has passed before my eyes.

As I finish, however, I don’t want to miss the opportunity to explain what is religion from a couple of perspectives: linguistic, organizational and personal. As I explain these concepts, I want you to remember that God is the ultimate point of religion and He is the reason why we live, breathe and are a part of the world. God and His truth as it is in Jesus are the only reasons why you and I are to be religious.

From a linguistic stand-point, religion comes from the Latin word “religionem,” which means “to bind together.” It is quite beautiful to see that the point of religion from the etymology of the word is to bond humans and God again. Religion’s main point is to reconcile the fallen with the One that provides forgiveness of our sins. Throughout time, however, the term has changed meaning. Today, it almost leaves a bad taste in our mouths. Individuals seem to regard religion as something unnecessary, dogmatic and useless.

Religion, however, is part of our lives as Christians. It shows us the way to be united with God. This definition of religion is, in its purest sense, Jesus. He is the one that came down to reunite us with Him. He showed us the religion that God desires to follow. He is the path to the unification of God and man. He is the only religion that you and I need. Religion from a linguistic view is Jesus.

“Religion is not a set of rules; it is a way of living. It is because of the Savior that I am able to live freely and be encouraged for a better future.”

From an organizational sense, religion comes to be a set of norms and rules that oversee believers and their practices. At first, it may seem dogmatic and boring. However, it is part of our human experience to be structured and find the proper way to reunite ourselves with God. The ancient church led by the apostles had certain normative principles and ways to do things. They heeded the counsel from Jesus in regards to quarreling, followed the Master’s words when appointing deacons and elders and discipling others for the glory of His name. Then, as the years went by, more policies were added, norms were invented and some customs that are not even biblical found their way into the church.

However, the church needs to be organized and have a clear goal. Jesus revealed to others how they should behave. He created norms in how to approach and discipline others. He gave the foundation to a movement that will give the good news of the reunification of God and man through Him who loved us first.

The Bible points to Christ to be the head of the church. It shows that He is the point of the organization. Every move, every sense of our programs, events and authority levels must be subjected to Christ and His mission, uniting us with the Father. The mission of the organization in its purest sense is to lead to Jesus. Jesus is the main idea behind the structure. He is the backbone. He is the foundation, and He has the mission for us today.

From a personal stance, religion is the reason why I live and why you should, too. As I became a fully committed Christian, religion started to have a new meaning in my life. It became the reason I fight, not because of an organization, but because of Jesus. Jesus is the center of religion. His mercy and justice overwhelm those who decide to enter into His saving covenant. It is He for whom I live and the way I am able to access the throne of God. He is the link between my sinful flesh and God. He is the way in which I can experience love and full life.

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Religion is not a set of rules; it is a way of living. It is because of the Savior that I am able to live freely and be encouraged for a better future. It is the reason I am able to share the Word with others. Jesus is the only religion I need. He is the fountain of goodness and my personal Savior. Religion is to be united with Christ, who is the way to God. I am united.
What’s the point of service?

Mark Belfort & Mark Manwaring
Contributor & Opinion Editor

Service is an act that does not make sense. Why help someone when I will receive nothing in return? They don’t need my help. They can do it on their own. I’m not going to help someone who sees no point in helping me. Yet Hebrews 6:10 says, “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.”

Maybe you think, I don’t have any gifts or talents to serve others, so there’s definitely no reason to serve. First Peter 4:10 says, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

Maybe you ponder about being free to do whatever you want. Galatians 5:13 says, “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.”

Maybe you’re just making excuses. Maybe you think service is unnecessary because you are human. Our nature at its core is selfish. We want everything for ourselves. We don’t want to help and even if we do, we’re looking for recognition. Service should not be something we do because we have to, it’s something we do when God transforms our hearts to understand the importance of the great love He has shown us.

For those of us who hide the love that God has shown us, service is a mere act of absurdity. Even those of us who believe we can’t use our God-given talents or skills for service, we have shown God we are too afraid or too doubtful to commit to His will. Those with a transformed heart and mind understand the necessity of true service to our fellow man. The importance of helping others isn’t simply to help them, but to show them the love of God as well.

Ultimately, service may not always be a walk in the park. I’ve learned over the course of this year that service means sacrifice—sacrificing your time and energy for the betterment of others. In truth, it’s not easy. However, I’ve also learned that people may not always be receptive. Often, you will get pushed away by those who do not understand you, who think you are just putting on a show. No matter what people say or think about you, you have to remember that their opinion about you does not matter—only God’s opinion does. Serve with all your heart, and you will reap the blessings.

So, what are you waiting for? God is calling you today. Will you pick up the call to serve?

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Cellular slavery

Brandon Pegau
Contributor

I looked up after taking another bite of my dinner to gaze across the dining area. There sat a couple in romantic bliss. They stared intimately with contentment and passion, but it wasn’t at each other that they were making eyes. I watched with judgmental disgust as they both repetitively thumbed the plastic covering of their smartphones, oblivious to life around them. They never said a word to one another during my observation.

At what point did this become our social norm? A survey done by Entrepreneur magazine estimates that nearly five-and-a-half hours of our day are spent on various forms of media. Whether thumbing through droves of useless posts, answering a text message or watching our favorite YouTuber, we waste obscene amounts of time, and some forms of media. Whether thumbing through droves of useless posts, answering a text message or watching our favorite YouTuber, we waste obscene amounts of time, and sometimes we may wonder why.

We’re not disturbed with the fact that we’ve traded in personable sociability for mindless social media masochism. The Wall Street Journal estimates millennials spend 75 percent of their day with forms of media. Consider for a moment the amount of time you spent yesterday on your phone. Did you sit on the toilet swapping through countless panels of Twitter posts and Instagram pictures to the point that your legs went numb? Don’t lie to yourself and pretend like you don’t turn a few minutes-long bathroom trip into a thirty-minute internet perusal. A CBS survey found 75 percent of Americans do exactly that. Or maybe you allocate your time to stalking that interest of yours instead of just confronting them personally.

Whatever your prerogative, the fact is we fall into the repetition of self-abuse and we think nothing of it. We somehow relish this masochistic behavior. Becoming excited from the thought that if we check our social media status again, something engaging and spectacular might have occurred. This is a reason why our predecessors don’t have high hopes for us as millennials.

We are the future of America, but who cares? Right? The mentality is “I want a good job that makes a lot of money so I can do what I want.” What we fail to realize is that a nation grows on its successors. It will be through us that this nation moves forward, stagnates or recedes. But if we are slaves to technology and laziness, how can mankind grow? Without ambition, we can’t devise the next scientific breakthrough or technological advancement. Maybe contributing to mankind isn’t your desire in life, but if you truly want to make something of yourself, take a step back from your selfish routine and look for the toxic habits in your life. Change begins and ends with you.

Brandon Pegau is a senior public relations major.

Wave your F.L.A.G.

Candace McFarlane
Contributor

This year, I became the director of the outreach program for Fun Learning About God (F.L.A.G.) Camp. It’s weird because I do not like going outside of my comfort zone. However, I was dying to do something different last school year. My social life on campus was dead, and I am a very spontaneous person. So, I did the scariest thing I could do: I asked God to use me for Him, but to have fun at the same time. I was already a volunteer for F.L.A.G. Camp, but then my prayer got answered in a way I did not expect—becoming the director.

This weekend was the last weekend of the year to go out for ministry outreach and the blessings have been very evident. I am no longer in my own comfortable box, and now that the box is gone, the service level has improved. When I think about service, I think about giving back, but not being bored. People should see Jesus through actions and not just words. This weekend was one of my favorites because both service and fun were implemented: a barbecue, touch football and skipping. The community was out enjoying themselves.

I noticed the children, over the weeks, have grown to love Jesus in the F.L.A.G. method, which warmed my heart. This week, the children begged for their memory verses to take home. They also started to remember the words to the songs we would sing to them and they had loads of fun dancing to them.

When I see these things happening, it shows that my efforts have not been in vain. God is actually working and that is a great thing. I am so excited for next year because I know that God has more in store for me and for you. Through service, it is possible to have fun and show God’s love. Remember, make it personal. Do what is best for you, but make sure it is for Him.

Candace McFarlane is a senior social work major.
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I basically decided to take the yearbook editor position as soon as it was offered to me because I enjoy starting new projects and designing. Also, I needed the money. I consider myself a problem-solver. What some people may not realize is that designing requires a lot of preliminary research to figure out what kind of look you want and how to accomplish it. When I actually stepped into the role, I was surprised to find out about all the extra work that goes into the position. I didn’t think about all of the logistical work I would need to do: contacting departments, speaking to faculty, dealing with students, delegating work—all that got very time-consuming.

My purpose with the yearbook was to try to provide visual illustrations for the nuances of each department and to provide articles and quotes that explained why people do what people do. Although the yearbook is finished and it has received a lot of positive feedback, I know it could be better, but that’s the artist in me. I’m relieved now that it’s over. I had a great team and I really think we were able to share the beauty and intrigue of each club and department.

Now that the yearbook has been handled, I am ready to get going on my next project. Not everything went perfectly with the yearbook. Our computers crashed and we lost many portraits. Some of us worked in the office for three days straight to get up to the deadline, but it’s over now and I am glad for that. Thanks to the yearbook experience, I now know that I can manage a project and team from start to finish.”

Amber Kuo is a senior graphic design major.

Amberhope Velbis

Sears and stretch marks cover my body. I see them every day in the mirror. Most people who see them look at them in disgust and turn away. But I look at them—with their strategic patterns and pigments—and I feel strong. I feel proud. I see them as trophies and reminders of the journey that made me who I am today.

Years ago, I didn’t think I was worth anything. I come from a broken home plagued with abuse, tragedies and divorces all along the family line. My young impressionable mind was trained to believe I was created to feel pain, be unloved and live in constant fear of rejection and abandonment. Though I wouldn’t admit it, I hated myself. I felt completely out of control of my life and didn’t believe I had power to change it. The only thing I had control over was my own body. From the age of nine to 18, I struggled with anorexia and was treated for three different eating disorders. At my small frame of 4 feet 11 inches, I went from an extreme 90 pounds to an extreme 200 pounds. And when food, or lack thereof, couldn’t feed the void in my soul, I looked to self-induced injury. For five years, the scars the wounds left on my body made me feel as though the pain I caused myself would condition me to handle the things I couldn’t control. But after years of many detrimental lifestyle choices, I was counter-intuitively destroying my body. At the end of my rope, I began to hide behind the 200 pounds of cushion I accumulated for my fragile heart.

I thought so little of myself on the inside that I didn’t realize what I’d done to myself on the outside. But one day, with a sympathetic look upon his face, a doctor told me that I was medically obese. At the shock of his words, my journey began. A veil in my mind was lifted to see how my patterns of thinking and feeling about myself caused me to destroy my body. After I accepted Jesus as my Savior in 2010, I started to feel that maybe, just maybe, I was worth something.

For two years, I changed my lifestyle, beginning by changing the way I thought of myself. I told myself, “I am strong. I am worth it. I can do it.” I pushed my body far beyond what my mind told me I couldn’t do. Through regular exercise (which wasn’t much at first), a whole-foods plant-based diet and emotional and mental healing through a spiritual connection with God, I lost over 70 pounds, overcame my addictions, destroyed my self-doubt and gained strength of heart and mind.

Now I use my story to inspire others to overcome the pain from their past, self-doubts and mental barricades that obstruct their health and fitness. I created my own personal training business that focuses on emotional and mental healing even before physical health comes into play.

Human beings are made of the spirit (soul, the mind, will and emotions) and body; all of them are connected. The spirit connects to good or evil (God or Satan). What the spirit tells the mind, the mind tells the body and the body becomes the manifestation of the elements of the soul. Often we don’t want to face the way we truly feel inside, and subconsciously we treat our bodies accordingly. But once we face those thoughts head on and rebuke them, we can conquer our own enemy and achieve abundant life and health.

Don’t focus on removing all of the bad; you will overwhelm and discourage yourself. Instead, focus on giving yourself more of the good and challenging yourself to accomplish something big. The more good you give yourself, the better you feel, and the more bad becomes naturally unpalatable. Proclaim to your demons that you are a temple for the Spirit of the Lord, a living sacrifice, and you are worthy of a healthy body.

Step on the treadmill, lift a weight, eat a healthy meal and know that it is making you a better person because you are conquering the enemy in your mind. You will feel mentally, emotionally empowered for a better life and a better you. Gaining momentum, you will be unstoppable.

Slowly but surely, as your mind and spirit transform, your body will, too. And you can go on to inspire others with your health. No matter how you may feel inside, your purpose remains pure. As long as you have breath, you have a new beginning. It’s not too late. With every inhalation of God-given life, you are capable, through the power of mind and spirit, of more than you ever thought possible. Change your mind. Change your body.

Amberhope Velbis is a senior corporate/community wellness management major.
Should college athletes get paid?

Caleb Begley  
Staff Writer

Picture yourself as a student athlete in the NCAA, no matter what sport. You work hard and play hard and have fun playing the sport. Then someone from your team goes to the coach and complains about not getting paid. The coach contacts the athletic director, mainly to get the player off his back about it, and the athletic director makes it clear that they will not pay any student athlete at the university.

What would you do? Would you be like the nagging teammate and ask for money, or would you be considered a leader and not beg for compensation?

The payment of student athletes has been a subject of much discussion and controversy over the past few years. People seem to be divided over whether or not to pay university athletes. Some people would like to see it happen.

I am not one of those people, mainly because I feel it is objectionable to unwritten codes of conduct for everyone involved in the athletic department of any school. These are not professional athletes, but rather, they are students just as you and me. No matter the name or how many times they get interviewed by ESPN, they should not be monetarily compensated for being student athletes.

A big reason why they should not be paid is present right from the start. They are called student athletes for a reason. The main reason they go to that school, as fun as sports are, is to learn and get an education. I see too many stories on the news about student athletes getting in trouble for breaking the law because they believe they are above it purely due to their popularity.

Professional athletes have enough problems with the law, and they get paid, so imagine what would happen if people began paying students copious amounts of money to play a game they should play purely for the fun and competitive nature of it.

For instance, take current free agent quarterback Johnny Manziel. He was a star with the Texas A&M Aggies, and he signed with the Cleveland Browns of the National Football League. According to Sportrac, his signing bonus was $4,318,980. As of today, he is a free agent who is known more for his “work, and then party very, very hard” attitude, rather than his skills as a football player.

The point is: student athletes should not be paid. They are students first and athletes second by the very nature of their name. They went to that university to get an education, not to get paid for playing a game that they are still learning. Their performance on the field or court should be an extension of their performance in the classroom. It should help them with their education and not hinder them. While sports is fun to play and to watch, the students that play should play for fun and to win, and not because a huge check is waiting for them afterward.

Caleb Begley is a sophomore broadcast journalism major.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY
- Convocation: Bietz Legacy, 11a, Iles
- Employee Retirement Party, 5:30-8p

FRIDAY
- Payday: Salary/Hourly/Student
- Last day to refund Commitment Deposit of $250 for F16
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Vespers: SM/TF/ERC/Religion Dedication Service, 8p, Church, Mark Finley
- Sunset, 8:24p

SABBATH
- Adoration, 9 & 10:15a, Church
- Religion Senior Consecration, 9:30 & 11a, Thatcher Chapel, Mark Finley
- Renewal, 11:35a, Church
- Connect, 11:35a, CA
- West Side for Jesus, 2p, Wright Hall
- Jazz Ensemble Concert, 9p, Ackerman Auditorium
- Open Gym Night, 9p, Iles

SUNDAY
- No Field Trips or Tours (1-5)
- McKee Library Open, Noon-Midnight

MONDAY
- Semester Exams (2-5)
- McKee Library Open, 7:45a-Midnight
- Cookies & Fruit on the Promenade, 9a-3p, Student Center
- Book Buy Back, 9a-5p, Campus Shop
- BS Nursing Consortium Ends
- Crunch Brunch, 6-11p, Dining Hall

TUESDAY
- National Teacher’s Day
- McKee Library Open, 7:45a-Midnight
- Book Buy Back, 9a-5p, Campus Shop
- Last day to make up Fall 2015 incompletes

WEDNESDAY
- Book Buy Back, 9a-5p, Campus Shop
- McKee Library Closes, 5p

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

CAMP  DIPLOMA  FESTIVALS  FREEDOM  FRIENDS  GRADUATION  INTERNSHIPS  LEMONADE  MEMORIES  NO CLASSES  PICNICS  RELAXING  SUNSCREEN  VACATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

April 28
- Ismail Adeleke
- Steffani Carrion
- Victoria Delote
- Kevin Hughes
- Giovanna Vanucchi
- Celine Weber
- Jonathan Weber

April 29
- Tyler Hornery
- Chansokhalay Kim
- Nicholas McCaill
- Chelsea McMullen
- Danielle Ziegler

April 30
- Kenny Freeman
- MacKenzi Hall
- Syleah Hariequin
- Jeffrey Mair
- April Owen

May 1
- Christina Angel
- Adam Bilbrey
- Franklin Dorsey
- Bryant Familia
- Thomas Melton
- Nicole Sacdalan
- Danielle Willer

May 2
- Garrison Agustines
- Anthony Burgess
- Jordan Clarke
- Alexander Filipovich
- Aaron Gibbs
- Jeffrey Shaffer

May 3
- Taylor Schepers

May 4
- Kade Ackerman
- Kaylie Ackerman
- Passion Bell
- Austin French
- Tiffany Lamb
- Christian Lazo Quintanilla
- Justin Oeftger
- Ashley Rich
NEW MEDIA

Thursday, April 28, 2016

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Twitter

*College has taught me that stress can be good. Let it feed your productivity, but don’t let it impede your ability to enjoy life.*

*There’s a beautiful feeling in putting in hard work and going to sleep knowing you’re on top of things.*

*Amid the deadlines of college, don’t forget to exercise. It’ll help postpone your final deadline. Be active; live long & full.*

*College & life is all about reaping what you have sown. This is true of our spiritual & academic lives. What did you sow today?*

*College has taught me that #sleep is one of the most precious gifts from God to man.*

*College has taught me to adventure more.*

*One of the biggest things college has taught me, is the importance of a weekly rest day to connect w/ God and friends. #Sabbath*

*College has taught me the value of running checklists.*

*College has taught me that it’s the small consistent effort that really counts. Haven’t always practiced this, but striving to.*

*College has taught me that things don’t always go as planned. That’s life. But how you deal w/ the setback is defining.*

*College has taught me that it isn’t over till it’s over. Too many #buzzerbeaters to count. College–where amazing happens.*

*College has taught me every 15+ page research paper starts w/ a cover page. Don’t be overwhelmed by the big project. Just start.*

*College has taught me that sometimes you have to say no to some opportunities in order to gain greater ones.*

*College has taught me that it’s the “unstarted” projects that seem the most daunting. Just starting can make a world of difference.*

*College has taught me the importance of understanding expectations. On the job or in class; knowing what’s expected of you is vital.*

*College has proven the truth of the words I grew up hearing “First the work, then the play” It makes the play less stressful.*

*You make choices, and in time your choices make you. They determine your career, and how you impact the world. Choose wisely.*

*College has taught me prior proper planning, prevents painfully poor performance. #lessonsfromAki*

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*College has taught me you’re praying about it, God is working on it!*
3 Ways to make the most of your summer vacation

1. Wake up Early

Countless studies show the benefits of waking up early. Waking up early correlates to better academic performance, increased productivity, and a healthier metabolism and blood pressure. Many of the most formative members of society rise each morning before the sun does. Benjamin Franklin? He was up by 5 am. Ernest Hemingway? He would write from 6 am to noon, undisturbed. And everybody’s favorite president/role model, George W. Bush would be in the Oval Office by 6:45 am. If you woke up at 8 am each day, instead of 1 pm like you were planning on, from graduation in May until the first day of classes in August, that’s a calculated extra 530 hours of consciousness. 530 hours for you to spend growing a vegetable garden, volunteering at your local animal shelter, or, most importantly, binge watching 1060 TV episodes on Netflix. Rising early the first few times is both uniformly awkward and awful, but it’s not so bad as you brew some coffee before the existential crisis settles in.

2. Take Summer Classes

If you were lucky enough to finish the semester with only a handful of the symptoms of dementia, you should ask your doctor to see if taking summer classes is right for you. Taking a summer course will give you the luxury to see your friends’ social media posts from the white sands of Cancun in the comfort of your fluorescently lit lecture hall. Summer classes are a great way to get ahead in credits, maintain those eye bags you’ve worked so hard all semester for, and to keep your procrastination skills sharper than your attention span when the teacher brings up extra credit opportunities.

3. Get a Summer Job

Everybody knows that time is money, and since you’ll have an extra 530 hours to kill, why not liquidate that asset with a summer job? Whether it be solely your decision, or it be fueled by the patronizing remarks of your helicopter parents, having a summer job is just as empowering as it is convenient. Getting a biweekly summer paycheck will lead to a blissful tangent of retail therapy and entitlement spending, with the only caveat being that you’ll now have to be a little more creative with the excuses you make for your parents to still pay for your Chipotle. And since you asked, no, having a summer job doesn’t make the extra cost of guac any less painful.

by Justin Oeftger