Southern’s Response to Harvey
Students needed for volunteer and mission work

Natalia Perez
Editor-in-Chief

Hurricane Harvey has left a disastrous aftermath in its wake. After dumping an estimated 27 trillion gallons of water on Texas and Louisiana, it is ranked as one of the most damaging natural disasters in U.S. history and set a record for tropical cyclone rainfall measured in one place in the U.S. over the last 50 years. Many have lost their homes, and flooding continues to affect large areas of Houston, Beaumont and other areas of Texas. Estimates of Harvey’s cost vary. Some predict that the storm will be the most expensive in U.S. history, with repair costs over $190 billion, surpassing Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

At Southern, more than 90 students call either Texas or Louisiana their home, and on Aug. 30, President Dave Smith issued an email to the student body addressing the crisis and notifying students of the available resources on campus to seek emotional, financial and spiritual support.

As for immediate help, the Red Cross has partnered with Southern’s Christian Service program to mobilize student volunteers and relief supplies. Since the minimum time of the trip is two weeks, eligibility criteria have been set so that students’ time of absence has minimal impact on their academic responsibilities.

To be eligible, students must have a Southern GPA of at least 3.0, a good citizenship record and a letter of confirmation from the student development office. Students must also be sophomores or higher in class standing, make arrangements for missed class work, gain re-approval from the academic administration and attend the ARC training for responders. An email with steps to sign up will be sent to students as soon as they have been pre-approved. Trainings days are yet to be announced.

“This is a partnership. We wanted to see how we could work together,” said Jennifer Carter, service program director.

“We just feel great that God is including us in reaching out.”

—Alexandria Martin

Southern students have also been proactive and open to help. Alexandria Martin and Jennifer Vigil, senior nursing majors, originally had an idea to host a bake sale to fundraise for disaster relief. After they reached out to Pastor Dave Ferguson, SA President Phillip Warfield and many other resources, the fundraiser soon turned into a larger-scale benefit involving not just Southern students, but the entire community. Cambridge Square is secured for the event, which will be on Sept. 17 from 4-7p.m. Martin and Vigil are currently working to involve a blood drive and a donation truck by the Samaritan Center and are encouraging students to help either with baking, tending the tables, or singing and playing background music. More details will be made available to students in the upcoming week.

“We just feel great that God is including us in reaching out,” Martin said. "It's like He took our loaves and fish and multiplied them," Vigil said.
Social Vice President Jake Strauss and the Student Association hosted the annual Southern Welcome Back Party on Aug. 20. The circus-themed night was filled with live entertainment, carnival games and bouncy houses. Students could play the games for tickets and then win prizes from a raffle at the end of the night. Food included deep-fried oreos, cotton candy, funnel cakes and snow cones.

New scholarship could help working students

**Sheann Brandon**
*Staff Reporter*

Last year, university donors began conversation about how to best help newly graduated students with their student debt. Recently, they created the Work Initiative Scholarship Endowment (WISE) to financially help eligible, full-time students who are putting their job earnings toward tuition. Students accepted into the WISE program will have their school year’s earnings matched up to $3,000 per academic year.

According to Kenny Turpen, relationship and engagement programs manager, students interested in applying to be a part of the program should talk to their student finance counselor, but the program is full for this semester. Certain criteria are involved in qualifying a student, including the student being an undergraduate and applying a minimum of 50 percent of earnings to his or her student finance account. Since the program first began last semester, the endowment has grown to $1.7 million.

“University donors who were concerned with increasing levels of student debt wanted to help Southern’s students,” Turpen said. “They began a conversation about how best to keep new graduates from starting their careers under a cloud of financial concern. WISE helps our hardest-working students. Even though this program only began last semester and there are limited funds, building this endowment is a high priority for Advancement.”

For those interested in learning more about the WISE scholarship, visit the student finance department or visit the campaign website, [southern.edu/webelieve](http://southern.edu/webelieve).
Moon eclipses first day of school

TIERRA HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

On the first day of fall semester, Aug. 21, students, faculty and a large portion of the country gathered to watch The Great American Solar Eclipse.

The eclipse was the first total eclipse that spanned from coast to coast in the United States in 99 years, according to phys.org.

In celebration, Southern Adventist University, headed by the physics department, engaged people across the country in viewing the phenomenon.

On campus, 2,500 eclipse glasses were distributed to students and employees of the University. Pairs were also sent to Adventist academies and schools that were near the path of totality.

“Viewing the eclipse was an absolutely incredible experience,” said Abby King, sophomore marketing major. “I didn’t understand why everyone was so excited until I stood outside as the sky darkened as the moon crossed in front of the sun. It was beautiful and breathtaking.”

The physics and alumni departments sponsored coach buses to transport around 300 students and staff to Athens, Tennessee, which experienced a total eclipse as opposed to campus, which was located within around a 99 percent coverage. Students who participated in the trip were charged $5 to ride the buses.

“It started out being a field trip for earth science and astronomy students, and then we said ‘You know, this is kind of a big deal’ so then it kind of grew,” Hanson said.

Despite concerns about the day of the event dictating large volumes of traffic, Hanson said that students who were on the trip were able to return to the school within two hours of the totality in Athens.

Although the students on campus did not get to see full totality, the experience was still awe-inspiring for many.

“Even though I didn’t get to see a total eclipse from here on campus,” said Elaina Holway, sophomore religious education major, “what I did see was truly amazing. It was a beautiful reminder of the power of God.”

Hanson said that, in addition to aiding people to see the eclipse, the school also worked to provide awareness.

The Marketing and University Relations department at Southern released an eclipse app, which was downloaded over 1,000 times from the Apple AppStore, most of which were done the day of the eclipse.

The app allowed users, including 77 nationwide viewing parties, to record data about the eclipse including time of totality and when the moon first began to obscure the sun. It also provided general information and maps about the eclipse’s path.

Overall, Hanson said that the eclipse brought many together to experience a once in-a-lifetime event.

“It was cool,” Hanson said. “Everybody was just amazed.”

Warfield’s Welcome: SA Address

PHILLIP WARFIELD
SA PRESIDENT

When you voted me in as your Student Association President this year, I was so excited, but I felt almost overwhelmed. This job is a huge responsibility, and none of it is possible without the help I receive from God or the positive vibes so many of you send my way. During this past summer, I was hard at work in order to make the visions and dreams you voted for come to fruition.

You’ll be happy to know that we now receive discounts at Subway, Aji’s Peruvian Restaurant, 4 Corners Café, Los Potros, and Thai Spice! Dos Bros, which plans to open later this semester near the Ooltewah Aldi’s location, will also be offering us a discount. So will Mojo Burrito, which is opening a brand-new restaurant at the old Wired location in Cambridge Square in Ooltewah in December 2017. Whip out your Southern ID card and go to town!

Student Association’s theme this year is “This Is Us,” a redefinition of Southern Culture and celebration of the beauty that is unity in diversity, as exemplified in 1 Corinthians 12. There’s so much hate in our world. My vision is that, together with multiple clubs, Student Association will positively impact our community by creating a night in which we can celebrate our dynamic multiculturalism. This cannot be done alone, so if you’d like to know what you can do to help as well as give suggestions, feel free to contact me through email at phillipwarfield@southern.edu and through our new suggestion box found on our Facebook (@SAUStudentAssociation) and Instagram (@sa_southern).

Lastly, Pastor Dave Ferguson and several students have been doing incredible work at the University Church. Through the guiding of the Holy Spirit, I feel as though our church across the street is a place where everyone can actively participate. If you’re looking for a church family and want to get involved, whether in Sabbath school, a praise team or any ministry, the team over there will know exactly where to point you in the right direction. Partnering with the church has been one of the smoothest operations yet!

With so many questions concerning Southern’s inability to create a Religious Vice President position on SA, Marc-Anthony Pierre, Associate Chaplain, and I have continued building the bridge between our Campus Ministries and SA. The ministries that we both take part in should never be separate, but rather a collaborative effort designed to reach students and bring them to Christ in whatever way possible. We’ve got some fantastic surprises throughout the year, including the Smile Initiative: Phase II, as well as a dynamic weekly joint-worship program. Stay tuned for more!

As for now, I ask that you continue to pray for me and my fellow student leaders as we continue to serve you to the best of our abilities. If you see me around, feel free to give me a shout! I’d love to get to know you and understand your story.

For a Southern we can all be a part of,
Your President,
Phillip Warfield.
Collegedale Church launches new Connections Café ministry

AUDREY FANKHANEL
LEAD REPORTER

The School of Journalism and Communication has welcomed their new dean, Rachel Williams-Smith, PhD, who has a doctorate in educational leadership and management as well as in education. Williams-Smith has spent the last four years as the chair of the Department of Communication at Andrews University.

Having grown up in Tennessee, she is glad to be back near her family. Williams-Smith was raised from the age of 6 in an extremely religious home, which she explains in her book “Born Yesterday: The True Story of a Girl Born in the 20th Century but Raised in the 19th.” Recently, she also has published articles in the Adventist Review including “Musings on a total eclipse: This little light of mine.”

Williams-Smith believes that Christian communicators are essential.

“We have to make a difference in the world,” she said. “You know last week we had the eclipse. I don’t know if you noticed that when sun came out right after [the eclipse]. Did you notice the difference that one percent of sunshine made? And that’s what we are, the effect we can have on this world. Just by being who we are and communicating what we know that others don’t know; it can make such a difference and a powerful influence for God. That’s one of my passions, being able to help train young people to be and understand themselves as Christian communicators, with the mission and purpose of making a difference in this world for eternal good.”

Despite her current connection to the discipline, it took her years to discover the field of communication. While in college, she originally declared a major in English.

“I didn’t know at the time [what I liked to write], back when I was in college,” Williams-Smith said. “I had started journaling at 13 and had been writing on and off, more journal/personal-perspective writing. But, I eventually learned that what I loved was the creative nonfiction, literary journalism, the feature-type story, and the personal perspective on things.”

Once she found the field of communication, Williams-Smith realized this was where she could keep blossoming in the direction she wanted to go, without pursuing technical writing or composition and rhetoric.

“I would have gone into communication long ago if I had understood what the field was like.”

Williams-Smith has always had a passion for communicating and she advises communicators to start out writing.

“Communication is like a broad platform on which you could potentially build more than one career,” Williams-Smith said. “You don’t have to go back to school and get another degree if you decide to change tracks... It’s the experience that you get and the skills you gain and develop while in college.”

Williams-Smith values making a difference in her field and in the world. She encourages others to also make a difference. “Never feel like you can’t make a difference. In life, some people might think they are too insignificant, odd, normal or smart. It doesn’t matter who you are or what you have. If you put yourself in God’s hands and let Him take control, He can use it. Never ever feel like you can’t make a difference.”

New dean at School of Journalism and Communication

BRANDON BENECE
MANAGING EDITOR

The Adopted Family ministry of the Southern Union looks for ways to provide relationships and support for students, especially those who feel they lack either.

“The body of Christ is relational,” Ferguson said. “One of the big drives for us is community. I believe we’re called to add value to the students’ lives.”

Connections Café is part of a multi-ministry effort by the church to connect more with Southern students. Over the summer, the church took Southern’s Campus Ministries team on a retreat to help prepare them for the coming school year. Ferguson also preached a sermon series titled “Generations” to explore biblical examples of different generations of believers working together for Christ.

This coming Sabbath, Sept. 9, the church, in conjunction with the Southern Union, will be hosting The Great Haystack, an after-church lunch in Iles Gymnasium, as another opportunity for students to find different Connections Café groups.

Ferguson said that he is excited about the future of Connections Café and church-university relations. “I’d love to see us reach a point where we have a spot in the church where the families who want to have students over can meet up with other students on Sabbath and have them over after the service.”

When asked how he felt about Connections Café, Student Association President Phillip Warfield said, “Connections Café is an innovative, re-branding and redefining way to connect multi-generational and even multicultural students and church members. This program is special to me because it feels like there’s an unlimited amount of resources at my disposal and even more wisdom to gain from people who are way more experienced.”
Hello! My name is Edyn-Mae Stevenson, and I'm a sophomore music major at Southern. I'm a firm believer that there's nothing a cup of tea and a good book can't fix. When I'm not busy with school or practicing the cello, I enjoy writing about my spiritual experiences. I hope that by sharing them, I can help others to find their own voices.

Hi all, my name is Sheann Brandon, and I'll be this year's opinion editor. I strive to be virtually unfiltered because honestly, life is too short. I'm a pessimist by definition, but a self-proclaimed realist simply sounds nicer. I'm a broadcast journalist by major, humanitarian by soul, music enthusiast and life chaser. Have opinions you would like to share with the Southern universe? Get in touch with me!

Hey everyone! My name is Natalia Perez and I am this year's editor-in-chief. I'm a junior mass communications major with a huge love for words, creativity and people. I keep an extra pocket of sass and awkwardness to color my daily interactions and have developed a fluency in hyperbole. I blow my candles out the day after Christmas and have developed a fluency to color my daily interactions and people. I keep an extra love for words, creativity communications major with a passion for learning and sharing them, I can help others to find their own voices.

Hi guys! My name is Corinne Atiga, and I am the sports editor for the Southern Accent. Here are some quick facts about me: I am a fan of dogs, sports, So-Cal, kids and food. I am also a born-and-raised Lakers fan, so I will always stay true to Laker Nation. However, as the head of the sports page, I am willing to put my own personal bias aside for the sake of representing the student body's opinion on paper. My goal is to share the sporting events that students want to read, so if you would like to make any contributions to the sports page, feel free to email me at catiga@southern.edu.

Hello! My name is Tierra Hayes, and this year I will serve as the news editor for the Southern Accent. This is my second year at Southern and on staff, but this will be my fifth year working for a news publication. I am from Athens, Georgia, and I am a mass communications (writing/editing) major and a photography minor. My goal this year is to bring you all fair, accurate and balanced news and to do it in new and creative ways. Please feel free to reach out to me (tierrahayes@southern.edu) and the rest of the Accent staff with story ideas and tips. I look forward to serving you all this year.

My name is Emma Winegardner, and I'm one of the Accent's copy editors. I'm a junior English/history major, and when I'm not here at Southern, I live in the wonderful state of Texas. My favorite pastimes are reading and writing, especially about Russian literature and history. I look forward to working at the Accent this year!

Bonjour tout le monde! My name is Kristen Vonnoh, and I am a journalism and international studies major. I love all things French, fashion and vintage. I also admire good music and even better coffee. In my spare time, I aspire to be a professional playlist maker (or an IKEA mini-home designer).

Wanna chat? Here's how:
Pitch me some rad ideas at kristenvonnoh@southern.edu!
Follow me on Instagram! (@kristen.v)
Submit me some sublime Spotify playlists (via email)!

Hello! My name is Brandon Beneche, and I'll be the managing editor for the Accent this year. Just a little about me: I'm a senior English major, a born and raised New Englander, a big-time basketball fan and a small-time videogame nerd. I love to spend time with the Lord and my friends, and I love myself some classic literature. I'm excited to be working on the paper this year, and I look forward to representing the student voice!

My name is Kristen Eldred. I am a third-year English/professional writing major at Southern. I'm a reader, writer and musician from Nashville, where I grew up. This is my first year on the Accent, and I am excited to be a part of it as copy editor!
Books to help you kick off your devotional year

**Edyn-Mae Stevenson**
Religion Editor

With the beginning of a new school year comes the chance to start on a blank slate. For many of us, it’s a time to decide what kind of people we want to be for the next nine months. We’ve all promised ourselves that this will be the year we’ll get our lives together. We’ll be more organized, get better grades and make new friends. Since we’re all human here, chances are we won’t achieve most of the tasks on our “Blank Slate List,” but hopefully one thing all of us have decided to achieve this year is a higher level in our relationship with God.

This is something that’s easier said than done. Once you fall into a spiritual rut, it’s difficult to shake things up. However, I’ve found the one thing that best sheds new insight into my relationship with God can be as simple as a good book. Here are a few that have changed my life.

**Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis**
I could probably write an entire book about the ways C.S. Lewis has changed my life. His inspiring works have left me speechless, crying on the floor clutching a book to my chest, but none of them have quite changed me like his book “Mere Christianity.” Originally written as 10-minute segments to be aired on the radio, “Mere Christianity” strips away the complications of interpretation and denomination and makes it about Christianity—nothing more, nothing less. Lewis uses simple analogies and metaphors to convey sophisticated philosophies in a way that anyone can understand. Every time you read and reread, you’ll discover some new gem you hadn’t seen before. Anyone who’s searching for the truth must pick up this book.

**Love Does by Bob Goff**
Before I left Tennessee for summer break, a friend recommended “Love Does” to me. Skeptical as I was, I purchased it and brought it home with me. As I began reading it, I realized it was a book that was even better when shared, so I started reading it out loud to my family during our after-dinner worships. The stories that Bob Goff tells in his book left us teary-eyed from laughing, but more importantly, each caper from his hilarious, adventure-filled life left us with an important message about what love does, and what role God has to play in that love. It is witty, triumphant, funny and thought-provoking, but most importantly, it will leave you with a lesson about life you didn’t know you needed to learn.

**Maranatha by Ellen G. White**
Of course I couldn’t end this article without talking about good ol’ Mrs. White. My grandfather gave me a copy of her book Maranatha for Christmas two years ago, and I promised him I would read the daily devotional every day for a year. As begrudgingly as I made this promise, I found the book’s lessons to be timeless and fueled by Scripture.

True story: I was once detained in a Puerto Rican airport for carrying too many books. Maranatha was one of them, and as the lady searching my bags pulled it out, she stopped and pointed at E.G. White’s name on the cover. “You know her?” she asked. I told her very quickly that I did not personally know Ellen White, but that I had read quite a few of her books. She smiled, put Maranatha back in my bag and said, “I’m an Adventist too. Have a nice day.”

Needless to say, I discovered that day the merits of carrying E.G. White’s books with me stretch beyond my wildest imagination.

College can be a stressful time, and a lot of us might feel too busy for leisurely reading. However, I believe that God tries to reach us through literature, so for students looking to add something new into their spiritual lives, I recommend finding a good book centered around God.

**Thoughts from a summer student missionary**

**Benjamin Gueck**
Contributor

This summer, I had the opportunity to go on a mission trip to Egypt. There were eight of us that went in total, and we were there for about 18 days. We spent the duration of the trip at Nile Union Academy, a Seventh-day Adventist school just outside of Cairo. We helped repaint the computer lab, several cabinets in the boys’ dorm, one of the staff houses and one of the main rooms in the administration building. We also led a week of prayer, holding a service every night with music and a talk on the topic “Desert Quenching.”

Out of all of this, my favorite and most memorable experiences of the trip were the conversations I had with the students. They quickly became family and were proud to consider us their brothers and sisters. They loved hearing about America, but they also took pride in telling us about their own customs and traditions. The Upper Egyptians were especially proud of their heritage, and they behaved very differently from the other Egyptian students.

One of the students from Upper Egypt offered to take me to his barber, and he insisted on paying for me. He became extremely offended when I politely refused, then his face beamed when I gave in and let him pay. The other students simply remarked, “Yep, he’s from Upper Egypt.”

Seeing the way that the students live was an extremely eye-opening experience. Not only are they proud of their heritage, but they are proud of their Christianity. The school is surrounded by Islamic mosques, and all throughout the Middle East there are acts of terror against Christians, yet the students make no effort to hide their beliefs. Many of the students have a tattoo on their wrist or shoulder of the cross to represent their beliefs, and they are respected by people around the school. The students serve the community by cleaning up trash in the streets and painting over graffiti, and the community members live in peace with them.

The students’ lives have not always been that easy. One student named Sherrif with whom I became extremely close told me about his life growing up before he was sent to Nile Union Academy. He told me that in his village, everyone hated him for being a Christian. He showed me scars that he had from the daily beatings he endured after school.

“I was walking home from school,” Sherrif told me, “when one of the other students walked out from the alley and stood in front of me. Suddenly, I was surrounded. I was able to hit a couple of them before I fell to the ground and protected my head with my hands, waiting for the beating to stop.”

Sherrif told me that it wasn’t easy to be a Christian where he lived, but he was still glad that he was able to follow Christ. His faith and the faith of the other students is very inspiring. It became real to me how lucky I am to live in the United States where I am free to believe what I want.
Compassion—
the perfect response to disaster

KAITLIN COLON
CONTRIBUTOR

When a disaster or a crisis strikes, it can feel like there is no right place to start. It can feel like, logically, there is no right thing to do. There are books written on the subject, and I have read quite a few. The same way a biology major ingests text after text about blood cells, body and bacteria, communication majors devour books on how to handle crises. When disaster strikes, we sit in our classrooms and discuss the aftermath, hoping to glean some insight on what the right approach is.

What I can say with certainty after countless debates is that there will never be the perfect way to answer something. Our professors tell us that is okay, and a large part of me agrees. Most of us can recognize that perfection does not exist. I am okay with that, too, even though I am a perfectionist (I know many people can relate).

Sometimes, I think it can be easy to fall into this trap of wanting to give the perfect response. We do desperately cling to this idea that there is a right thing to say in every situation and that if we mull it over long enough, it will come to us. I have sat, fingertips poised over a blank document, with the news blaring quietly in the background. I listen. I think. I ponder. I ache. In my darkest moments, I have read words that have lifted me up and given me comfort; how can I accomplish the same?

The problem with the perfect response is that you end up with no response at all. You end up with a blank page a week after the disaster has struck, and time is running out. Time has already slipped away. People are hurting, but now they feel ignored. People are suffering, but now they feel invisible.

The problem with the perfect response is that in moments of darkness and suffering, no one wants or expects perfection. In those moments, we are hit painfully hard with the reality that life is not perfect. The only perfect response is genuine, sincere, human compassion. The only perfect response is to sympathize, to empathize and to let those affected know you care.

To those who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey, I cannot understand what you are feeling. I am sorry if you have felt neglected or ignored. To those impacted, I extend my love. Most of all, you are important, you are not invisible and you are loved.

Reflections from someone personally affected

RACHEL WILLIAMS-SMITH
DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF
JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

The other day, when someone spoke of disaster in Texas and I mentioned that my two brothers have been affected, she asked kindly, “How can I help?” I went completely blank.

That’s because it often happens that when tragedy or sudden loss affects you or your loved ones, you can’t think. So here are two suggestions to consider for any circumstance where someone has been personally affected by tragedy.

Reach out and say something. Acknowledging that something has happened and that you care helps. During the flood, I wanted people around me to know that what was unfolding on TV wasn’t simply news—it was happening to my family members. Though nothing could be done to stop affected know you are aware and care makes a difference, and it helps.

Do something. Firstly, people who have been personally affected by tragedy often cannot think of specific ways to help is in itself a helpful idea. Coming up with ways to help is in itself helpful because it gives a person who’s dealing with the situation something to focus on, and in the process, helps him or her be able to think of what is needed.

Secondly, whether you know those who are in need or not, you’re doing something that makes a difference. Today, the Wal-Mart cashiers were asking everyone at the checkout counter if they’d like to make a donation toward the “Houston Relief Effort.” Many said yes. I felt like telling them I appreciated their donations, because for me, that “relief effort” has specific, familiar names and faces. Maybe to the person standing in line, giving a dollar is just a nice thing to do, but for the one who is personally connected, seeing others do something means a lot.

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College 101: A Guide to Southern and the surrounding area

Krisen Vonnoh  Lifestyle Editor

Welcome to college! The start of another school year can often bring high expectations, aspirations and goals. Buying school supplies, setting up your dorm, and going to every back-to-school function definitely eases the pain of realizing your social life is on the brink of extinction. But what if you are not quite familiar with this area? Chattanooga unquestionably has some beautiful hidden gems. From paddleboarding down the Tennessee River to enjoying gelato at Milk & Honey or shopping on Northshore, there is something for everyone to enjoy. If you are new to the area, here are some suggestions on how you can get to know Chattanooga.

Churches in the area:
Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church: Five minutes away from the Hamilton Place Mall, this church offers a more traditional church service.
Standifer Gap Seventh-day Adventist Church: This church is located in the East Brainerd area, around 10 to 15 minutes away from campus.
Hamilton Community Church: Located in the East Brainerd area, this church offers a way to fellowship with a more contemporary service.
Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church: Right down the road from Southern, this church is a great way to connect with people in the community and enjoy great food.

Restaurants/cafés in the area:
Taco Mamacita’s: A swanky Tex-Mex restaurant with a slight Southern twang.
Tupelo Honey Café: This hipster, Southern-style café offers a wide variety of made-from-scratch menu items, including vegan and gluten-free options.

First Watch: A top-notch healthy brunch spot in a quaint area of town.
Chick-fil-A: Basically the quintessential Southerner fast food. See how many times you can get the employees to say “my pleasure” while eating there.
Maple Street Biscuit Company: If you like biscuits, be sure to go and try all of their strangely delicious combinations. Their coffee is also superb.
Aretha Frankenstein’s: This should probably be considered a sightseeing location in Chattanooga. It’s the original spot where Aretha Frankenstein’s iconic pancake mix was created.
Rembrandt’s: This cute French-style café is complete with yummy pastries and smooth coffee, which makes it a perfect weekend study location.

Places to go:
Coolidge Park: Relax in Coolidge Park with a picnic or ride the carousel.

Back to School Playlist: music for all your study needs

Krisen Vonnoh  Lifestyle Editor

It’s always hard to get back into the routine of school. The first week is typically filled with many long nights followed by tired eyes passing through the halls. Students tend to resemble zombies more than humans. If we’re completely honest, school can be a scary place. So I created a playlist to help you get through the hectic beginning of the year.

If you’re like me, music is essential to almost every second of the day. With the study season already beginning, creating the perfect back-to-school playlist is a must. Compiled only from songs heard in between commercial breaks on NPR, it is the perfect way to get back into the swing of tight schedules, mini breakdowns in the library and late nights stressing over things that honestly probably don’t matter.

This playlist has a bit of everything, whether it be electronic or classical music. What will be your anthem for the school year?

P.S. If you have any playlists to share with the SAU community, submit them to kristenvonnoh@southern.edu.

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Check out the full NPR playlist at http://spoti.fi/2f14STI or search NPR Vibes on spotify

Chattanooga Market: Enjoy handcrafted, local art/food and music. Every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.!
The Samaritan Center: Just down the road from Southern, the Samaritan Center offers lots of cute and cheap clothes. If you like thrifting, this is the place for you.
Ooltewah Farmer’s Market: Pick up some fresh local produce every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ooltewah Nursery.
Walking Bridge: Get a view of the beautiful Tennessee River while strolling down the iconic Walnut Street Bridge.
Chattanooga River Walk: This paved trail traces the path along the Tennessee River for eight miles. It’s a perfect place to run or enjoy a relaxing stroll with a friend.
Hunter Art Museum: On the first Thursday of every month, the Hunter Art Museum hosts a “Throwback Thursday” that allows the general public to view its permanent collection for free. Take advantage of this offer to see some beautiful art. You also get a view of the city.

Now it’s your turn. Whether you’re a local or have just recently been exploring the city, what can YOU add to this list? Chattanooga is a fun place. Get out there and explore!
Mayweather vs. McGregor: boxer beats UFC champion in “fight of the century”

On Aug. 26, Floyd Mayweather Jr. defeated Conor McGregor with a total knockout (TKO) in the 10th round of one of the biggest fights in years. This fight was predicted to be the “fight of the century,” and it definitely lived up to its name.

This fight was the first ever boxing-UFC crossover event. Two athletes from two different sports collided in one boxing arena. Floyd Mayweather (age 40), considered to be one of the greatest boxers of all time with a 49-0 record, came out of retirement to give one more show and, hopefully, gain the magic 50-0 number. His opponent would be Conor McGregor (age 29). McGregor is a professional in the MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) and holds his own impressive fighting record as the former UFC Featherweight Champion and the current reigning UFC Lightweight Champion.

Although McGregor has outstanding fighting abilities, many did not think that this mixed martial artist could stand a chance against Mayweather’s expertise. Mayweather hasn’t lost a match since 1996 in the Olympics during his amateur days. In fact, other professional boxers viewed the fight as a joke. For instance, Manny Pacquiao, another former rival of Mayweather, tweeted, “respect to McGregor for taking a chance but congrats to Floyd on #50” on Twitter. Despite all odds, McGregor went out with a bang that surprised many.

Even though Mayweather came out of the ring victorious, McGregor’s stellar performance earned him a victory of his own. McGregor not only lasted 10 whopping rounds with the boxing master, but he also was able to pull out wins from three rounds. The first-time boxer managed to land 111 punches on 430 attempts during the fight, receiving a 26 percent strike rate. Although some may analyze this rate to be a low percentage, this still exceeds the strike rate that other professional boxers obtained against Mayweather. For instance, the esteemed boxer Pacquiao was only able to hold a 19 percent strike rate with 81 punches out of 429 attempts from his defeat against Mayweather in May 2015.

Despite the great efforts of McGregor during the first half of the fight, Mayweather took control and finished off his last fight with his trademark defensive style.

Mayweather did exactly what he set out to do that night: fight with the same swagger that won him his other 49 victories. During the second half, Mayweather’s hits became more precise and more destructive, with each strike placed methodically. By the ninth round, it was clear who the dominant figure was in the ring, and the referee had no choice but to step in, ending the match in the 10th round.

Although some may comment that the referee ended the fight too soon, he did his job, which is to protect the safety and health of the fighters. McGregor’s body language showed all the signs of a weakened player. Sports analyst and professional boxer Andre Ward stated, “even though [McGregor] held the heart of a strong player, the fatigue started to set in, and Floyd Mayweather became a force that McGregor could no longer handle.”

McGregor fought the best fight he could against Mayweather. He battled with all the tools and skills he had and got nine rounds. McGregor could have easily gone in just for the money. He was estimated to earn $30 million from the fight, which is 10 times more than the disclosure he earned in his last match. Instead of trying to fight, he could have flopped on the floor within the first few rounds. Many other past competitors of Mayweather’s have made more of a fool of themselves in the arena. Yet, McGregor chose to fight the good fight and he did not leave the ring embarrassed. Even though Mayweather dominated McGregor in the final half of the fight, it is important to recognize McGregor’s performance in the first three rounds. By standing his ground and lasting until the 10th round with a 49-0 boxing master, McGregor earned a new respect for the MMA industry from boxing fans. Mayweather even complimented McGregor after the fight and said, “He’s a lot better than I thought he was” and is definitely “a [heck] of a champion.”

Both fighters went out and gave their fans a show. What cemented this fight’s reputation as a great battle was the fact that these two stars came into the arena and gave their all: McGregor showcasing his debut on #50 and Mayweather showcasing his final fight before retirement.

Maybe this fight will spark a new series of MMA vs. boxing super-fights. Since an estimated 2.93 million people watched the match, there’s certainly incentive for the sports industry to host another super-fight. But for now, one thing can be sure: both competitors deserve a round of applause, and we can give Mayweather an immense amount of respect as he strolls into a well-deserved retirement.
student life announcements

The **JIUR** and **JIGR** are published by the School of Education and Psychology. We are seeking exceptional undergraduate academic research papers from a variety of disciplines to be published in the 2018 volumes. If you have written or are working on applicable research, please submit your abstract to jiur@southern.edu (for undergraduate) or jigr@southern.edu (for graduate). Contact Graduate Assistant Davida Phillips if you have any questions.

**“The Experience”** is a Bible study for university students that meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Collegedale Church at 10 a.m. every Sabbath.

The **Young Adult SS Class** at the Collegedale Church is a small group of energetic, outgoing young people between 20-30 years old who enjoy a discussion-based class centered around the Adult SS lesson. Join us each week in the Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m. as we build community through our mission project to a Cambodian Orphanage and grow in our walk with Christ. See you Saturday!

**McKee Library** is proud to offer the “Google & Google Scholar: Becoming a

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**SA announcements**

Join us at the SA Fall Formal as we take a Stroll in Wonderland. The banquet will be in Ile’s Gym, September 16 at 9pm. Dinner is provided. Formal or themed attire (dress code approved). Tickets are $10 and go on sale Wednesday, September 6 at 11a.m. in the Student Center. There are only 450 tickets available, so don’t be late...

Student Association Senate will begin with orientation September 13, and the first official Senate meeting will be September 20. Both events will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the White Oak Room.

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**you say it’s your birthday...**

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new media

Hey guys, I’m Jordan Putt and I’m a junior or something? I study business administration, but if we’re being honest I just play/listen to a lot of music. This is my second semester as the social media editor of the Accent, and I cannot stress this enough: use the hashtag #SAUlife so I can include your tweets in the paper. You guys are funny; let me tell the world about it! My email is jputt@southern.edu, send me things you’d like to see in the social media section (or send me music to listen to).

I still hate read receipts
Barry Daly @itsBarryDaly
Religious Studies, JR

I swear all I ever do is sleep, but I stay feeling so tired everyday
Alexa Smart @lexa_smart
International Studies, SR

I demand a SAU convo: “ISSA & other stories with 21 savage”
Ben Mixon @BenMixon
Public Relations, JR

I accidentally dropped my glasses in the toilet this morning how’s your day going?
Mariaelena Hays @MariaelenaHays
Public Relations, SO

We should have a fight club in Village #Saulife
Shivani Ward @SithLordy
Psychology, SR

Listening to Tennesseans trying to explain how Monterey bay is south of Los Angeles
Mackenzie Gallant @lilmacbigworld
Psychology, SO

probably shouldn’t have started the week with a BANG outfit wise. expectations have now been set too high and I will fail you all.
Sierra Emilaire @waxchinadoll
English, SR

Issa hurricane outside right now
Romel Juba @xD_mrbrightside
Nursing, JR

Writing my papers in 11pt font just so I can see them drastically grow when I change them to 12 #SAUlife
Grace Johnson @greatgracechase
Public Relations, SO

Don’t let school limit your creativity into its box. I’ve had to say this every semester. Be encouraged!
Phillip Warfield @_PhilWarfield
History, JR

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#saulife @southern_accentsaulife @southern_accentsaulife
#BacktoSouthernStruggles

1. Forgetting you have to start all over with worship credit
2. Remembering how much you did not miss your suitemates after they continuously forget to unlock the bathroom door
3. Heading to Student Finance because your account shows you still owe $2,736.09 for tuition
4. Being halfway through meal plan and only three weeks into the semester
5. Trying to freshen up, but the community showers are full or being cleaned
6. Failing a fire drill because the freshmen don’t know where to meet their RAs
7. Hearing all of the Southern Matrimony College jokes and how “you’ll find the right one eventually”
8. Wondering which three Hillsong songs will be replayed each vespers
9. Finding your wet clothes on the counter because someone decided his or her laundry was more important than yours
10. Attempting to sleep, but the people in the room three doors down sound like they’re having a house party on a Tuesday night

Phillip: tell the world we’re bros
Gavin: *whispers* we’re bros
Phillip: bro why’d you whisper
Gavin: ur my world bro
Phillip: bro
Enrollment increases for the first time in three years

AUDREY FANKHANEL
Lead Reporter

After a slight decline in enrollment over the last few years, Southern Adventist University has regained students.

This semester, there are currently 2,353 undergraduates on campus, with the total number of students enrolled at Southern this year at 3,035. According to the registration figures from the records department, total enrollment was only 2,959 students last year.

The specific reasons more students nationwide are choosing Southern are still under analysis by the records department; however, the records department has provided data that give insight into the increase in students.

Freshmen enrollment is at its highest number in five years. The freshman count for Fall 2017 is 567 students. In 2016, only 502 freshmen were enrolled at SAU.

The largest age group on campus is 17-to-18-year-olds, most likely because of this increase. Each year for the last five years, first-year enrollment has fluctuated with a general trend of growth. These numbers are based off of the final Fall 2017 registration figures provided by the records department.

The implications of first-year enrollment growth for Southern over a longer period of time are still unknown, since this trend is just beginning.

Also according to the final Fall 2017 registration figures, there has been an influx of students from the West Coast. California is one of the top five states for enrollment at 280 students, alongside Tennessee, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. Records and Advising is currently monitoring the trend and will continue to investigate possible draws bringing students from the Pacific to the South once they receive reports from various Adventist academies.

Not only is SAU becoming more regionally diverse, but also more racially diverse. While the on-campus black population has diminished slightly this year, SAU has seen an increase in Asian and Hispanic enrollment. Combined, Asians and Hispanics make up 35.62 percent of the student body. At 47.15 percent, white students make up less than half of enrollment.

While the final Fall 2017 registration figures provide insight into current enrollment patterns, further analyses by the records department will not be available until the department's progress report is completed.

SAU demographics:

- American/Alaska Native: 0.12%
- Asian: 12.58%
- Black or African American: 10.92%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 0.62%
- Hispanic: 23.04%
- White: 47.15%
- 2 or more races: 5.58%

Information provided by the records Department

AUDREY FANKHANEL
Lead Reporter

USM President Andrew Taylor to visit from Oakwood

NATALIA PEREZ
Editor-in-Chief

Andrew Taylor, Oakwood’s United Student Movement (USM) President is coming to visit Southern to personally invite all Southern students to the DEEP Sabbath program held at Oakwood University on October 21. Taylor will be introduced to our students to extend the invitation at lawn vespers this Friday along with, Phillip Warfield, (SA President).

“My visit to Southern means a lot personally because it shows Oakwood is appreciated on your campus and that we are looking to make great connections this weekend,” Taylor said. “I anticipate that we will be able to create excitement about DEEP Sabbath with our theme being Redefined this year and I’m expecting to see my friends I have at Southern and create new ones.”

“Inviting President Andrew to come is monumental for our campuses,” Warfield said. “Since we haven’t had an exchange program for DEEP in years, it means a lot for our leaders to communicate and collaborate together and exchange dialogue. My hope is that we start to eradicate our stereotypes and learn from each other. I am happy to have been extended the invitation to do the same at Oakwood the following semester.”

ANDREW TAYLOR
SA hosts first Fall Formal

Kris ten Eld red
Copy Editor

On Sept. 16, SA will be ho sting “A Stroll in Wonderland.” According to SA President Phillip Warfield, this event is SA’s first Fall Formal in recent history. The catered dinner will be accompanied by a performance by Unity Dance Troupe, a Christian company from Cleveland, Tennessee, whose dancers tell the story of creation through ballet.

Jake Strauss, SA Social Vice President, plans to completely decorate Iles Gym for the event along with the help of other students. The Wonderland will be complete with a maze—or “rabbit hole”—for students to enjoy.

“I don’t want students to recognize that they are in the gym,” Strauss said. Strauss plans to take a more “mature twist” on the Wonderland theme by focusing more on Wonderland and less on Alice.

Those working with Jake are looking forward to the occasion. “It’s Jake, so he’s going to come up with these awesome decorations and totally transform the gym,” Warfield said.

Many students are happy with this new event SA has added to the school year. “I am very excited for the Fall Formal,” said Ashley Peterson, junior human resources major. “It’s a unique theme that I’ve never heard of before.”

Antonio Ramon, sophomore accounting major, said, “I’m glad SA has added another event. It gives students more opportunities to get involved in SA activities.”

The event will begin at 9 p.m., but doors open at 8:45 p.m. Formal attire is appropriate. Students are welcome to invite a date or bring a group of friends. Unlike the winter Valentine’s Banquet, the Fall Formal is more geared toward friend groups.

Student center slated for 2020 completion

Tierra Hayes
News Editor

Construction of the new Bietz Center for Student Life is now projected to be done by the summer of 2020.

Associate Vice President of Finance Marty Hamilton said that the campus can expect to see progress being made on the building by the spring of 2018.

“We know [the construction] is going to take about 18 to 20 months,” Hamilton said. “Right now we are finishing up our schematic design.”

The plans for the building, first scheduled to begin construction in 2014 next to the Hulsey Wellness Center, have changed over the past three years.

The Accent reported in 2015 that construction had been initially delayed due to a lack of funds, but the project was revitalized with the retirement of former Southern president Gordon Bietz, for whom the building is named.

Over $13 million was raised for the student center during a campaign to honor the legacy of Bietz’s 19-year tenure.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 28, 2016, and Herin Hall, the building that used to occupy the new location for the center, was demolished on July 24, 2016.
It Is Written breaks ground on new facility

JOSEPH HYDE
STAFF WRITER

It Is Written, a Seventh-day Adventist television program, recently made plans to construct a new custom facility for its ministry nearly two miles away from Southern. On July 10, the company held a groundbreaking ceremony to kick off construction.

“We had over 300 guests who came out in support of this new venture,” said Annalyse Hasty, editor of It is Written.

After the Adventist Media Center made a decision to sell its facility in California, the North American Division’s ministries had to find new locations. In 2014, It Is Written moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee and leased a space.

“We have quickly outgrown the space and need a place where we can grow and be more efficient,” Hasty said.

Chattanooga was chosen because of It Is Written’s ties with Southern Adventist University through the Soul-winning and Leadership Training (SALT) program. The ministry works with the university’s School of Visual Art and Design in efforts to create new children’s programming.

It Is Written also provides internships for Southern students.

“We have six to 10 Southern student interns working in our office,” Hasty said.

The new facility will be built near the Collegedale Community Church. (For more information, visit https://itiswritten.build.)

It Is Written’s television program founded in 1956, has spread to over 143 different countries around the world with the purpose to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through satellite, digital television and websites.

The speaker, John Bradshaw, travels around the world exploring different historical locations and explaining how they tie into the Bible with the purpose to spread God’s word.

Student finalist in $10,000 photo contest

CALEB COOK
CONTRIBUTOR

I am Caleb Cook, a junior graphic design and entrepreneurship major and avid photographer. The Share the Experience Photo Competition is an annual, nation-wide contest run by the National Park Foundation which decides what photo will be on the next National Parks Pass. All seasoned, but non-professional photographers are welcome to enter photos that they have taken at National Parks or other federal lands within the past calendar year.

This will put my Share the Experience Photo Competition entry within the top three entries which will enter the final round of judging. If chosen, I could be awarded $10K for my senior year of university AND my photography would be published on the 2019 National Parks Pass!

I need 300 votes by September 30th. Make my day by voting now! Here’s what to do:

Visit www.sharetheexperience.org

Enter “GoPro” under the search field

Select the photo (above) and click “Vote”

Press “Log in with Facebook” and press “Vote” once more

Go about your day feeling good about helping out a friend

Catch me on campus and let me know you voted.

Photo taken on Trail Ridge rd. in Rocky Mountain National Park, CO.

Photo by Caleb Cook
Southern sponsors disc golf tournament

Southern students, employees and their families have the opportunity to throw discs, have fun and possibly win prizes on Sunday during the first Southern Sling Disc Golf Tournament.

“The tournament is free, and more than $500 worth of disc golf prizes are up for grabs,” said Loren Barnhurst, professor of chemistry and tournament director. “The prizes include a disc golf backpack, disc golf bags, more than 15 premium discs, mini markers, Dynamic Discs hats, a T-shirt and a towel.”

Participants will compete in one of three divisions – women’s, men’s novice or men’s intermediate. Prizes will be distributed to the top three finishers in each division, as will prizes for the closest drive to each basket.

The on-campus tournament starts on Sunday at 10 a.m. with an instructional meeting near the disc golf course practice basket, between the tennis courts behind Iles P.E. Center.

Disc golf is a game with some similarities to golf, except participants throw plastic discs – comparable to Frisbees – and aim at a chained basket on a pole. Discs weigh five to seven ounces and can vary in several attributes that affect how far, straight and fast a disc can be thrown. The objective is to throw the disc into the basket with as few throws as possible.

Southern installed a nine-hole disc golf course in 2008. Within a few years of its inception, the course was expanded to its current layout of 14 holes, which includes teepads, signs and baskets. More than 5,000 disc golf courses exist in the United States, according to the Disc Golf Course Review website.

“Our goals for this tournament are both immediate and far-reaching,” Barnhurst said. “First, we’d love to spend a great day having fun outside of the typical classroom setting as employees and students playing disc golf together. But beyond that, we are looking for a core group of students to help create a disc golf club at Southern, with the future dream of expanding the current 14-hole course to a complete 18-hole layout.”

Students should bring their own discs to the tournament. The Hulsey Wellness Center sells some discs, and local sporting goods stores, like Academy Sports and Outdoors or Dick’s Sporting Goods, offer a much larger inventory.

The tournament is sponsored by Dynamic Discs and funded by Bob Benge and the School of Physical Education, Health and Wellness. For more information, email Loren Barnhurst, or call him at (423) 243-8423.

Daniel Olson is the career service coordinator at Southern.

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**What’s your story?**

Who: Writers’ Club
What: Story Slam -- Tell us about a “first”
Where: Improv (near VM)
When: Sept. 17, 4-6p

* Refreshments provided
* Best story awarded $30
* Stories can be pre-written or spontaneous

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**The Legacy Writing Competition**

Who? all Southern students
What: SAU writers’ club anthology
When? Submissions due Oct. 29

Theme: Vulnerability
Categories:
* fiction
* creative non-fiction
* poetry

Guidelines:
* limit of 2000 words
* multiple submissions accepted
* non-winning entries will also be considered for publication

Cash prizes!

Email submissions as Word attachments to: emilaires@southern.edu
Volker Henning leaving for Walla Walla

MICHAELA LEWIN
STAFF WRITER

After 28 years of service, Volker Henning, Associate Vice President for Academic Administration (AVPAA), Ph.D., is leaving Southern Adventist University to become the AVPAA at Walla Walla University.

Henning has held many positions here on campus. Before working with the academic administration, where he was in charge of Southern’s accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), he was an associate professor before becoming professor and then dean of the School of Journalism and Communication (SJC). While there, Henning taught many classes, including Introduction to Photography, Mass Media Law and Ethics, Video Production and Intro to Public Speaking.

Many SJC staff members were his students and remember his time as their professor. “Volker Henning was my first professor back in 1989,” said Andy Nash, Ph.D. and graduate of the class of 1989. “I’ve always admired Dr. Henning as a professor, colleague, and friend. He’s a man of integrity, humility and good humor.”

Henning not only touched those he taught, but even those he merely came in contact with. “I never had the privilege of taking class from Dean Henning, but I do remember that students loved him and know he is much beloved by former and current faculty of SJC,” said Natalia Lopez Thismón, professor for SJC and alumna for the class of 2008.

Henning said it will be hard to leave all the friends that he has made over the years here at Southern. The defining factor in choosing to accept employment at Walla Walla is that he is following what he believes is God’s plan for his life.

“I’ve never really sought out any of those positions,” Henning said. “I wasn’t looking for change, but in the way it came the Lord had something special for me to do there [Walla Walla].”

Until administration can fill the position full time, Tyson Hall, a current professor for the School of Computing, will hold the position as interim.

PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN

GELISSA LEVEILLE WITH
KAITLIN COLON
STAFF WRITER AND
CONTRIBUTOR

K: I’ve gone to church with John Michael’s cousin for a very long time, but never even knew he existed. He did not come up in conversation ever. I decided to go to Southern, and everyone here kept telling me, “You have to meet John Michael, you have to meet John Michael, he’s super cool...” and I was like, “All right.”

I knew right away that I liked him. We started to date in March of that school year and just developed a good friendship. It’s been two and half years since we met.

We were in Nashville for the eclipse because we knew that [was where it] would be under totality. We were doing it big! We wanted to see the daytime darkness. He was very relaxed, just John Michael. Just chill. I was just excited that I was eating food.

He asked me to take some photos, and I’m not a photographer so I was nervous that I wasn’t going to get the photo. I was worried he was going to be bummed out that we didn’t get the photo so my mind was totally focused on that.

As the eclipse started, everybody was cheering and so pumped for the eclipse. John Michael was recording the eclipse. Right as it started leaving, he whipped off our glasses and I was in a frenzy over the eclipse. It was only two and a half minutes. I didn’t even see him bend down; next thing I knew he was already there, and I looked down and he was on one knee.

I asked him, “Are you asking me to marry you?” and he said, “Yeah, would you be my wife?”

G: What’s in store for the future, except the wedding of course?

K: Graduation is the next big thing on the ticket. For both of us, it was important to graduate
The greatest of these is love

Victoria Acosta
Contributor

Let’s face the facts: ministry isn’t about converting. Ministry is not taking your friends to church on a Sabbath morning and crossing your fingers in anticipation that they’ll change their heathen ways and become God-fearing, vegetarian, long-skirt-wearing Seventh-day Adventists.

Don’t get me wrong: God loves when his children find the pure truth of His love through the Seventh-day Adventist Church. But what God doesn’t love is when His children, who know that truth, ignore it. A large amount of us students at Southern Adventist University were raised in the Adventist church. We have the 28 fundamental beliefs, a modest dress code and the end times Revelation prophecy. But above all, we have the knowledge that Christ loves us with no strings attached. Our main goal should be getting that gospel message of love across to the rest of the population who have never even heard the name “Jesus.”

Within one sentence, Jesus’ declaration to the self-righteous scribes directs us to our purpose as Christians: “Love thy neighbor” (Mark 12:31).

If there was any time to love our brothers and sisters throughout the world, the time is now. Currently, there are three hurricanes threatening the Americas and the Caribbean. Across the globe, specifically in Pakistan, India and Nigeria, flooding is displacing thousands of lives. An 8.1-magnitude earthquake has just devastated Mexico. The earth is hurting, and we are suffering as a result of it.

While loving your neighbor who lives across the world may seem impossible, God has empowered us with the gift of prayer and the ability to spread awareness. On the other hand, loving your neighbor who is right next to you is much more tangible.

Instead of a passing, “How are you?”, loving your neighbor is taking the time to actually care about how someone is doing. Loving your neighbors is listening to the people who feel as if they have no one to turn to. Loving your neighbor is all about the little things that show, through God’s love, that you care.

There is immense value in our church’s 28 fundamental beliefs, modest styles and Revelation prophecy. God has placed every aspect of the church’s belief system in our paths for good reasons. But our Christianity loses its authenticity when we turn our eyes away from Christ’s commandment on how to treat the children of God within our reach. Let us not complicate the Gospel. “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God” (1 John 4:7).

Peace in the storm

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

It would appear that the world is falling apart.

It’s not the first time, and it certainly won’t be the last time, but right now, no matter where you’re from, disaster is striking every part of the globe. From the hurricanes in Houston to the fires across the west—not to mention an 8.1 magnitude earthquake hitting Mexico and hurricane Irma wreaking havoc across the Caribbean and Florida—it seems as if the planet is in a hopeless state.

Even though Tennessee has been (so far) unaffected by all this turmoil, the students of Southern are feeling the weight of disaster. There are very few, if any, who don’t have loved ones in the path of destruction. We’re three weeks into the school year, and it seems like our livelihoods and our safety have taken a turn for the worse (I thought that wasn’t supposed to happen until midterms, honestly).

As easy as it is to feel helpless and alone in these situations, it’s important to know that we aren’t. Turning to Scriptures can be a daily encouragement to keep us going when the going gets tough. Here are a few to get you through the week:

“And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:7).

“Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7).

“Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you” (Isaiah 54:10).

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls” (Matthew 11:28, 29).

“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world” (John 16:33b).

God never promised that living on this planet was going to be easy. In fact, He knows how hard it is, because He’s been there, and He gets it. Even though it feels like everything is falling apart, He can give us peace in the storm.
Through hell or high water

Vanessa Hernandez
Contributor

Hurricane Harvey came through Texas, ripping up people’s homes as if they were scraps of paper. Right behind him a few miles east, Irma (with my Spanish accent pronounced EEER-ma) came rushing in like me at dinnertime.

Reports said she was heading toward the Caribbean and Florida. Being that my mom is Puerto Rican and my dad is Cuban, I have family in both countries. Plus, a majority of my Cuban family resides in Florida, mainly in the Miami area. A little north in Orlando reside more family friends and my fiancé’s family.

As the reports became more and more grim, I became increasingly worried about them. Several of my family members are older, and I knew they either wouldn’t be able to evacuate or would be too stubborn to leave. Several had investments at stake. For example, my cousins just put a down payment on a house they have been saving for. All this on top of the fact that all my family members have been planning to travel north for my wedding in November. We were now worried they wouldn’t be able to afford it because of the damage.

I knew that God was in control over all, so I prayed for their safety. Facebook kept me updated with my cousins in Avon Park as they boarded up their windows and stocked up on propane for their gas stoves, water and ramen. My grandfather evacuated to Avon Park and gave our family a call during the brunt of the storm on Sunday. He proudly explained that while his brother was eating cold turkey sandwiches in Miami, he was eating a great big bowl of warm soup!

My soon-to-be in-laws kept in contact with us as the storm passed through Apopka. Now that it is Monday, I can praise God and His faithfulness. Aside from the power going out in Miami, my family sustained no injuries, and there are minimal damages to their house. But I will continue praying for those being affected.

Today in class, the teacher explained the key events that slowed Irma’s impact. Had the hurricane shifted twenty miles when it was hitting Cuba, its eye would have been over the water, adding more fuel to the storm.

Psalms 105: 1-2 says, “Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.”

I can give the Lord praise today as my family is out of harm’s way, and I can truly say that I serve the God of the world, Creator of nature, who is in control of all circumstances.

Why we need Title IX education more than policy

Abigail Hunt
Contributor

On Thursday, Sept. 7, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos delivered a speech implementing long-overdue policy reforms pertaining to how schools address sexual assault on campuses, which falls under the jurisdiction of Title IX.

The changes DeVos plans to put in place will take power out of universities’ hands and put it into the legal system due to the issue of what DeVos referred to as “kangaroo courts,” meaning university boards acting as legal authorities. In some cases, these universities forced students out of their institutions after they filed reports of sexual assault or misconduct.

The system of sexual assault reporting on university campuses is in need of improvement; however, forcing all cases to go through the channel of due process is a slap in the face to current Title IX offices attempting to make a difference on university campuses across the nation. Students will now feel more intimidated than ever when it comes to reporting sexual assault, since knowing that reporting a sexual assault could potentially lead to a court hearing is unsettling.

Putting sexual assault claims into the hands of a third party may be appropriate in some situations; however, it also has the capacity to make students feel as if their university is powerless in actually helping and protecting them.

If Betsy DeVos wants to make a difference on campuses around the United States in regards to sexual assault, she needs to facilitate a haven for students who have experienced sexual assault. Policy reforms are needed to better the way in which universities handle sexual assault and Title IX issues, but more importantly, students need to feel safe and protected when reporting incidences of sexual assault.

Bringing this issue home, I believe Southern needs to provide more Title IX training campus wide. The student body needs to know their rights and we must address the fact that students on Southern’s campus are having sex and address what consensual sex entails. Information on sexual assault protocol needs to be readily available and in a format that is easily accessible. In addition, students should also be aware of things like “mandatory reporting policies,” which force faculty and staff to report sexual assault on behalf of a student, even if the student has shared an incident in confidence or has asked a faculty or staff member not to report the incident. Policies are important, but policy means nothing if we aren’t educated.
To study abroad or not study abroad?
That is the question.

by Kristen Vonnoh
Lifestyle Editor

Gelato, pasta, pastries, croissants, espresso. What do all of these things have in common? They are all foreign foods American college students love. However, many students are now able to taste the wondrous foods of the world (and not just by going to buy it at World Market). How can you get a sample? Study abroad.

I am a firm believer that every college student should study abroad. Not only can you throw in exotic-sounding phrases to your everyday lexicon or avoid conversations by pretending you don't speak English, you can also appreciate everything in a more complex manner. It's safe to say that studying abroad can be one of the most influential years in one's lifetime. Opening your mind to the many cultures of the world is an amazing and unforgettable experience.

Studying abroad brings many positive aspects, the first being freedom. Living in another country allows you to have almost completely unrestrained freedom. With your freedom comes many important choices to make. There is need for prioritizing, planning and preparing for an array of situations.

Studying abroad also enhances your self-awareness, critical thinking and creativity. Going to another country with no friends or family really allows you to contemplate and evaluate your life in a very different way from when you lived in the States, surrounded by everything familiar to you.

What's amazing about studying abroad is that it really can be for everyone. You don't have to be a modern language major to study abroad; anyone can do it! From the mouths of fellow study abroad students, here is what contributed to making their year so amazing.

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As you reach the end of the first four weeks of this semester, you may begin to see your happiness diminish as the demands of school increase. With schoolwork piling up, you may feel as though it is impossible to do things that you enjoy, such as socializing with friends and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Not to worry, because Southern can help you tackle socializing and exercising at once. Southern’s intramural program allows students to play a variety of team and individual sports. Although Southern has always been able to attract students to come out and participate, there have always been some students who have not felt intramurals are for them. For those of you who are still skeptical about the idea of playing for intramurals, here are some athletes who might persuade you to come and join the fun.

1. We all have that one sport we’ve been wanting to learn how to play, but we don’t want to embarrass ourselves in front of our friends.

   Lucky, with different league categories that highlight different ranges of skill (A League, B League and C League), beginners can feel confident because they are playing with fellow students of the same skill level. Also, with Southern’s variety of sports, there are many different opportunities for students to find the perfect sport.

2. It’s never too early to start exercising for that summer body (or to lose that freshman 15).

   People who play sports are found to be more attractive. It’s been proven by science.

3. Worried about finding friends? You might meet that best friend you’ve always wanted.

4. Take a break to forget about that test you failed.

5. Friendly competition couldn’t hurt anybody, especially with Southern’s great referee staff keeping us in line.

6. Yes, there may be some rough times during the season and some devastating losses.

   However, at the end of the day, everyone deserves an “A” for effort. With the sweet taste of victory, who could say no?

If you are interested in participating in intramurals this year, you can sign up on www.imleagues.com to join a sports league. For more information on how you can get involved, contact Troy Walker, Southern’s coordinator for intramurals, at twalker@southern.edu.
student life announcements

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**“The Experience”** is a Bible study for university students that meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Collegedale Church at 10 a.m. every Sabbath.

The **Young Adult SS Class** at the Collegedale Church is a small group of energetic, outgoing young people between 20-30 years old who enjoy a discussion-based class centered around the Adult SS lesson. Join us each week in the Senior Center from 10:15-11:15 a.m. as we build community through our mission project to a Cambodian Orphanage and grow in our walk with Christ. See you Saturday!

**McKee Library** is proud to offer the “Copyright for Students & Educators: What You Need to Know” seminar on September 19 at noon.

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SA announcements

**Join us at the SA Fall Formal** as we take a Stroll in Wonderland. The banquet will be in Ile’s Gym, September 16 at 9 p.m. Dinner is provided. Formal or themed attire (dress code approved).

**Senior Photos** will be taken September 18, October 10, and October 12 from noon to 7 p.m. in the Sherrie Norton Room in the Student Center.

**Student Association Senate** will begin with orientation September 13, and the first official Senate meeting will be September 20. Both events will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the White Oak Room.

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**you say it’s your birthday...**

**THURSDAY 14**
- Nadchen Aralquez
- Ryan Byford
- Brenton Campbell
- Cassandra Fowler
- Silviane Myers
- Anna Quintrell
- Dajjah Stowe
- Simon Trasporte

**FRIDAY 15**
- Emily Charvat
- Mica Mihaescu
- Emmalina Pleshka
- Madeline Salinas
- D J Sommerville
- Isaac Song
- Cesia Trevedan
- Sarah Wu

**SATURDAY 16**
- Alaina Burrowes
- Jonathan Dasilva
- Melissa Garbi
- Jonathan Hausted
- Anni Jeong
- Zachary Pauls
- Justin Ross
- Rebecca Sauve
- Dominik Werner

**SUNDAY 17**
- Caleb Chen
- D’Amond Henderson
- Alexandra Hutaruk
- Stephen Jones
- Emily Parker

**MONDAY 18**
- Edis Alvarado
- Mia Chedalavada
- Leydi Cristhelli Coliaza
- Matthew Dietel
- Nathanael Fortunato
- Seth Graham
- Angelina Harper
- Austin Harrison
- Renee Mitchell
- Jordan Morris
- Clayton Neil
- Anna Park
- Lauren Powell
- Jacklyn Ruth
- Jake Tsai
- Josh Vollberg

**TUESDAY 19**
- Matthew Alecia
- Reversa
- Adams Bala
- Sheryl Barreto
- Jennifer Castellon
- Bailey Click
- Myles Dean
- Nick Gonzaga
- Esther Gow-Lee
- Sophia Goyne
- Kemunto Kambuni
- Daniel Varela

**WEDNESDAY 20**
- Amber Lee
- Stacey Philpott
- Stephanie Rios
- Neftali Rodriguez
- Armondi Stokes-Hicks
new media

"My fifth year at southern and I still can’t get a good ID picture."
Elaine David @LanyDavid
Biochemistry, SR

"Can we make it acceptable to use “science” as a verb in college papers? #saulife"
Elisabeth Etchell @missilissi22
Pastoral Care, JR

"In sociology class Teacher: you guys learned competition in sports? Student: friendly competition Class: ehhhhh #SAUlife"
Jacklyn Ruth @booknerd828
Mass Communications, JR

"I get so hype to see Isaac James’ name in my email, hoping he brought that good news. But then I was immediately let down."
Greg Wright @WrightThoughts
Education, SR

"Sorry I hurricant go to class tomorrow"
Casey Goldring @cvselyn
Elementary Education, SO

"When I was 5, my grandma told me I wouldn’t have a gf in college because I drank too loud. Elderly wisdom is impressive"
Alex Mahn @mahnster01
Computer Science, FR

"Southern thinks just cause they have the Holy Spirit on their side it allows them to put us all at risk tomorrow morning #Irma"
Ronal Sorto @ronalsorto
Biology, JR

"*power goes out in the dorm for .001 seconds* Random guy in the hall: “JUST CANCEL SCHOOL!!!”"
Nick Wanovich @nlww28
Theology, JR

"If you think I’m just gonna sit here & let Irma strike fear into my entire being you’re absolutely right."
Jenasia Jones @Jenasia_Evette9
Psychology, SO

"You are a woman. Skin and bones, veins and nerves, hair and sweat. You are not made of metaphors. Not apologies, not excuses. - Sarah Kay"
@_kintsukuroi

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**What kind of veggie meat are you?**

| Alexis Jones |
| Humor Editor |

What kind of shoes do you wear on the regular?

| a. Adidas Superstars | b. Chacos | c. None—I prefer to be barefoot. |

Where do you do your homework?

| a. Off campus | b. The library | c. I don’t do homework. |

Are you currently in a relationship?

| a. Of course! | b. Absolutely not! | c. I have a couple of potentials. |

Where do you prefer to eat on campus?

| a. Village Market | b. Cafeteria | c. KR’s |

Pick one of the following Disney Pixar movies:

| a. UP | b. Toy Story | c. Cars 3 |

Which building do you spend the most time in?


Which Christian artist do you prefer to listen to?

| a. Lecrae | b. Hillsong | c. tobyMac |

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**Mostly A’s: Big Frank**
You’re the popular and outgoing Big Frank! You have an effortlessly likeable personality and thrive in high-stress situations. When the heat rises, it is your time to shine. Some may say you have too much on your plate, and they’re probably right! You always like to have an extra load of responsibility; however, take time and allow people to really absorb all of your best qualities.

**Mostly B’s: Griller**
You’re the loyal and trustworthy Griller! Many people love that you have a relaxed personality and entrust you with their deepest secrets because they are so comfortable around you. No matter what seems to rupture within friend groups or workplaces, you manage to remain strong and dependable, but sometimes your opinions are not voiced for the sake of problem-solving.

**Mostly C’s: Stripple**
You’re the spontaneous and unapologetic Stripple! People are drawn to your wild-hearted spirit and crispy-around-the-edges personality because you bring the party wherever you go! Because you share your thoughts and opinions even when they’re not always wanted, you are sometimes viewed as problematic and careless. However, your friends admire your candor and often seek you for advice.
In the aftermath of multiple hurricanes, Southern Adventist University students raised over $3,500 on Sunday, Sept. 17 to help communities impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Harvey. The money from the bake sale was donated to the Samaritan Center. In addition over 60 people donated blood to the cause.

Senior nursing majors Alexa Martin and Jennifer Vigil organized the event in coordination with different departments from Southern.

“My housemate and I saw a picture of elderly people in a nursing home up to their waists in water and we thought we should hold a bake sale and a couple weeks later it turned into this,” Martin said. “We had way more baked goods than we ever anticipated.”

Many students, such as junior nursing major Andrew Oliver, volunteered their time at the event.

“My sister actually lives in Florida,” Oliver said. “She was actually in Orlando though, so she was pretty far mainland. I was like, ‘It’ll be okay,’ but they still got a lot of damage and a lot of trees falling down, and they lost power. So I can’t imagine what it’s like for all the people down in Miami and the Florida Keys. I feel like the damage has been crazy.”

Community member Connie Brackbill came to the event to support her daughter, who playing a set during the fundraiser.

“I think the event is wonderful,” Brackbill said. “It was a plus to come so that she could play. She wanted to donate as well, and she loved to be able to play.”
History department offers new major

Lizzie Williams
STAFF WRITER

Southern’s history department added a political science major for the 2017 fall semester. Shannon Martin, Director of International Development and Political Science Studies, describes the new major as a bridge between the history and international development departments.

Martin said students who chose political science as their major will have an opportunity to strengthen skills in writing and critical thinking that can be applied in working toward a law degree or academia. Previously, students who wanted to pursue law or other similar advanced degrees declared international development, history or English as their major.

“Political science is another avenue into law, it is not the only way, just the traditional way,” Martin said. International development and political science will provide students with the same ability to write, debate and think critically, Martin said. This degree will allow students to pursue multiple disciplines.

Political science looks good on applications. Classes have been added to help, like example comparative politics,” said Rachelle Martin, political science senior. “International development offers more of a theory-based approach for law, government and academia.”

International development and political science will provide students with the same ability to write, debate and think critically. The difference between theory and practicality is what students choose to do with their undergraduate degrees. Some students want to work for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), while others want to study politics and become academics. Other students, like Rachelle Martin, want to go into law.

“I want to go to law school for international law. Political science will help me get there,” Martin said.

Social work graduate students win grant money

Cynthia Molina
STAFF WRITER

Three graduate students from the School of Social Work recently won $3,000 of grant money by placing in the top ten in a competition called the Causeway Challenge. Causeway is a non-profit organization that strives to inspire the Chattanooga community to create tools and solutions to challenges that need to be faced.

Graduate students Carolita Claus, Teana Taka and Bess Helton were the winners of the challenge. They chose to do their project on voting responsibility among social workers.

“I think this project is a shining example to current and future social work students, alumni and social work professionals that social workers can and should be the leaders who motivate and mobilize a generation of young voters to become civically engaged,” said Kristie Wilder, Dean of the School of Social Work.

The students will be working with the department to add the information gathered during the project to the Social Work program’s curriculum to show social workers the importance of topics covered during the competition.

Once the program sets off, the students plan on creating a toolkit that can benefit schools beyond the area to replicate the strategy as a way of giving back to the community.

“We are excited about what this opportunity holds for our program and engagement with the community,” Wilder said. “We want not only our campus, but also our community and non-profit agencies to see us as a resource they can reach out to if they want to know how they can be more civically engaged, especially when it comes to voting.”
The School of Journalism and Communication (SJC) gained a new associate professor this year. Professor Natalia Lopez-Thismon is no stranger to Southern, having graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in public relations and a minor in French.

“It feels great to be back at my alma mater,” Lopez-Thismon said. “Southern feels like home to me.”

After graduating from Southern, she received a master's degree in communication studies from California State University in San Bernardino, California and proceeded to work at several well-known organizations, including Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, Adventist Development and Relief Association (ADRA) and the Miami Heat basketball team.

During a teaching assistantship at California State University, Lopez-Thismon realized that she wanted to teach Public Relations, and in order to do that, she had to “keep [her] hand on the pulse of the field,” she said.

One of Lopez-Thismon’s biggest goals for the SJC is to start focusing its vision on how new media are going to change the communication field.

“I really think we have an opportunity to make sure our students are not only up to par compared to other students studying communication, but to also make sure that they are ahead,” Lopez-Thismon said.

Many students have expressed excitement over having a new professor.

“She’s very energetic and super understanding,” said Braian Gomez, junior mass communications major.

Jeanelle Arguelles, junior business administration and public relations major, also said that “she combines relevance and application with what our textbook covers.”

Newly appointed SJC dean, Rachel Williams-Smith, is also pleased with the new addition to the team.

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Students build tiny house

Cynthia Salinas
Staff Writer

Recently, construction management students presented Southern Adventist University’s first tiny house at the 2017 Tennessee Tiny House Festival. They won first place in the do-it-yourself category as voted by the general public.

Professor Youngberg, who teaches most of the requirements for the construction management major at Southern, began the idea of building Tiny Houses on Southern’s campus about four years ago. Because of the lack of space on campus, he was unable to move forward with his idea, but he did not give up on it.

This past year, a friend of Youngberg’s allowed him to use his barn to build the house’s structure. After the structure was built, Youngberg and his students were able to haul the house onto Southern’s campus, where they finished its interior and exterior.

This tiny house differs from others because it provides 7.5-square feet of storage space, a full-sized fridge and a full-sized bathtub. The main floor contains all major living spaces: a bathroom, a kitchen and a living room. There are two lofts that fit two queen-size mattresses or hold extra storage. The house’s cabinetry is from IKEA and can be customized to future customers’ preferences. It is also compatible for the solar panel system.

The tiny house project provides funding for the technology department, gives construction management majors a practicum and serves as a recruiting tool for the department.

Southern’s second tiny house is on the road to construction. Ryan Tompkins, a sophomore construction management major, said, “We build our own model. We build it from scratch. I get to help design it and see everything that goes into it.” Unlike the first house, it will be a collaboration of all the student’s ideas and will be built from the ground up.

Youngberg said, “I was told by a lot of people that we have one of the nicest interior packages they have seen, ever.” The house is currently for sale for $65,000 and already has customers lined up.

PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN

Gelissa Leveille
Staff Writer
Abigail Jansen
Contributor

I went to Spalding elementary, and one of our assignments was to write a children’s book. I took it way too seriously. I spent hours mulling over the story, what I wanted the names to be, and I wanted it to rhyme. I don’t know why I wanted it to rhyme; it was so much more complicated.

I scanned the images, typed up the manuscript and put it in a Dropbox file and on a flash drive. It just sat there for 10 years. My grandmother kept bugging me, saying, “You have to send it to a publisher. They might like it.”

I just dismissed it as her being proud of me.

But I finally bit the bullet. I sent it to quite a few publishers. Three or four of them said they wanted to publish the book, which is called “Piper’s Day Away.” It tells the story of a ladybug named Piper that leaves home, meets a friendly bee named Bailey and learns a valuable lesson along the way.

One of the publishers offered to call me, so I ended up just going with that company. It’s an international publishing house with a huge market in South America. I have a heart for South America because I was there last summer in Peru.

My mom’s friend is a teacher at Spalding who asked me to come read my book to her class. It was weird to think that I wrote this book in these halls, and now I’m reading it to a class. I tried to explain to these kids what lessons can be learned from this. Take your work seriously, but also hold onto your stuff, because the creativity that is fostered in middle school is unparalleled. You never quite get that again. Even if the story doesn’t make sense at all or it’s full of errors, just write something.

Ask Andrew

My boyfriend and I have been dating for quite a while now and I feel like it’s time to take the next step, but he seems happy where we are. How do I get that ring?

“Casually” waltz into Kay or Jared and point out which ring you want him to get you. Sometimes guys needs subtle hints like that. (P.S. If he claims he’s “broke,” Claire’s usually has a clearance section for the stingy soon-to-be-single men out there.)

Do you think it’s appropriate to wear Chacos with a suit?

Once upon a time I used to think Chacos didn’t belong anywhere on the human body, but as I have matured, as a man I realize that Chacos work with just about anything, including a classic suit. Just be sure to display a pocket watch. That’s how you know it’s fancy!

What is the dankest meme?

When you debating scripture and you got that verse that can just end they whole argument

If you want to submit any questions, email andrewcuevas@southern.edu with the subject “Ask Andrew.”
Students explore Wonderland at Fall Formal

By Benjamin Mixon

On Saturday Sept. 16, the Student Association (SA) hosted the Fall Formal “A Stroll In Wonderland” at Iles Gym. A cinematic entrance with smoke machines and intricate decorations led students to a detailed world of cloud-like fixtures and decorated tables.

Jake Strauss, SA’s Social Vice President, brought the vision of the banquet to reality. He and his team went to the gym on Thursday at 3 p.m. and set up until 12 a.m. that night. They also set up on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A free photo booth with a large selection of props was available to everyone who attended, although many attendees were already in costume. The attendees enjoyed an abundance of pasta, salad, bread and dessert.

The main feature of the night was Unity Dance Troupe, a Chattanooga organization dedicated to displaying Christian themes through ballet.

After a 40-minute performance about the days of Creation, Christin Smolinski, one of the performers and junior animation major, thought the event went amazingly.

“Having the opportunity to perform at SAU was such an honor,” Smolinski said. “Everything was so beautiful that night; from the props, to the lights, to the costumes! I was so thrilled when Jake asked Unity Dance Troupe to portray the story of creation for banquet! I’m so glad we were able to show a new way of worshipping God to the student body and I hope everyone was blessed by the story.”

“I was so excited to be there, said Bradley Hutchinson, sophomore psychology major.

The stage performers were beautiful. It was a wonderful dinner and I loved the theme. Thank you so much to everybody who put it out, it was just amazing.”

“I have heard a lot of positive feedback and so I praise God that things went well and people were happy and blessed by the event,” Strauss said. “I think that shows how incredible not only the story of creation is, but how powerful a visual representation can be through dance. I think we should be a little bit more open to the idea of dance if its expression and beauty can bring people closer to our creator.”

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The power of music

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Ancient Greek philosophers had a theory called “the doctrine of Ethos,” an idea that the music one listens to has a direct effect on the listener. The idea of this doctrine was that certain vibrations and harmonies had the power to evoke emotional reactions and character changes in a listener. The great philosopher Aristotle even went so far as to say that in a perfect world, he would ban certain types of music, because those who listened to “bad” music were sure to become bad people.

The power that the Greeks associated with music was dismissed later as mere mythology, but the doctrine of Ethos still carries a glint of truth. Recent scientific studies have shown that listening to classical music can have positive effects not only on creativity, memory and overall productivity, but also on the brain at a genetic level. Experiments involving music have shown it’s an effective and low-risk way to increase self-esteem and promote healthy emotions. Any avid music listener will attest to the fact that certain music has the power to change a person’s mood—from sad to happy to reverent to excited—in a moment.

Whether or not you buy into the doctrine of Ethos, it’s true that the power music has over us is staggering. Why else does it play such a key role in our daily lives? We listen to it to wake up, while we're driving, when we're with friends, while we study. Not to mention music has been considered a necessary staple of the Christian worship experience since Christianity began. Paul and Silas sang hymns of praise as they sat beaten and shackled in a foreign prison, not knowing what would happen to them next. The early Protestants sang hymns as they marched to their deaths and as they were burned at the stake.

Music matters, and the music you choose to listen to matters. It can mean the difference between a good day or a bad one. It might even mean the difference between the choices you make and the way you treat other people. The doctrine of Ethos isn’t just a myth conjured up by Greek philosophers—it’s grounded in a truth. Aristotle and Plato knew the true power of music. They didn’t dare underestimate it, and we shouldn’t either. Today, choose what you listen to carefully. It might make a world of difference.

We know it’s hard to find uplifting music in this day and age, so here’s a meditative, worshipful playlist to help you get through your week.

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The Southern Accent has hidden a tiny version of Kevin the duck within this issue. Email, DM or message us with your name and a picture of where you found the duck for a chance to win a $15 giftcard to Salsaritas!
To the students whose conversation I overheard,

You don’t know me, but you hurt me. You may not know my name, but you made me cry. You definitely weren't talking directly to me, but your conversation caused me to have a panic attack on the stairs of Hackman Hall the other day, and I think you should know the reason why.

You came around the corner of that hallway in Hackman and saw me standing there looking through the paper return boxes, but you continued your conversation anyway.

“The university needs to do something about these women,” one of you said.

I froze. I was the only woman standing in the hallway.

“Yes. What they’re wearing nowadays is ridiculous,” another of you answered.

I glanced down to confirm what I was wearing – jeans and a button-up over a t-shirt. I wondered if you were talking about me. No, but you might as well have been.

“Those yoga pants are so tight.”

“I can tell exactly what kind of underwear they’re wearing.”

“I am a married man, and don’t need that temptation.”

I have never felt so uncomfortable on this campus as I did in that moment as two religious studies majors stood behind me discussing how they were looking sinfully at my butts. I was so angry. My head was spinning. I didn’t say anything. I wish I had, but I walked away.

I sat down in my chair in class, still angry. I tried to listen to my professor. You came into the classroom, and suddenly the room felt small. I couldn’t rip my thoughts away from the idea that sitting across the room was a guy who thought I was causing him to sin by wearing workout clothes.

I couldn’t catch my breath. One of the girls sitting in front of me was wearing yoga pants, and my only thought was that she looked cute, but were you currently looking at her lustfully? How could that be her fault?

I had to leave class because I felt like I couldn’t breathe. My anger dissipated and left an overwhelming sense of hopelessness. I made my way outside, but the panic took over. I panicked in a place where I should’ve felt safe.

Try to take a second to understand my point of view.

As a woman, I’m very aware of rape culture. Maybe as men, you are not. The fear that comes with rape culture means I park as close to buildings as I can, not because I’m lazy, but because I feel safer that way. I’ve taken self-defense courses. I carry my keys between my fingers just in case. I put distance between groups of guys and myself. I try not to jog alone at night. How often do you feel scared for your own safety just by existing in the same space as the opposite gender? You don’t have to be concerned about your body in the same way women do. Rape culture means existing every day knowing someone else feels entitled to your body.

I was hurt because I hold Adventists to a higher standard. I expected more respect from you for women on this campus. I know there’s constant debate about whose fault it is if men are tempted to lust, but I can’t help but feel that debate stems from the same idea that women are here just to look at, and it’s somehow your right to decide if their behavior is acceptable.

Maybe this letter won’t change anything, but maybe it will create a little more thought behind carelessly spoken words. And maybe, just maybe, a little more respect.

Sincerely,

The girl who heard.

The author of this article has chosen to remain anonymous due to the nature of this topic.

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**Millennial musings about misframed millennials**

**Shanti James**

**Contributor**

Our generation has been accused of feeling entitled to success. I happened upon these thoughts in an article recently. The author reasons that we have imbibed a lot of media where relatable main characters transform into important people effortlessly, and this has led us to feel that greatness will float by and settle into our hands. We stand frozen in place, waiting for our moment of “chosenness” instead of doing the “hard work to achieve our goals.” When I read this article, I disagreed for obvious (defensive) reasons. After some time passed, the reasons for my disagreement became clear.

I invite you and your non-millennial associates to don a different lens. Perhaps the “millennial messiah media” is not a testament to specialness or chosenness, but a spotlight on the role of chance and the absurdity of success. It is not based on divine choosing or innate qualities. In this alternate reality, my imagining of which is inspired by Albert Bandura’s theory of self-efficacy, the “golden children” among us are different from us only in that they have had a few experiences, perhaps by chance, in which they did something challenging and had a positive outcome. After these victories, they become more likely to take chances.

This is comforting because it means that the people doing big things are not inherently better than us; they simply have more practice with challenging the unknown.

Sometimes, in spite of hard work or intelligence, failures happen. For those of us who fail often, even just by our own standards, lofty goals become out of the question. There is a tendency to attribute success to hard work and dedication, ignoring the implications this holds for those who fail. Failure is morally decripit. It means you didn’t try hard enough. It means you were deluded into thinking you were good enough.

No wonder we’re accused of inertia. It is apt, but the reasoning is faulty. Millennials aren’t entitled. We’re despondent. The ones I know are the crowds applying to medical and graduate school. Most med schools accept less than 10 percent of applicants, and many Ph.D. programs are even more competitive —we’re talking six out every 200. I daily hear the phrase “if I get in” referencing the void of uncertainty that clouds our vision as we try to see into the future.

According to Bandura’s theories, the best way to increase self-efficacy is to prove yourself that you can master something new and do this often and strategically enough that the possibility of failure recedes into the background.

As you put together your job and grad school applications, consider taking up a proxy activity to boost your sense of control. The only way through the darkness is forward; if you have to trick yourself into seeing a path, so be it. There’s light at the end either way.
Highlights from Apple’s annual keynote

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Last week on Sept. 12, Apple announced its latest products in the brand new Steve Jobs Theater during a keynote presentation. Apple’s new products cover a range of technological advancements for the company in many new forms. The iPhone 8, iPhone X, new Apple Watches and Apple TV 4K were all announced at this year’s keynote. Here are some of the main features of each device:

**iPhone X:** With a full-screen retina display, Face ID and all-new animojis, the iPhone X is nothing short of spectacular. “It is the biggest leap forward since the original iPhone,” said Apple CEO Tim Cook during the live broadcast. It has the most durable glass to ever be put on a smartphone, covering the front and back of the device and making it water and dust resistant. Not only that, the glass back allows for the iPhone X to be wirelessly charged. The Super Retina Display is edge-to-edge at 5.8 inches and has a 2436 x 1125 resolution. It also integrates an HDR display and 3D technology. Face ID uses infrared dots to create a model of your face and, as a result, unlock your phone. It not only recognizes your face, but it also adapts as your face changes over time.

**iPhone 8:** The iPhone 8’s sleek design is like the iPhone X, with glass on the front and back. It is available in silver, space grey and a new gold finish and introducing the A11 bionic chip, which is the most powerful and smartest chip ever in a smartphone, and uses a 64-bit design to run 25 percent faster than the A10 chip. The smartphone has an all-new 12-megapixel camera with a portrait mode, making it a great way to take high quality photos.

**Apple Watch:** The Apple Watch OS4 encourages a healthy lifestyle. With an intricate heart monitor, the new watch will notify users if their heart rates or heart beats are abnormal. Apple even launched an Apple Heart Study in collaboration with Stanford Medicine. The Series 3 Watch is the first Apple Watch to have built-in cellular, allowing non-iPhone-users to own one.

**Apple TV 4K:** Cook described the new Apple TV by saying, “This will bring cinematic quality to virtually everything that you watch.” It contains 4K and HDR image quality, sharper text and more vibrant colors. There is an A10X fusion chip, which is the same one used in the iPad Pro. The CPU performance is twice as fast as the current Apple TV, and it runs the latest version of TV OS.

Many of these technologies are revolutionary for the world of mobile connectivity. Apple’s innovative interfaces allow for a more in-depth user experience. The future of smartphones is becoming more and more like something out of a sci-fi movie. It is fascinating to see such a rapid progression in technological advancement.

Let Fashion Week begin: SS18

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Lifestyle Editor

Fashion Week is in full swing. Beginning last week in New York City, the Spring/Summer 2018 collections are full of vibrant colors, fun themes and even philosophical and political expressions. From Marc Jacobs’ tropical vibe to Oscar de la Renta’s gorgeous gowns, these designers have come together in a form of self-expression that showcases the importance of fashion.

Calvin Klein’s collection channeled many American horror films, such as Carrie and The Shining. Kaia Gerber, daughter of supermodel Cindy Crawford, also had the chance to walk her first runway with Calvin Klein.

Inspired by the late Oscar de la Renta’s admiration of museums, the Oscar de la Renta collection feature a variety of gowns that nearly resemble paintings.

Marc Jacobs sent his models down the runway with no music, as he has done for the past two seasons. The brilliant colors and patterns showcased a dazzling collection. There was, however, controversy surrounding Jacobs’ collection after he put head wraps on his models.

Though many well-known designers were recognized for their talents, a plethora of emerging artists also stepped up their game on the scene.

Now that Fashion Week has moved into the European scene, it will be fascinating to see what designers like Versace, Dior, Gucci and Armani present for their Spring/Summer 2018 collections.
The 2017-2018 NFL season is here: who are your top picks?

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As we open this new season, it is fitting to take a peek at some of this year’s Super Bowl favorites. I’d rank my top five Super Bowl favorites as the New England Patriots, Pittsburgh Steelers, Atlanta Falcons, Green Bay Packers and Seattle Seahawks. Here are some reasons why I think each of these teams could be in for a special season.

New England Patriots: It’s hard to bet against defending champs Tom Brady and Bill Belichick. The two have won five Super Bowls together and maintained year-to-year success that is rarely seen in sports. Even though Tom Brady just turned 40 years old, star tight end Rob Gronkowski has been battling injury for years, wide receiver Julian Edelman is out for the season and the team’s defense is short on depth, the Patriots know what it takes to win and have risen to the occasion too many times to count.

Pittsburgh Steelers: The Steelers will go as far as their offense can take them, and their offense can take them very far. Ben Roethlisberger is entering the twilight of his career, but he’s still one of the better quarterbacks in the league. Le’Veon Bell and Antonio Brown are arguably the best running back and wide receiver in the NFL respectively, and they are bolstered by a strong supporting cast. The main question for the Steelers will be whether their defense can be consistent enough for a deep playoff run.

Atlanta Falcons: Sometimes, the best catalyst for improvement is a crushing defeat. The Falcons had all offseason to recuperate from their Super Bowl collapse, and there is reason to believe they could avenge their loss this season. Matt Ryan, Julio Jones and Devonta Freeman all return from last season’s top-ranked offense. The team’s defense is talented, but still young and inexperienced. Last season’s Super Bowl loss showed that the Falcons are talented enough to beat any team in the league, but young enough to struggle when faced with pressure.

Green Bay Packers: The Packers are a bit of a mystery team. On one hand, they began last season 4-6, the normally electric defensive end Clay Matthews looked like a shell of himself all last season and star quarterback Aaron Rodgers looked shaky through large stretches of the season. On the other hand, the team finished the year on an eight-game winning streak before losing to the Falcons in the NFC championship, and Aaron Rodgers resumed his elite form. The team supplemented their inconsistent defense through free agency, so the major question for the Packers this year will be which version of them shows up this year.

Seattle Seahawks: The Seahawks will be led by their top-notch secondary, headed by Earl Thomas, Richard Sherman and Kam Chancellor. The team will also boast the formidable duo of Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright at linebacker. Despite their elite defense, the Seahawks’ season will likely hinge on the cohesiveness of their offense. The team struggled with their running game last year, and the offensive line was a disappointment. Quarterback Russell Wilson is as talented as they come, but if his linemen can’t protect him from opposing defenses, the Seahawks will have a hard cap on their potential this season.

Football is back, everyone. Heated rivalries, the deep green grass, chills from the CBS theme song on Sunday; it has all returned. Fall is wonderful. Fall means football.

Intramurals are fun, even if you suck; as told by a fellow beginner

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Playing a sport as a beginner is never an easy feat. With the burdens of managing body coordination as well as game strategizing, it is almost impossible for a beginner to hold any sort of grace on the field. Hannah Leung, now a junior, is here to tell us about a rough experience that she faced during her freshman year.

Q: Did you have any previous experience playing softball?
A: It was my first time ever playing softball. I had never played in a softball game before, so I had absolutely no idea what I was doing. I was asked by a friend to join her B-league softball team because she needed more players.

Q: What happened during your first softball game?
A: I arrived late to my game, and my teammates were setting up on the field for defense. As I was walking toward the sideline, our team captain told me to run to play the outfield position. I looked up at the field to where the batter was standing, and I thought to myself, “Good, I’m standing really far away from the front. That means the ball won’t come close to me.” I had a minor fear of softballs and the idea of getting hit by one. As I was standing at my position, I heard the crack from the bat hitting the ball.

People screamed, “Hannah! Hannah! It’s coming to you!” I was like, “What?” and then all of a sudden I see a ball in the air coming toward me. I started freaking out.


I held up my glove, waving both of my arms in the air, but the ball seemed like it was going to go farther than I expected, so I started running backward, still holding up my arms frantically. But as I was running backward, the rays of the sun blinded me, and I lost sight of the ball. The next time I saw it, it was one foot away from my face. My reflexes failed me, and the ball hit me straight on my forehead. I heard the pithing “Ooh” from the voices of the crowd. My face hurt, and the batter scored a home run. It was the most embarrassing thing ever.

Q: Did you play softball after that game?
A: I played for the rest of the season, but after realizing that softball wasn’t the sport for me, I haven’t played since. However, the season itself was really fun, and I enjoyed playing with my friends. My embarrassment from that game was quickly overcome after the same thing happened to my other teammate the next game.

Q: What would you say to anyone who’s thinking about playing in intramurals?
A: I would say that they should definitely do it. Even if you have an embarrassing incident like I did, it’s still worth it. Plus, now you can have a funny story to share.
### September

**Thur 21**
- 11:00 a.m. Convocation, Todd McFarland, Iles
- 11:30 a.m. Lights Volunteer Luncheon, Presidential Banquet Room
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Leadership Training Series, White Oak Room
- 5:30 p.m. Student Organization Treasurer’s Orientation, Presidential Banquet Room

First Day of Autumn
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. International Student Event, Wright Hall Steps
- 7:30 p.m. Ministerial Candidate Recognition, Ivan Williams, Thatcher Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers, Anna Bennett (Church)
- 9:30 p.m. GroupLink, Iles

**Fri 22**
- 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Kris Eckenroth (Church)
- 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Ministerial Candidate Recognition, Ivan Williams, Thatcher Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. The Experience Sabbath School, Church Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 10:15 a.m. French Sabbath School, Miller 201
- 10:15 a.m. Koinonia Sabbath School, IT Training Room
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal, Kris Eckenroth (Church)
- 11:35 a.m. Connect, Andy Nash (CA)
- 7:30 p.m. Evensong (Church)
- 8:30 p.m. All-night Softball Tournament, Summit Softball Complex

View Southern (24-25)
- 7:00 p.m. Performing Arts Series: Cashore Marionettes, Ackerman Auditorium

**Sat 23**
- Last day for 60% tuition refund
- Flag Football Season Begins
- 7:00 p.m. Fall at the Wall, Chris Oberg, Goliath Wall

**Sun 24**
- View Southern (24-25)
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**Mon 25**
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**Tues 26**
- 7:00 p.m. Fall at the Wall, Chris Oberg, Goliath Wall

**Wed 27**
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*Items in green are worship credit events

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Jonathan Mancao @lilmancao
Chemistry, SR"

"also, we raised over $3,000 in total from the shirts + donations + bake sale!!! I saw so much kindness today, it blows me away.
Casey Goldring @cvselyn
Elementary Education, SO"

"I’m always starving during times that it’s impossible to get food
Melodie Alvarez @BRAZUELAN
Nursing, JR"

"Those who have time to play in the game room of the student center are either doing school really right or really wrong
Adonijah McCann @ninaamcCann
Psychology, JR"

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Last week in Snaps

When the vending machine does you dirty

The things you hear college students say: 
"I just want to drop out and be a garbage man"

I'm just trying to eat my ice cream larma dang

I've got to do better.

They're playing Shrek music at a Wonderland themed banquet

The toilet just stole my ring 😳

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On Thursday, Sept. 21, Student Association (SA) hosted a keynote-style presentation in Lynn Wood Chapel at 7 p.m. Inspired by Apple’s minimalist and informative presentation style, SA unveiled future events.

SA President Phillip Warfield said, “After the excitement over Apple’s iPhone X, I realized that I loved the simplistic but exciting way to announce innovation and figured ‘Why not?’ I feel that it went really well and tons more people came than I expected. I want to do this again in January.”

SA officers were introduced by Warfield, followed by the officers’ individual presentations about the happenings and visions of their respective organizations.

Topics presented included Studio 4109: LIVE!'s first show on Nov. 21, Deep Sabbath on Oct. 21, KR's upcoming new food-ordering app, a list of places in which Southern students are offered discounts by showing their Southern ID cards, new worship opportunities and future SA events, among other things.

Marc-Anthony Pierre, assistant chaplain for Campus Ministries, discussed “The Plug,” a campus-wide joint worship facilitated through Campus Ministries.

“The Plug is where you can connect to Jesus and to others and be the plug,” Pierre said.

Braxton Young, junior computer systems administration major and creator of the KR’s app, said, “It’s super cool to be able to use my major to create something that people will be able to use on campus.”

The app will allow students to place their orders to KR’s from anywhere on campus and pick up their meal without waiting in line. Young and the KR’s staff are still discussing forms of identification for the app, but utilizing student ID numbers, emails or passwords will be considered. The project is still under construction, and more details will follow.

Three more SA events are slated for this semester: Fall Festival, Southern Ninja Warrior and the Christmas R&R Party.

According to Jake Strauss, SA’s social vice president, the SA Fall Festival will be an outdoor street fair with game booths put on by our campus’ student organizations. The Southern Ninja Warrior event will consist of 20 students competing for $500, and it will take place at the Outdoor Education Center. Students will hang, run, jump and swing through the obstacle course to win the title of the first Southern Ninja Warrior.

The Christmas event will be a rest and relaxation party held throughout Wright Hall. There will be therapy puppies, massages, smoothies, video games and many more relaxing activities. Posters and announcements with more information about the events will be made in the upcoming weeks.

Warfield concluded the presentation by restating the theme for the year, “This is Us,” and discussed plans for the Multicultural Performance Night at the end of the year.

After the event, Senate served root beer floats and apples outside of Lynn Wood Hall to the students who attended.

“The SA Keynote presentation was a relevant, creative way of presenting SA’s agenda,” said Dylan Gibbons, junior social work major. “I really enjoyed watching videos, hearing representatives of each section of SA pitch their ideas, and seeing the unique ideas SA is planning to put into practice this year. Not to mention the graphics were popping!”

“It was a perfect mix of comedy and information,” said Madeline Mace, junior fine arts major. “This was a great way to get our attention and reveal what SA had in store for our campus.”
Professor Hargrove to conduct online classes

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Professor Tara Hargrove, an associate professor in the School of Journalism and Communication (SJC) and the current executive producer of Studio 4109: LIVE!, will be leaving the SJC after eight years of service and will be moving to Colorado to pursue her doctorate degree. However, students will still be able to take her classes online. Hargrove currently teaches speech, two sections of film evaluation, Persuasion and Propaganda, and Intro to Acting, which will be continued via online campus.

“Effective teaching can be carried out online,” said Rachel Williams-Smith, dean of SJC. “I am not opposed to online teaching in a controlled setting.”

Because Intro to Acting had to be taught in person, Hargrove, along with SJC, held Intro to Acting intensives for the first three weeks of school. "Since acting is not something easily taught online," Hargrove said, “the semester-long class had to be canceled, which left a number of students disappointed.”

“I worked really hard to come up with a modified class so these students could still have this class,” Hargrove said. “We met for eight hours on three Sundays and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for three hours each night for two weeks.”

Regarding the online component of the class, students are required to do readings and watch videos, as well as log their practice hours and upload their individual monologues.

In terms of whether or not this will be a permanent decision, Williams-Smith said she is not ready to address anything past this year. “We are already in place for this semester and next semester, but beyond that, we will know better of what we are doing after next semester.”

Rachel Brouhard, senior graphic design major, said, “I think it’s an awesome opportunity to be able to use my creative ability to leave a mark on the school I’m attending.”

3-D Design class to design aspects of the new student center

DANIELLE ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

Fifteen students taking the 3-D Graphic Design class will help design certain aspects of the campus shop that will be located in the new Bietz Center for Student Life.

Randy Craven, Dean of the School of Visual Art and Design, said, Students will propose designs for a number of the venue’s primary features, including the storefront/entrance, interior architectural elements, name/branding design, retail displays, sales floor layouts and product packaging.

“When I proposed the idea of students creating design concepts for university interior spaces,” Craven said, “administration shared that they were happy that students could help shape the design choices for the student center, primarily because administration felt my class would have a perspective that would resonate with the larger student body at Southern.”

Craven is incorporating this project into the overall curriculum of the class. Students will form teams to collaborate on design concept proposals. These teams will then present their final proposals to a panel of university administrators who will select a winning concept.

“My students really enjoy the idea of helping develop a look and feel for the new campus shop that will appeal to their peers,” Craven said. Although the new student center is not set to finish construction until 2020, many students of the 3-D Graphic Design class are very excited about the opportunity to collaborate with university administration.
The Education Teaching Performance Assessment (edTPA), a new Tennessee licensure requirement for education majors, starts next year. The edTPA will be required in place of the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) Praxis exam and portfolio. Now, students will only take the Praxis exam that corresponds to their specialty and complete the edTPA.

Students will work on edTPA during student teaching. They will create around 40 pages of documentation based on teaching performance and knowledge, along with video recordings of themselves teaching. The documentation will be scored by professionals outside of the faculty at Southern. Krystal Bishop, education professor, describes this as “blind scoring.” This differs from the previous portfolio requirement, which is assessed by on-campus professors.

“edTPA is documenting effective teaching,” Bishop said. “It’s really high stakes. You don’t get your license if you don’t pass it, and if you pass it with a 42 or less, you have to do it over again.”

The edTPA officially starts winter semester of 2019, but current senior education majors will be piloting the program next semester. This differs from their original licensure plan that involved the portfolio and PLT Praxis. Since they are only testing out the program, their assessments will not be scored.

“It helps that we don’t have to do the portfolio anymore,” said Colton Eldred, senior history education major. “But now the semester before we graduate we have to do this 40-page-long assessment that doesn’t even count for us.”

“It sounds like it’s going to be a lot of work,” said Clayton Neil, senior history education major. “It’s better for those who dislike tests and prefer drawn out work, but worse for those who prefer studying for a test and getting it over with.”

Students who will be scored, such as current juniors, are preparing for the higher standards of the edTPA.

Kara Wait, junior liberal arts education major, said that edTPA will be more challenging than previous student teaching requirements.

“But the fact that all students in edTPA are being assessed impartially and anonymously adds a certain level of assurance that all graduates will be qualified and ready to enter the field,” Wait said.

Many teachers in the education department are still learning about the new assessment.

“I appreciate the fact that our profession is being more intentional in ensuring that teachers are prepared to be effective on their first day of teaching,” Bishop said.
Lucky 13, the Tribe champions of All-Night Softball

JOSEPH HYDE
STAFF WRITER

Southern held its annual All-Night Softball tournament last Saturday night, Sept. 23, at the Summit softball field. The night ended with Lucky 13 winning the championship for the women and the Tribe for the men.

The event started at 8:30 p.m. and continued until 4:45 a.m. Around 10 p.m., it began to storm, which caused a delay in the games and fluctuating crowds.

Many students, staff and community members came in support of the games. "I am here to support my friends and have a good time," said Shaina Rantung, senior public relations major.

Associate P.E. Health and Wellness professor Mike Boyd, a player on Old’s Cool, said that he has been playing on the same team for 11 years. Even though their record was not great (1-8), Boyd said, the members all play together because they are all older than the average player.

“If you want high-intensity softball, All-Night is the place to be,” Boyd said.

For a detailed recap of the games, see page 9.
**People of Southern**

**Gelissa Leville**  
Staff Writer

I became a volunteer diver in the aquarium in 2016. I started diving when I was 13. It’s just something I like to do a lot; it’s a passion of mine that I try to do when I can.

The head Aquarist at the Tennessee Aquarium is the husband of the dive teacher at Southern. I asked them about volunteer diving and they both encouraged me to do it. In January of 2016, I applied to be a volunteer diver. I sent it in a couple days late, so I was worried they wouldn’t accept me. The application process is pretty long. They have a written test, a pool test, and a couple swim tests. I was certain that there was no chance of me getting in. In March of 2016, I learned I was accepted.

It was the most dramatic way to get the news. I was snowmobiling during spring break with a group of friends. We’d gotten to the top of a huge mound of snow, and I’d had no service for most of the trip. Now that I’m at the top of the mountain, I have service. When I pulled out my phone to take a photo, I saw an email. It said, “Hello Sarah, thank you for your application. You’ve been accepted as a diver at the Tennessee Aquarium.” On top of a mountain, I screamed on top of a snowmobile, “I got accepted!”

The volunteer divers only work in three different tanks, the Big Ocean tank, the Nickajack Lake tank and the River Giants tank. We clean and feed those tanks and we give the dive shows. I get to feed the stingrays, the catfish, the sturgeon, the paddlefish. They’re huge! It’s probably the greatest thing ever.

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**Ask Andrew**

What is a good pickup line I can use in Life and Teachings of Jesus?

“Like Jesus said to the Samaritan woman in John 4, those who are with me will never be thirsty again.”

Can I propose on a first date?

Only if you want her to say “no.” If you’re about it, try on the second date.

I’m attracted to this girl, but she doesn’t seem to like my mustache. What should I do?

If she doesn’t like your mustache, she doesn’t like you. A real woman likes a mustache. Quit playing with fake women, you deserve better. #KnowYourWorth

If you want to submit any questions, email andrewcuevas@southern.edu with the subject “Ask Andrew.”

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**In support of #TakeTheKnee**

**Brandon Beneche**  
Managing Editor

The NFL has a problem, and it’s our president. This past weekend, President Trump called out NFL players who kneel during the national anthem. Trump accused them of being “sons of b****es” and called for them to be fired. Dozens of NFL players, joined by team staff, team owners and national anthem singers, responded with silent protests to the president’s comments during the national anthem. Many players chose to lock arms with their teammates, and others chose to kneel, raise their fists, remain seated or stay in their locker rooms. In a time where our politicians’ success depends on their entertainment value, I think it is more than fitting for athletes, entertainers in their own rights, to become involved in our country’s politics.

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began the kneeling trend last NFL season. Kaepernick chose to kneel during each national anthem in protest of the injustice he believes African-Americans face in our society. His decision spurred controversy throughout the season, with some arguing that his actions were unpatriotic and a disrespect to the American flag. Others, however, felt that Kaepernick’s actions were justified and that his decision, exercising his freedom of speech, was anything but unpatriotic.

I happen to agree. In my mind, protesting for the rights of our fellow citizens is the most American thing a person can do. In a country where the self-evident truth is that all are created equal, why shouldn’t we fight for those are being treated unfairly?

If anything, Trump’s denouncement of this peaceful protest is the real blemish to our flag. Our president, the face of our country, suggested that young men should be punished for peacefully exercising their right to free speech. Not only do I think this sentiment is immature, I believe it is dangerous. Regardless of legality or context, Trump believes that his actions should do what he wants, when he wants it done and how he wants it done. In a nation that prides itself on representative leadership, how have we come to a place where our president’s agenda is disproportionately based on self-interest?

So, I support the NFL players. I support their protests, and I support their unity. In times like these where our leader works to incite hatred, ignorance and division, I am proud to say that I am a fan of those who, in the face of criticism and adversity, choose to take a knee.
Take your worship outside

EDYN-MAE STEVENSON
RELIGION EDITOR

Ever since Hurricane Irma swept through Florida and the southeastern states, the weather has been nice—suspiciously nice, if you ask me. The next week is showing forecasts for about 80 degrees and sunny, which means it’s not too late in the semester to spice up your devotional life by taking it outside.

What better way is there to experience God than through His creation? Ellen White says that while Jesus was growing up, He was constantly spending time with His Heavenly Father via the nature around Him. In chapter 10 of her book “Education,” she said, “To him who learns thus to interpret its teachings, all nature becomes illuminated; the world is a lesson book, life a school. The unity of man with nature and with God, the universal dominion of law, the results of transgression, cannot fail of impressing the mind and molding the character.”

Job 12:7-8 and 10 says, “But ask the animals, and they will teach you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you.... In His [God’s] hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”

Fortunately for us Southern students, we live in a lovely, quiet little valley with all sorts of nice places to have a great outdoor worship session. So don’t spend your early morning cooped up in your dorm room. Go take a walk on the biology trails—just you and the trees and your Creator. Find a quiet place to set up a hammock in the student park. Bring your Bible and a journal and get to work. Take your breakfast to go and eat on a bench in the prayer garden. I promise God will still listen to you if you talk to Him while you’re eating. Take an evening and go spread a blanket out under the Goliath Wall and watch the sky darken and the stars appear.

So much of God can be experienced if we just get ourselves out of the front door. Don’t miss out on all the wonderful things He made for us to enjoy. Get outside; spend some time with your Heavenly Father. I promise you won’t regret it.

Worship thoughts from a Math professor

ADAM HECK
CONTRIBUTOR

In preparation for Calculus, one spends a decent amount of time studying the various functions (algebraic, logarithmic, trigonometric, etc.) that are needed for the course. One way we do this is to try to generalize certain groups of functions and to study their properties together. For instance, the functions all have similar properties. There are small differences, of course, but for the most part these functions look and behave in a similar fashion.

The main way that we address properties of classes of functions is to relate them back to a parent function. In the example above, the parent function would be. The behaviors and shape of the above functions, then, will mirror that of (again, with small differences).

I like the fact that we use the term “parent function” to describe this process. I have two little boys (four and two as of this writing), who love to imitate. If I fall down while singing a song, they’ll do the same. If I’m out mowing the lawn, they want to get out their toy mowers and join me (I’d love it if they do this when they are 16). Just the other day, my older son took a paper cup and put it next to my water bottle on the kitchen sink and said, “Now, I’ll get water like daddy.” There is just a deep desire in kids to imitate what they see.

Most of us have heard sermons in our lives about Jesus’ statement in Matthew 18 about becoming a little child. “Truly I tell you, He said, ‘Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’” (Matthew 18: 3 NIV). A lot of these sermons discuss having a child like faith or practicing humility. These ideas aren’t wrong of course, but I sometimes wonder if the idea of being a child is more about imitating our heavenly Father.

My current favorite song is “Elohim” by Hillsong. The chorus goes something like this.

God is patient.
God is kind.
He does not envy.
He does not boast.
His ways are higher than my own,

His thoughts consume the great unknown.
Of this alone I am sure
Our God is love.

That just about sums up what our Heavenly Father is all about. May you embrace His great love for you, and like a child may you go out and practice the same.

Adam Heck is an associate professor in the math department who regularly sends out worship emails to students to apply a biblical lens to math.
The indispensable 14th Amendment

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The United States Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787. This year, we are celebrating 230 years of our Constitution. Throughout its history, the Constitution has been amended 27 times.

My favorite Amendment of all time, besides the Second, is the 14th Amendment, which was ratified on July 9, 1868. This was one of several postwar amendments added to the Bill of Rights following the fight over constitutional interpretations during the Civil War.

The 14th Amendment is a favorite of mine because of the Privileges and Immunities Clause. Article Four of the Constitution already guaranteed equal protection under the law, but the scope was interpreted as limited to only U.S. citizens.

Since African-Americans were not considered citizens at the time, full and equal protection under the law was rarely applied to them. The 14th Amendment expounded on this idea to say that anyone in the United States, citizen or not, was entitled to all the legal protections of a citizen, and that no state shall make a law violating the rights of citizens of the federal government.

According to Section One of the 14th Amendment, it protects everyone in the country equally, legal or not, but it also strengthens the rights we already have. This Amendment has been used numerous times in the high courts of our country and sets strong precedent. In 2008 and 2010, the Supreme Court of the United States used the 14th Amendment to decide on two landmark firearms cases. These cases were Heller v. District of Columbia and McDonald v. City of Chicago.

The provisions of the 14th Amendment protecting civil rights across the board helped the justices to find that the carrying of a handgun for self-defense is within the scope of the Second Amendment. Both the District of Columbia and the City of Chicago had at the time been restricting access to concealed carry licenses, but these cases interpreted in the light of the 14th Amendment said that Chicago and D.C. were violating the Second Amendment by denying citizens the right to carry a handgun for their self-defense.

Even more recently, the 14th Amendment has been used to block portions of Donald Trump’s travel ban. The Trump administration tried to send back people who had landed at JFK in New York because they were non-citizens from banned countries. However, since they were on U.S. soil, the 14th Amendment applied to them, entitling them to due process before being deported. The deportations were halted by a federal judge.

The 14th Amendment has done a lot for us as a country in terms of securing our freedoms and making sure everyone in this country, legal or not, can enjoy them.

My response to “the overheard conversation”

I want to start by affirming “the girl who heard.” You are absolutely right. Nothing I say should be taken to mean that you were wrong to feel the way you felt or that the males you overheard were right to speak the way they spoke. Your feelings are completely understandable. Gentlemen, imagine yourselves in our shoes if you can! When the men said, “the university should do something about...,” and “I don’t need that temptation...,” it implied that the problem lay elsewhere rather than in their own hearts.

And yet, let me add to the conversation. I, too, am a woman. In terms of full disclosure, I am a faculty member, and I am older than most students on this campus. Perhaps that makes me less likely to appreciate current fashion trends. But perhaps it makes me more likely to see current fashion trends objectively. Years ago at another Adventist institution, I heard a dorm worship counseling young women to consider male psychology and to bear it in mind when making wardrobe decisions. I felt it was a valuable worship experience.

Were those men overheard by our anonymous sister right to discuss women as objects, to discuss women as a stumbling block to their spirituality, or as somebody else’s problem? No, I do not believe they were. On the other hand, let us all consider the words of Paul who counseled us to not look only to our “own interests but also to the interests of the others,” (Phil. 3:3, 4) and urged us to “stop passing judgment on one another,” and rather to instead “not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister,” (Rom. 14:13).

“let us all consider the words of Paul who counseled us to not look only to our ‘own interersts but also to the interests of the others.’”

I would urge us, sisters, to consider whether there is not something for us to learn from this experience, too. May God bless each of us, male and female, to seek, as a community, “to encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thess. 1:11) and “all the more as you see the Day approaching” (Heb. 10:25).

The Accent has chosen to honor the author’s request to remain anonymous due to the nature of this topic.
Four skin care tips for the fall months

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Lifestyle Editor

Cooler temperatures can wreak havoc on one’s skin, and it is very important to have a good skin care routine in those dry months. Start preparing now with these simple steps:

1. Hydrate: This is such a crucial step. Drink lots of water to keep your skin hydrated, but also invest in a great moisturizer. Whether you have dry or oily skin, you should find a moisturizer that is suited to your skin type.

2. Nourish: During the winter, we are not receiving as much of the vitamin D that our skin craves! Instead, nourish your skin with lemon juice or turmeric powder masks (Pinterest is great for finding new recipes for face masks and skin care.)

3. Exfoliate: Refresh your face two to three times per week with a great exfoliator. Even if you have sensitive skin, it is important to get rid of those old dead skin cells! There are plenty of types of exfoliators catering to different skin types.

4. Balance: Not sleeping enough, eating too much, or not eating enough? The life of a college student is often very stressful, but your skin needs a balance of sleep and nutrition to stay healthy. It’s not just about how it looks either; the function of your skin can be severely impaired when it’s suffering from a bad diet or lack of sleep.

Skin care isn’t something that should be super expensive or luxurious, though it is fun to indulge sometimes. Taking care of your skin is an important part of personal hygiene, and it should be treated with just as much care as the rest of your body. Glowing skin is always in, so be sure to take care of what you’ve got. After all, you’ll be stuck with it the rest of your life.

What are some of YOUR favorite skin care routines?

POP It! POP Pilates comes to SAU

Kris ten Von noh
Lifestyle Editor

Ladies, ever wanted a boost to your normal pilates routine? Guys, have you ever wanted to try something like pilates without being embarrassed? Now you can with the new POP Pilates class at the Hulsey Wellness Center.

Autumn Cofield, instructor of POP Pilates, is a junior nursing major with a passion for fitness. She started the class because she loves Blogilates, a fitness and lifestyle website and Youtube channel, with entrepreneur Cassey Ho, the creator of POP Pilates. POP Pilates is not traditional pilates; it is actually a pilates-inspired workout choreographed to the Top 40 Hits. It’s a total body workout that Cofield describes as “fine-tuning the little muscles in your body.”

After the first class of only four students, Cofield showed up one evening to a class of 20 people, including three guys. “It’s been really fun,” Cofield said, “The music is just really upbeat, and I think that’s inspiring. Workouts should be fun.”

Aided by posters put up around the school, the class continues to grow. Alexis Jones, junior English major, said, “I love going to POP Pilates because I enjoy group workouts! It’s super fun and upbeat. The workouts target different areas of your body, and you’ll definitely feel strengthened and empowered the morning after.”

Cofield’s passion for fitness and health is evident in her class. “I just want to help people live a holistic life, and I feel like this really goes along with my vision.”

Ashley Hunte, freshman Spanish major, described the class as “a great way to exercise if you have trouble following regular exercise routines, and,” Hunte said, “you get to do it with a group.” Hunte also said, “The moves are easy to follow, and dancing with music keeps me motivated to exercise when I would normally give up.”

POP Pilates meets every Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. No equipment is needed, but Cofield said you are more than welcome to bring your own mat if you’d like. Everyone is welcome: beginner or advanced, guy or girl. Kristen Eldred, junior English major, said, “Pilates is a really unique PE class because it focuses on the mind as well as the body. It’s a good class to take for anyone wanting something different than a sport. It was definitely a lot harder than I thought it’d be though; the ab workouts are tough!”
All Night Softball highlighted by upsets

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Sports Editor

On Sept. 23, one of Southern’s most popular sports events took place: All-Night Softball. All-Night Softball has been a popular tradition for students and faculty alike for over 20 years. The excitement that unfolds throughout the night from homeruns, upsets and team rivalries makes this event unlike any other. Here are some of the thrilling energy that took place this year.

The evening began smoothly. With the weather channel predicting clear skies, there was hope that the night would run efficiently with no interruptions. But the weather lived up to its unpredictability, and by 10 p.m., a thunderstorm struck the softball fields. Despite the delay, after the storm teams quickly got back on their feet and the games resumed.

The girls’ tournament had some exciting upsets. One came from the Hit Squad (B-League) who managed to knock 3-Up-3-Down (A-League) out of the tournament. SOS (A-League) in an unexpected turn of events, defeated the previously undefeated team Lucky 13, moving them down to the losing bracket. Although all the girls teams played phenomenally, the highlight of the night occurred when SOS and Lucky 13 met again at the finals for one last rematch.

The girls’ finals game had a rough start, with both teams striking out and no points scored. However, the dry spell quickly ended for Lucky 13 in the second inning when Taylor Schepers hit the ball far out into the outfield, giving Natalie Diaz, teammate at first base, time to score Lucky 13’s first point. Next, with the first and third bases loaded, Lexie Crone hit the ball into the middle of the outfield, and Lucky 13 secured a 3-0 lead. SOS fought back by scoring their first point in the next inning, however, Lucky 13 showed no mercy and came back to score six more runs, winning the game 9-1. Since SOS was previously undefeated in the tournament and the double elimination rule calls for two defeats, Lucky 13 and SOS had to face each other for one more game.

Although SOS tried to slow down Lucky 13, Lucky 13 quickly dominated the game and won the championship title with a score of 7-2. Despite the loss, SOS still walked out with a sportsmanship-like attitude. When asked about her team’s performance, SOS’s captain, JP Mathis, stated that they “played amazing.” We had a lot of fun tonight, and honestly, anyone is a winner whenever they get to exercise, socialize and have fun overall. And I believe that my team was able to accomplish those things tonight.”

When asked about Lucky 13’s performance, captain Cassandra White said, “We had a rough start at the beginning, but I believe that being placed in the loser’s bracket really helped us overall because it motivated us and gave us momentum to pull through to the end.”

The men’s league also had some upsets and thrills of its own. B-League teams, Duck Duck Goose and There’s Always Next Year, managed to defeat A-League teams, Big Softballer Brand and Rampage, respectively.

The efforts of American Kids (A-League) also deserve recognition. Despite their early loss in the tournament, the American Kids fought their way up the bracket and into the semifinals. During the semifinals, they were able to pull off a surprising win against the Zombeavers, who defeated them earlier in the tournament. In the seventh inning, losing by a score of 1-3, the Americans Kids scored three runs and barely won with a score of 4-3, earning their spot in the finals against the Tribe.

In the final game, the Tribe started out strong in the first inning. With second and third bases full, Josh Harris sent the ball into the right corner, allowing his teammate at third base to score. During the next at bat, Christian Bunch slammed the ball far into the right outfield, and his teammates scored two more points, securing three points for the Tribe.

The American Kids had a slow scoring start at first, but by the third inning, Paul Liriano hit a hard drive into the right outfield. With a few more solid batting performances by the American Kids and some mistakes by the Tribe, the American Kids managed to end the third inning with a score of 3-5.

However, during the fifth inning, Bunch again hit the ball far down the line of the right field for a clutch triple. His teammate followed up with solid hit, which brought Bunch home, giving Tribe a score of 6-3. Despite the efforts of the teams in the last two innings, neither was able to score anymore, and the Tribe walked out victorious with a score of 6-3.

Tribe’s captain, John Garvin, stated that “[his] team played a solid defense tonight even though [they] had a little struggle with hitting.” Garvin also said, “I think our best play of the night was Christian Bunch’s home run.”

Brady Tull, AJ Sato and Tate Vanegmond, American Kids’ captains, stated that their favorite part of the night was playing with their teammates because “it’s rare to have such a great group of guys.”

Troy Walker, the coordinator of this event, commented, “Considering the storm, it still ran very smoothly. I’m very happy by how it turned out. The umpires were great, and the overall attitude of the players was great. There was very good softball tonight.”
**student life announcements**

**Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon:** The 34th Annual Sunbelt Cohutta Springs Triathlon will take place on Oct. 1 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center. For further details visit the website: www.southerntriathlon.com. For registration information, contact Kari Shultz, Director of Student Life & Activities, and for general race information, contact Bob Benge in Iles P.E. Center.

**McKee Library** will offer the “Writing & Revision Workshop” seminar on October 10 at noon.

**SA announcements**

**Senior Photos** will be taken Oct 10 and Oct 12 from noon to 7 p.m. in the Sherrie Norton Room in the Student Center.

**you say it’s your birthday...**

**THURSDAY 28**
Paola Charnichart
Matt Davis
Nick Wanovich

**FRIDAY 29**
Aaron Comley
Etienne Hein
Condrasheera Joao
Kate Landon
Madelyn Rogers
Joshuwa Shelton

**SATURDAY 30**
Melodie Alvarez
Alexandra Dye
Eric Hanna
Melodi Johnson

**MONDAY 2**
Rence Arroyo
Jamia Cole
Danyla Etienne
Connor Koerting
Danielle Laurent

**TUESDAY 3**
Nick Griffin
Sarah Haas
Brian Hustad
Becky Oxentenko
Sarah Parris
Christian Sorto

**WEDNESDAY 4**
Seth Bermudez
Vanessa Hernandez
Samantha Landau
Allan-Roy Sison
Madison Wing

*items in green are worship credit events*
new media

"Its Monday. I’m ashamed that view southern students have to witness this mess on a Monday. :( #SAUlife"

Jenny Wheeler @Sagorii
Biology, JR

"I think Southern believes one of the main food groups is bell peppers #saulife"

Audrey Fankhanel @dreyfankhanel
Mass Communications, SO

"Is it actually vespers if they don’t mention marriage or dating? #saulife"

Nicole Carrillo @nykole_16
Management, JR

"Avocados are too expensive for me to buy now, so I guess I’ll buy a house."

Angela Fears @angiepieee
Nursing, SR

"Never ever tired at 11 pm... unless I have a test the next day."

Elaine David @LanyDavid
Chemistry, SR

"add to my resumé that i’m proficient in “Shooting the breeze”"

Ben Mixon @BenMixon
Public Relations, JR

"Trusting God is only hard if you don’t trust him. He hasn’t failed you yet, and is always working behind the scenes. Trust him"

Mark-Anthony Pierre @MarcAnthony0107
Chaplain’s Office Assistant

"i get so intrigued when couples delete pictures off of each other on insta... did something happen? did they break up? I JUST WANNA KNOW lol"

Lea Alegado @itsjustleeya
Nursing, SR

#saulife @southern_accen #saulife @southern_accen
If professors were rappers

Mark Peach as Peach-T
“Got 99 problems and architecture is my favorite one”

Linda Tym as 2 Tymz
“All I want for my birthday is Edgar Allen Poe”

Laurie Redmer Minner as Lil Minner
“I know you want to skip practice, making excuses for all of your actions”

Andy Nash as Young Money Nash Money
“Real Gs move in silence like Gnash”

Autumn Schilleman as 8Zn
“Tuesday and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I just keep grading essays on the weekend”

Leon Weeks as The Weeks
“You talking grades, need a hearing aid – You want me to raise your D to a perfect A”

Philip Samaan as Gucci Maan
“I’m so I-C-Y all the students love Gucci Maan, and I see why”

Judy Sloan as Post Masloan
“Now they always say congratulations, got my PhD and a good pay check”

Brent Hamstra as Hams the Rapper
“If one more student try to stop me, I’m just tryna get home cause today is Friday”

Marc Boyson as Marci B
“I’m the hottest in Brock, know all you students heard of me”

Kristie Wilder as Wildish Gambino
“Too late, you wanna get the credit, but now it’s too late”
We are Latinx

Special Edition: Celebrating Latin American heritage and culture
student voices

Editorial: Latin American heritage special edition

In honor of Latin American heritage month, the Accent staff has decided to dedicate this issue to bringing the stories and opinions of our Latin American students to light. The faces featured on our cover represent Latinx of many backgrounds and skin tones. We're Brazilian, Costa Rican, Dominican, Puerto Rican, Mexican and so much more. We're of European, Native and African American descent. We're rich and vibrant and beautiful—a melting pot of melanin and culture. We hope this issue fosters conversation about both the beauty and complexity of Latin American culture.

This is the first of several culturally-themed issues. Throughout the year, we'll be celebrating Asian, Black and European Heritage in an effort to embrace diversity and celebrate culture within our campus.

In this issue, the term “Latinx” is used in our stories as a gender-neutral term in place of Latino(a).

The bueno, the malo, the racist

“Orgullosa”, grateful and honored are understatements when describing how I feel about being Latina. My Puerto Rican and Dominican roots are interlaced throughout my thick, dark hair; my loud, boisterous voice and my constant craving for my mother’s “arroz con habichuelas negras y aguacate”. There is no getting around how much I love where I come from. Feelings of brotherhood come instantly when finding out that a random classmate shares my ethnicity. Our hugs and our kisses on the cheek are as warm as our climates. However, behind the beautiful beaches of San Juan and the infectious, rhythmic beat of bachata, there lies an inherent problem tied to every Latino country’s culture that we need to talk about: racism.

Growing up in a Latino household would simply be lacking if my family did not bring up what kind of man I am planning on marrying. He should be a Christian, more specifically, an Adventist; he should be musical; and, of course, he should be white.

Funnily enough, while my mother is a white Puerto Rican woman, my father is a black Dominican man. So why was I told to marry the “mejorar la raza”? The answer to this question is deeply rooted in colonialism-inspired racism throughout Latin America. Dating back to when Spain colonized Latin America, eurocentrism was instilled in the indigenous peoples. The indigenous peoples were manipulated and controlled into believing the colonists’ lies.

Today, this eurocentrism looks like being admired by fellow Latinos for having straight hair, known as “pelo bueno”, or being looked down on for having Afro-textured hair, known as “pelo malo.” This eurocentrism looks like getting complimented on your “good skin” if you are fair-skinned and not getting looked at twice if you have a dark complexion.

This eurocentrism, thanks to colonization, is prevalent in nearly every Latin American culture. As proud Latinx, we would like to pretend that our racial differences do not exist. Well, this is a wake-up call for all of us. It is time we recognize and change the issues of our culture. This recognition and change can begin with acknowledging and applauding the beauty in being Afro-Latin and with calling out common phrases and thought processes in our culture like “mejorar la raza” for the normalized racism they truly are.

Our predecessors’ thoughts do not have to become our own. My family, similar to Latin families everywhere, is loving and welcoming to every person they meet. But old, hateful ideas disguised as tradition have harshly clouded their hospitality. Thankfully, Latin American communities have become far more accepting compared to years past. Yet this cultural change would have never manifested if not for individuals who stood up to be that difference. As a people, by listening and conversing with each other, we can grow together and learn together. Change can only happen “si lo hacemos juntos.”

1 Proud
2 rice with black beans and avocado
3 better the race; keep it pure
4 good hair
5 bad hair
6 if we do it together
**Latin American or Hispanic: The differences and similarities**

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SA President

From the deserts of the American Southwest and Mexico, to the mountains of Peru, to the islands of the Caribbean, Latinx and Hispanics are a culturally rich group of individuals. So often the differences between Hispanic and Latinx are blurred in America. Similar to the way Blacks are no longer simply called Black but can also be called African-American, Afro-Dominican, Afro-Cuban, etc., Latin Americans and Hispanics are no longer considered the same category.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines Latin American as someone “based in or relating to the American countries south of the U.S. where people speak Spanish and Portuguese.” Additionally, people from French-speaking countries such as Haiti and French Guiana also qualify as Latin American.

Hispanics are Latin Americans, but Latin Americans are not necessarily Hispanic. The definition of a Hispanic person is an individual of Spanish-speaking descent. This means that Brazilians, Haitians and people from other countries located within Latin America who speak languages that are not Spanish are not considered Hispanic. The difference between Latin American and Hispanic, simply, is geographic location and language.

The fine line between these two is hard to define, and the United States Census since 1970 has taken several steps to modify the term with each new collection. Since the term “Hispanic” was first introduced in the U.S. Census of 1970, the Census has taken steps to include Latin American as a separate definition.

Latin American is not a race. If one were to travel from Brazil to Mexico or even from Haiti to the Dominican Republic, there would be a distinct difference, but all would be considered Latin American. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Spanish or Latin may be of any race—Asian-Latinx and Afro-Latinx exist, for example.

Due to such flexibility, Latin Americans area beautiful blend of Native Americans, Blacks, European Spaniards and more. Together, this blend permeates heavily throughout Latin American culture and arts, whether through salsa and its African backbeat or the heavy emphasis on Roman Catholicism stemming from Spanish Europeans during colonialism.

In the same way that it is hard to apply blanket statements on one culturally-rich group of people, it is hard to apply one stereotype to our university. It’s a difficult feat to group all of us into one label. Together, we make up who Southern is; whether you identify with being Latin American/Hispanic, African-American/Black, Asian/Pacific Islander or of European descent, we are all a part of our university. Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, however, is National Hispanic Heritage Month. Latinos and Hispanics are the biggest minority on campus, as well as the biggest minority in the United States today. I invite you to join in the celebration of their culture, no matter what you identify with.

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**Misconceptions about being Mexican**

**XINIA ARANA**
Contributor

According to CNN, there are around 54 million Hispanic people in the United States, comprising over 17 percent of the population. Here at Southern Adventist University, 23.04 percent of the student body is Hispanic. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world. Despite the growth of Hispanics or Latinx, some people still categorize anyone who has brown skin as “Mexican.” They also will place someone who appears Mexican as an undocumented immigrant.

According to the Census Bureau, a Hispanic or Latinx is “a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin regardless of race.” Being Hispanic does not automatically make one Mexican mean that one speaks “Mexican” (as if that were actually a language). Being Latin does not automatically mean that one speaks Spanish. Brazilians are Latinx but speak Portuguese, which has words similar to Spanish but is a completely different language. Also, being Hispanic does not mean that one cannot speak English well. English and Spanish are both the primary languages for Hispanics born in the U.S.

Although there are many Hispanics who reside here were born in the United States. Not all are undocumented, uneducated or dangerous. Just like any race or background, depending on the personality and mindset, a person will become who he or she wants to be. The race of a person does not determine how far one will go.

Being Hispanic or Latinx is a beautiful thing, and many of us are proud of our heritage. I believe people need to ask friends about their background instead of making assumptions. Hispanics or Latinx can come from Central America, South America or islands such as Dominican Republic or Cuba. I am a proud Hispanic along with the rest of my Hispanic/Latinx family here on campus.
Trending: Mixed girls

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CONTRIBUTOR

Anyone who’s on Instagram has seen the sudden stream of hundreds of girls with light brown skin and thick curly hair. Everyone wants natural, thicker or longer hair. Girls are out buying pills and products to make their hair grow. Natural hair is definitely all the rage. While this is great for girls like my sister and me, this hasn’t always been the case.

Growing up in Bermuda, we were always the odd ones out. With our lighter skin and long loose curls, we were foreigners among our own peers. I can recall trying to convince classmates that I was born in the same country as them. I remember spending hours in the sun trying to become darker in the summertime. I remember wishing I could get my hair relaxed like the other girls in my class. However, my sister got the brunt of it because she’s much lighter than I am. I remember kids (and even family members) constantly calling her “whitey” or “paleface.” People would ask if she and I were cousins or if she was adopted. Most of the time she’d laugh it off, but sometimes it would really hurt her.

We couldn’t seem to find our place because we didn’t seem to fit in with the Hispanic side of our family either. We spoke Spanish like “gringas” and neither of us liked avocado. We knew nothing about salsa or reggaeton. My sister simply went from being “paleface” to “blanquita”.

You see, before we were trending, we were outcasts. Before we were popular, we were misfits. It’s a strange feeling that only a few understand, where you can be everything and still fit in nowhere. Despite all of that, we’ve learned to love ourselves and both sides of our culture. We shouldn’t have to choose between either side. We love watermelon and cassava pie as much as we love maltas and tostones. Something needs to change, and change will only come once we stop focusing on the trends.

God created us all in his image, so whether we’re Black, White, Asian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, etc., we need to start treating each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34 NIV).

1 a white American
2 a white-skinned person

My life as a second-generation Hispanic

GUS MORETTA
CONTRIBUTOR

The beginning of my life story is similar to the story of other Hispanics in this country. Both of my parents immigrated to the United States. As a result, when people ask me where I am from, they usually just wonder what my heritage is instead of where I live.

Ultimately, it confused me. I eventually resorted to telling people that I was from California and had moved to Michigan, and they did not need to know further details. The more I said this, the more I began to become distant from the heritage that I was blessed with. In fact, I had little feelings of empathy toward my Mexican and Dominican roots; I was just more proud of the fact that I was American. You see, my parents have a command of the English language that is comparable to college graduates. Their Spanish is also impeccable. Knowledge of both languages alongside with the environment at home helped me to see the world from a broader perspective.

Let me explain an aspect of this home environment in terms of food. If you go to my house, you won’t be treated with just Dominican and Mexican food. You will also be served Indian, Thai, Cuban and European delights. My parents, the ones who have ventured from the borders of their countries, have learned that this world is smaller than we think. It is a place full of amazing opportunities mixed with misconceptions about life. My parents identify as children of God. With that layer of understanding, they recognize that everyone is a creation of His.

It took me 21 years to understand that. It wasn’t until my ethnic group was marginalized in a way that affected me that I came to an uncomfortable crossroads. It was up to me to choose whether I would uphold my heritage or abandon it. Recent events have further reinforced my appreciation of my heritage. I now have added to my identity: an American of Mexican and Dominican origin, son of God. Too bad it took me 21 years to figure that out.

Proud Mexican: A poem

DENISE ANGEL
CONTRIBUTOR

I am a proud Mexican who comes from illegal parents.
Let me say this louder.
I AM A PROUD MEXICAN
who comes from undocumented parents.
The American dream was so important to my mother making sure that we weren’t born like the other Mexicans who can’t cross the line, the border.
So at eight months pregnant my mother struggled in order To make us born American Citizens.
I could only imagine the sweat and tears she shed The blood on the bottom of her feet, and not being fed.
For days, because she had a dream that we would be Americanos
Born and raised here, not like them who were chicanos.
Surrounded by the American Culture, trying to assimilate I felt so left out, like I could never relate.
To the sleepovers I could never attend.
And it was so hard explaining to your friends because they wouldn’t comprehend
that being Mexican came with parents who were afraid that I might get hurt or my friends would betray me because my parents were undocumented.
Being bilingual was a skill I never embraced.
With my parents speaking broken English, I felt so ashamed.
You could barely understand them, they had to repeat
Always being translators for them, when they felt the defeat.
I always felt sorry for them because they never finished their education.
But they were dedicated to our lives and had the motivation.
To work at least 50 hours a week to sustain our house with no loans.
And I thank God every day that he built our strong home.
From love and care and tears draped with sacrifice.
Because what they did for us, to me it is like paradise.
No tengo miedo de hablar en Español, Soy Mexicana y tengo el valor Para pelear por los derechos de mis papás.
Han habitado en este país por más De 24 años.
That should be enough.
Being a social worker opens many doors to fight
For those who need to be heard, because we ALL have rights.
We all are humans and are under the God
Who did not abandon my mother the nights she would sob.
Herself to sleep, because she was afraid to live in a society full of hate.
In a society where racism exists and instead blame
Others for their own actions, but I am no longer ashamed.
Of who my parents are because they are undocumented.
So I will say this clear and loud:
That as a daughter of undocumented parents, I am PROUD.
Yes, I’m not fluent in Spanish

ANGELICA ACEVEDO
Contributor

Hola, como estas y'all? I wish I could give you more, but that’s about the extent of my “Georgia Rican” use of Spanish on any given day. Growing up as a third-generation Puerto Rican, Spanish wasn’t my first language. Hard to believe, I know. I can already feel some of y’alls eyes judging me. Don’t worry, I get it all the time. I grew up receiving all the questions I’m sure many of my third-gen kids can relate to: “You aren’t fluent in Spanish? Why not?” or “Your parents should be ashamed. They had one job. In my house we only speak Spanish.” Oh, and my favorite of all, “You don’t have enough color in your friend group; you need to make more Hispanic friends; how else are you going to find a husband?”

I’d like to clear some misconceptions. I can’t speak for all third-gen kids, but I sure can speak for me. I’m not fluent in Spanish—not because I haven’t tried learning. I’ve taken all the classes, downloaded all the apps, but hello? I live in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, enough said. Also why are you surprised English was my first language? Of course English was my first language; I was born in Florida. Besides, my parents didn’t want me to be made fun of in school for being different or for being behind like my older brother was. As if school isn’t hard enough. Lastly just because I don’t speak Spanish doesn’t mean I’m any less Puerto Rican than a fluent Boricua is.

Now that I’ve said my peace, let’s get to the pros here. Being a third-gen is a privilege. Here’s why: 1) I get to belong to more Hispanic friends and爸爸. 2) I love being American, this country is my home. However, Puerto Rico is in my blood. Cut me open and you'll find adobo and fried rice will come right out. 2) My cultural duality has made me a better person. I can relate to others in a way our society today seems to struggle with. I’ve learned to appreciate all the things that make people different, and I know from firsthand experience that I can learn and grow from the differences I see all around me. 3) THE FOOD, YALL. My upbringing consisted of arroz con habichuelas, mofongo and flap, but I also got to enjoy biscuits and gravy, grits, and dumplings. Best of both worlds, am I right?

I am who I am because of where my parents are from, and I am who I am because of where I was born. In my opinion, we could all gain from adopting little gems from the cultures we’re blessed to be surrounded by here at Southern. Let’s open our eyes (and taste buds) to what this campus and the world has to offer, because I truly believe that diversity is a gift from God that I get to experience every day of my life. Thanks, Mom and Dad.

Ask Andrew

My car is making some weird noises, but I don’t really have the money to get it checked out. Are there any noises I should look out for?

In specific, check if the ting go skrrahaah, pap pap ka-ka-ka, or if it goes skidiki-pap-pap. If it’s any of those, just get a new car.

My friends are treating me as an outcast because I put ketchup on my beast-wrap. I’m starting to feel really lonely. What can I add to my food to seem more normal?

Use the sauce, no ketchup, just raw sauce.

Where do Big Franks come from?

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New Collegedale Church pastor speaks for Fall at the Wall

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Lead Reporter

“T’m extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to share Jesus on Southern’s campus last week.”

—Kris Eckenroth

During the annual fall week of prayer, Southern students were introduced to Collegedale Church’s new disciple and community pastor, Kris Eckenroth. In his six-part sermon series themed “Jesus is crazy in love with us,” Eckenroth challenged students to engage in a relationship with Jesus.

Each night, students heard Bible stories such as Peter walking on water and the thief on the cross. Eckenroth found a way to root each story in Jesus long after personal relationships with people. Many students joined Eckenroth at the stage Friday night during the final appeal to engage in a relationship with Jesus.

“I’m extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to share Jesus on Southern’s campus last week,” Eckenroth said. “It is one of my greatest joys to work with and minister to young adults. Goliath Wall is one of the greatest outdoor venues. Jesus will soon return and it was exciting to see decisions made.”

Gabrielle Williams, vice presidents coordinator for Campus Ministries, planned Fall at the Wall.

“Planning six services for Fall at the Wall was a challenging and exciting experience for me,” Williams said. “It was the first time I’ve ever planned anything like this. Since it’s only my second year at Southern, I found myself not completely sure of what Fall at the Wall was supposed to look like. It required a lot of trust in God.”

This was Eckenroth’s first time addressing the student body.

“Fall at the Wall was a great opportunity to introduce him to the student body and help to put a name to the face of the new pastor,” Williams said.

Kimberly Robinson, Campus Ministries’ creative content worker, designed posters to advertise for the event. Williams organized praise teams to lead worship on assigned evenings, and Southern’s audio-visual team set up the outdoor venue with necessary equipment each night.

Williams’ hope is that “week of prayer would be a place that students would be willing to pause from their busy week and encounter Jesus. Even if students had tests or assignments the next day, I hoped that they would come to week of prayer anyway. It was my prayer that students would realize that when they give Jesus time and are faithful to Him, He will be faithful back.”

Some students, such as English major Isabela Tavares, said they were disappointed that they were unaware week of prayer was occurring.

“I didn’t really know about the week of prayer last week. With homework and intramurals, it would’ve been hard to attend, but I would’ve gone at least once.”

Conversely, students who attended, such as nursing major Ryan Kim, said they benefited from the experience.

“The pastor had such an amazing way of putting into perspective of how much Jesus loves and what He truly did on the cross,” Kim said.

Latin American Club to host a night of cultural experiences

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Staff Writer

The Latin American Club (LAC) is hosting a night of culture, music and skits in Iles Gym on Oct. 7 at 9 p.m. Countries like Spain, Mexico, Brazil, Venezuela and Dominican Republic will be represented. The event is open to the whole community, and all are welcome to experience the flavor of many countries.

Several food vendors such as the Latin Food Market, Willy’s Latin Food and Aji Peruvian Restaurant as well as church members from local Hispanic churches will provide the cuisine for the night.

Since there was a change in leadership, the club did not have a traditional cultural night last year. Instead, the members held a night of worship.

“We wanted to be intentional about putting God first, before anything else, last year,” said Abel Morrobel, post-bachelor theology student and LAC president. “This year, we are really raising the bar. Students will really get to see how diverse Southern is.”

Southern’s student body is made up of nearly 1,600 Hispanics, and 250 of them are signed up for the LAC. The theme for this year’s event will be “Los Proverbios,” meaning “The Proverbs,” and the members of the LAC will do something different this year by collaborating with the Brazilian club to make this event happen.

“I’m very excited that both clubs are joining to celebrate the different variations of Latin culture,” said Melodie Alvares, junior nursing major and former Brazilian club treasurer.

“I’m hoping that this night is successful in sharing the beauty and complexity of the many cultures and heritages.”

Rebecca Torres, senior psychology major and LAC secretary, said, “LAC night ultimately lets us dive deeper into our own roots while also growing in the knowledge of someone else’s.”
As a gay, brown-skinned, multi-ethnic Latino man, I have experienced things in my 22 years that many people may not experience in their lifetime. I don't think that is necessarily anything to envy. At the intersection of a combination of marginalized identities, it becomes difficult to find the energy to justify my existence to people who don't care about me as an individual. So I'm not going to try to do that. Instead, I'm simply going to tell a story.

This is my first year at Southern. As a transfer student who's familiar with the Seventh-day Adventist school system, it wasn't hard for me to imagine the ways in which this university would differ from my previous one. Still, I was (and am) hopeful for new beginnings. I was nervous and excited to meet my first roommate in more than four years of university. He seemed nice enough and appeared genuinely interested in getting to know me.

Fifteen minutes after I put my bags down, I sensed we might have a problem. After sharing that he was a pastor's kid and that he has lived in many different states, he also shared that one of the most unsettling areas he's ever lived in was one where a lot of gay people lived. He expressed his profound disapproval of the "gay lifestyle" (I still haven't the slightest idea what people mean by that, by the way) and how horrible it was seeing people live in such wickedness. I just nodded and continued to unpack—this wasn't the first time I had witnessed a so-called Christian opine so strongly about complete strangers. Realizing I hadn't commented on his anti-gay rant, he paused and asked me my thoughts. I looked straight at him and told him that I was gay. Needless to say, after repeatedly asking me whether I would consider "going straight" and after directing me to several documentaries of people who had undergone varying levels of conversion therapy (which is illegal in nine states and Washington, D.C.), he concluded that I was living in sin and that I desperately needed to change my life—even though I had only just met him. He ended up moving out, and I feel that the outcome of our exchange was worse than the mental and emotional drain of processing everything he had just said. I like to think that I held my composure during this conversation pretty well despite being insulted the entire time—so much so that I wonder whether I should have responded to his underhandedly condescending tone with something far worse.

For me, that's probably the most troubling aspect of it all: He truly believed what he was saying, regardless of how it made me feel and regardless of whether it was appropriate for a theology student to preach a sermon when it wasn't church.

If I could tell my five-minute roommate anything else, I would say that before being gay, brown-skinned, multi-ethnic, or even Latino, I am a human being. I think, dream, laugh, cry, eat, sleep, wonder about the universe and get lonely. I have career goals, and I have family goals. I think about my peculiar existence every day, and I have so many unanswered questions related to God. I fear many things, and I hope for even more things. My sexuality is complex and certainly isn't the same as every other gay person's in the world. Yes, it holds a significant bearing on my life—but, like anything else about me, my sexuality is not my only defining characteristic. I just hope that the next time my roommate encounters another gay person in his life, he uses his ears and heart more than his mouth.

“I am a human being. I think, dream, laugh, cry, eat, sleep, wonder about the universe and get lonely.”

The viewpoints on this page do not necessarily reflect those of the Accent, Southern Adventist University, or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
I was really torn this summer when I made a switch from Spotify to Apple Music. I had been a Spotify user since the fall of 2013 and was so happy with everything about it. Prior to using these services, I would torrent or use Pandora. No, this is not really an article about owning music or streaming services. It’s just my two cents on the great debate of Spotify and Apple Music. Which one is better? Which one did I stay with?

Spotify gets brownie points for bringing music streaming to the mainstream and getting it right. They offered a cheap price ($10 at the time), a really easy user interface, an expansive library and an easy transition between one’s computer and phone. As the years went on, they developed Smart Playlists, a feature in which Spotify’s computers generated music based on listeners’ preferences. I loved their Discover Weekly playlists because it was spot-on with the music that I loved. The algorithms would simply piece together the perfect playlist for me to listen to while discovering new artists. It just worked. So why the switch?

There were four reasons I switched to Apple Music. One reason was the brand. A lot of people now own an Apple product, whether it be a phone, a watch or a computer. I am a firm believer in Apple products being the best.

My second reason was Trent Reznor becoming the creative director of Apple Music. As a fan of Nine Inch Nails and his scoring of films like “Gone Girl” and “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,” I was excited to see what he would do with the redesign of the app. I love the white and pink scheme, the fluidity of the app and the easy and efficient user interface. My transition was easy and simple.

Third reason: there’s no downloading! I didn’t have to open the app store to download this app. It’s already there. All I do is sign up with my current Apple ID.

Final reason: larger library. Based on my experience, I’ve been able to find more music that I like to listen to on Apple. Did I mention that it uses the same library as iTunes, be it music or videos? Yeah, game changer.

I love both products, but at the end of the day, it’s different strokes for different folks. I initially loved the Apple brand and was convinced that it was the right choice for me. Will I stay? Only time will tell. For now, I’m happy with Apple.
In light of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we put a spotlight on one of the most culturally impactful sports in Latin America: fútbol. To do so, we highlighted Latin American students here at Southern who play soccer. With futsal season coming to a close, we had some members from the A-League team, Favela FC (popularly known as the “Brazilian team”), talk about their team and the season.

**How has your season gone so far?**

“I think that the season so far has gone very well. Unfortunately, our team has been going through some injuries, but we are still very focused and are not letting it get to our heads.” - Bruno Moura (Captain)

“Our season has been good so far. We have not lost any games, but we are still trying to find our chemistry.” - Joey Rocha

“The season has been great so far. We are facing different types of challenges in every game; however, we do wish that there were more A-League teams this year.” - Lucas Ferreira

**What are your team’s strengths and weaknesses?**

“I know that our team is overall very strong. We have an amazing attack as well as defense. Our biggest weakness is not coming back on defense when we need to defend.” - Bruno Moura

“Our strength is that we pretty much know each other’s strengths and weaknesses, so we can tailor our lineups accordingly. Our weakness is definitely the fact that we are not always playing intensely, and that is key to our victory.” - Joey Rocha

“Our chemistry is definitely one of our strengths, amongst others, which are clearly seen on the court. Our weakness is Lucas Ferreira.” - Lucas Ferreira

**Why did you decide to play with this team?**

“The reason I decided to play with this team is that last year I did not play indoor [soccer] with a mindset of winning A-League. I played just for fun. The team that I was with did really well. So this year I decided to form a very strong team that can win A-League.” - Bruno Moura

“I decided to play for this team this year because for four years, my friends kept trying to get a Brazilian team together, and with this year being my last, I agreed.” - Joey Rocha

“I’ve made great friends during my college years, a few of them on this team. Plus, what’s a soccer team without a fourth Lucas, amirite?” - Lucas Ferreira

**As Brazilians, we expect to be the best when it comes to soccer.**

**What’s your goal for this season, both personally and as a team?**

“My personal goal this year is to become a better and smarter player. My team’s goal is obviously to win the league because we believe that we are the best team and have what it takes to win it all. As Brazilians, we expect to be the best when it comes to soccer. It is in our blood.” - Bruno Moura

“Our goal is not only to win, but to play well this season.” - Joey Rocha

“My personal goal would be not to get injured because leg day is life. The team’s goal is to grow together rather than win it alone.” - Lucas Ferreira

**You guys are known as the “Brazilian team.” How does this affect the way you guys play together? Does it affect your chemistry?**

“We’re all very close and open with each other. When we play, it is easy to have good chemistry because we know how to communicate with each other.” - Bruno Moura

“I think our chemistry is better because we are Brazilian, and we kinda know how each other plays.” - Joey Rocha

“This does not affect us as much as most people think, although one advantage is our communication in Portuguese.” - Lucas Ferreira

**Does playing with the Brazilian guys remind you of home?**

“Yes, playing with these guys brings back good memories from Brazil. We share stories and laughs with each other every day. It’s great.” - Bruno Moura

“It makes it more passionate I think, but it does not necessarily make me think of home.” - Joey Rocha

“Not quite. Most of us were born or raised in the U.S.” - Lucas Ferreira

**Soccer is a huge part of Latinx culture. Would you say that playing soccer with the Brazilian guys brings you closer to your heritage? Why or why not?**

“Yes, I feel like when we all play, we think that we are just back in Brazil playing soccer in a neighborhood with our friends. It really brings me closer to my heritage because I didn’t usually hang out with Brazilians until I came to Southern.” - Bruno Moura

“Yeah it brings us closer because we speak the language with each other, and it makes it more homey.” - Joey Rocha

“A little. Despite growing up in the U.S., we have that “jeitinho brasileiro,” meaning that Brazilian touch/swag on the court that most Brazilians are born with.” - Lucas Ferreira

“Despite growing up in the U.S., we have that “jeitinho brasileiro,” meaning that Brazilian touch/swag on the court that most Brazilians are born with.”
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**October**

**Thursday, October 5**

- 11:00 a.m. Convocation, Latin American Heritage, Laffit Cortes, Church
- 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, David Ferguson, Church
- 9:30 a.m. SOAP Church: Hiking, Outdoor Education Center
- 10:00 a.m. The Experience Sabbath School, Church Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 10:15 a.m. Koinonia Sabbath School, IT Training Room
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal, David Ferguson, Church
- 11:35 a.m. Connect, Andy Nash, CA
- 7:00 p.m. Evensong, Church
- 9:00 p.m. LAC Night, Iles PE Center

**Friday, October 6**

- 8:00 p.m. Vespers, Latin American Heritage, Laffit Cortes, Church
- 7:00 p.m. Wind Symphony Concert, Church

**Saturday, October 7**

- 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, David Ferguson, Church
- 9:30 a.m. SOAP Church: Hiking, Outdoor Education Center
- 10:00 a.m. The Experience Sabbath School, Church Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 10:15 a.m. Koinonia Sabbath School, IT Training Room
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal, David Ferguson, Church
- 11:35 a.m. Connect, Andy Nash, CA
- 7:00 p.m. Evensong, Church
- 9:00 p.m. LAC Night, Iles PE Center

**Sunday, October 8**

- 7:30 p.m. Wind Symphony Concert, Church

**you say it’s your birthday**

**Thursday, October 5**

- Malissa Flores
- Felicity Juba-Perry
- Jessica Pepper
- Lauren Shelby
- Hannah Wambolt
- Eric Wilkens
- Wesley Willier

**Friday, October 6**

- Jedlee Germeil
- Joi McClellan
- Allison Newhart
- Kimberly Ramirez
- Nelson Serna
- Emily Tan
- Jeanna Toulouse

**Saturday, October 7**

- Michelle Amos
- Arielle Belgrave

**Sunday, October 8**

- Kaitlin Colon
- Aileen Corrigan
- Danny Cuevas
- Mia Findorff
- Lauren Kim
- Sungeum Kim
- Sydney Raitz
- Kurtis Rogers

**Monday, October 9**

- Ana Copaceanu
- Bethany Shipley
- Ariana Smith

**Tuesday, October 10**

- Sherri Beatty
- Cynthia Im
- Alexandra Rima
- Jordan Stephens
- Melanie Wilhelm

**Wednesday, October 11**

- Ashley Davis
- Steven Kim
- Holly Morrison
- Alaina Stephenson
- Campbell Wurl

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**Student Life Announcements**

**Service EXPO Convocation**: Thursday, Oct. 19, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. We will have nonprofits set up booths at Iles PE Center. Great opportunity to network and find out how to get yourself or your club involved in volunteer activities and internship opportunities (which you can use for Service-Learning graduation credit).

**McKee Library** is proud to offer the “Writing & Revision Workshop” seminar on Oct. 10 at noon.

**SA Announcements**

**Senior Photos** will be taken Oct 10 and Oct 12 from noon to 7 p.m. in the Sherrie Norton Room in the Student Center.

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*Items in green are worship credit events*
new media

When your alarm goes off.. Wait...didn’t I just go to sleep?! That was 8 hours?! *Rolls over and avoids that it’s a new day* #saulife

Katie Welch @Katie2012WelchH
Nursing, JR

the moment of terror when you can’t feel you ID card in your pocket

#saulife

Dakota Bemis @_dakotabemis
Accounting, JR

A freshman thought the train horn was someone’s car horn. #saulife #getmeoutofhere

Elisabeth Etchell @missilissi22
Pastoral Care, JR

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Dylan Thomas @notthedeadpoet
Fine Art, SO

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Kyle Harris @kmharris39
History, SR

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Academic stress does so much more damage to your skin than smoking and alcohol.

Tamara Malakhov @tmalakhov
Finance, Masters

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You know you’re Latinx when

Isaac Valera
Contributor

Disclaimer: While the Southern Accent staff does not support using stereotypes as a lens for viewing cultures and people, we acknowledge that many people make light of their shared experiences of growing up in cultural households. When reading the following piece, we encourage you, the reader, to see this as such.

After having thoroughly studied ethnicity and culture, I can say one thing – I still can’t really tell you the difference between ethnicity and culture. However, because of my clear qualifications, it has come to my attention that some of us are genetically prone to what I am going to call “Latinx in Need” (LIN) disease. Yes, those affected by this disease could die because I need this disease to sound scary enough to use the word “critically.” It is critically important that we help our Latinx friends stay healthy. We want to help our comrades maintain a high level of Latininess.

According to some research done by some guy somewhere at one time or another, it is crucial that Latinxs stay Latinx for reasons. Just help, okay? Consider Latin American Month as Latin American Awareness Month and help a Latinx out. We need to become familiar with the symptoms of LIN disease so as to help them keep those levels up. If you don’t know how to recognize a LIN, here’s a list to help you find them:

1. The soap hasn’t run out yet:
Just when you thought the liquid soap wouldn’t make it another day, they went and filled that sucker up with water.

2. Flip flops embody their biggest fears:
If the parentals were to take off “la chancla” you hope that their target is the fly on the wall and not you.

3. You follow the two hour rule (or more) with them:
Them: When are we supposed to be there?  
You: 6:00 p.m…. when you really mean 8:00 p.m.

4. Vicks Vapo Rub:
You: Dude, I broke my leg  
Them: Put some Vivaporú (Vicks Vapo Rub) on that!

5. Cousins:
Ask them how many cousins they have and see how long it takes them.

6. Spanish Class:
The kid you would pick to help you do your Spanish homework is probably Latinx.

7. Rolling your r’s:
Their Adventist party trick is rolling their r’s.

8. The cafeteria:
They become a Food Network judge when the international bar is serving Latin-American food.

9. Christmas:
They are not too sure which Christmas to celebrate between December 24 and December 25, so they go with the most convenient one.

10. Interpretive Movements (at Southern):
They claim they cannot dance. What you just saw were interpretive movements.

In case you missed it...

On Oct. 3, Chattanooga held its annual Corgi Parade in St. Elmo. Dozens of corgis and their owners gathered for judging and a quick trot through the street as onlookers took pictures and lost their minds. Corgis came as themselves, as hot dogs and as Mario characters, but all of them were adorable. This event is held every October, so if you didn’t catch it this year, mark your calendars for 2018.
Feed My Starving Children

Students and alumni invited to global service event on campus

Lizzie Williams and Lucas Patterson
Staff Writer and Contributor

On Nov. 5, Southern Adventist University will host a Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) event. The first shift begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 11 a.m., and the second shift begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m.

Southern is expecting to have 500 volunteers who will pack 100,000 meals for shipping around the world, including islands in the Caribbean devastated by hurricanes Irma and Maria. Each volunteer is expected to pack around $50 worth of food. Volunteers will also help raise the $25,000 that will cover the cost of packed food.

FMSC is a nonprofit founded by Richard Proudfit in 1987 to combat malnutrition in children globally. FMSC packs and distributes food to people in developing nations and has reached more than 70 countries.

Sarah Jordan, senior graphic design major, described her experience with FMSC as exciting and thought provoking.

“I participated in FMSC throughout middle and high school”, Jordan said. “I had friends who would throw FMSC birthday parties,”. “I always had a great time being able to do something productive.”

Students can receive community service credit through volunteering and packing meals. In order to receive credit, students must volunteer for both shifts and help with set-up or clean-up. Individuals are encouraged to sign up in groups which can be created through Southern’s website.

Students and alumni can become involved through fundraising on social media or through donating directly to FMSC online at southern.edu. For more information, email the Lucas Patterson or call 423.236.2781.

#PurpleThursday to be held today

Cynthia Molina
Photo Editor

Today at 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the School of Social Work will host an event at the student center called Purple Thursday to raise awareness for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. They invite students, faculty and staff to join this event by wearing purple. The event will provide opportunities to discuss domestic violence on both an early intervention and resource standpoint.

Students will have the opportunity to take a photo with various signs supporting the end of domestic violence at the photobooth. They are encouraged to share their photos on social media and use the hashtag #PurpleThursday to raise awareness.

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides a forum for important conversations to take place where we can learn more about what we can do to support survivors of domestic violence,” said Annette Heck, professor in the School of Social Work.

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) website, one in three women and one in four men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within his or her lifetime.

“This is relevant to our college students because dating violence is a precursor to domestic violence and can actually be considered a form of domestic violence,” Heck says. “This is an important issue that affects us all. We know safer relationships yield safer families, which then creates healthier kids, which results in strong communities and societies. We are not immune and the sooner we can talk about it and take action to change it, the better for all.”

Bess Helton, social work graduate student, said, “I have had many friends who have been in abusive relationships, and they feel as though they can’t get out. If more people are aware of what an abusive relationship looks like, more people will be able to provide help to survivors of abuse and possibly get out of an abusive relationship themselves.”
Fall break extended for the 2018-19 school year

Cynthia Salinas
STAFF WRITER

Starting in 2018, Fall Break will be extended by an extra day. The break will now include a Thursday in addition to the current Friday. This change was decided at the recent Faculty Senate meeting and will make Fall and Spring Semester, the same number of school days.

Linda Tym, assistant professor of English and representative of District 2 faculty members, said, “The current one-day Fall Break doesn’t allow for most students to travel home and also means that students don’t get a proper break until November—nearly all the way through first semester.”

The change was made because staff members were concerned students were unable to fully with just one day off. For some students, it meant not having a break since Smartstart.

However, making changes to an academic calendar does requires a process.

Bob Young, Senior vice president of academic administration, said, “The university academic calendar is reviewed periodically by the Undergraduate Council or Graduate Council and the University Senate. It is voted by the Board of Trustees.” Also said, “The academic calendar is fairly steady year to year. If large changes are recommended by one group or another, these will be reviewed by academic administration, the records office and the committees mentioned earlier.”

The changes to the academic calendar undergo thoughtful consideration. It’s a federal requirement that every change must fulfill the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Colleges’ Carnegie credit hour definition.

“It is important to be sure that there are sufficient meeting times to satisfy the credit hours awarded for each course,” Young said. “This requires careful review of each class period to be sure the required number of minutes is present in each schedule type.”

Southern’s sister schools, such as Southwestern and Union, will be impacted by the changes because of the Adventist Education Alliance. They will have the same fall break as Southern next year.

When Chris Hansen, professor and chair of the Physics and Engineering Department, was asked about the recent Faculty Senate meeting, he said, “I would like students to know that the push for an extra day at Fall Break came largely from faculty who sensed that many students were wearing out in October and needed more than a half-day break.”
On October 7, Latin American Club held LAC night at Iles Gym at 9 p.m. Attendees were welcomed by a Mariachi band, and many Latin American and Hispanic countries such as Mexico, Brazil, and Peru served cultural foods at their respective booths. After food was served, the main show began on stage. Countries represented that night displayed cultural traditions in the form of skits, plays and videos. The night ended with a joint performance from all the participating countries.

“I liked how they incorporated the diverse cultures they have with their food and performances,” said Charleah Grant, sophomore nursing major. “Whenever LAC does anything, I’m always really excited to attend because I just find the culture, history, and food so amazing! They always find a way to make you feel a part of a family,” said Michaela Lewin, sophomore public relations major.

On Oct. 10, the campus radio station Classical 90.5 WSMC and the School of Social Work hosted a pop-up concert on the promenade to promote the World Health Organization’s World Mental Health Day. The School of Social Work created a wall of Post-it notes, and students had the opportunity to write stories about their personal experiences regarding mental health. WSMC invited three guest artists to perform music with uplifting and positive lyrics throughout the event.
McKee Library sponsors Little Free Library

MICHAELA LEWIN
STAFF WRITER

McKee Library sponsored the purchase of a Little Free Library, which will work as a free book exchange on campus. This was a collaborative initiative introduced by Deyse Bravo-Rivera, director of McKee Library, her colleague Jessica Spears, and Marty Hamilton, associate vice president for financial administration, who oversee building projects on campus.

Southern’s Little Free Library is located on the promenade across from the Prayer Garden. While there are no plans to add another Little Free Library on campus, there are at least two more known locations of Little Free Libraries in the area or locally. One is located at the Imagination Station and another located in the Four Corners Café. The Little Free Library on campus is currently registered, along with 25,000 other little libraries in 80 countries around the world.

According to Bravo-Rivera, the library hopes to achieve three main goals by installing a Little Free Library on campus. They want to foster an enjoyment in reading for pleasure, have a presence on the opposite side of the campus and build communities through the book exchange.

Because the Little Free Library is supposed to work as a free book exchange, students are encouraged by the library to donate books that are appropriate for campus.

“McKee Library sponsored the purchase of the Little Free Library and is committed to replenishing its book collection every so often,” Bravo-Rivera said. “We ask people to remember that these books are a gift. People can take as many books and leave as many books as they want.”

Brenda Ramos, senior mass communication–media production major says she thoroughly enjoys what the Little Free Library has to offer.

“I stop by here every time I go to a class that requires me to walk past it,” Ramos said. “I have about 10 or 12 books, and on average I get three books a week, depending on what is available.”

“I like to put books in the little library,” said Laurie Stankavich, associate professor in the English department. “It makes me happy. I am a big supporter of the little libraries and hope that we can continue to keep it filled with books for people to enjoy for a very long time.”

For more information on the Little Free Libraries, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

Allied Health department offers new degree

KRISTEN ELDRED
STAFF WRITER

A Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) program will be offered by the Allied Health department starting in 2018. The program includes two semesters of prerequisites and three semesters of PTA-specific classes.

Loma Linda University is currently the only Seventh-day Adventist school in the nation that offers a PTA degree. Christopher Stewart, chair of Southern’s PTA program, said this is one reason why Southern decided to start its own program.

“There are many students who would rather not go to the other side of the country for a two-year degree,” Stewart said. There are only four students who are taking prerequisites for the degree this year, but more students are expressing interest in the program as the news spreads.

“I still run across students quite regularly who do not know we have a PTA program in the works,” Stewart said. “I want to get the word out because students need to apply for the program, which is limited to 40 students.”

Prerequisites for the program include two semesters of classes, 80 hours of observation, and a minimum GPA of 2.5. The department is working on developing an online application. Southern will be accepting applications from April through June of 2018, but the program will still be in the accreditation process.

“It is a small risk for the first class because they will be going through accreditation with us,” Stewart said. “As with most Allied Health professions, such as Occupational Therapy or Occupational Therapist Assistant, we have to be observed during the first run-through to be accredited.”

Stewart said Physical Therapy (PT) students who want less schooling can easily switch to PTA, which has a median salary of $54,000.

“The PTA program is an awesome idea for anyone who wants to be in the medical field,” said Allison Johnson, sophomore accounting major. “I have a friend who is doing PTA at Loma Linda, but she would have done it here last year if Southern offered it.”

Faculty are still being hired to fill all the roles. The department will be hosted in Fleming Plaza next to the campus shop, and renovations are set to be completed by March of 2018.

“I think it’s a great thing that Southern is offering this new program,” said Nathan Johnson, sophomore accounting major. “I have a friend who is doing PTA at Loma Linda, but she would have done it here last year if Southern offered it.”

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Summer Shelby
Staff Writer

Southern’s Career Services and Student Success Center rolled out jobZology, the new virtual career service application.

JobZology is an online application packed with resources focused on aiding students in their career success.

With jobZology, students can take career and personality assessments, be matched with careers that fit their personality and get set up with counseling. Students can also learn how to write resumes and cover letters or even find tips on interviewing and networking.

“JobZology provides career matches for students based on their assessment results,” said Daniel Olson, career services coordinator, “which allows students to select different occupations and learn information about each job.”

From there, students can learn what each occupation requires from and offers to students.

Senior nursing major Laura Delillo had the opportunity to take a test trial of jobZology and found the program to be both “smooth and simple” to use.

“I appreciate having everything, including assessments, career matches and a job board, in one place,” Delillo said.

Zoe Graham, a biology major at Chattanooga State University, said she wished she could utilize a program like jobZology to help her with future job decisions.

“Being that I am going into dentistry, it is hard to know what I should major in before I go to doctoral school,” said Graham. “If I don’t like my major now, what is going to happen if I change my mind about dentistry four years down the line?”

Jim Wampler, director of the student success center, said that choosing a career can be frustrating at times.

“Choosing a career path is not a single decision but a lifelong process that includes understanding one’s strengths, abilities, interests and God-given opportunities,” Wampler said. “Achieving a meaningful career requires a well-directed effort that often requires professional assistance.”

By the target date of Oct. 9, students, faculty, staff and alumni should expect to be able to log on to southern.jobzology.us/login.

Every time I take my girlfriend out to a movie, she tries to kiss me. I don’t think she realizes that I’m trying to watch a movie, and she’s being a bit obnoxious. What should I do?

Stop taking her to movies. Instead of date night, have a “guys’ night,” and go watch all the movies you want without any interruptions.

Every time I go to the gym to work out my toothpick arms, I’m intimidated by all the muscles, and I end up running out. How do I get over this fear?

My man (or woman, gotta keep this anonymous), I must tell you that you’ve come to possibly the worst source for gym advice. However, in terms of confidence, I can tell you that you need to stride confidently into that Wellness Center and just focus on working your hardest. Everyone has to start somewhere. If that doesn’t work, buy inflatable muscles like Spongebob did.

If you want to submit any questions, email andrewcuevas@southern.edu with the subject “Ask Andrew.”

People of Southern

I interned with the Foundation of Sustainable Development. I was interested in human rights work, so I ended up working with an organization called AMIFANIC in Nicaragua. AMIFANIC is a women’s organization that mainly focuses on domestic violence and provides legal and psychological services to women who have been victims.

We had this woman come in, and she had been represented by AMIFANIC about 10 years ago after she had been raped and attacked by a stranger with a knife.

“I think I found the guy who did it on Facebook, and I think he’s doing it again”

“I think I found the guy who did it on Facebook, and I think he’s doing it again,” she said.

The organization has a really strong network, so they were able to figure out where he was. They found out that he had married a woman who had two daughters from a previous marriage. The woman cheated on him and he was filled with rage. In efforts to gain his forgiveness, she allowed him to rape her daughters, who are 14 and 16 years old.

After coordinating a search to find the two daughters, AMIFANIC was eventually able to contact the girls, and their biological father brought them in. Their father was financially unstable and could not take care of them. My supervisor, who is a lawyer, accompanied the girls to the police station so that their case would be taken more seriously, because usually if women don’t know their rights, they’re unable to defend themselves.

It was really sobering because in classes you read about it all, but it doesn’t feel real until you’re a part of the experience. When I actually saw this play out, I knew the police weren’t wanting to do anything. Even if people tried to fight these injustices, they wouldn’t have the full resources to do so. AMIFANIC really wanted to provide all of these services, but they didn’t have the funding to do so.

My take away from this is to be a feminist, because here it can seem like there is equality. People work off the assumption that women aren’t facing bigger obstacles. It’s very ethnocentric to think that way. To deny feminism because we have rights here—that’s just not good enough. There are so many places where that’s not happening. America still has a long way to go in terms of equality of all kinds. Don’t be complacent.
In moments of fear

“I’ve ever climbed around to the top of Goliath wall, you know how terrifying and mesmerizing it is to stand on the edge.”

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

I’m a little bit ashamed to admit that I am afraid of heights. Just standing on the edge and looking over, I can feel my stomach dropping as if my body were preemptively tilting beyond the point of my own control. Fortunately, this fear has never been a real problem for me. My rather average lifestyle rarely requires daring feats such as standing on the edges of cliffs, or even jumping off of them. In fact, up until now, my lifestyle has demanded very little of me when it comes to facing my own fears. This is why I decided to enroll myself this semester in a basic rock climbing class.

It sounded simple when I said it my head. It was easy—I would listen to the safety instructions, keep a clear head, start from the ground and work my way up. In theory, it was a pretty sure fire way to face my little heights issue. The joke is on me because for some reason, rock climbing has been way more terrifying than I had originally anticipated. Everything about it is completely unnatural to a girl like me, who has spent most of her 19 years with both of her feet planted firmly on the ground. No matter how many times I step up to a wall, my stomach always roils a little bit, and my heart skips a beat. However, nothing I could’ve ever done would have prepared me for what I had to learn to do next.

A couple weeks ago, we started learning about anchor building. We practiced on the ground, over and over again, how to build a proper anchor for climbing. When we got that down, we practiced repelling over the edge of the wall in order to build the anchor. We started with a little five foot drop. We practiced using our safety devices and the knots we’d learned to let ourselves gently over the edge, where we could safely hang while we set up our anchors. The first two times I tried it, I fell. I couldn’t put my trust in the rope enough to rest easy in it, and I would end up stumbling backwards off the ledge and onto the ground. It was fine. The stakes were low, the “cliff” was a five-foot drop, and when my professor said we were going to practice on the actual cliff, I thought I was ready. I was wrong.

If you’ve ever climbed to the top of Goliath Wall, you know how terrifying and mesmerizing it is to stand on the edge. Some of the braver dare devils among us might not be fazed by what the Wall has to offer, but from the top looking down, my confidence plummeted straight down the face of the rock to its death.

“Don’t focus on how tall it is,” my professor told me. “Just focus on what you’re doing.”

I knew what to do—I’d gone over it a million times—so I strapped myself in, went over the safety checks, and threw my rope over the edge.

“I’ll be right next to you the entire time,” my professor said. “Just focus on what you’re doing.”

Just focus. It sounded easier than it was, but I took a big breath, leaned back into my rope and began to walk backwards.

Walking backwards off of a cliff is even harder than it sounds. I wish I could understand how others find it so easy, or even so exhilarating, to lean their trust into something other than themselves. As hard as it is to admit now, I was shaking like a leaf. The rate at which I lowered myself over the edge of that cliff was probably slow enough to put a snail to shame. It was, in any case, painful to watch, and even painful to experience, how excruciatingly lengthy my descent was. It wasn’t until I was already hanging over the edge that I realized I was humming.

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I heard that prayer, that cry for help, that in my moment of fear, my first subconscious thought was to turn to things that have brought me little comfort or help in moments of fear will creep into our lives. I’m relieved to know that in my moment of fear, my first subconscious thought was that prayer, that cry for help, but there are so many times when my fear has turned me in other directions. In my panic I’ve turned to things that have brought me comfort or help to me—a cuss word here, or a thoughtless action brought on by sudden anger.

I don’t know where you turn in moments of fear, but I hope whatever comes to your head sounds an awful lot like the words to the evening hymn:

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless,
Ills have no weight and tears, no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting, where grave thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me.

The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh abide with me.
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
My soul in the shadow of death will dwell
Till I wake in Thy likeness from the dust of death.
Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

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music by Charles Wesley

The words are by Charles Wesley.
Young Adventist marriage: The effects of repressed sexuality

Sierra Emilaire
Contributor

“But if God freely talks about sex and its beauty, why as Adventists do we struggle to address topics of sexuality...?”

Some reading this may say that I’m just a single gal, bitter about the plethora of engagements and weddings on my Facebook timeline. But I’ve always been curious about the distinctively Adventist push for young marriage, especially here on our campus, and the majority’s desire to be engaged by graduation day.

I’ve concluded that one of the main reasons we rush into marriage as young Adventists is because of the stigmas surrounding sex and sexuality. The church hasn’t effectively learned how to minister and serve young adults dealing with sexual issues, and we just don’t talk about sexuality (minus the occasional bashing of homosexuals). Because of this our sexual desires lead to many other problems within our church that force our young people into shame and out of the church.

Don’t get me wrong, I do believe God reserved sex for the marital union, as is said in Mark 10:6-9, and I respect His urging to refrain from acts of sexual immorality in verses such as 1 Corinthians 6:18 and Hebrews 13:4. But if God freely talks about sex and its beauty, why as Adventists do we struggle to address topics of sexuality until we catch someone in the act of “sexual immorality,” leaving those who haven’t been caught in fear?

As a church, we fail to prepare young adults for the sexual urges that arise during puberty and don’t even utter the word “sex” until the wedding night. We set young couples up for failure with our silence regarding sexuality and inherently damage the family system in an attempt to preserve sexual morality. Of course, every couple on this campus isn’t getting married because they want to have sex (although I assume that is within the top five reasons why). But I strongly believe that issues of sexuality are not as safe within the confinement of marriage as we’ve been trained to think.

Instead of forcing marriage down our throats at vespers and in casual conversation, I wish our church would do a few things differently. I wish our church would encourage dialogue on sexuality for preparation rather than as a means of damage control. I wish our church would welcome transparency and conversation about sexuality outside the context of immorality and within the beauty of what God designed it to be. I wish that instead of judgement and forced compliance of what we believe to be proper sexual behaviors (without true love and care for people), we would invest in relationships and mentoring of young couples through their questions regarding sex.

The Bible doesn’t call us to mask issues of sexuality. Christ calls us to heal the broken and to follow in His example. Every time Christ met with someone who had dysfunction in their lives, he spoke to them and helped them through it. No topic was too taboo for Christ’s counsel and care, so why has sex become this topic we ignore but all secretly struggle through?

Hannah Odenthal
Contributor

A “good Christian woman”

I am a woman. I am ambitious. These two things should not be mutually exclusive. I have chosen a career path that requires more school than a bachelor’s degree, and I have been asked on more than one occasion, “But what happens when you become a mother and have to give up your career?” My original response to this question was to explain that it is possible to be a mother with a career, but apparently this answer makes me “selfish” for not being willing to put everything on hold for my hypothetical children.

In an effort to avoid this backlash, I changed my answer. I told people, “I’m not sure if kids are in my future, so it’s a non-issue.” The general response to this was outrage at my selfishness once again—how could I deny God’s purpose for my body to chase my own ambitions?

To be sure, these traditional definitions of what it means to be a good woman can be found everywhere, but their potential for damage is extraordinarily high in religious circles. It seems that in the church, instead of cleanliness, traditional femininity is placed next to godliness: a good Christian woman is maternal, domestic and submissive. This is a very limiting view of what a Christian woman should look like, and this view can be very off-putting to those of us who don’t fit the ideal.

The separate spheres for men and women are often advocated based on gender differences, but an average difference does not allow for conclusions about each individual man and woman. If women on average are more empathetic than men, it does not mean there is something flawed about a woman with low empathy levels. Traditional gender ideas are easy and comfortable, and they are reflective of a natural human tendency to overgeneralize. But the real problem arises when the church ties these overgeneralized gender forms with a person’s spirituality, having rigid forms of what men and women should look like in the church.

Before you write me off as an angry feminist, consider the implications that the harsh rules have for those not situated in the middle of the bell curve. Instead of forcing conformity to stereotypes, we should allow people to be different, because our strength lies in differences. Ultimately, a “good Christian woman” looks the same as a “good Christian man”; we should all look like Jesus.
Student completes Ironman race

Hundreds of fellow competitors, a husband and two children waiting patiently, skin that hurts to touch, twelve plus hours dedicated to one common goal and six words in mind to keep the pace going.

“Elizabeth Perry, you are an Ironman,” the announcer said.

On Sept. 24, Elizabeth Perry, a nursing student at Southern and mother of two kids, raced in the Chattanooga Ironman. She decided to join only eight weeks before it started.

“Originally while training for the Tuffman triathlon, I had several friends say, ‘You are pretty much training for an Ironman. You have the distance, you just need a little bit more. Why don’t you just do it?’” Perry said.

Perry’s friends not only convinced her to run the race, but they also helped her with the entry fee of over $800. Perry was able to reserve one of the last 10 spots.

The day of the race, Perry said she felt anxious and tried her best not to get too swept away with the excitement. Remaining calm, Perry decided to just take in the moment and feel grateful for being there.

“When we started the swim, the sun wasn’t quite up yet, but then as we were swimming, the sun was behind us,” Perry said. “When the sun actually rose, the water we were in turned almost golden, and it all just seemed so surreal to me.”

The race seemed to go “surprisingly smoothly,” until mile 19 when Perry started to feel the punch an Ironman can have.

“’I didn’t realize everything could hurt so badly,’” Perry said. Perry explained how any contact with her skin sent pain through her body.

When starting to feel tired and weak, Perry tried not to focus on the emotions clouding her judgment.

According to the official Ironman website, Perry finished the race in 12 hours, 35 minutes and 19 seconds, ranking as the 121st woman and finally accomplishing a seven-plus-year dream.

Being a full-time mother, wife, and student, Perry never imagined she would race in an Ironman so soon.

“I believe sometimes God gives us the desires of our hearts. Some things aren’t necessary, because no one needs to do an Ironman, but it’s just something I’ve dreamed about,” Perry said. “But if you do the work and surrender to God’s will, the opportunities will present themselves.”

Falling for fall: Four fashion essentials for the season

The gentle touch of autumn is finally making its appearance on campus. With the days growing shorter and the leaves changing colors, excitement builds for the students who have had their fall wardrobe ready for the past three months (guilty as charged). Anyone who has attended Southern for more than a few months can attest to the fact that Tennessee is notorious for its unpredictable weather. However, fall is finally here to stay… I hope. Here are some fall fashion essentials to keep in your closet this year:

1. Scarves: Plaid, striped, solid. Take your pick. They also come in every shape and size imaginable. Blanket scarves are an especially southern accessory. Just be aware that you’ll most likely have to take it off as soon as you walk outside.

2. Jackets: Let’s be real, the heaviest jacket you can get away with wearing all day is probably a light jean jacket. But it’s nice to dream of the cute trench coats and suede and leather jackets you could add to your fall armoire.

3. Boots: Riding boots everywhere. Uggs in 75-degree weather. Cowboy boots. Combat boots. Every other type of boot imaginable. Prepare yourselves for all the boots Southerners enjoy sporting during these fall months. But find your own style to add to your closet.

4. Flannels: The quintessential Chattanoogaan has a plethora of flannels just waiting to be dragged out for fall. This piece is a great everyday wear, can be dressed up or down, and offers warmth and comfort during the cool months.

Now it’s your turn. Send your best fall fits to kristenvonnoh@southern.edu for a chance to be featured in the next issue of the Accent! (Guys and girls, please. Men’s fall fashion is hardly disappointing.) I can’t wait to see all the great looks you put together. Until next time, fashionistas.
MLB playoffs: Who will make it to the World Series?

CORINNE ATIGA
SPORTS EDITOR

The end of the 2017 MLB playoffs draws near as the last four teams battle it out in the American League Championship Series (ALCS) and the National League Championship Series (NLCS) to earn their place in the World Series.

The Houston Astros have taken a 2-0 lead over the New York Yankees in the ALCS, while the Los Angeles Dodgers have earned a 1-0 advantage in the NLCS.

Here is a look at some of the highlights from past games, as well as a forecast for the results of the ALCS and the NLCS.

**Game 1, NLCS**
The Cubs held a 2-0 lead at the start; however, the Dodgers denied them the victory thanks to Yasiel Puig's double and Charlie Culberson's fly, which tied them at 2-2. Chris Taylor and Puig also scored home runs, which gave Los Angeles the lead for good and insurance for the win. The Dodgers ended with a score of 5-2.

**Game 2, ALCS**
It's hard to pick the game highlight. Despite only three runs scored, there were many great plays. The solo home run by Carlos Correa, the clutch snatch by Josh Reddick, the relay to tag out Brett Gardner as he attempted a triple, the ground-rule double by Todd Frazier that miraculously got stuck in the fence and 13th strikeout by Justin Verlander are all best-play-worthy.

However, the winner is the game-winning double that Correa scored off of Aroldis Chapman in the ninth inning, which plated Jose Altuve and gave Houston a 2-0 series lead.

Still, none of these plays note the star of the night, Astros pitcher Verlander, who kept his accuracy high throughout the game with a 96 mph pitch—a very admirable performance from a 34-year-old pitcher with 13 MLB seasons of mileage on his arm.

**NCLS /ALCS predictions:**

**ALCS:** Astros over Yankees in 6

The teams are ranked similarly, having the best offenses in the American League this season. Although this may cause the series to be a close one, the gap between Houston's offense (which ranks as superior to the Yankees') and the Yankees' offense isn't small enough for the Yankees to overcome. The Astros' pitcher, Justin Verlander, is also rested and energized, which gives Houston an extra edge.

**NLCS:** Dodgers over Cubs in 5

The Dodgers hold the best season record in the National League; however, with Clayton Kershaw's average performance in the playoffs as the Dodgers' pitcher, the Cubs might be able to fight the Dodgers off for a while. Nevertheless, the Dodgers' overall batting quality had been spectacular during their series against the Arizona Diamondbacks, and with the Cubs barely able to pitch enough to hold off the Washington Nationals in the NLDS, the Dodgers should be able to come out as the NLCS champs.

Duany and Ancheta’s shooting earns Ya Tu Sabe the Futsal Cup

CORINNE ATIGA
SPORTS EDITOR

Cheers of excitement and anguish echoed in Iles Gym on Wednesday, Oct. 12, as teams Favela FC and Ya Tu Sabe came head to head in the futsal men’s A-league championship game.

Underdogs Favela FC pushed Ya Tu Sabe to the limit, but Ya Tu Sabe held their nerve and showed their resilience and earned a last-gasp 4-1 win, paced by well-taken goals from forward Sammy Duany defense and Sean Ancheta.

Both teams previously held stellar records of 7-1 (Ya Tu Sabe) and 6-2 (Favela FC), and, coincidentally, the only losses that both of these teams received were from each other. Due to these stakes, it was clear that this would be a very exciting game. By 8 p.m., the bleachers were packed with excited spectators.

Ya Tu Sabe quickly took control of the game in the first few minutes with Ancheta scoring a clutch shot from the left side that barely flew into the goal after being tipped off of Favela FC’s goalie’s hands.

Favela FC fought back by taking more offensive shots, bringing more effort and aggression in the second part of the first half. However, with Irvin Dominguez as goalie for Ya Tu Sabe, Favela FC was unable to score a goal. The first half ended with Paul Simons scoring Ya Tu Sabe’s second point.

A game highlight includes a defensive play from Favela FC that occurred in the first few minutes of the second half. Duany was dribbling the ball down the court on a fast break. With no other defenders near him, Favela’s goalie left the goal to meet him. However, when Duany shot for the goal, Joey Rocha stunned the crowd by diving feet-first at the ball and rejecting the shot.

Favela FC’s offense also found their groove in the second half and scored their first point when Stacy Higgins passed the ball to Lucas Santos, who then kicked it into the right corner of the goal.

Despite Favela FC’s great defensive and offensive efforts, Ya Tu Sabe’s strategic offense ultimately solidified their victory. With two more goals scored by Duany and Ancheta, the game concludes with Ya Tu Sabe winning 4-1.

When asked about the game and his team’s performance, Favela FC’s captain, Bruno Moura, said, “We played well. They just played better. It was a great game overall, and although we’re sad for the loss, we’re all friends with the Ya Tu Sabe team, so it’s all good.”

Ya Tu Sabe’s captain, Gabriel Larrazabal, commented, “I’m very proud of my team and what we accomplished this season. We had a rough start in the beginning of the league since we had recruited some new players, and we were still trying to find our chemistry. However, we finally were able to sync together, which helped us pull through to the end.”
student life announcements

ETS Proficiency Profile (SR Exit Exam) This test is a graduation requirement for all baccalaureate seniors
October 23, 2017: Testing Office — 9a.m., 11a.m., 2p.m., 4p.m.
October 24, 2017: Testing Office — 8a.m., 10a.m., 1p.m., 3p.m.
October 25, 2017: Testing Office — 8a.m., 10a.m., 1p.m., 3p.m.
October 26, 2017: Testing Office — 9a.m., 2p.m., 4p.m.
October 27, 2017: Testing Office — 9a.m., 11a.m.
October 29, 2017: LWH 3050 — 9:30 a.m.
To reserve a seat or request additional information call (423) 236-2782.

FAFSA registration opened for 2018-2019 school

SA announcements

SA President Phillip Warfield will be attending the North American Division’s Year-End Meeting next week where he will have the opportunity to ask SDA church leaders questions. If you have any questions you’d like Phillip to ask the church leaders on your behalf, submit them through the form found on Student Association’s social media platforms (Facebook & Instagram). The answers will be published in the Accent.

you say it’s your birthday...

THURSDAY 19
Denise Blandon
Rolf Jean Louis
Jason Moore
David Olivo
Gabriela Resendiz
FRIDAY 20
Ashley Hunte
Nathan Kim
Daniela Monzon
Villegas
Hannah Moyer
Ashley Peterson
Missy Syvertson
SATURDAY 21
Marjorie Alfnda
Bethany Beckford
Melody Cruz
Hussein El-Tayyab
Emil Garcia
Natalie Harder
Mile Pinero
Tara Robinson
Meaghan Speer
Kirsten Walker
TUESDAY 24
Amber Abernathy
Whitney Aumack
Brian Fish
Farrell Hayes
Aaron Keiser
Joy Lim
Nathal Sarli
Alexa Smart
Christin Joy Smolinski
Hannah Wilson
WEDNESDAY 25
Liezel Cornejo
Liesel Ervin
Jade Henry

* deadline to submit Chatter announcements is on Sunday at noon
*items in green are worship credit events
When the outside weather FINALLY matches my soul
Amber Ballesteros @HailZorpp
Liberal Arts Education, SR

when your playlist is on and you start dancing and realize you’re in a public place, but still don’t care
Justin Rogers @idiggguitars
Construction Management, JR

Breaking news: research indicates that it actually is possible not to scream to Hakuna Matata every time it comes on at KR’s #saulife
Isabela Tavares @isaataavares_
Communication Studies, FR

i went to target and only bought seasonal cereals
Hannah Doudiken @halothanes
English, SO

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Biology, JR

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Searching for a Holiday Honey? Look no further

Audrey Fankhanel, SO
If you're interested in photography and blogging, slide in Audrey's DMs immediately! Audrey is a mass communication-photography major and a Loma Linda native. This West Coast girl loves a cup(s) of coffee and good political conversation. She also sings during the Connect services on Sabbaths, so join her praise team, and maybe heaven and earth won't be the ones meeting for an unforeseen kiss.

Yulissa Lara, SO
Are you fascinated by adventure and spontaneity? Yulissa is intrigued by both! She is an international development and business major and likes discovering hole-in-the-wall restaurants and shops in every city she visits. Besides traveling, Yulissa loves to be outdoors, whether it's in Chattanooga or her hometown, Miami. When Yulissa isn’t busy with school or work, she loves to cook vegetarian dishes. So if you like vegetarian cooking or getting caught in the rain, it’s about time you text Yulissa and escape.

Bruno Brenna, JR
Do you love corgis? If so, Bruno is your match! Bruno is a graphic design major and lives in Arlington, Texas. Not only is Bruno a corgi lover, he is the Student Association Public Relations Director where he’s behind the scenes of SA’s creative posters. Bruno is super friendly and enjoys visitors while he’s in the SA office. Bruno’s favorite musical artist is Ariana Grande. He will have a “Problem” if you’re not moving “Side to Side” to Ariana’s latest hits and won’t give you “One Last Time” to make up for it.

Dylan Gibbons, JR
Are you looking for a star? Dylan born in Hollywood! Dylan now resides in Worcester, Mass. and is a social work major. He is a part of the spoken word group Speak Light and performs his own original poetry. Dylan is also the Talge Chaplain, and has been working consistently this year to revive the spiritual life on campus. If you want a man who can do it all, here he is! Besides ministering for God, Dylan’s other passion is Chick-fil-a. If you want to be his Chick-fil-bae, buy him Chick-fil-a, and sparks will fly.

Brayden Viehmann, SO
Do you think the West Coast is the best coast? So does Brayden! He is from Santa Cruz, Cali. and is a construction management major. Brayden likes long weekends in the woods and California sunsets. Whether it’s exploring a waterfall or hiking trail, Brayden enjoys spending time in nature with his friends. During the week, Brayden lifts at Hulsey and makes his own granola! If you’ve been looking for a man who can do both, Brayden is the one for you.
Editorial: #MeToo

Natalia Perez
Editor-in-Chief

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Accent staff has decided to dedicate part of this issue for students to share their personal stories about their experiences with domestic violence and sexual assault.

Throughout this past week, you may have seen the “#MeToo” statuses and tweets on social media. The #MeToo movement was birthed when actress Alyssa Milano tweeted “Me too. Suggested by a friend. If all women who have been sexually harassed or assaulted wrote ‘Me too’ as a status, we might give people a sense of the magnitude of the problem.”

Within 24 hours, the hashtag had been used half a million times, not only on Twitter, but my feed on Facebook was filled with my friends and acquaintances publicly sharing that they, too, have experienced sexual assault or harassment. And it wasn’t just women; men, too, shared their experiences. Some shared their stories, while others simply posted the hashtag. Despite the amount of #MeToo messages and stories I’ve seen, I know they’re only the tip of the iceberg. For every person who has chosen to post the hashtag or share his or her story, there are many others who’ve chosen not to, whether publicly or at all.

Unlike many types of social media activism, #MeToo was not meant to be a call to action or the beginning of a campaign; it was meant to foster solidarity. Its power is that it takes something most people have kept silent about and transforms it into a movement. It’s an attempt to get people to understand the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault in society. It’s real for women. It’s real for men. It’s real for the students on this campus.

Read their stories on pages 6-7.

Academic Administration implements new app to replace Degree Audit

Danielle Allen
Staff Writer

University Academic Administration is set to implement a new app this semester called the Colleague Student Planner. The Colleague Student Planner app will add a number of features not available in the current Degree Audit program.

The list of features available on the app include clear on-track and on-time indicators for students to check their progress towards the completion of their degree, a what-if analysis that allows a student to project how long it would take to complete an alternative degree program, and the ability to map out all four years of a bachelor’s degree including loading sample course plans.

“Although the [original] degree audit is accurate in determining if a student has completed all degree requirements, it was difficult to use, and even highly experienced advisors found it hard to use,” Young said.

This app will be available for use sometime this year, said Robert Young, senior vice president of academic administration, but will be tested out by different student groups at different times to allow all past degree audits to be moved into the new system.

For students who are under the current and previous year’s catalog, the Student Planner app will be available to use by Oct. 27. Students under older catalogs will have access to the Student Planner app at a later, unspecified time in the school year. “This app is part of the suite of Student Information Systems software the university uses to manage its business from records to accounting, accounts payable and so on,” Young said.

This project was presented to faculty at Faculty Senate meeting. “There weren’t any questions, and it seemed faculty were supportive of its implementation,” Young said.

This new development evoked positive responses from students.

“I transferred here my sophomore year, and it literally took me a full year to actually understand how the Degree Audit works,” said Alexa Smart, senior business and international studies major. “Sometimes I’m still confused on it, and it’s about time they change it and make it user friendly.”

Christina Robinson, junior public relations and graphic design major, said, “I’m all about organizing and knowing about my future, especially right now with trying to figure out if I should add on a minor. I would love to be able to see if adding that minor will change my graduation date, and if it does, then by how much.”

SVAD, SJC host Roundtable

Cintyha Molina
Photo Editor

Starting from this Saturday night, Oct. 27, to Oct. 31, Southern will be hosting the Roundtable, an alumni-led seminar event, for the second year in a row.

The Roundtable is run by alumni for the undergraduate students in the School of Visual Art & Design (SVAD) and School of Journalism and Communication (SJC). The event includes keynotes, panel discussions, information sessions, workshops and work critiques.

This year there are over 50 alumni participating from all corners of the country, spanning over 15 years of graduating classes, said Tom Wentworth, an organizing alumnus of the event and Senior Director of Production for NBCUniversal.

The alumni presenting this year include Emmy Award winner Maranatha Hay along with alumni from animation studios, advertising agencies, movies and TV production crews, news publications, television networks, public service and the Adventist church.

Jason Frias, junior media production major, said, “Meeting with the alumni who will do presentations and getting to talk to them about prospective jobs and internships will be a great opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the industry and figuring..."
SAU, OU redefine DEEP Sabbath

Tierra Hayes and Natalia Perez
News Editor and Editor-in-Chief

On October 21, close to 300 Southern Adventist University students visited Oakwood University (OU) for the Diversity Education Exchange Program or DEEP Sabbath, a day of collective worship between the two institutions.

This year, Southern students were involved in worship through music, spoken word and scripture readings in different languages. Theology major Ben Curet and Oakwood’s United Student Movement (USM) President Andrew Taylor gave a sermon centering on this year’s theme, “Redefined.”

“We had some moments in our past where we’ve had rough patches, and it’s good that we’re wanting to heal some of those things and put Christ first in our relationships,” Taylor said.

“We want to break any common misconceptions about Southern and showcase how diverse Southern is,” Warfield said. “I want others to realize that we are all in this together. We are all Christians, and we want to respect each other, learn about each other and exchange each others’ stories.”

Senior biology research major and Asian Club president Rena Chung said her first experience with DEEP Sabbath was exceptional.

“The program was extremely tasteful and inviting. From gospel to hymns to choir compositions, I loved the diversity that appealed to everyone in the service. The sermon was so powerful having speakers from both colleges really unified our universities. I was also pleasantly surprised that everyone on their campus was so welcoming and said hi or gave me a compliment as I walked around. My only regret is that there weren’t more that came from our university. I would definitely go again and recommend this to anyone who wants a refreshing, God-filled day with people of like mind and spirit.”

“This was my first time going to DEEP Sabbath, and I enjoyed it for the most part. David Runnels said it was great to experience a style of worship that is more familiar to me coming from a gospel background.”

Having Southern involved in our program and splitting the sermon with them was truly a blessing,” Taylor said. “And with the activities we had afterwards like giving out snacks and mingling it was a really good experience having Southern at Oakwood.”

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out how to get into the industry,” Something different about this year is that the School of Journalism and Communication is joining the event. This event is relevant to any student, alumnus or faculty members who is interested in the creative, art and news industries. Specific topics will be features such as “How to get a job,” “How to best present your work” and “Common mistakes in production.” Additionally, resume workshops and discussions about experiential marketing design, print vs. digital news and photography are also offered.

Dylan Thomas, sophomore film production major, said, “The Roundtable brings together some of SAU’s finest and showed me a clear vision of what to expect after graduation.”

“This past year, I have seen so many collaborative opportunities take shape that would not have happened without people meeting each other during last year’s event,” Wentworth said. “And I’m so excited to see how the network fuses together even closer, producing unimaginable opportunities.”
Senate outlines budget for this school year

“IT’S NOT SMART TO GIVE THAT MUCH OF OUR BUDGET UP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR”

On Oct. 4, the Student Association (SA) Senate held budget meetings to decide how much money will go toward various SA events and projects.

Most of this month’s budget proposals were passed. Many changes were minimal, such as minimizing the miscellaneous budget category. The largest decision of the night revolved around whether Senate should sponsor $7,500 for a new projector, which would use 47 percent of the Projects budget.

The Projects budget is $16,000, and senators in the Projects committee are responsible for creating the projects. Since there are usually a few thousand dollars left in the Projects budget at the end of the academic year, Emilaire said students should email their senators to voice what they want to be done with the money.

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Despite Sewell’s appeal, Senate voted against purchasing the projector.

“It’s not smart to give that much of our budget up at the beginning of the year,” said Sierra Emilaire, senior English professional/writing major and senator. “Giving up that much money is something to do at the end once we’ve made sure we used the money for our other projects.”

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President, refuted this idea and said, “If you’re here for a jacket, we’re here for the students.”

Overall, Finch said the final budget is nicely balanced between the student body, cabinet and Senate.

“I want to make sure senators are able to be proud of what we are a part of,” Finch said. “We are here to serve students first and ourselves second, and I think we’ve accomplished that.”

The Southern Accent has hidden a tiny version of Kevin the duck within this issue. DM or message us with your name and a picture of where you found the duck for a chance to win a $15 giftcard to Taco Bell!

Campus Safety releases this year’s Clery Act

OSKANA WETMORE
STAFF WRITER

Southern’s campus safety has officially released this year’s Clery Act report, which discloses the campus’s annual crimes and fire safety log. Campus Safety emailed students the report, and it can also be found on the school website at southern.edu/campusafety.

After being established in 1990, the Clery Act requires all universities and college campuses to comply with the law in order to maintain a safe campus environment and to protect students from crimes. It strives to make students aware of what the law entails, where their responsibilities lie, and how they can contribute to a safe environment.

“I think it’s good for disclosure and makes students aware of their surroundings so they can make informed decisions,” said Shawn Haas, campus safety office manager.

The Clery Act Report lists homicide, manslaughter, sex offenses, including: rape, fondling, incest and statutory rape, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, and arson as reasonably reportable crimes. The act also includes arrests and disciplinary actions taken for drug law, liquor and weapon violations, as well as bias-related crimes.

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These crimes can be reported to Southern’s campus safety officers when occurring in certain off-campus buildings owned by Southern or on public property within or immediately in close proximity of the campus.

Filing a report can be done through Southern’s website at southern.edu/campusafety, and then by clicking on the report safety concerns tab. Through this page, students can report personal and general safety concerns about others’ well-being, and anonymity concerns or submit a silent whistle, which is an anonymous tip regarding campus related issues.

An anonymous victim of sexual assault explained that the process of filing a claim was simple and campus safety officials made her feel comfortable throughout the entire process.

“They made me feel like we were going to get through this together,” she said. “All of the sexual assault staff that I dealt with were women, which made me feel more at ease.”

She explained that the entire process took about two months, but she felt comfort in knowing that measures were being taken.
Southern students, alumni, employees awarded at SAC

The Society of Adventist Communicators conference is sponsored by the North American Division (NAD) of Seventh-Day Adventists, with the purpose to cultivate networking between student communicators and professionals in their field.

Southern Adventist University students, alumni and employees received over 15 awards during the annual Society of Adventist Communicators (SAC) convention held in Portland, Oregon, from Oct. 18 to 21.

School of Journalism and Communication (SJC) students Tia Huff, and Kaitlin Colon and recent SJC alumna Madison Johnston were awarded in a podcast they co-partnered in for Refinery29. Colon and Johnston were also awarded for their crisis communication plan for the Bessie Smith Cultural Center.

Jacklyn Ruth, senior mass communication major, was awarded in both the micro-copy and longform writing divisions for her digital evangelism blog.

“My first emotion was shock because I hadn’t even known that my article had been submitted,” Emilaire said. “Then I felt a sense of sadness remembering Professor McArthur and my final interactions with him. I smiled, then cried, but finally felt honored to have been able to capture his life in a way that some considered to be deserving of recognition.”

SJC alumni Rosana Hughes and Myron Madden were awarded with Best in Class Mentions for their professional news writing.

Hughes and Madden, both previous Accent newspaper editors, are currently working at Chattanooga Times Free Press.

“I’m so grateful to receive the recognition for my work,” Hughes said. “I haven’t been in the position very long, but I’m glad I’ve been given the opportunity to report on very real issues going on right here in our community. I’m so blessed to have found my dream job almost right out of college.”
Responding for the reputation of theology majors

Yesenia Sosa  
Contributor

Lately, I have heard about the conversation of the two religion majors who made a girl feel disrespected. As a woman, I was appalled and embarrassed, and I felt a sort of responsibility for what they did. I am sorry to whoever you are. After that, there has been the stereotype that theology majors are unaccepting, judgmental, hypocritical and “holier than thou” sorts of people—and now for lack of a better term, “perverted.”

That stigma attached to being a theology major is also embarrassing. Often times, it is only the bad that is highlighted within my department. The bad is highlighted in our newspapers, our social media and our conversations because the bad is always a lot more exciting than the good. The bad makes for a good story. The bad is what is remembered.

I have amazing news for everyone who has not discovered this, but not all religion and theology majors are like this. In defense of my fellow majors, most of the men in the theology department are gentlemen. Many of you would discover that if you got to know them. This may be hard for some to believe, but there’s a lot more to a person than just his or her major. This goes for everybody on campus. If we all saw everyone without the negative stigmas or stereotypes that come from their label, then maybe we would move into becoming a more Christ like campus and move to becoming more Christ like people.

Again, on behalf of the majors who made these crude remarks, I am sorry. But I wish everyone would see that our brothers and sisters are seeing the rules and not the love. Are we trying to sell a list of “thou shalt and shall nots,” or is it a God who loves you beyond belief?

“I will never condemn a person for his or her beliefs or the filter by which he or she understands life.”

Dr. Rachel Williams Smith is the new Dean of the School of Journalism and Communication. Over the fall break, she spoke in Boston about her story of growing up in an extremist environment and Legalism. She compares how as college students one’s religion should be “like flesh and blood, something that feels’ rather than a list of “no’s, cant’s, and won’ts.”

Michaela Lewin (ML):  
What exactly is legalism?

RWS: My background itself. My parents, in trying to do all the things that they felt the Bible and Ellen White were saying, went way far beyond what most people would do. It actually set up an extreme lifestyle. Having grown up in that extreme environment, it has given me a chance to look at and comment on things that people go through every day but don’t see it with such stark contrast.

ML: What in your background made you choose the topic of legalism?

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ML: What would you consider some of your goals in doing these speaking engagements?

RWS: It is always to help people understand that whatever they emphasize and focus on that is something other than what they say is most important— for example, when one’s religion is coming off as a set of rules rather than a heart relationship with God.

ML: What is legalism?

RWS: Actually very good! When I share, I don’t argue. I don’t go for a bullet list of points. I’m not going for a doctrinal approach, you know like, “Legalism is...” or “Ellen G. White says you should never...” That doesn’t accomplish anything. What I do is share my experience. I come from the standpoint of this is my experience, this is what happened to me, and usually, when I share with people what happened to me and how I grew up they get it, they ask, “Well, how are you still a Christian? “How are you still in the church?” “How come you haven’t left the faith?” And then I’m able to share how God brought me from extremism and legalism to a relationship with him.

ML: How do you balance this with school?

RWS: This has been the first class I have taken since I have become the dean because I needed to get my feet, and I don’t know the answer to that yet. All I know is that I am called to do this and that God led me here. My answer is a spiritual one, and that is that God will show me how to balance both. But right now, anything I do would be over weekends and breaks.

ML: How can we tie your story and the talk about legalism back to students on campus?

RWS: I think a lot of college students are struggling with the idea of giving full commitment to God. So legalism isn’t something that I think they struggle with on a conscious level every day, and yet it’s affected every part of their lives.

I think one of the reasons why students tend to struggle with whether they want to be committed to God is because too many have seen a religion of rules dominate their parents lives and also their lives as youngsters. So it was always about “No, don’t do this,” or “No, you can’t do that,” and so they’re saying, do I want that or do I want something else, or even nothing? And so I think it’s really important to help people understand that it isn’t that rules don’t matter, it’s how they’re enacted.
The next day, we decided to hang out, and we kind of went for a drive. It was getting late, and he started taking me to these sketchy places I had never been before. What really sparked my concern was when we ended up at this abandoned place and there was a police car there, and he immediately turned around. I kept trying to justify his actions. I saw the red flags, but I tried to paint them white. After that, we went to Wired and sat in the parking lot for a while and talked. He asked me to tell him a deep, dark secret, but I don’t really have any, so I just told him a silly one. He asked me to tell him something darker, and I said I didn’t know what he meant. All of a sudden he was kissing me and holding onto my neck. I tried to push him off, and eventually, I got him to stop. I went inside to the bathroom. I tried to message my friend, but she didn’t answer. I messaged another friend, and she suggested I tell him that I was tired, so he’d take me home. He was angry but agreed to take me back to campus. On the way back, he went left over the train tracks instead of right. He parked over by the playground, and by this time I was really scared. We talked some more, and then I went to check my phone, and he took it away from me. He started kissing me, and I thought eventually if I just gave in a little he’d stop, but he didn’t. He pinned me down and put my hands where I didn’t want them to be. When he finally dropped me off, I cried for two hours in my closet.

I reported him the next day, and the process began. Three or more girls came forward who had been victimized by the same person. He stalked me at church and my job, I think just to strike fear in me. Finally, after three months, he was dismissed from the school. He works at Walmart though, so I never truly escaped.

**Scenario B:**
I met this boy in high school, and we were friends for a couple of years before he started showing an interest in me. He was different from any guy I’d ever been friends with, but over the years it seemed like he was over his bad boy phase.

We were inseparable, like two peas in a pod. His grades were going up, he was a member of SA and he was an active member of the church. I felt like he was changing and decided to go out with him.

Immediately, everything started to change. He would slip back into a few old habits for a little bit, and when I’d get upset, he would beg for my forgiveness. I forgave him every time. I started getting worried when most of the conversations he had with me were sexual. I tried to steer the conversation in another direction, but it didn’t work.

One night he came over to my house. We were watching a movie, and we started kissing. He stopped putting my hands in places I didn’t want him to. I asked him to stop, but he just gently shushed me and kept going. I told him we shouldn’t be doing this, and he just stroked my forehead softly and gripped me tighter.

I was so scared that I froze and did nothing. I didn’t scream, and I didn’t stop him. It seemed like hours before I gathered the courage to push him off of me. I told him to leave, and he did. I remember crying for hours on the floor. I never told anyone about it really. I feel stupid for not doing anything. I should have done something. I just hope someone else wasn’t hurt because of my silence.

**How to get help if you’ve been sexually assaulted**

**Kristen Vonnoh**
*Lifestyle Editor*

1. **Silent Whistle.**
   Southern allows you to report a concern using their silent whistle program. Go to southern.alertline.com/gcs/welcome to report a concern anonymously.

2. **Call 911.**
   Sexual assault is a crime punishable by law, and you deserve to feel protected. The sooner you call, the sooner the police may be able to catch the attacker. Even if you are not physically harmed, it’s still a personal violation that needs to be addressed and taken care of accordingly.

3. **Go to the ER**
   It is important to seek treatment if you were injured during the assault. If you were harmed in any way during the incident, going to the emergency room will provide you with proper medical care.

4. **Get counseling.**
   If you feel like you need to talk about your experience with a professional, Southern’s counseling services are free to all currently enrolled students. You can call 423-236-2782 for appointments. Even if you were not physically harmed, weight of the emotional and mental repercussions from such experiences are lasting and painful.

5. **Don’t stay silent.**
   We encourage you to call your family or friends and tell them what happened. It is crucial to feel supported and loved by those around you in a time of crisis. You are not alone in your pain.
It was around this time, four years ago, that I too became a victim of sexual assault.

School has always been my escape from home, and it is through school that I have discovered other methods of escape. For high school, I begged my mom to let me go to a boarding academy three hours away in hopes of finding healthy ways to cope with my familial situation. Instead, I found cigarettes, binge eating and purging, among other things.

Venturing farther for college, I was susceptible to more means of harming myself because I cared about nothing. I spent every weekend struggling into the dorm because I was drunk, and eventually, alcohol wasn’t strictly a weekend activity. I started drinking throughout the week as well, and when that wasn’t enough, I turned to other substances.

How did an out-of-state seventeen-year-old girl have access to all of this? An older family friend “took me under his wing” when I arrived at Southern. He was a student, and during fall break of my freshman year, I learned his intentions were far from innocent. I signed out to a friend’s house, where I stayed for the majority of the weekend. But on Saturday night, I was urged to hang out with my family friend and his girlfriend. It would be fun. We would drink and smoke and watch horror movies all night.

I would be safe.

So I went. Early on, I knew that something wasn’t right, but this was someone I had known since I was a toddler, and his girlfriend was there! How wrong of me to assume that a title would protect me from a man’s urges.

I wasn’t raped, but things almost came to that. Yes, I was drunk, but I was also fast asleep when I woke up to find him trespassing on my body. I was forced to feel things that should have been reserved for a consensual interaction. I lay there and let it happen, and thankfully, when I pleaded “no” as he tried to have sex with me, he obliged. I woke up with the evidence all over my neck and shamefully told his girlfriend “I didn’t remember.”

“I was forced to feel things that should have been reserved for a consensual interaction”

I tried to forget, but with each day I remembered more details, and it tore me apart. I was violated by someone I considered to be family, someone who always promised to protect me. I was forced into silence like so many others because of shame and the fear of getting in trouble, and I’d like to say I no longer think about it, but that’s just not true. I still see his face whenever I attempt to engage in sexual activity. He still interacts with my family and has tried to talk to me and hang out since then, because in his mind, nothing happened. But I, like many girls, didn’t ask for it. I never once signaled that I wanted this. I wasn’t raped, but...because if I was anything, I was a polite girl with good manners.”

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I was 10 years old, and he was nearly 50. He was a family friend who had volunteered to babysit my friend and me that night while our moms went out.

Prior to this, he had been giving me little gifts here and there—a stuffed animal, some candy and a few other random things. I never thought anything of it besides the fact that he was a nice man, and he wrestled with us, which made him really fun to be around. Until the wrestling became touchy. Until the gifts became more frequent and required payment.

On that night, it was the three of us—myself, my friend, and Him. Nothing unusual had yet taken place, and my friend and I were simply enjoying playing video games and watching Fred videos on Youtube.

And then, He asked us to play a game because He said he was bored. A 49-year-old man wanted to play Truth or Dare with two fifth-graders. Being fifth-graders, we just went with it. Truth or Dare turned into me being alone in a dark room with Him, naked and afraid as he touched me in places my mom had always told me never to let anyone touch me.

I still can hear his voice in my ear as he asked me if I liked it.

I still can hear him angry, whispering to me that he would kill me if I told anyone.

I still can feel the fear, the guilt and the confusion that wrecked my body.

I still can remember sneaking out to call my mom and pleading with her to come get me.

I still can feel the shame as my mom wept and told me it wasn’t my fault.

I still can see his face as I testified against him in court.

He didn’t kill me, and I didn’t keep it a secret. But he robbed me of many things that night. He took my trust in humanity, my childhood innocence that everyone is good. He stole my inner peace and gave me crippling relationship anxiety that will forever haunt me in those happy moments with whomever my significant other happens to be.

And so I say to you, “Me too”. Because you are not alone, and it is not your fault. And you are stronger than the person who tried to steal your soul.

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The Accent staff has chosen to publish some of the #MeToo articles anonymously due to the nature of their stories.
Notifications

Alissa Tanguay
Contribution

I smile inwardly as the web page pops up on my phone screen because who doesn’t like to see 12 notifications? It means I’m doing something right in life, right? Or not. But honestly, think about this for just a second.

Most of us have a sudden sense of happiness, identity and satisfaction when we get a notification that someone liked our picture, commented on our post or subscribed to our channel. We feel as though we have made a mark on the world and have been noticed by other people.

Is there something wrong with that feeling? Not inherently, but many times we get addicted to checking notifications that don’t matter.

Tired

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

Correct me if I’m wrong, but I feel like “overwhelmed” isn’t the right word to describe how we all feel at this point in the semester. “Emotionally exhausted” might do it, or “burnt out,” but I think the only word that feels right is tired. So, so tired.

Midterms are over, and life was supposed to go back to normal, but right now it feels like it’s just speeding up. There’s more homework, more projects, more tests. The workload won’t let up, and the end of the semester seems further away than when we started in August. How do you win the race when life is already ahead of you, you’re dehydrated, you’re sick, and you haven’t slept right in three weeks? If anyone finds the answer to that question, please call me, because I’d like to know—but in the meantime, I’d suggest that it’s a matter of prayer.

When life gets crazy, it’s incredibly easy to forget to pray. It’s certainly not the first thing that comes to my head when I’m so busy that I have to schedule my days down to the hour. Sometimes, praying doesn’t even make me feel better. I’ll be overwhelmed, in over my head, ready to pour out my woes, only to find that I really don’t feel like talking about it. Fortunately for us, God already knows what’s going on in our lives.

In high school, my religion teacher gave me a piece of advice that still helps me in situations like this: God already knows exactly what you need; He just wants to hear from you. You don’t have to tell Him what’s going on; you don’t even have to talk. A sigh or a whimper or a groan will do just as well. If you’re tired and you can’t find the words to ask God for help, anything you give Him is a prayer. He hears you. He knows how tough it’s been. So ask Him for help, and see what happens.

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NBA projections: Who are this year’s top five?

**Jonathan Im**
Contributor

1. **Golden State Warriors**
   Coming out hot as the NBA’s most recent champions, the Warriors have an excellent chance of winning it all once again. They have a fast-playing style with awesome perimeter shooters that no team has yet figured out. Steph Curry and Klay Thompson are the best shooting backcourt that the NBA has seen in a very long time.

2. **Cleveland Cavaliers**
   Cleveland has been a threat to many teams due to the killer mentality and leadership of LeBron James. During this past summer, Cleveland was fortunate to add several notable players: Derrick Rose, Isaiah Thomas, Jae Crowder and Dwyane Wade. Although Kyrie Irving was traded to Boston, the remaining core of the team is still present. With their defensive presence, offensive threats and deep bench, Cleveland has a good chance of winning the NBA title this year.

3. **Oklahoma City Thunder**
   Russell Westbrook continues to make a statement as the NBA’s most recently awarded MVP. Though the Thunder not too long ago had superstars Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and James Harden all playing on the same team, there have been some new additions that are evident threats to the rest of the league. All-Stars, Carmelo Anthony and Paul George, have teamed up with Russell Westbrook to win the NBA title. If their defense steps up this year, they will be an extremely hard team to beat in the West.

4. **San Antonio Spurs**
   Under the leadership of Coach Popovich, the Spurs are always in good hands. They are known to have the best team play and ball movement in the whole league. With key veterans Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili, the Spurs will continue to be a threat to many in the league with their high-IQ playing style. Lastly, Kawhi Leonard is a two-way monster and a valid MVP candidate this season.

5. **Houston Rockets**
   With the addition of star point guard Chris Paul, this team has a good chance of being at the top. James Harden, their star guard, will have the opportunity to play more off the ball as Chris Paul looks to find and set up his teammates. Houston also has the NBA’s most recent Sixth Man of the Year, Eric Gordon, who will help be a presence as a back-up shooting guard. With the loss of star defender Patrick Beverley, Houston will have to find a way to overcome their weakness in guard depth in order to win the NBA championship.

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3-on-3 basketball: The unstoppable BCB and Dream Team take the win

**Corinne Atiga**
Sports Editor

Last Saturday night, Oct. 21, the Dream Team and BCB took home the championship titles for the women’s and men’s 3-on-3 basketball tournaments, respectively.

The result of the women’s tournament was no surprise. The Dream Team, who were the reigning champs of last year’s 3-on-3, picked up right where they left off, breezing their way through the brackets to the finals. With only four teams to beat, Ally Stock, Natalie Diaz and Brooklyn Moore quickly finished off the night with their win against Crush Puppies.

The men’s tournament, however, changed in pace early as last year’s champions, High Key, got knocked out of the brackets from their losses against BCB and Team Kollar.

BCB worked their way through the brackets through their unstoppable offense. Stacked with quality players—Jonathan Im, Richard Ong, Devin Gray, Christian Im and Brady Tull—it was clear that this team would be the new team to beat.

BCB faced team Michael Jordan Cherne in the final game of the night for the men’s tournament. Michael Jordan Cherne previously faced BCB in the semifinals of the winning bracket. Barely losing with a score of 8-11, Michael Jordan Cherne was determined to win this rematch.

BCB had a strong offensive start. Devin Gray showed no mercy with the ball, putting up nasty dunks and swaggering layups. Christian Im and Brady Tull also added to the score with well-placed outside shots and layups.

Michael Jordan Cherne responded with aggressive drives and skillful shots by Jordan Cherne and Kyler Stock, which kept their score close behind BCB. The game turned around in favor of Michael Jordan Cherne when BCB gained their fifth foul. With each subsequent foul by BCB valuing as a point for Michael Jordan Cherne, Michael Jordan Cherne’s score board quickly started to rise.

BCB, weakened by their foul trouble, turned to their offense to fight for the win. Devin Gray fearlessly attacked the basket to keep their score competitive, racking up more points for his team. Since the score was still too close for comfort, Richard Ong delivered two splashing threes, securing the lead for BCB. These offensive efforts by BCB stunted Michael Jordan Cherne’s momentum, and BCB took control of the rest of the game. BCB finished the game off 21-11 with show-stopping dunks by MVP Devin Gray and a beautiful, game-winning three by Christian Im.

When asked how his team was able to pull through as the undefeated champions of the tournament, captain Jonathan Im stated, “Our team motto is to always stay strapped, eat the key and get buckets. And that’s what we did tonight.”
**McKee Library is holding a book sale on the main floor of the Library through Oct. 30.** We currently have a large table of items still available. All items are only $0.50. All proceeds are going directly to the relief efforts in Puerto Rico with additional donations welcome!

**FAFSA registration opened for 2018-2019 school year.** Make sure to get your FAFSA done ASAP to ensure your FAFSA is submitted before Nov. 30, 2017.

**Come to the SA Fall Festival!** It will be from 6 to 8 p.m. next to Iles PE Center. There will be Southern-baked potatoes, apple nachos, fresh apple cider, and kettle corn. There will also be lots of games hosted by our student organizations.

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**CHATTER**

**October/November**

**Thursday, October 26, 2017**

- 11:00 a.m. Convocation, Adventist Heritage, Philip Samaan, Church
- Last day to drop a class with a “W” on transcript
- Senior Exit Exams (20-29), Testing Office — 9a.m., 2 p.m., 4p.m.
- Deadline to request December/May Graduation, records office
- Graduation Contracts for December & May Graduates due, Records & Advisement
- Floor Hockey sign-up begins
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers, GYCSE, Doug Batchelor, Church
- 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, HymnFest, Church
- 10:00 a.m. The Experience Sabbath School, Church Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 10:15 a.m. Koinonia Sabbath School, IT Training Room
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal, David Ferguson, Church
- 11:35 a.m. Connect, Andy Nash, CA
- 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch, Dining Hall
- 2:00 p.m. S.W.A.G. Camp, Wright Hall
- 2:00 p.m. Westside for Jesus, Wright Hall
- 2:30 p.m. iWitness, Talge Chapel
- 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Supper, KR’s Place
- 6:30 p.m. Evensong, Church
- 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. International Student Event, Lynn Wood #1077
- 8:00 p.m. Open Gym, Iles
- 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast, VM Deli
- Senior Exit Exams (26-29), LWH 3050 — 9:30 a.m.
- 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Supper, KR’s Place
- 5:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Kayak Open
- 6:00 p.m. SA Fall Festival, Iles parking lot
- Student Center & KR’s closed
- Online Winter Registration Southern Scholars
- Student Missions Emphasis Week (Oct. 30 - Nov. 3)
- Education Portfolios due, Initial Admission & Student Teaching LiveText
- GRE Subject Exams, Lynn Wood
- 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Florence Oliver Anderson Lecture Series, Iles
- Online Winter Registration for Returning Seniors >93 hrs (Oct. 31 - Nov. 1)
- Floor Hockey Season begins
- Commitment Deposit of $250 for W18 becomes non-refundable
- Campus Research Day Title Change Deadline, McKee Library, southern.libguides.com/ResearchDay
- 7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room

*Items in green are worship credit events*

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**Student Life Announcements**

*Deadline to submit Chatter announcements is Sunday at noon*
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these nursing tests are sucking every ounce of happiness and positivity out of me LITERALLYYYYY I CANTTTTT
Victoria Manurung @victoreeaaa Nursing, SO

My roommate just woke up to her alarm and proceeded to roll over and sigh an airy “whhyyyy”
Bailey Labrenz @Braelabrenz Liberal Arts Education, SO

When is it socially acceptable to watch Christmas movies? Because I’m defs already doing it, I just want to know.
Nicole Carrillo @nykole_16 Management, SO

Should I pull an all nighter and do this paper or just fail the class
Shivani Ward @SithLordy Psychology, SR

I’m just really appreciative of the good people I have in my life.
Nina McCann @ninaamcCann Psychology, JR

Don’t let the pessimists convince you that their chronic negativity makes them “deeper” than you.
Alexandra Dye @adlyley PR/Graphic Design, JR

Repeats to self: Only 28 days until Thanksgiving, you can do this. You can come out alive.
Candra Ravariere @que_linda09 Finance, JR

@instagram is fake news. y’all not happy like that. i see your 2am tweets.
Mariaelena Hays @MariaelenaHays Public Relations, SO

@markthewalls It’s pride week at work #Collegedale #Tennessee #SAUpride #spiritweek #twinday #lions #bigcats #saulife #kingofthejungle

@frugalcurlytop It’s nerd day! #nerds #saulife #spiritweek #kidatheart #cute #friends #collegelife #sau #nerd

@philwarfield Together. A United Student Movement & Association. Southern and Oakwood still have a ways to go, but we’ve got to start somewhere. One ambassador at a time. Thanks for hosting us, fellow Mr. Pres.
What kind of Little Debbie are you?

Alexis Jones
Humor Editor

When do you prefer to shower?
- a. Morning
- b. Night
- c. Both

What is your Instagram profile like?
- a. Professional photographs
- b. Pictures with friends and family
- c. Selfies for days

Do you ever do homework on a Saturday night?
- a. Most of the time
- b. Never
- c. Sometimes

Which one are you subscribed to?
- a. Hulu
- b. Netflix
- c. HBO Now

What is your favorite part about fall?
- a. Pumpkin patches
- b. Fall fashion
- c. Tasty treats

Do you like Little Debbies?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Every now and then

Mostly A’s: Cosmic Brownie
You are the out-of-this-world Cosmic Brownie! Many people are attracted to your eccentric character and always seek you for a non-typical restaurant or shop reference. You tend to enjoy spending time by yourself but also love the company of other creative minds. Sometimes you worry about how others might receive your quirky traits, but remember, your colorful sprinkles are what make you shine differently from the rest!

Mostly B’s: Oatmeal Creme Pie
You are the sweet-on-the-inside-and-outside Oatmeal Crème Pie! Although you’re shy, people appreciate your thoughtfulness and sincerity. You have a sarcastic sense of humor and treasure music immensely. However, sometimes you allow the negativity of others to affect your mood. While others may not always value your velvety center and sugary coating, you are a rare cookie that is hard to come by!

Mostly C’s: Honey Bun
You are the making-all-of-the-bees-jealous Honey Bun! Your swirly, bubbly personality brightens other people’s days and unlocks many future-oriented opportunities. Though others may view you as outgoing, you tend to also be reserved when it comes to expressing your emotions. You’re ambitious when accomplishing goals, but remember that your glaze covering is not your only best attribute.
Plans for the new student center on campus

Natalie Boonstra
Contributor

Southern has begun the first steps in constructing the new Bietz Center for Student Life. One of those steps includes working on the sewage and waste systems that are located below the parking lot next to the Thatcher and Thatcher South dorms, which has raised concerns about parking.

In recent years some students felt parking on campus has been especially tight and have expressed difficulty in finding a space.

“It is ridiculously hard to find a parking spot, especially near Thatcher. Driving in at night can be stressful because I don’t know if I’ll get a spot,” said Elaina Bergondo, freshman general studies major. Students have been advised that they can park in other lots near Thatcher and Talge.

Even though this is a temporary loss, in order to have adequate room for the new Student Center the parking spaces in front of and behind McKee Library will be taken away.

Surveyors are currently working on a design for additional parking to replace the spaces that will be lost.

The Financial Administration department will finalize all of these details in November, and the actual building process will begin in April 2018. Students can anticipate the completion of the building in about two years, in March of 2020.

“This project is funded,” said Marty Hamilton, and we want students to know this isn’t just something we’re talking about. It’s actually going to happen very soon.”

Despite possible inconveniences, many students are still optimistic about the outcome. “I think the new student center is a fantastic idea,” said Gavin Finch, Student Association (SA) vice president and senior english major. “The university is showing its students that they matter by putting forth so much effort to build something for us. In reality there was nobody forcing the university to put so much effort into raising the money, and I think it is very thoughtful of them to do this.”

Fruition Lab happening today

Tierra Hayes
News Editor

Fruition Labs, held today in the Ackerman Auditorium from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., brings together a five-time Emmy award winner, a guy who started coding in his SAU dorm room and built a company that sold for nine figures, an award-winning wedding dress designer, and someone who forged his way into investment banking and broke into the big-name tech scene.

According to their website, Fruition allows students to “hear from, connect with and be inspired by experienced CEOs and founders.”

Students who signed up for Fruition labs paid a discounted fee of $20, as opposed the general $100 cost to attend.
Doug Batchelor speaks at GYC

Summer Shelby
Staff Writer

Crowds of every age piled into the Collegedale Church (date?) to hear Pastor Doug Batchelor give his five-part sermon for Generation of Youth for Christ for the Southeast (GYCSE). [Was this officially a week of prayer? I thought they were only having services from Thursday to Friday? I could be wrong, but I think we should double check]

Batchelor delivered a message titled “Rooted: Standing Through the Storm” about how to stand through the storms of life by being “rooted through Christ.”

“You not only need roots that are deep, you need roots that are wrapped around something; you need roots that are healthy,” Batchelor said. “We fill up with so much spiritual junk food, that the devil is working overtime to make us lose our appetite for that which is good.”

Not knowing exactly who was going to speak, Josh Draget, GYCSE vice president of communication and junior computer science major, said GYCSE did not consider Pastor Batchelor to speak at first.

“Not because we didn’t want him to come,” Draget said, “but because we didn’t think it would be possible; he is often booked years in advance.”

After not having a speaker lined up, GYCSE decided to reach out to Batchelor to see what would happen.

“Surprisingly, he was available on the exact dates GYCSE was scheduled, and the planning effort took full swing,” Draget said.

Sophomore nursing major Lauren Shelby talked about the impact Batchelor’s sermons had on her.

“It’s really interesting to hear his inspirational story of having everything he could possibly want to then reducing himself to nothing,” Shelby said. “It shows how money really doesn’t fill the hole in our hearts, and it’s only God that can do that.”

Some students, like junior public relations major Lizzie Williams, were more skeptical of Batchelor’s arrival.

“I am not an expert theologian by any standards, but there have been messages preached by him that I do not agree with,” Williams said. “I expected a very conservative sermon and was pleasantly surprised when he shared his testimony…. I thought it was engaging and provided insight into his life and gave me perspective as to why he believes what he believes.”

Homecoming: Not only for alumni

Lizzie Williams
Staff Writer

Homecoming provides the opportunity for alumni, students and faculty to reconnect as a community through Convocations, vespers and the Feed My Starving Children packing event. In years past, Homecoming has been a weekend for alumni to return to Southern and reconnect with classmates and influential faculty. This year, Southern’s Alumni Relations, Advancement and Campus Ministries offices are partnering together to create relationships between alumni and students.

“Southern is providing a more efficient use of resources and increasing alumni/student interactions throughout various activities planned during the

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I AM THEY visits Southern: A review

AUDREY FANKHANE
Staff Writer

The Christian band I AM THEY performed at Iles P.E. Center for vespers on Oct. 27. Lead singers Abbie Parker, Matt Hein and Jon McConnell began their concert worship with songs “No Longer Slaves” by Bethel Music and “Good Good Father” by Chris Tomlin along with some of their own hits, such as “Love is Mine” and their newest song, “Crowns.”

Artistic lighting, indie folk beats and instruments such as the harmonium, banjo and concert bass drum set the ambiance. “Sitting there, I felt we were united as a school,” said Lizzie Williams, junior public relations major. “Even though there are underlying tensions, we felt like we were one.... It gave me chills.”

“The concert was really fun,” said Alan Handy, sophomore chemistry major. “They had really nice and upbeat songs; they just put you in the mood to worship.”

After the program, students were able to meet with band members and take pictures. The band members started up conversations with students about keeping a spiritual life as well as where they buy their fedora hats and metallic boots. Keyboardist Justin Shinn shared the stories behind his tattoos.

Students enjoyed the program and demanded a double encore. “They were so passionate about what they were doing. It wasn’t like a show. It was very genuine; they were genuinely worshipping,” freshman communication studies major Madison Gang said.

I AM THEY was born in 2008 after a night of worship that five churches in Carson, Nevada collaborated for Halloween. After that night, band members agreed that God was calling them to a greater mission.

“We all have the mindset that this is it for us. This is what we are supposed to be doing,” McConnell said.

I AM THEY said they keep their worship at the center of all they do. “This isn’t a show. We’re not very good at that,” Hein said. “This is for Him.”

Seeing others engaging in a worship experience is what motivates singer McConnell.

“You get fueled off of people worshipping and getting into it,” McConnell said. “I don’t need the show. It could just be an acoustic guitar and me. Sometimes I even step off the mic! Why do I always have to be singing the songs?”

I AM THEY worships with students at vespers.

This concert was one of the last shows centered around their self-titled album “I AM THEY.” However, band members shared that this is just the beginning of the band’s journey. I AM THEY is already planning some new projects for this coming year.

“Next week, we start tracking our next album. That’s kind of the big surprise,” singer and mandolin player Hein said.

The group began recording the new album on Monday of this week.

The band posted on Instagram that they enjoyed being at Southern.

“We had a blast at SAU! We love you guys!”

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weekend,” said Evonne Crook, advancement director.

Convocation kicks off the weekend with speeches from students who are returning from spending a year serving as student missionaries. Alumni who have previously served in the mission field will attend the program as well.

During the vespers program, alumni who are currently serving in the mission field will present. A flag processional will take place during the service, followed by a missions exposition encouraging students to serve in the mission field.

“Alumni participation in the flag processional and the missions exposition will encourage a lifetime of service for students,” said Brennon Kirstein, Southern chaplain. “It is side-by-side recruitment, strengthening someone’s desire who may be on the fence about serving as a student missionary.”

Southern graduate James Appel, ’96, will speak at the University Church services on Nov. 4. Appel became recognized nationally in Feb. 2014 when he moved to Monrovia, Liberia to work in a hospital that others fled from due to the Ebola outbreak.
Fall Festival 2017

Photos by Cinthya Molina

Fall Festival was held at Iles Gym on Oct. 29, from 6-8p.m.

“Pie in the face” courtesy of Brazilian club

Donuts on a string Courtesy of the social work dept.

Jeanelle Argnelles and Tierra Hayes sit at the Comm Club booth

Students enjoy the baked potato bar

Voculus, a student-led acapella group, performed at Fall Festival

Students pose with photo props
Senate Spirit Week 2017

Senate held Spirit Week from Oct. 23 to 27.

Photos by Bruno Benna

Participants were entered in a drawing for a chance to win an Apple Watch. Timothy Doss (not pictured), junior nursing major, was the winner.
The reformation and our heritage

“If you’ve been out of your room at all in the last couple months, you might’ve noticed that there’s a lot of buzz going on this fall about the Reformation. That’s because this year marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the door of the Wittenberg Church. It’s a proud day for Protestants all over the world. Martin Luther’s Theses called out a dark time in history—the witch hunts, the wars, the burnings of innocent Christians who would not renounce their faith—and shed light into a religion that had been corrupted by greed and power. We have Martin Luther and his contemporaries to thank for the Bible we hold so dear in our walk with God.

All of that is incredible and wonderful, and you’ll be hearing so much more about it in the weeks to come, but what I think the 500th anniversary of the Reformation really stands for is an emphasis on Christian heritage. It’s a good time to look back on our own heritage as Adventists and to reflect on the good and the bad so that we can understand where we have come from and get a clearer picture of where we’re going.

The Adventist church is going through some growing pains right now. There’s a new generation of young people who are stepping up and asking for a change—a reform, if you will—in the way things are done. This transition is to be expected; it’s natural. It’s the law of time that generations will come and go and bring new ideas and perspectives with them. But we can’t use this as an excuse to discount the hard work that 500 years worth of Christians have accomplished for us. We’re standing on the shoulders of those who’ve walked before us. Let’s take this time to reflect on their legacy, so we can move forward and upward and closer to our true home.

The problem with guilt

Since the birth of sin on Earth, every human being has been given a choice: right or wrong. To obey God, or to follow Satan. To lift people up with kind words, or to gossip about them. To see members of the opposite sex as beautiful creations of God, or to objectify them. Being human, we very often choose wrong, and this failure almost always brings with it the all-too-familiar feeling of guilt. While guilt is a great tool in discerning what is right or wrong, guilt can be a moral poison if dwelt on. Letting guilt fester in the heart after committing a sin solves nothing. Instead, it causes pain and makes it easier to justify more sin. For example, imagine that you used to be an alcoholic. You had been sober for a year, but you just recently failed and got blackout drunk one a late night. You woke up the next morning hungover and full of guilt, which if let loose will cause you to make excuses such as, “Well, I already crossed the line,” or “I’m already unclean,” leading to “Might as well drink more,” and the process restarts.

If you don’t take a stand against guilt in every sinful moment, you will never break out of this vicious cycle. In his book “Mere Christianity,” C.S. Lewis discusses obedience to God, stressing that if we trust Christ, we should take His advice and obey Him not because we need to be saved, but because He has begun to save us already. Coming at the fight from an “already saved” perspective can help to silence excess guilt and give us the strength to make the right choices.
Do not belittle me

**Abby Hunt**
Contributor

Do not belittle me. Do not question me.

I heard men across campus say they needed a warning before reading the two-page spread on domestic violence in the last issue of the Accent due to the graphic nature of the stories. To some, that “need” may seem like a legitimate concern, but to a woman like me, a survivor of rape, it is belittling. Where was my “graphic” warning before my mind, body and soul were violated? Many other women across campus share similar experiences. Where were our “graphic” warnings?

The Accent provided a platform to share the atrocities that women like me experience every day in this corrupt world, a world in which girls are conditioned to think that they are required to dress “modestly.” A world in which our mothers taught us to dress modestly from the age of five “because boys like to look at girls.”

In middle school, our mothers told us that “if boys see certain parts of your body, they get excited and can’t control themselves.” In high school, our mothers said, “If you don’t dress modestly, men won’t respect you.” I assure you that there are women on this campus who blame themselves for being assaulted due to their “lack of modesty.”

A woman’s clothing choices should never dictate her safety or the level of respect she deserves.

“Women and men should be free to express themselves without fear. I will never forget receiving a call from my best friend, a student at UTC, telling me that she was raped, and it was her fault because she wasn’t dressed “modestly.” This should not happen, ever.

“A woman’s clothing choices should never dictate her safety or the level of respect she deserves.”

This weekend, I chose to join the #MeToo movement by posting on social media using the hashtag. Within 30 minutes of my posting, I received a message from a male friend saying, “Did that actually happen to you, or are you just supporting the movement?”

Do not question me, do not question us, do not question our solidarity with inquiries like the previous. The #MeToo movement provides the safety of ambiguity. It has taken me five years to be able to say that I was raped, and while I am not ashamed, I should be able to support others without being questioned as to whether something “actually” happened to me. Survivors like me live to look into the future with hope, with strength and with knowledge of what the world is and what it could be. We are humans, we are mothers, daughters, sisters and we are women. Do not question us. Do not belittle us. Support us.

Those who hunger in silence

**GeLissa LeVeille**
Contributor

Two years ago, I was only able to have one meal per day, for one whole semester. What may seem like a disordered dietary restriction was in fact a means of necessity, because during this time, I just couldn’t afford to eat regular meals. That might be a shock to many on campus who would ask, “Why not get a meal plan?” My simple answer: I didn’t have the money. At the time, I was taking a 19-credit course load and working about 10-15 hours a week. There was simply no time to eat, and even worse, there was no money.

My reality is the reality of many students on this campus and on campuses across the nation. Students are secretly going hungry because they are too poor to afford extra meals, and they are ashamed to say it.

We’re college students. We’re used to being low on cash, and usually, we’re able to work and earn enough to mitigate this time of poverty until we (hopefully) graduate and (hopefully) earn more. On many occasions, I’ve joked with my friends about not having any money and being “literally poor.” But behind these jokes, there’s often a nugget of truth. According to the 2011-12 census, 15.2 percent of the entire US population was below the poverty line. In contrast, 51.8 percent of all college students (living off campus and not with relatives) were below the poverty line. That’s a staggering percentage and it’s happening to students just like you.

When I was only eating a meal a day, several thoughts went through my head. Repeatedly, I asked myself, “How long is this paycheck going to last me?” My biggest worry wasn’t that I couldn’t work out? I don’t want to lose too many calories.” My most constant thought was, “Can anyone tell?” My biggest worry wasn’t that I couldn’t eat, though that was a constant concern, but it was that my friends would be able to tell, and they would feel awkward about inviting me places for the simple fact that I couldn’t afford to eat off campus. Or on campus. Or just to eat anything that wasn’t rice and potatoes.

I was lucky to have roommates at the time who loved to cook. They would graciously share their homemade meals, and I would calculate how much lunch I could afford to buy during the rest of the week if circumstances necessitated it. I got caught in an unfortunate situation, and I’m not alone.

One day, I’d like to see that college students are able to live comfortably while in school, because goodness knows we already go through a lot. Hopefully, there comes a day when these census numbers will change, and the “poor college student” trope will be eradicated. Hopefully, there comes a day when poverty doesn’t rule our lives. We can only hope that things will change.

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How to celebrate holidays like an American

For anybody who’s abroad and wondering how holidays are celebrated in America, or for an American who’s lost the true spirit and meaning of American holidays, here’s a short guide on celebrating some of the most popular holidays like a true American:

1) The real spirit of Thanksgiving is being thankful, but for Americans, it means eating to your heart’s content, avoiding family members you don’t like but pretend you do and then indulging in greed by participating in the original Hunger Games: Black Friday. May the odds be ever in your favor.

2) In order to celebrate Christmas like a true American, be prepared to start celebrating it in August. For bonus points, leave your Christmas lights on all year long. After awakening from your pumpkin coma, you’ll crawl out of bed to a warm, American Christmas brawl over the new Starbucks cup design.

3) To be consistent with yearly trends, set yourself up for New Year’s resolutions that you definitely won’t reach so that you’re already doomed before you begin. Spend lots of money on expensive work-out gear, planners to keep yourself organized and a membership to Whole Foods (but silently switch to Trader Joe’s when nobody’s watching). For good measure, don’t forget to mask your failures with a new social media account. #NewYearNewInstaNewMe

4) Love. So pure. So sweet. How could it ever be tainted? Here comes America! To celebrate Valentine’s Day like a true American, scrutinize all your past and present relationships. Single and need a date? Let us introduce you to Tinder. If you’re lucky enough to have been boo-d up by now, the quality of your relationship will be measured by how many gifts you receive or give. You can make up for your failed resolutions by drowning your sorrows in tons of chocolate and Ben & Jerry’s.

5) Last but definitely not least, the greatest American holiday is your own birthday. Make sure to be awfully offended when expected to come in to work; find a way to mention your birthday in every conversation (be cute and demure, so nobody suspects anything). Tell everyone you don’t have anything planned, which is code for wanting a surprise party. If you don’t get one, post passive aggressively on social media. Let’s face it, everyone thinks their birthday is a national holiday.

At the end of the day, our holidays should be just like us: big, loud and better than everyone else.

P.S. this is satire, so put your pitchforks down.
Greetings, literal and hypothetical athletes! For those of you who are tired of football, loathe baseball, and pass on basketball here are a few alternative sports you might want to start following or playing.

1. Wife-carrying
This spouse-friendly sport originated in Finland and features the tandem of a husband and a wife (though singles can participate too). The goal of wife-carrying is for the male teammate to carry his female teammate through a specialized obstacle course in the shortest amount of time. If you’re recently married or looking to put a little spark into your relationship, wife-carrying might be the sport for you!

2. Cheese-rolling
The Cooper’s Hill Cheese-Rolling and Wake is a yearly event held near Gloucester, England. The goal of cheese-rolling is simple. Competitors race down a hill after a rolling wheel of cheese in hopes of catching it or crossing the finish line at the bottom before anyone else. For the lactose-tolerant, cheese-rolling presents a fine alternative to traditional races.

3. Sepak takraw
You might think that sepak takraw looks like volleyball but with feet — and that’s because it is! Sepak takraw is most popular in Southeast Asia, and it functions similarly to volleyball. However, instead of using their hands to keep the ball in the air, players use their feet, knees, chest and head. If you’re good at aerial maneuvers but chose not to join Gym Masters, give sepak takraw a shot!

4. Toe wrestling
Toe wrestling borrows a lot from arm wrestling; it just involves the feet. The goal of toe wrestling is to pin your opponent’s foot to the ground for three seconds. A match typically consists of three rounds, with one on the right foot, one on the left foot and then one on the right foot again if a tiebreaker is needed. If you take footsie a bit too seriously, toe wrestling may very well be your true calling.

5. Bo-taoshi
Bo-taoshi, Japanese for “pole-pulldown,” is quite the ordeal. The goal of the sport is to knock the other team’s pole below a 30 degree angle. What makes Bo-taoshi extra intense is the size of it participation. A total of 150 players participate, with 75 on the offense and 75 on the defense. If you have A LOT of friends, some time to kill and a couple of poles, I’m not sure what else you could possibly do.

If you and your friends decide to try one of these sports, take a picture of it, post the picture on social media and use #SAUlife, and you could be in our next issue!
**Online Winter Registration for Returning Juniors >54 hrs & Seniors (3-4)**
Homecoming Weekend (2-5)
11:00 a.m. Convo, Student Missions, Mindi & James Smith, Church
5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. SA Supper, Iles
6:00 p.m. Alumni Banquet, Dining Hall
7:30 p.m. Convo, Student Missions, Mindi & James Smith, Thatcher Chapel

**International Food Fair**
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Campus Shop Open
9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Psychology Symposium, Summerour #1200
4:00 p.m. Sigma Theta Tau Induction
8:00 p.m. Vespers, Student Missions, Mindi & James Smith, Church
9:30 p.m. Missions Expo, Iles PE Center

**9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, John Appel, Southern’s Alumni Weekend, Church**
11:35 a.m. Renewal, John Appel, Southern’s Alumni Weekend, Church
11:35 a.m. Connect, Dave Ferguson, CA
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch, Dining Hall
2:00 p.m. S.W.A.G. Camp, Wright Hall
2:00 p.m. Westside for Jesus, Wright Hall
2:30 p.m. iWitness, Talge Chapel
4:00 p.m. School of Music Sacred Concert, Music for Reformation, Church
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Supper, KR’s Place
8:30 p.m. SA Southern Ninja Warrior, Outdoor Education Center
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Southern Union Evangelism Council, Church

**Daylight Savings Time Ends, Set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m.**
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast, VM Deli
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 14th Annual Antique/Classic Car Show, Wood Parking Lot
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cave Open, Student Park
4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Supper, KR’s Place
5:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m. Kayak open

**Online Winter Registration for returning Sophomores >23 hours, Juniors & Seniors (6-7)**
Legacy Preview Southern
MPRE Exam, Lynn Wood
7:30 p.m. Music General Recital, Ackerman

**Campus Research Day title-change deadline, southern.libguides.com/ResearchDay**
12:00 p.m. Tornado Siren Test
12:00 p.m. Resume & Cover Letters, McKee Library

**Online Winter Registration for returning Freshmen <24 hours, Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors (8-10)**
7:30 p.m. Music General Recital, Ackerman

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**McKee Library** is proud to offer the “Writing & Revision Workshop” on Nov. 3rd at noon.

**FAFSA registration** opened for 2018-2019 school year. Make sure to get your FAFSA done ASAP to ensure it is submitted before Nov. 30, 2017.

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**THURSDAY 2**
Ian Black
Elisa Monroig
Heidi Oventenko
Phil Paik

**FRIDAY 3**
Zach Henski
Cameron Hodges
Kathleen Napituupulu
Genesis Napod
Christian Palm

**SATURDAY 4**
Eric Eiselstein
Kristyna Hyblova
Ruth-Anne Jean-Louis
Andrew Loh
Jackson Schlisner
Isaac Valera

**SUNDAY 5**
Kopell Ambroise
Kaleigh Beckner
Randy Rahming
Heather Stone
Aaron Trelfa
Ben Williams

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*Deadline to submit Chatter announcements is Sunday at noon*
House of Cards getting cancelled may be the saddest thing I’ve heard in a while.

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Finance, SR

ur not cool when u blasting ur music on a Bluetooth speaker u carry around in ur backpack—buy earphones plz

David Siahaan @davidjsiahaan
Marketing, SO

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#YouKnowYoureAdventistWhen

You know which one is a haystack

You've seen at least one of these pictures before

You've had “Sabbath shows” when you were younger

Your parents say “it’s a sign of the end times” after every major event

You skipped your Sabbath nap because you had to hand out literature

You have either eaten or avoided a Special K Loaf

Twitter Input

#youknowyoureadventistwhen you ask yourself the nerve-racking question whether you should clap or say “Amen” in church.
Connor Yonkers, JR

#youknowyoureadventistwhen You say AD-vent-tist and not ad-VEN-tist.
Audrey Fankhanel, SO

Church members say “Satan is working his hardest today” if there’s a mishap during the service

#youknowyoureadventistwhen first rule about the Adventist bubble: you do not talk about the Adventist bubble
Lindsey Conkle, SR

#youknowyoureadventistwhen you worked at summer camp
Todd Bennett, JR

#youKNOWyoureadventistwhen you think summer camp is an Adventist thing
Tia Huff, SR
Students and alumni unearth 25-year-old time capsule

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Southern Adventist University students and alumni gathered to unearth a time capsule from 1992 on Friday, Nov. 3. The time capsule was buried in front of the Doll House next to Lynn Wood Hall, and the excavation was a part of Southern's Alumni Weekend program.

After brief speeches by various alumni, former Southern President Donald R. Sahly, Ph.D., led the program. Once the time capsule had been unearthed and opened, Sahly read a letter from the capsule that he had written in 1992. It described the university’s celebration of its centennial anniversary, plans for building a new science building and its ceremonial burying of a literal hatchet, symbolizing the university’s journey toward a more Christ-like campus.

Among the items in the time capsule were a Southern t-shirt, silver Southern coins, music produced by Southern’s music department and a copy of the Southern Accent from that year. The capsule also had a copy of the 1992 Joker (Southern's old photo registry), baseball cards, a copy of the 1992 Southern yearbook, a picture of the 1992 student body and faculty in front of Wright Hall and a stone from Graysville, TN, Southern's original campus site.

SA President Phillip Warfield and President David Smith ended the service by thanking the alumni and reflecting on the university’s past and future. Warfield and Smith placed personal letters in a new time capsule that was buried next to the Doll House. The time capsule was also filled with student letters, this year’s fifth Southern Accent issue and a campus map, along with other items. Members of the audience put in some of their own personal items.

Campus welcomes back alumni for 60th Homecoming Weekend

At 101 years old, Harry Bennett, '36, was the oldest alumnus attendee at this year’s Homecoming.

University president Dave Smith and SA President Phillip Warfield welcome this year’s alumni.
University Senate approves updated Substance Abuse Policy

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Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services, presented the revised Substance Abuse Policy at the University Senate meeting held on Sept. 25.

In efforts to abide by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA), the revisions state, under the protocol section, that students are required to undergo drug testing randomly, periodically or due to reasonable suspicion. If the test comes back negative, University Administration will cover the cost of the test; if the test comes out positive, however, the student will pay for it. Missing a scheduled screening or refusing to have the screening administered will be interpreted as a positive test.

“We’ve chosen to [test] eight persons per month at a random basis”
—Dennis Negron

Negron emphasized that it is a truly random selection, without any particular interference to “balance” the randomized population selection.

Another addition to the protocol includes that substance distribution will likely result in dismissal. Proof of distribution will not rely on hearsay, but on substantial and credible evidence.

“It was never in the policy, so we felt that in order to not make what we do a challenge in the future, there needed to be policy,” Negron said.

The protocol section also states that if a technician reveals that a urine sample has been tampered with or reveals drug use that occurred beyond the time frame urine samples can detect, the Substance Abuse Policy Committee will drug test with a hair sample.

The following staff members from different departments currently hold a position on the Substance Abuse Policy Committee: Leslie Kay, mental health counselor at the Student Success Center; Chamra Anthony, assistant dean of women; John Willis, assistant dean of the Southern Village; and Dennis Negron, vice president of Student Services. Each of these committee members was chosen because of his or her extensive experience in working with substance abuse policies and drug and addiction counseling.

This revised policy applies equally to both on- and off-campus behavior. “When a student chooses to come to Southern, the student understands that there are certain things that he or she agrees to provide by the code of conduct in the Student Handbook,” Negron said.

Some students feel that the drug policy is a violation of privacy and their personal rights.

“I believe that the new drug policy is invasive and uncalled for,” an anonymous student said. “Although names are randomly being drawn, it is another form of Southern controlling their students.”

Another anonymous student said, “I originally thought that Southern was exercising a bias towards students who they deemed suspicious, but it is reassuring to know that they are taking steps to ensuring unbiased drug tests.”

The revised substance abuse policy was approved unanimously by University Senate. A digital copy of the updated policy can be found online at www.southern.edu.

Southern initiative packages food for Feed My Starving Children

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More than 100,000 meals, enough to feed 276 kids for a year, were packed by Southern Adventist University students, staff, alumni and community members on Sunday, Nov. 5 as a part of Feed My Starving Children (FMSC).

Feed My Starving Children is a donations-based nonprofit that sends food to struggling communities across the world. Volunteers on Sunday worked in teams to individually package nutrient-dense servings of an enriched rice, soy and vegetable blend.

The event was coordinated in conjunction with this year’s Alumni Homecoming Weekend which was planned with the idea of building stronger connections between students and graduates. Southern President Dave Smith said that this was a good opportunity to bring people together for the mission of service.

“Service is at the heart of everything we do here at Southern,” Smith said. “I think for Alumni Weekend it was great

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Sabrina Smith wins first Southern Ninja Warrior

Contestant Sabrina Smith, junior Spanish major, won the title of the first Southern Ninja Warrior, hosted by the Student Association (SA) at the Outdoor Education Center’s rope course on Nov. 4.

Southern Ninja Warrior is SA’s version of the popular TV show American Ninja Warrior, where contestants compete on a rigorous obstacle course for a cash prize. An anonymous committee reviewed applications from 24 applicants—only six women—Smith came out on top, winning a $500 prize.

Participants were harnessed, hooked and strapped in, and there were shock absorbers in case there were any major falls.

The competition consisted of three rounds: the rock climb and two custom ropes courses. “The most challenging thing leading up to the event was knowing some of the contestants.”

—Sabrina Smith

The most challenging thing though was definitely the fact that I was competing against guys who were taller, stronger and faster.”

“It definitely feels really crazy and unreal to have won, especially being a female competing among many males. I was surprised by the amount of support I got from friends as well as strangers,” Smith said.

Students, families, friends and even dogs (yes, dogs) are invited to come out to experience Southern’s live comedy sketch show, Studio 4109. Studio will return for its seventh season on Nov. 11 in Iles Gym at 8:15 p.m. Pastor Dave Ferguson of the Collegedale Church will be the host.

Executive Director Armondi Stokes-Hicks and Delaney Harris, Executive Producer, are excited for this upcoming Studio season.

“A goal of mine is to bring joy to the campus,” Stokes-Hicks said. “[I want] to make the students laugh and for people who are stressed to have an opportunity for fun.”

Like every year, new cast members joined the production for the new season, like freshman communication studies major Davina Stroia.

“I was involved in acting for three years in high school, [and] when I came here [Southern] my friends told me to try out for Studio, and I got in,” Stroia said.

Studio will only be having three shows this year so that they can make sure they have enough time to get their skits approved by administration in advance.

The first Studio show will feature junior accounting major Britney Finck as the special music guest. In the past, Studio has featured an outside band or performer.

“There are a lot of people here at Southern with amazing talent. We’re giving students an outlet for them to express themselves,” Stokes-Hicks said. “It is cool to bring in a special guest, but why when we have people here with equal if not more talent than anyone we could bring in”.

Stokes said another highlight will be skits involving food.

“It’s gonna get a little messy,” Stokes-Hicks said.

Many students are looking forward to the new things that Studio will bring this season.

“Critics say that Studio is no good, but I have high expectations,” said Angelie Harper, freshman nursing major.

“I am excited to see Southern student generated comedy,” said John Boone, freshman business major.

Despite critics, Stokes-Hicks said that he believes that Studio is a great way to reach out to people.

“I find Studio to be its own ministry,” Stokes-Hicks said. “And some don’t agree [with that statement], but laughter and joy are things that God has given us.”
Nexsus: “What would Jesus say about race relations?”

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Nexsus and Campus Ministries co-hosted a panel discussion on Nov. 2, featuring three professors who presented on the topic chosen: “What would Jesus say about race relations?”

Raul Rivero, evangelism resource coordinator; Stephanie Guster, assistant professor in the social work department; and Karon Powell, assistant professor in the global development department led the discussion.

Throughout the event, students were able to text in their questions to a number shown on the projector screen. Students posed questions that explored several themes including race, church politics and racial relations within the church.

Tamara Malakhov, MBA Finance major, coordinated the event.

“In the beginning of this year, I started to dream about creating a series of events that fostered an environment of authenticity,” Malakhov said, “where both the professors and students could come together to have genuine and honest conversation about hard, relevant topics.”

She wanted to include the church view along with other diverse perspectives, and after contacting Marc-Anthony Pierre, assistant chaplain, they met during the summer to coordinate the event.

“Marc-Anthony grandfathered the name ‘Nexus’ to me from a previous group he used to lead on campus,” Malakhov said. “In light of the Charlottesville, Va riots, DACA and Dreamers, and in light of the Andrews’ [It’sTimeAU] video last semester, Marc and I felt that this topic is what we should discuss in our first event. Future topics will be chosen prayerfully by the Nexus team and Campus ministries.”

The Nexus team hopes to hold one more event before the end of the year, tentatively on Nov. 30.

“I thought it was a phenominal way to engage intentional conversation about race,” said Brandon Williams, senior chemistry major. “A lot of our unfavorable interactions on the racial front simply stem from a misunderstanding of a person’s race or culture. Nexus provided a forum to ask some of the hard questions, and hearing them answered from different perspectives was invaluable.”

Campus Ministries starts The Hotspot

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Weekly joint worships are back. “The Hotspot” is being held Wednesday evenings in Thatcher Hall from 8-9 p.m.

Worships in the dorms are usually directed by Deans Kevin Pride and Tisha Looby of Talge and Thatcher, respectively. The Hotspot, however, was started this semester by Marc-Anthony Pierre, assistant chaplain of Campus Ministries.

“Pierre approached Dean Looby and me about the potential of The Hotspot, and we were both flexible in our schedules to allow this worship to take place,” Pride said.

Southern has not had joint chapel worships in the last two years, but Pierre decided to bring them back to create fellowship among the student body.

“My hopes and goals for the ministry are to create an atmosphere of community, service opportunity and unity through diversity,” Pierre said.

The Hotspot will be hosted by different groups each week, including Latin American Club, Asian Club, Black Christian Union, Campus Ministries and Student Association. These groups are on a five-week rotation.

“The Hotspot is similar in style to a Week of Prayer night,” Pierre said. “They have a more service feel than a regular dorm worship.”

After each worship, students can fill out a “connect card,” which will allow them to give Southern feedback regarding how they would like the campus to affect their spiritual lives. Students can write whether they want to receive a Bible study or a dorm visit to participate in mission outreach or any other spiritual need. Pierre said the connect card is important because “most worship services don’t have a follow-up.”

At first, these joint worships were named The Plug, but Enactus, an organization in the business department, started its own group with the same name. Due to the miscommunication, the worships were simply renamed The Hotspot.

“We didn’t want any competition, so we re-branded,” Pierre said. “We still kept the same concept, initiative and theology, but we just moved from The Plug to The Hotspot.”

This name was chosen to promote connection with God. In the same way that people connect their phones to power, Pierre said that it is important for people to also connect spiritually with God.

Rena Chung, president of the Asian Club and senior biology-research major, said that The Hotspot is an “authentic” and “low-key” student-led worship.

“I love how it’s so raw, and the service is always uniquely dynamic and interactive with good music, prayer activity, student testimony and a talk,” Chung said. “These are key things that our generation needs to learn to participate in, and I’m so excited to have it come alive this year.”

The Hotspot is always looking for leaders. Any student who desires to help should contact Pierre at marcanthonypierre@southern.edu.

Corrections to Issue 8, Volume 73

On the “Doug Bachelor speaks at GYC” article on page 2, the words “(date?)” and “[was this officially a week of prayer? I thought they were only having services from Thursday to Friday? I could be wrong, but I think we should double check],” were editor’s marks made online, and should not have appeared in the article.

On page 4, the Fall Festival photos should have been credited to Joshuwa Shelton in addition to Cinthya Molina.

Feeling lucky? Find our ducky! Kevin is hidden and we’re not kidding!
President’s Address: NAD Year-End Meetings 2017

PHILLIP WARFIELD
SA PRESIDENT

My fellow Student Association and student body presidents, leaders in the North American Division (NAD), and I were invited to the NAD Year-End Meetings (NADYEM) in Columbia, MD. From Oct. 26 to 31, we bonded, explored Washington D.C., exchanged numbers and stories and kept in constant contact.

This past week was an opportunity for me to network and get to know people from as far as Guam or as near as Chattanooga, including: Dan Jackson, NAD President; Gale Jones Murphy, Pianist and the first woman President; James Black; Charles E. and Ethel Bradford, the first NAD President; Terry Shaw, Adventist Health Systems CEO, and more!

Many important topics that came up, such as women in ministry, Sabbath school, retention of young adults, and the controversial General Conference (GC) Unity/Reconciliation Document.

Another agenda item was the grand opening ceremony for the NAD’s brand-new building, stemming from a desire to house its own organization away from the GC, just as every other division throughout the world.

SA Presidents and company were treated with a lot of respect, as we probably made up most of the population under the age of 30.

I would think as a whole, the NADYEM were composed of many middle aged to older men, but also many women. The NADYEM was also composed of a very racially diverse group of individuals, which reflects our church’s current racial statistics.

Recently, the NAD made the decision to allow SA Presidents and those in our company to vote and even come up to the microphone to voice our opinions and add to the discussion. With our input, the NAD was able to amend suggestions towards the Unity/Reconciliation document and forward them to the GC. The NAD is actively looking for ways to better communicate with young adults, and include accurate representation for them on important committees. The Haystack, the Potluck, and even our literature will receive more attention.

The NAD’s major focus is mission, and throughout the meetings, I was filled with hope and encouragement. Our president, Dan Jackson, is a man who hears our voices. He does not command individuals from a top-down approach, and repeatedly said that the church must be a grassroots movement.

Several individuals during the session reaffirmed the need for youth and to reach people where they are.

Before I left, I requested that students submit questions that they wanted me to ask at NADYEM. One question I received from a student was: “What is the NAD actively doing to combat the racism that is a part of the inherent structure of its church?” In response, our church knows and understands these things and they resonate with us.

Two pastors in the Southern Union, one from a regional conference and the other from a state conference, have taken it upon themselves to breach the racial barrier by participating in a joint-evangelistic series. They were beyond blessed as the evangelistic series turned into the biggest series either of the pastors had ever had, and they discussed their similarities and misconceptions about the other. The church has affirmed them.

The NADYEM were an encouraging reminder that our church is productive and wants to involve youth in every way. Our church wants and needs us and is actively pursuing us through new methods, like the new Adventist Journey young adult magazine being developed and even new television stations. Our church is open to new ideas and is looking for students to become interns and help revitalize methods of communication for reaching people where they are.

“They have been called to finish the work,” said Dan Jackson, NAD President, “It’s not going to be my generation. It’s their generation.”

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to have young people, people from the campus, alumni coming back and other groups coming from area churches. I think it was great for everyone to get together and share in that service and find that bond.”

Feed My Starving Children is a donations-based nonprofit that sends food to struggling communities across the world. Volunteers on Sunday worked in teams to individually package nutrient-dense servings of an enriched rice, soy and vegetable blend.

“They packed a lot of food,” said Lucas Patterson, event coordinator. “More than one box per person which is kind of the goal that Feed My Starving Children has for this. We exceeded their goal, probably because we have a bunch of able-bodied college students.”

Tara Bugg, the event supervisor for FMSC, said she believes that the organization is working on completing God’s mission for the world.

“To think of the potential that some of these kids have,” Bugg said, “and the plan God has for them to maybe be president, or to maybe be an Olympic athlete, or to radically change the world in some way but they can’t do that because their parents can’t feed them and so they don’t see adulthood just breaks my heart. And so to be able to partner with an organization whose true goal is to change the world is something I’m very passionate about.”

Students at Southern were offered Christian Service credit, a graduation requirement, for participating in FMSC.

“I needed to do it for a graduation requirement, but I thought it was a good opportunity too,” said Mackenzie Richardson, senior nursing major. “You can make a huge impact not just on one person but I think we made 160 children’s year, giving them hope.”

Senior elementary education major Katie Lawrence said that she got to encounter people on campus in a way she hadn’t before during the event.

“I think it’s also a great opportunity to get to work with people that you normally wouldn’t get to work with,” Lawrence said. “Like even coming together just as a part of the Education Club, I got to work with my professors in a way that I had never seen them before. It was really great to experience that community as well. Not only growing together as a whole group, but in small groups as well.”

Many of the alumni who signed up for the event, like Carlton Vollberg, ‘92, were glad to be able to work alongside current students.

“I think it teaches people at a young age the value of life and helping others through service,” Vollberg said.
God can still use you despite your mental illness

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How can God use me when I’m like this?
I asked myself that question last week while lying on the concrete next to my car in a church parking lot, having the mental breakdown of my life. I hadn’t eaten anything in the past two days because my appetite was gone. Food tasted like ashes, hugs from loved ones felt like a straight jacket, conversations felt dull and meaningless. My brain had forgotten that life is beautiful and that love is real and that people you love won’t always let you down, and it all became too heavy, and I ended up lying on my back in a parking lot because I couldn’t make it three feet farther to my car.

I have high-functioning depression. I’ve had it since I was thirteen years old. I’m not telling you this because I want attention or sympathy, though. I’m telling you this because it’s important to talk about, because one in every five Americans and one in every four people worldwide suffers from a mental health disorder. The most common mental health disorders include major depressive disorder, generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder. People are starting to speak up about their own mental health, working to de-stigmatize the talk surrounding these disorders, but somehow I’m still not seeing a lot of talk surrounding mental health in our own church communities. This is simply not acceptable.

For most of my life, my identity has been centralized around the fact that God can use me to accomplish His work. I think it’s natural for us, as Christians, to feel this way. However, I also think there’s a sort of expectation we have set up in the church: that God can only use us when we’re happy. I obsessed over this idea for years. In the margins of my Bible, I have an Ellen White quote written down: “It is our privilege to be glad in the Lord.” My problem is that I read this as, “It is our obligation to be glad in the Lord.” I thought my depression—my disillusionment with life, my discontent with existence—showed lack of faith in God. I thought that because I constantly wished I was dead, it meant I was ungrateful for the life He’d given me. Because I couldn’t find joy in worship or fellowship, it meant I was a fake Christian. Because I couldn’t relate to others, it meant I couldn’t witness to them. Because I felt like life was meaningless, it meant I didn’t trust in God to take care of me. What I forgot is that all of these thoughts were not a lack of faith in God. They were real symptoms of a real disease.

For those of you who are suffering from a mental health disorder: God did not make a mistake when He made you. He still has plans for you; He still has a work that only you can do. Your depression, your anxiety, your worst mental breakdown on your worst day doesn’t make you less of a person, and it doesn’t make you less of a Christian. God will never love you less because you’re struggling. He doesn’t need reasons to keep you. He already knows about your mental health, and He knows how He’s going to use it for His glory. Your battle with mental health doesn’t take away your voice; instead, it gives you a unique voice and a unique story to tell. Don’t let your mental health make you feel useless. God is still going to use you for incredible things.
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**What true reformation looks like**

**Carlos De La Cruz**

Contribution

“They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:16, NKJV).

Are we really not of the world? Because from what I’ve been seeing, my eyes say differently.

I don’t think it’s a coincidence that God chose the day that would eventually become Reformation Day to be the same day as Halloween. A day that would change the world, especially for Christians, would be the same day shared by those who celebrate demonic influence and cultic practices. This day should be one of celebration for Christians, for it paved the way to speak out against the sins of the church, for reformation in our worship and practices. While it seems that we are all for the reformation of the church, what about the reformation of our own lives?

I’m under the impression that the reformation taking place on this campus is making us more like the world. Plastic pumpkins with candy at Hulsey, glass pumpkins at the library, people dressing up in costumes—since when did Adventists start celebrating Halloween?

But this is about more than just the celebration of a pagan festival; it’s about the lack of reformation that is evident throughout the body that represents Southern Adventist University, the Adventist Church and most importantly, Jesus Christ.

This article is about the lack of reverence in the church before, during and after programs, vespers and worships. There’s been a loss of respect for the house of God, which is the one place where we should expect to come into His presence, humbly and aware of our sinfulness.

This article is about the lack of respect for the requirements and expectations of being a Southern student by wearing clothes that are too tight or too revealing (gentlemen, you’re not excluded from this), wearing jewelry, colored hair, etc. When we visited, applied and began our academic career here, we knew what was expected of us, but it has all gone by the wayside. When I started school here in the summer of 2014, these weren’t even issues. Not even four years have passed, and the policies have been undermined. This responsibility falls on both sides of the coin, which includes both students and faculty and staff.

This article is about the influences of the world coming in and permeating throughout our campus, whether it be in music, movies, lifestyles, dress, social media, you name it. Why are we so caught up in looking, acting, living, speaking and eventually becoming like the world? Better yet, if these are our foci, why are we students at a Christian university?

Am I guilty of some of these sins? Without a doubt. I spent 15 years of my life outside of the church, so I know what the world is like, and I’m still fighting against temptations that have become second nature to me. But what I need, daily, and what I’m calling for, is a reformation: heart, mind and spirit. This is what is needed throughout this campus, beginning with me and continuing with everyone else. God has called us to be a movement, to preach the Gospel, to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to call people out of the world and into a relationship with Him. We need to stop looking to ourselves and to the world and start looking to Christ. The church wasn’t reformed for us to continue in our sins, but for the truth to come to the light, that we may know how to live holier lives for God.

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them” (Eph. 5:8-11, NKJV).

**Voting: Your citizen right, your citizen duty**

**Sarah Hunt**

Contribution

“Voting at elections is one of the most important rights of the subject, and in a republic ought to stand foremost in the estimation of the law.” — Alexander Hamilton

The right to vote is mentioned five times in the American constitution—more than any other right—but has been one of the most contested historically. Women have not had the right to vote for even 100 years yet, and millions of African Americans and other minorities were unable to vote until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and are still fighting voter discrimination across the country.

Many of us had our faith in democracy shaken last year, and 2017 has done nothing to restore it. It can be difficult to hold faith in the idea of government, but I still firmly believe in the principle behind voting: representation. Unfortunately, only about 55 percent of eligible U.S. voters participated in the 2016 presidential election. Congressional and mid-term elections have an even more dismal turnout, traditionally. Consequently, half of the American population is unrepresented in government.

We’re not voting, so what?

We’ve fought too long and hard to complacently let our rightful voice in government go to waste. The political climate in this country is demoralizing, admittedly, but voting is one of the last solutions we have to rectify it. When there is a low voter turnout in elections, that small number of voters are usually the most extreme and vocal in their views, leaving the majority unrepresented and dissatisfied. With higher numbers of voter turnout, we have a wider array of voices and opinions represented, and, therefore, a better chance of electing representatives that are more willing to work in a bipartisan and nuanced base where government can be less of an “us versus them” and more of a “for the people, by the people” model. Each vote is like a voice, and each voice makes a chorus that much louder.

I encourage you to vote, not only in presidential races, but also in primaries, in congressional elections and in local elections. Voting is an individual right, but it is not a solitary one—if you can help others, do so. If you’re privileged enough to have a car or have extra time, volunteer to take people to the polls, take a friend to a DMV to get a photo ID, fight and report voter discrimination wherever you see it and write in to your representatives and voter advocacy groups about gerrymandering and discriminatory voter ID laws.

Voting is one of the most important rights you have as an American citizen: use it.

**How to vote:** The information below is for SAU, which is in Hamilton County, TN. Check out rockthevote.org for information about your state’s voting policies.

**Where to register:** Voter registration forms can be picked up from your local post office or downloaded and sent in to your local election office.

**Where to vote:** For Southern—Collegedale City Hall.

**When to vote:** For TN: Aug. 2, 2018 for Federal and State primaries, Nov. 6, 2018 Federal and State elections.
Surviving the holidays on a college budget

Despite the 80-degree weather, the holidays are finally here. Though it truly is the most wonderful time of year, many college students feel overwhelmed by the holiday season. For us, it’s a time of preparing for finals, seeing family we’ve avoided all year and trying to figure out how to afford traveling and buying gifts for people. Don’t worry; there are ways you can have fun this holiday season without breaking the bank. Here are some simple gift ideas.

1. **DIY it.**
   Yes, your cousin might ask for an overpriced t-shirt from Urban Outfitters, but she should also understand you’ve been eating nothing but ramen for the past week. Whether it’s little homemade spa packages or cute sign you drew, it’s the thought and creativity that count. Pinterest is a lifesaver for cute and cheap gift ideas.

2. **Recycle your books.**
   If you like to read, there’s nothing better than receiving a cool book from someone you love. Any bookworm in your family or friend group would love a great novel with a meaningful handwritten note in the front of it.

3. **Mix it up!**
   Make a real mixtape on a CD (or better yet, a cassette). Music lovers are always appreciative of a good playlist; use that to your advantage. Even if your friend isn’t a music connoisseur, make an awesome CD for them of all your favorite artists. Seriously, handcrafted playlists for those music fans in your life will go a long way this holiday season.

4. **Your love.**
   When all else fails and you really can’t afford to spend money, just spending time with your friends and family is enough. At the end of the day, holidays are for drawing near to the ones you love and cherishing those moments with them.

What are your holiday budgeting tips? Email them to kristenvonnoh@southern.edu!

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Il Primo opens in Ooltewah

Italian restaurant Il Primo opened its doors at Cambridge Square last week. After being in the downtown area for three years, owners Josh Nason and chef Oscar Ixcoit opened a second location. The classy Italian restaurant focuses on made-from-scratch, authentic-style Italian food. It is described as a classic and timeless atmosphere. There is a vast amount of indoor seating as well as a patio and bocce court. Their hours are currently 5-9 p.m. on weekdays and 5-10 p.m. on the weekend. The new restaurant will be followed by Mojo Burrito and Dos Bros in the coming year.

Christina Robinson, junior graphic design and public relations major, shared her Il Primo experience. “When I visited Il Primo, I really enjoyed the atmosphere, customer service and selection of their menu. The baked feta and spicy marinara, garlic crostini, mushroom ravioli and farro island salmon. Caponata were definitely my favorite items from their menu. This place is perfect for a romantic, intimate dinner date.”

For more information, menu and pricing, visit primochattanooga.com.
Final thoughts on Game seven from a Dodgers fan

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Congrats, Houston! The 2017 MLB World Series has brought an end to another franchise drought as the Houston Astros finally rose to glory. The Astros celebrated their first championship victory since they first joined the league in 1962.

The players on both the winning and losing sides can take a bow for their amazing performances and return home from this physically and emotionally draining series. This post-season was definitely one for the books; however, before we start to put our baseball caps back in storage and unwind from baseball mode, here are some final thoughts about game seven:

For an all-time fan of the Dodgers, this past Wednesday night was a night of heartbreak for me. It would have been nice to see the Dodgers win the title after their own long 29-year drought. And though it is hard to discuss the failures of my favorite team, here are some of my opinions about why the Dodgers lost this year’s title.

In hindsight, it’s easy to say that the Dodgers’ downfall came from starting the wrong pitcher. Yu Darvish’s historically terrible performance as the starting pitcher in game seven makes it clear that Clayton Kershaw should’ve started instead; however, a rested Darvish over a potentially fatigued Kershaw did seem to be the appropriate choice at the time. Darvish, who was brought in to help the Dodgers win the World Series, perhaps did more damage to the team’s World Series run than any other player in the postseason. Giving away five runs and failing to complete two innings is not tolerable for any league game. But allowing those mess-ups in the championship game of the World Series? That is absolutely unacceptable. We can certainly expect that Darvish’s income will not look as hefty next season. Nevertheless, the entire blame cannot be placed on Darvish for the loss (although I’d like to say that most of it can). The Dodgers’ offense still wasted many chances at the bat, managing to walk out of the fifth inning with zero points, despite the eight men who made it on base.

Regardless of my distaste for the results of game seven, the Astros deserve their moment in the spotlight. The Astros played undeniably incredible baseball that night and deserve the title as this year’s champions. With all of the hardships that the citizens of Houston have endured these past few months post-Hurricane Harvey, I know that all of our hearts are warmed by the site of Houston citizens rejoicing in this triumph. It was definitely an uplifting victory that many residents of the city needed. “For my teammates, for the city of Houston, it’s just unbelievable,” said Astros pitcher Charlie Morton.

Houston can celebrate their well-deserved victory for now, but watch out, Astros. The Dodgers are still young, fresh and hungry. I would bask in the glory for as long as I could if I were an Astro, because like U.S. President McKinley once said, “In the time of darkest defeat, victory may be the nearest.”

I still haven’t lost faith in the Dodgers. Who knows? Maybe next year we’ll see these same two teams again in the World Series, but with a different outcome. We’ll just have to wait and see.

Five teams to watch out for in the 17-18 NHL season

CORINNE ATIGA
SPORTS EDITOR

It is one month into the 2017-2018 National Hockey League (NHL) Season, and fans have gotten a glimpse of each team’s capabilities. While every team is still tweaking areas that need improvement, it’s clear that there are some teams that don’t need much repairing. Others, however, seem to be barely managing to stay in one piece.

With last year’s conference champions, Tennessee’s own Nashville Predators, having a less-than-stellar performance in the beginning of this season and being ranked as 19th in the league, other teams are beginning to rise to the top. Here are the top five teams to watch out for this year in the world of hockey:

1. Tampa Bay Lightning
The Tampa Bay Lightning are lucky to have Nikita Kucherov, who has consistently scored a goal in each of his first five games. The Lightning have also been managing to utilize at least one power play per game to score, even without the help of Kucherov. Steven Stamkos is also helping rack up wins for his team with 18 assists and 24 points in 14 games.

2. Los Angeles Kings
Have the Kings finally returned to being a Stanley Cup contender? It seems so. The Kings are at second for having their franchise’s best season start with a record of 10-2-1. Jonathan Quick is the biggest reason for this; however, Drew Doughty and Anze Kopitar have also been carrying their team offensively, helping the Kings open the season on a five-game point streak.

3. St. Louis Blues
The Blues have come out it doesn’t seem like he’s going to open the season on a five-game point streak.

4. New Jersey Devils
The Devils are fortunate to have scraped up rookie Will Butcher, who is the first rookie defenseman in the NHL to dish at least eight assists in his first five career games. He is undoubtedly a great addition to the team.

5. Columbus Blue Jackets
Artemi Panarin has managed to add new dimensions to the Blue Jackets’ offense by scoring a game-winning goal against the Rangers and delivering a three-assist outing in their 5-4 overtime victory against Minnesota. With these consistently remarkable stats, it doesn’t seem like he’s going to be slowing down anytime soon.
student life announcements

Christian Service: To sign up for outreach activities, go to www.southern.edu/serve. To see flyers and extra opportunities, check out www.facebook.com/ChristianServiceSAU.

FAFSA registration opened for 2018-2019 school year. Make sure to get your FAFSA done ASAP to ensure it is submitted before Nov. 30, 2017.

SA announcements

Come out to see Studio 4109 this Saturday night with your host Pastor Dave Ferguson, musical guest Brittney Finck and house band, The Boys!

you say it’s your birthday...

THURSDAY 9
Mariana Gonzalez
Elyssa Harrison
Joaquin Hernandez
Eric Katzenbach
Dalmax Trasporte
Vanessa Zelaya

FRIDAY 10
Reid Kim
Vannida Kim
Jocelyn Shear

SATURDAY 11
Albert Diaz
Sarah Griggs
Aliana King
Elizabeth Pujols
Ena Slavik

SUNDAY 12
Kyle Harris
Jay Hickman
Shelby Hustad
Audrey Kramer
Jeongheon Lee
Gaby Martinez
Jerry Son
Spencer Thomas

*Deadline to submit Chatter announcements is Sunday at noon

*Items in green are worship credit events
Studying: With music I’m distracted. Without music I’m unmotivated. #SAUlife #thestruggle

Audrey Fankhanel @dreyfankhanel
Mass Communications, SO

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shoutout to people like Jon Francis who see you walking from the Village and give u a ride to Brock. y’all are real. absolutely not fake lol

Danielle Allen @daniellenovel
Marketing, SO

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So I finally decide to listen to Sam Smith’s album and it starts raining. Time to pretend like I’m in a music video.

Greg Wright @WrightThoughts
Liberal Arts Education, SR

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	this is homesick weather

Victoria Manurung @victoreeeaaa
Nursing, SO

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i know nobody is asking but i have hundreds of beats/instrumentals and some of them are good that’s why i made juicyflutes

Ben Mixon @BenMixon
Public Relations, JR

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My earliest class next semester is at 10. I deserve this.

Taylor Schepers @t_scheps
General Studies, JR

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Editor’s note: Last week, I chose to include a tweet regarding the cancellation of the TV show House of Cards. At the time, I was unaware of the circumstances surrounding the show’s cancellation and the horrifying allegations brought against Kevin Spacey. Had I known this, I would not have included this tweet. The tweet had been edited out; however, an older version was mistakenly sent to the printer. I offer my sincerest apologies to all of you, especially those who have been victims of sexual assault. Your voices should be nothing less than front and center. - Jordan Putt, Social Media Editor
1892 vs 2017

1. Ellis Island Immigration Station opened in 1892, allowing mainly European immigrants to enter.

2. In 1892, women were establishing suffrage movements; although the 19th amendment guaranteed women the right to vote, racism towards women of minority groups denied them the opportunity to exercise this right.

3. On March 9, 1892, Ida B. Wells witnessed three black businessmen being lynched in Memphis, Tennessee. As a result of watching this murderous event, Wells acted by publishing Lynch Law of Georgia in 1899.

4. The first recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance” occurred in public schools to celebrate Columbus Day.

5. On Jan. 20, the first basketball game was played in Springfield, Massachusetts.

6. On Jan. 29, the Coca-Cola Company, is incorporated in Atlanta, Georgia

7. First commercial long-distance phone line opens (Chicago-NY) on October 18.

8. Trump demands Congress terminate diversity immigration lottery

9. WOMEN FIGHT FOR EQUAL PAY, BUT THE GENDER PAY GAP WON'T BUDGE

10. White Nationalists Reappear in Charlottesville in Torch-Lit Protest

11. Taking a knee: Why are NFL players protesting and when did they start to kneel?

12. 2017-18 NBA Finals Predictions: Can Anyone Stop Warriors-Cavs IV?

13. Want to buy the world a Coke? Sales pop in U.S. and Asia

14. Apple iPhone X sells out in 20 big cities

*The year 1892 was chosen because it was the year of Southern’s commencement
Congressman visits government class

Fleischmann, a former political science major, discussed different aspects of the government with students. He went over the U.S. government’s three branches and compared the U.S. congressional system with the parliamentary system and other forms of government. Fleischman also explained his job as a congressman, discussing his role in voting on issues and bills, his position on various committees and his duty to represent the needs of his constituents.

“He really take my voting seriously,” Fleischmann said. “If I’m not there for a vote, that means my constituents aren’t being represented.” Fleischmann has one of the highest voting records in Congress and encouraged students to vote and engage with their local leaders.

“The worst thing we’re combating in this country is apathy,” Fleischmann said. “Interact with people who you agree with and disagree with, and don’t just accept anything on face-value. Stay active, learn what’s going on, ask yourself tough questions and draw your own conclusions.”

After the Q&A session, Fleischmann and his staff had lunch with students and some faculty in the Presidential Banquet Hall. During the lunch, Fleischmann’s chief of staff Bob White encouraged students to apply online for an internship at Fleischmann’s Chattanooga Office. Josue Loyola, senior global policy and service studies major, said that Fleischmann’s talk was a great educational experience.

“There’s nothing better than getting the information from an insider,” Loyola said. “It was an honor to ask questions and to share a meal with him, and it motivated me to keep pursuing my career objectives in public service.”

“Thank you to President David Smith, Ben Wygal, Professor Martin and the students at Southern Adventist University for the warm welcome to their campus,” Fleischmann tweeted on Sunday evening. “It was my pleasure to speak with students interested in government, and I hope they continue to excel in their studies in the years ahead.”

John Crist to perform at Convocation today

Christian stand-up comedian John Crist will perform today for Convocation at 11 a.m. in Iles P.E. Center, as well as at 7 p.m. in Thatcher Chapel.

Crist is a Christian YouTuber who became famous from videos such as BuzzFeed’s “Signs You Grew Up Christian” or his own “Road Rage in the Church Parking Lot.” He has shared the stage with famous comedians ranging from Seth Meyers to Dana Carvey to Dave Chappelle. Student Association President Phillip Warfield was eager to book him for Convocation.

“It can be a little difficult to find clean, Christian comedians, as some are pretty cheesy,” Warfield said. “After seeing how popular he was and watching a few videos, I decided it would be a breath of fresh air to enjoy some comedy in our lives, especially at this point in the semester.”

Freshman animation major Serena Worth said she appreciates Crist’s comedic style.

“I’ve only seen a couple of his videos, but from what I can see, his comedy is spot on,” Worth said. “His interpretation of how millennials in a Christian community function is hilarious, yet sadly true.”

Wanting to give students something fun after this “grueling semester,” Warfield said he chose to bring Crist to campus in hopes to help students relax before Thanksgiving Break.

“You never know,” Warfield said, “perhaps Crist could inspire a student in some way, just as Studio 4109: LIVE! has encouraged students to pursue acting and film.”
Fruition Labs visits Southern

Cynthia Salinas
Staff Writer

The School of Business hosted Fruition Labs, which featured many Southern alumni, on campus for the first time on Nov. 2.

Fruition Labs is an organization composed of entrepreneurs who give presentations in various parts of the world sharing what has made them successful.

Most presenters for this event were Southern graduates, including moderators Jeff Tatarchuk and Jared Thurman. One exception was Bridgett Massengill, founder of Thrive Regional Partnership, who attended Collegedale Academy.

Annette Thurman, an ‘06 nursing graduate, shared about Chaviano Couture, her wedding-dress-making boutique, which came about from a side hobby. Her dresses have been featured in the Martha Stewart, Atlanta Weddings and Unveiled magazines and on the New York runway.

Tyler Kiley, an ‘08 business administration graduate, shared about InQuicker, the healthcare software he developed, and how he sold it. Seth Hill, a ‘17 management entrepreneurship and construction management ‘07 graduate, talked about the development of Sway Hammocks, his business that produces fully-insulated hammocks.

“We are here at Fruition Lab to re-inspire the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship within the Adventist church.”

“We are here at Fruition Lab to re-inspire the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship within the Adventist church, a place to launch your ideas and take your vision for your life and your business to a whole new level,” said Tatarchuk, the founder of Fruition Lab and an entrepreneur himself in his online video promoting the first of these events.

Fruition Lab finished by having a pitch competition, which gave students and the public an opportunity to present their ideas and receive a $300 prize. Those who pitched their ideas had four minutes to present before four judges and the audience.

The winners, Mindi, a former Southern professor, and Philip, a former Southern staff worker, are currently missionaries in a closed country where there are only five native Seventh-day Adventists. Mindi’s idea consisted of starting a plant-based taco restaurant where the produce would be provided by her husband Philip’s farm. The restaurant would be used as a means of building friendship evangelism in a closed country.

The runners-up were seniors business finance major AJ Sato, business long-term care administration major Jonathan Lowery, and missions and computer science major Jared Powrie, who are working on nursing home software.

Fruition Lab gave the attendees tools on how to make their ideas a reality and how to grow them. When interviewed by Tatarchuk, Kiley challenged the audience, “Can you do something great? Can you do it for a lot of people?”

To get more information on Fruition Lab, visit www.fruitionlab.org/previous-speakers.

*Due to the missionaries’ circumstances, the Accent staff has chosen to omit their last names.*
Students react to new Student Planning tool

Oksana Wetmore
Staff Writer

The Student Planning self-service module is officially available on Southern’s website. Created by Records and Advisement, the feature is designed to allow students to plan out all of their future semesters, register for courses and be able to review their progress leading to graduation.

“I wish they had it my freshman year,” said Tatiana King, senior health sciences major. “It could have helped me plan my upper-division credits more wisely so that as a senior, I wouldn’t have to be so concerned about those credits.”

Several students believed that this tool will help individuals who have struggled to coordinate and communicate with their advisor and have failed to graduate on time. Others hope that Student Planning can help them plan ahead.

“I am not a big planner, so having the option of being able to plan ahead is nice,” said Cameron Gustman, sophomore film production major.

Records has created a page with step-by-step instructions, which they hope will be helpful for those who are still unsure of how to use the tool. Within the next two weeks, Records will also upload a series of 24 instructional videos on their website that will enable visual learners to follow the same step-by-step instructions.

“Right now the program intimidates me,” said Casey Goldring, sophomore elementary education major. “I am hesitant to try it on my own because I don’t want to mess up my entire schedule.”

Michelle Younkin, assistant director in Records, urges students who are not familiar with the program to ask a student worker at the front desk of the Records office. The student workers have all been trained and know how to use the program.

“We see lots of pieces of paper with hand-scribbled notes,” Younkin said. “This tool will allow you to plan everything out in one place. With this feature, advisors and students will be able to see the same screen and be on the same page.”

Studio premieres seventh season

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Staff Writer

Studio 4109: LIVE! made its season seven premiere with host Dave Ferguson, senior pastor at Collierville Church, on Nov. 11. Junior film production major Armondi Stokes-Hicks and sophomore psychology major Delaney Harris made their debuts as Executive Director and Producer, respectively.

Studio’s pre-show had throwback videos from past seasons, which included former cast members and former Southern President Gordon Bietz. The show began with a performance by Studio’s house band, The Boys, and the first skit of the season, a parody of parents dropping off their children at Southern for the first time. Other skits performed that night were about Southern Matrimony College, cooking lessons, the love doctor and Christmas.

Music for the night featured guest singer and junior accounting major Brittney Finck, who sang an original song, “Chatting About the Weather,” as well as “To the Dreamers” by For King and Country.

Jordan Adams, junior history major who was part of the acting crew, said, “I liked the cooking show skit. I thought that it was really funny for an improv skit.”

Joshua Shelton, junior theology major, said, “I really enjoyed listening to the performers. I think the music was great.”

Stokes-Hicks said he was pleased with how the show went. “I thought the show went pretty well; people seemed to have enjoyed it. I know the cast and crew had a lot of fun putting it on,” he said.

“It was hard, very hard [to plan],” said Harris. “It was fun, though! I liked it. I thought it went really well. The overall experience was awesome, and this feels like one of the best jobs in the world.”

Photo By Sierra Correia
L-R: Dave Ferguson, Armondi Stokes-Hicks, Andrew Cuevas and Davina Stroia perform in “The Feed.”

Photo By Tierra Hayes
Brittney Finck, junior accounting major sings at Studio.
Market coming to Collegedale

Ben Mixon
Staff Writer

The newly constructed building, “The Commons,” located behind the Imagination Station and City Hall, will be home to a market every Wednesday and Sunday modeled after the Chattanooga Market to Collegedale, beginning in April 2018.

The city of Collegedale held a ribbon cutting for the new area on Sunday, Nov. 5. More than 2,000 people showed up for an evening ceremony with live music provided by Southern’s orchestra as well as soprano vocalist Jordan McKee.

There will be 30,000 square ft. of “shade market,” as well as an in-progress barn or “covered market” of 11,000 square ft.

Collegedale Tomorrow Foundation (CTF) founder David Barto is overseeing the planning and construction of the new venue in partnership with the City of Collegedale. To move forward with the project, the city raised $1.8 million and an additional $2.8 million was raised in private donations.

“I hope that the college [students] will be able to enjoy it,” Barto said. “It’s a straight walk down here on the Greenway, and on Wednesday nights Kelly Subaru is going to sponsor bluegrass concerts.”

“My thought was that it would be a great place for [students] to come down here and have a date night, where they don’t have to drive all the way into the mall or downtown.”

Although the markets won’t be weekly until April, students will not have to wait until then to try out the new venue.

On Nov. 25-26, “The Commons” is hosting a Christmas Market with food trucks and decorations.
People of Southern: Ryan Kim

1. How did you get into wave photography?
   I got into wave photography, or ocean photography, because I started to miss the ocean a lot when I left home [Hawaii] for Southern. The ocean has always been a part of my life, and photography became a new way of enjoying it. I first learned with a GoPro and then eventually got more technical and got a better camera.

2. Why do you photograph waves?
   I grew up surfing. I learned how to get into the hollow part of the wave, called the barrel! I wanted to relive the experience on a daily basis, so that’s why I started to take photos of waves. Light bends through the water, creating so much color and beauty. There is always a sense of anticipation when taking photos of waves. There is also an adrenaline rush when taking these photos because you have to angle yourself while you are frantically swimming to maintain the position. Once you are in position, the wave can crash on top of you, pushing you downward and making your body feel like it's going through a washing machine. But it’s so much fun! I never really know what I get until after I get home and look at the photos on my computer. I’m usually so excited at that point!

3. What has been the most gratifying wave experience you’ve ever had?
   The most gratifying wave experience was probably Christmas break 2015. I was with my brothers at this surf spot where the waves were like 8-foot walls of pure ocean power. The waves were perfection at its finest, and there was a perfect sunset which brought life and color to the waves. My brothers were charging toward many waves knowing that they would get the biggest beating for each one. That day, we left feeling stoked and blessed!

4. How has your photography affected your life?
   Since getting into this aspect of photography, I have developed a better understanding of my surroundings and learned more about how to take pictures of people. Also, I now appreciate moments at home a lot better and I tell myself to not take home for granted. Now, I want to take pictures of moments in life. Photography has helped me enjoy the small things in life as well.

Ask Andrew

Last night, my friends didn't invite me to go to the Frothy Monkey with them. They knew I really wanted to go, and they still didn't invite me! Should I tell them how I feel, or should I find new friends?

Believe me, “friends” that go to the Frothy Monkey without you are no friends of yours. However, I do think you should be the better person and plan an outing with them to show them what a baller of a person you are. That’ll make them regret not bringing you.

How does Mrs. Linda know everybody’s name?
I don’t think mortal man is meant to understand supernatural happenings. Either that or she’s just super good at memorization and should teach workshops about how she does it.

What’s a bad pickup line I can use in Fit for Collegiate Life?
“Girl are you the Rockport one mile walk? Because you’re super annoying, and literally nobody likes to deal with you.”

If you want to submit any questions, email andrewcuevas@southern.edu with the subject “Ask Andrew.”

Tis the season and COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS with Kevin!

Enjoy family, friends and food with your favorite foul! Don’t forget to find him this week!
In light of the upcoming holiday season, it’s the perfect time of year to take a step back, look at your life and realize what you’re thankful for. It’s also the perfect time to reevaluate what you’re doing for others and decide what more you could be doing in the upcoming year. Here are a few public service opportunities available in Chattanooga.

Chattanooga Area Food Bank
You can help eliminate hunger in the Chattanooga area by organizing a virtual food drive at chattfoodbank.org, or you can go volunteer. With the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, one hour of volunteer work can equal 92 meals. You can do that and more if you go to their website, endslavertytn.org.

End Slavery Tennessee
Human trafficking is still an incredibly relevant issue in today’s society. In fact, it’s happening right here in Chattanooga. Organizations like End Slavery are working to bring a stop to labor and sex trafficking in Tennessee, and you can help by volunteering. They have all sorts of volunteering opportunities, including cooking meals for residents of a safe house or working with friends to gather things like shampoo, conditioner and body wash in order to meet the material needs of survivors. You can do that and more if you go to their website, endslavertytn.org.

Get involved at school
I don’t know about you, but I’ve yet to take advantage of Southern’s service opportunities. There are all sorts of ways to serve through school. Log on and take a look at all of the great things you can be a part of, or stop and see Jennifer Carter at the Christian Service office to assess your volunteer options.

There’s always going to be a need for service. This Thanksgiving, let’s give back.

Proactively searching for reasons to be grateful changes your outlook on life and your outlook on God. At first, I would come up with things like, “I’m thankful for my family and friends,” or “I’m thankful for a roof over my head.” But, as the eight minutes would drag on, I would have to get creative. The prolonged silence asked me to think deeper into my day to see the tiny, almost insignificant, details that made my life so much better.

In high school, my youth pastor asked a similar thing of us. She gave us each a small notebook and told us to fill it with lists of things we were thankful for. She challenged us to come up with one thousand gifts that God had given us and then to keep going further and further into our gratitude.

Proactively searching for reasons to be grateful changes your outlook on life and your outlook on God. It’s impossible to be melancholy when you’re counting your blessings so meticulously. So turn off the noise of your life this Thanksgiving. Set a timer, sit in silence, and write down some reasons to be grateful. Keep going and going until you can’t keep count anymore.

We’re looking for contributors for the Religion page!
If you would like to be a part of our publication, contact us at accent@southern.edu!
Chasing perfection

SHANNON HILL
CONTRIBUTOR

In high school, I was on a mission. I was determined to make the grades and the standardized test scores needed to graduate with honors. I made sure I had the extracurriculars and the recommendations from my teachers. I was on the right track, or so I thought. God took me on a journey that allowed me to discover that my value never came from my grades.

At the time, I thought this was the drive I needed to meet my goals. I thought obtaining my ideal form of perfection was what gained favor from my peers and teachers. My teachers saw hard work ethic, and my classmates saw an intense teacher's pet who never took a break.

I continued persisting in hopes that I would meet the mark of perfection. I let the to-do list pile up as I rarely said no to the next activity. Another mark on my college application, I thought. I held multiple positions in student government during my years in academy. I had straight A’s while also working a part-time job. I was content to be an overachiever and saw value in living a busy life.

As the years went by, my need to be perfect still lingered over me like a tropical storm about to become a hurricane. The perfectionism turned into anxiety. Anxiety became a question burning in the back of my mind. Am I intelligent enough to obtain a 4.0 GPA? Am I talented enough? Am I even enough?

These questions followed me to college. I suppressed them to the lowest point I possibly could and feared to know the answer. I worked even harder than I ever had. I wanted perfection. Nothing less would suffice.

I stayed in on weekends and studied long hours while my roommate and friends worried for my sanity. If I was not in class or working, I was studying. College turned out to be harder than anything I had ever experienced.

No matter how many As I got, I always believed I could do better. I kept striving to be better than I was the day before until I was burnt out. Perfection had become an idol in my life. I thought I was not meeting my goals, and I felt like a failure.

The questions spun in my mind as I backed away from my busy life. The fear I would never be good enough was overwhelming.

Perfection became the silent killer of my joy. Whether it was a class, a project or even a relationship, the perfectionistic voice in the back of my mind consumed my thoughts.

“Is that really the best you can do? You can do better.”

At what point does this end? At what point is enough really enough? Human nature says that I have to be better. Setting goals is great, but not when it causes me to lose sight of what is important.

During my sophomore year of college, I realized the need to be perfect was taking over my life. This need affected my relationships and every other area of my life. My family and friends were frustrated as they tried to draw my attention to the unhealthy habit I had created. I was so quick to be critical of myself when I felt I was not meeting perfection.

Ultimately, what I was striving for was happiness. I thought if I could measure up to my ideal form of perfection, that would equate true happiness. If I received a 4.0 GPA, my parents would be proud of me. If I was talented enough, that meant I was valuable. I told myself, “If I achieve perfection, I will be happy.”

I was amazed at how long I had been telling myself this lie. I never had to be enough because Christ simply is enough. His grace makes up for the areas where I am lacking. He healed the shattered pieces of my heart that told me I was a failure. He gave me grace when He died on the cross for all of my imperfections.

Why didn’t you say “no”?

ANEALIA ASCALON
CONTRIBUTOR

After the #MeToo Accent issue, many ignorant comments and questions, mostly from men, came to my attention. “Why didn’t you just say ‘no’? “Why didn’t you leave?” “Why were you there in the first place?”

Before I even explain why people don’t just leave or say no, it is important to understand that asking those questions automatically disregards an individual’s experience as a survivor. This response indicates that whatever trauma happened to the person was his or her fault. That the victim is the one who should have stopped it. This is resoundingly untrue.

Whatever sexual harassment or assault happens to people is never their fault, despite what they were wearing or where they were. Those factors do not give someone the right to violate another person. That this needs to be reiterated is appalling, because a concept like this should be basic human dignity.

So then why didn’t victims do anything? Why didn’t they say “no”? In most cases, it’s difficult to answer “no” if someone isn’t even asking. The whole point of harassment and assault is that the victim’s opinion is unimportant. The aggressor isn’t asking; the aggressor taking.

“Then why didn’t victims speak up sooner about their experience?” To put it concisely, speaking up is terrifying. Do you normally discuss your sexual encounters with people, with strangers? Imagine how much more difficult it would be to share an experience that happened completely against your will, one that already left you feeling so vulnerable. And worse, what if no one even believes you?

So why don’t victims leave? Why don’t they get away? Assailants don’t choose victims who could beat them, physically or otherwise. They hurt those whom they can hold down, whom they can keep quiet, whom they can try to muscle into submission.

In your own life, have you ever been in a scary situation? Did you ever feel like your feet couldn’t move, completely paralyzed by fear? Was a scream caught in the back of your throat? Sexual assault is scary like that, making you too scared to move, too scared to speak, sometimes scared for your life.

This article isn’t written to bash anyone. Instead, it’s a deeper look on not how something occurred, but why. Remember, sexual harassment and assault happens to more people in your life than you will ever realize.

“I never had to be enough because Christ simply is enough.”

Why can I not do the same for myself? Some days I still ask myself if I am good enough. In those moments, I am reminded to take all of the pieces of my imperfect heart and lay them at His feet. I can rest in the arms of a perfect God who relentlessly pursues me every day.
The table is set with pie, turkey, stuffing and every other food imaginable. Everyone is hungrily anticipating the meal. You pray before eating as much as your stomach can handle. Three hours later, half the family is arguing about politics, while the other half is asleep on the couch. Football is in the background on television, and somewhere in the distance you hear a family member sneaking out to Best Buy for Black Friday deals.

This has increasingly become the modern view of a traditional American Thanksgiving. But we must not forget that our nation is a melting pot of cultures, and many families celebrate Thanksgiving quite differently. We may eat different foods, have different traditions and make it a holiday in our own special way, but we all come together to celebrate nonetheless.

Still, Thanksgiving has become an overlooked holiday in our modern American culture. What is it really intended to accomplish?

Obviously, we all know the Charlie Brown version of the holiday: the Native Americans taught the Pilgrims at Plymouth how to harvest corn, and they celebrated with a feast. It was an important observance in the minds of many Americans. Even Abraham Lincoln declared it a national day of “Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.”

It seems as though the 21st-century Thanksgiving experience is a reflection of our current state of society: divided and discontented. We’ve shifted away from the joy of simply sharing times with family and have moved into a frenzy of the latest holiday craze in order to attempt another shot at instant gratification.

I remember going to my grandparents house for Thanksgiving as a kid; every year we would watch the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade and cut out coupons in the newspaper for the next day. We were so excited just to sit and relax with everyone. I’m sure you have equally special memories that have slowly faded away as each year has passed. Now, our family gatherings have transformed into a series of daunting unanswered questions such as “So, do you have a boyfriend yet?” or “What are you wanting to do after college again?”

Thanksgiving doesn’t have to be like that. However you celebrate Thanksgiving, cherish the times you have with those you love. At the end of the day, it won’t matter how horrible your aunt’s homemade pie was or how many Belgian waffle makers you rushed to get on sale at the mall. What will matter is the memories you made and the love you shared with those around you.
Three of UCLA’s basketball players arrested in China

This past Saturday, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) basketball team returned to Calif. From China after gaining a season-opening victory against Georgia Tech; however, three of their players did not come back with them.

Freshmen LiAngelo Ball, Jalen Hill and Cody Riley were left in Hangzhou, China, entangled in a legal mess after being accused of stealing designer sunglasses from the Louis Vuitton store next to the hotel. Authorities are conducting an investigation into the allegations.

Although this criminal act seems trivial, the three players may be in for a lot of trouble. According to CNN, if Ball, Hill and Riley are convicted of a grand robbery, they could be facing three to 10 years in prison. However, if all goes well and the charges are dropped, the three players may return to UCLA in a matter of two weeks. They are accompanied in Hangzhou by LaVar Ball, LiAngelo’s father, and other family members who stayed behind for the opening of a Big Baller Brand pop-up shop in Hong Kong on Tuesday, according to ESPN.

What does this mean for UCLA basketball?

The Bruins are going to be in for a rough start this season due to the loss of this freshmen trio. Riley and Hill, both high-quality recruits, were anticipated to make large contributions to the team, especially with Riley being one of the team’s potential starting forwards. Ball also was expected to be a contributor to the team as a player off the bench.

UCLA was already at a deficit at the start of the season since it lost its starting point guard, Lonzo Ball, and forward T.J. Leaf this year to the NBA draft. These three players were expected to help alleviate this loss of talent.

Without Riley, Hill and Ball on their roster, UCLA will have to depend on freshmen Kris Wilkes and Jaylen Hands for scoring, as well as Thomas Welsh and Aaron Holiday, who are also key players. Although these four athletes pose strong competition for the league, they may not be enough to carry UCLA through the early season.

Update according to cbssports.com: Ball, Hill and Riley were able to fly home on Tuesday, a day after President Donald Trump requested help from China President Xi Jinping with the situation.

Two important questions we all have about this NBA season

Do the Cavaliers really stink this much?

It has been apparent, even from last season, that the Cavaliers’ weak point has been their defense. But this year, their defense has somehow gone from bad to really bad. According to the Wall-Street Journal, it may even be the worst of any team’s in the last five years.

However, the Cavaliers’ fans still should not worry too much about their 6-7 record quite yet. The Cavaliers have been playing all the way until mid-June every season for the past three seasons, and it’s important that with their older roster this year, they conserve their energy. Therefore, November is not a priority for them. The Cavs right now will not be the team that you will see in a few months to come. They are still anticipating Isaiah Thomas to make a killer debut as a new Cavalier once he returns from his injury.

Also, the Cavs have LeBron James. Enough said.

How are the Boston Celtics surviving without Gordon Hayward?

We know that Celtics fans shed tears when they watched Hayward shatter his leg in the first quarter of the first game. It seemed as though Boston’s dreams of getting a championship title from the Kyrie Irving-Hayward duo would have to wait.

However, the Celtics are actually doing well—like, really well. They have now won nine games in a row and are on the path to getting the league’s best record, thanks to the other half of the all-star duo, Kyrie Irving. Even when he stood in the shadows of LeBron James last season, Irving still managed to grab the audience’s attention.

Now that he has his very own spotlight, Irving is beaming brighter than the sun.
**student life announcements**

**FAFSA registration** opened for 2018-2019 school year. Make sure to get your FAFSA done ASAP to ensure it is submitted before Nov. 30, 2017.

*The cafeteria will be closed Nov. 19 – Nov. 24 and Nov. 26, and it will be open for lunch on Nov. 25. Please plan meals accordingly.*

*The VM will be closed Nov. 23 and 24. Please plan meals accordingly.*

**Christian Service:** To sign up for outreach activities, go to www.southern.edu/serve. To see flyers & extra opportunities, check out www.facebook.com/ChristianServiceSAU.

**you say it’s your birthday...**

*Items in green are worship credit events

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- Jordan Cherne
- Sherri Dela Cruz
- Isaac Fernandez
- Elkin Francois
- Jesmalis Rosales
- Timothy Smith

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- Dakota Cookenmaster
- Natasha Dolinskiy
- Abby Flores
- Daniella Hasel
- Josh Sholock
- Rachel Smith

**SATURDAY 18**
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- Chase Czykowsky
- Colton Davis
- Britttney Finck
- Eryka Liu
- Steve She
- Jacob Strauss
- Brayden Viehmann

**SUNDAY 19**
- Lisa Ceja
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*Deadline to submit Chatter announcements is Sunday at noon chatter@southern.edu*
So hey everyone I just successfully backed into a parking space for the first time in my almost 20 years please put this tweet in the newspaper, please.

Hannah Doudiken @halothanes
English, SO

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Rhidge Garcia @rhidgelgarcia
Theology, JR
ray feel like I need to take up space bc we now get 280 characters. So wow, what a gift. An honor, rly. So much room for activities. So much room for growth. I’d like to thank everyone who has mentored me up to this moment and wow I still have space this is too much power I ca

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Who are you bringing to the table?

1. Sitting next to one of my favorite Bible characters, King David, for Thanksgiving dinner would fill my life with undeniable joy because I’ve longed to know the thoughts behind his powerful words that have brought such comfort and joy to my life; also, as a king, the man would definitely know how to throw a killer feast!
   
   Elizabeth Sewell, Freshman

2. If I could choose anyone to share a Thanksgiving meal with, I would choose John Cena. I could take a cool picture of Cena giving the turkey an attitude adjustment, but then I’d realize that the camera would only show a mangled turkey.
   
   Kevin Moraga, Sophomore

3. I would invite Mark Twain to Thanksgiving. This would be young, funny Mark Twain, not later, bitter Mark Twain. He would keep the mood up, because humor can be the best way to make everyone get along.
   
   Emma Winegardner, Junior

4. The person I would want at the Thanksgiving table would be Jennifer Lopez. She is my favorite actress, and I have no doubt she would be the life of the party. She just seems like an all-around great person to get to know.
   
   Shannon Hill, Junior

5. I would choose Santa Claus because he’s got all the cookies and is full of jolly “ho, ho, hos.”
   
   Daniel Capo, Sophomore

6. I would bring Alexander Hamilton because I’m not throwing away my shot at meeting such a great historical figure.
   
   Brandon Beneche, Senior

7. I would invite Barack and Michelle Obama because I want to ask them about living in the White House and being America’s first black president and first lady. They’re also hilarious and entertaining, so having them at the dinner table would be a lot of fun.
   
   Isabella Showalter, Sophomore
SA to host “De-stress” Christmas party

BRANDON BENECE
MANAGING EDITOR

Southern’s Student Association (SA) will be holding its annual Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 3 in Wright Hall from 8:30-10:00 p.m.

Jake Strauss, SA Social Vice President, said that the party will have a “De-stress” theme, with the goal of helping students relax during their preparation for final exams.

The party will mainly be held in the dining hall, which he said will be transformed into a relaxing lounge. Strauss said that there will be activities held in the Student Center and other rooms in Wright Hall.

In addition to having comfy chairs, the party will have face masks, eye pillows, DIY ornaments and board games, along with hot chocolate and snacks. Strauss also said that the Christmas party will have massages and therapy dogs.

“Lots of students are preparing for finals,” Strauss said, “so I am trying to create an atmosphere where students can come relax and de-stress for a little bit. It’s a lot to do in a short amount of time… But I am excited for the night, and I am excited to relax at the De-stress Party!”

SA invites students to destress on Dec. 3 in Wright Hall from 8:30-10:00 p.m.

Southern records largest enrollment of freshman international students

CYNTHIA SALINAS
STAFF WRITER

Southern recorded its highest enrollment of freshmen international students under the F-1 student visa as of this year. According to Enrollment, 49 new international students enrolled this semester, doubling the average enrollment of international freshmen. Currently, there are 200 international students on campus.

Many international students hear about Southern by word of mouth or through student missionaries.

Ando Razafindrabe, junior biomedical major from Madagascar, said, “I heard about Southern from a fellow church member. Choosing Southern must have been the most irrational decision I’ve ever made on so many levels. I’m usually big on making ‘rational’ decisions, but this time around I decided to trust God.”

Aside from attending because of a trusted friend or family member, international students say they have various reasons for coming to Southern.

Yoshiaki Suzuki, senior biochemistry major from Japan, said, “I decided to come to the U.S. to go to med school while keeping the Sabbath. There is a Sabbath issue with the college entrance exam in Japan. I chose Southern for its Japanese community and its conservative Adventist environment.”

However, the decision to come to a school in the United States may have its challenges. The current political climate has made it difficult for students to enter the United States.

Vo Huy, sophomore computer science major from Vietnam, said, “The first [challenge] was culture shock. People here love sharing, keeping very few secrets and making a lot of friendships. As my English professor said, ‘Western culture values relationships; Eastern values opinions.’

Finances may also be a challenge for international students, since they cannot receive government funding or work more than 20 hours per week under the F-1 student visa. They are also restricted to on-campus jobs.

The Ad-hoc committee on campus to supports international students with the challenges they face. From the moment students land in the U.S. to the moment they graduate, and at times, post-graduation, the committee offers its services to make the students’ lives as pleasant as possible while they study.

The Ad-hoc committee is co-chaired by Elizabeth Anderson, Designated School Official (DSO) and Laurie Stankavich, English professor and English as a Second Language (ESL) Coordinator. Other members include Cheri Durst, Retention and First Year Advising Coordinator; Geovanny Ragsdale, Advancement Associate Vice President; and Laurence Chaij, adjunct professor for the Student Success Center.

Anderson is one of five DSOs on campus, which means she is certified to deal with international document-processing. She serves as a liaison between the school, the government and the students. Stankavich interacts with many of the international students through her ESL classes, which allows her to see and respond to their specific needs. Durst focuses on social activities such as trips to downtown Chattanooga, monthly Sabbath potlucks and Saturday night get-togethers.

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“Southern Adventist
125 trees for Southern’s 125th year

Cynthia Salinas  
Staff Writer

Landscape Services will plant 125 trees by Dec. 31 in celebration of Southern’s 125th year, an idea proposed by Marketing and University Relations. Landscape Services is funding the project, and they have already planted 84 trees.

The trees will be planted in various locations on campus. “20 trees were planted along the woods at the campus entrance, and 10 to 15 trees will be planted on the Sabbath Trail, which will put us over the 125-tree goal,” said Antone.

“Finding the right tree for its proper place is a challenge,” Antone continued. “Weather is always a challenge. Fortunately, it [the weather] has been very good for us so far.”

Antone is working with biology professor Ben Thornton, who has been working with his students since last spring to tag and identify the trees on campus to eventually have an arboretum like Southern’s sister schools.

“There are 15 different types of trees that will be planted, and at least eight of them will be new to campus,” said Antone.

Enrollment

University wants them and is willing to fight to keep them here,” Anderson said. “Our institution wants to keep them here and make their experience as smooth as possible. I’m impressed by the administration’s sensitivity to these students.”

Despite the challenges, many international students realize the benefits of difficulties and the growth that comes with hardship.

“The main advantage to being an international student is to constantly be in situations that push me past my limits,” Razafindrabe said. “If you told the younger version of me that I would be taking organic chemistry and genetics in English, she wouldn’t have believed you.”

Taking science classes in French already felt like the hardest thing in high school, but it’s amazing what God can do when you let go of fear and let Him handle your life.”

Jared Powrie, senior missions and computer science major from Australia, said, “I know it can be difficult for some, but if we can take the time to understand another person’s culture and life perspective, also realizing that they [international students] are just people trying to get through life too, then the stereotypes of the Koreans being ‘cliquey’ or the Americans knowing ‘nothing’ about the rest of the world would decrease much faster.”

Powrie continued, “So, while here at uni we are all learning, teach [others] something about your culture that will help them broaden their understanding of the world... and in turn listen, as they will likely be able to teach you something you didn’t know either.”

“We have a small number of international students at Southern compared with many other SDA institutions—like Andrews, for example,” Stankavich said. “However, we do believe that these students make our campus more interesting and more diverse. They bring experiences and perspectives that are valuable on a university campus. After all, broadening one’s knowledge of the world and engaging new ways of understanding is what a university education is all about.”

Enrollment continued from page 1
Southern kicks off holiday season with Christmas on the Promenade

Photos by Cinthya Molina and Joseph Hyde
SA President’s address

PHILLIP WARFIELD
SA PRESIDENT

Fellow students,

Congratulations, we have successfully conquered the Fall semester! For some of you, this was a pretty monumental milestone, and for the majority of you, this is just one more for the books. I am so humbled to be your Student Association (SA) President this year, and it has been a journey I could have never imagined.

I hope that this semester we have all learned something new about ourselves, others and the God we hope to emulate. I want to remind you that this year we want to celebrate our togetherness. No matter your background, story, or culture, this is a Southern we can all be a part of.

I’ve been encouraged by so many of you who have continued to serve wherever you are and in whatever position you’re in. As many of our friends go near and far as Student Missionaries or travel with Adventist Colleges Abroad, I want to remind us all to remember them in prayer. Life away from our bubble in Happy Valley can be a trying time, and this holiday season, I know some of us will be gearing up to leave or are happy to come back home.

As for SA, we want to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. There is plenty more in store next semester, and truly, the best is yet to come. Take a break from the books, enjoy friends and family, catch up on a TV show, or learn a new skill over the break. I cannot wait to see you all next semester!

Respectfully yours,
Phillip Warfield

Southern Giving Day results are in

The official results from Southern Giving Day are in: a total of 649 donors raised more than $145,000 during the 1892-minute challenge. The funds raised during the challenge will impact several areas across campus including, scholarships, academic schools and departments and campus clubs and organizations.

By the numbers:
649 donors raised $145,994
117 social ambassadors helped spread the word on social media

Donor Breakdown:
278 alumni
70 faculty
70 parents
28 students
203 friends of the university

Social Ambassadors
116 official social ambassadors

Club and Organization Challenge SA will distribute these funds to the following clubs
1. Biology Club $1,000
2. School of Nursing $500
3. Enactus $300
4. Asian Club $150
5. Business Society and Education Club (tie) $25 each

Kevin’s not flying south for the winter; he’s staying here with you guys! Find him in this issue and message us on Facebook with your name and a picture of where you found the Kevin for a chance to win a $15 giftcard to Starbucks!

Merry Christmas!

THE HUFF POST

After two-and-a-half years, the Southern Accent bids farewell to our creative, band t-shirt loving, part-time vegan, Teavana-addicted, cat adoring, layout designer, Tia Huff. During her time here, she has been a great asset to making the Southern Accent successful. She has continually dedicated herself to making the most of the work she did.

Tia will be graduating this Dec. with a bachelors degree in Public Relations and Graphic Design.

She brought a smile to all of our faces and many hardy laughs. She also turned out to be a great DJ for when the office was too quiet. Her honest, goofy, and free loving spirit will be missed for the remainder of this year.

All of us at the Southern Accent wish Tia all the best in her endeavors, and she will be greatly missed!

Merry Christmas!
God’s love in a therapy session

Sierra Wendt
Contributor

We're about three feet apart. The small couch I’m sitting on is nearly kissing the edge of her recliner chair. Too close if you ask me, but blame the architecture and the narrow office. I take a sip from the Styrofoam cup of “coffee” she hands me. She wasn't kidding about it being jet fuel. I suppress the urge to spew it at sound-barrier-breaking speeds.

She's not much older than me. She can't be, but it would be rude to ask. To be honest, I haven't figured her out yet. I don't know what her angle is. I pretend I’m being interrogated sometimes when she asks me questions. Nah, that's not the truth. I feel interrogated; I pretend to have an open mind. She probably knows this.

We've been talking about my life and the mess of it. She tells me I'm going through a lot and that I just play it off as being chill. Interesting hypothesis. I'll have to conduct some mental experiments and gather some quantitative data on that.

She leans back. “What is love?” she asks.

Oh, do I ever know the answer to this! God. God is love. Love is God. For God so loved. Nailed it.

I just get this overwhelming sensation that I'm not completely right.

I know it was just Thanksgiving time, but her question puts me in a Valentine's state of mind. I'm actually not sure what love is. Even more, I don't know how to love people right, especially the ones closest to me.

I realize I've learned to compartmentalize my love. I draw a line in the sand between feelings and intimacy. When I meet new people, I make sure to dam up my trust and love. Can't be too careful!

With God, mercy! My love is unreliable. Love endures all things, but mine just cowers when life throws punches. I'm a cowardly lover.

I’m thankful that God is not a coward. God is brave in love. A Legolas shooting for my heart with perfect aim. He takes risks. Me being one of his biggest, I suppose. He's teaching me to love and be brave like Him.

So I guess I’m also thankful for counselors who reside in narrow offices, fuel my day with caffeine and ask me tough questions about God.

We're ready. Listening. Engaged. Questions?

Everything is changing

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

“Christmas doesn’t feel the same anymore,” my 13-year-old sister lamented to me as I drove her home from the mall on Black Friday. “Everything is changing. It’s gonna be different now.” I told her. “You’re not a little girl anymore, so it’s going to be a little bit different from here on out.”

Driving me home from the airport two days later, my housemate informed me that our neighbors had taken it upon themselves to decorate their lawn with Christmas ornaments. “I can’t stand it this year,” I said. “I’m so over Christmas.” She gave me the same sad smile I’d given my baby sister and shrugged.

“Yeah, well, Christmas isn’t ever the same after you grow up,” she said.

I’m jealous of the adults I meet who can still feel the magic of Christmas. To me, they seem as rare as unicorns. The way I see it, no matter how hard you try to hold on to that childhood nostalgia, one way or another, you will become disillusioned with Christmas. How can you hold on to the magic of Christmas when you have to hear the same music every year? How does the joy of the holidays stay when you’re bogged down in finals and projects? How do you experience the satisfaction of giving when your bank account has run dry? How do you believe that “there’s no place like home for the holidays” if home isn’t the same as it used to be?

For my little sister, home really isn’t the same as it used to be. Two of her siblings left for college last year, one is getting married in the summer, and another is leaving for college in six months. Over the past year, slowly but surely, she’s been saying goodbye to the family dynamic that she’s known since she was born. She summed it up perfectly: “Everything is changing.”

Most of us have already experienced this perspective shift at some point in our lives. I didn’t realize until the morning my housemate drove me home from the airport to start the end of the semester that even though my perspective has changed, one very important thing has not.

Christmas is not about magic or joy or even gift-giving or being surrounded by your loved ones. I mean, it is, but it shouldn’t be, because Christmas isn’t supposed to be about us. Christmas is about Jesus and the beautiful thing He did for us.

It feels strange to associate my least-favorite holiday with the most wonderful thing that has ever happened to mankind: the birth of the One who was conceived of a miracle and spent the rest of His life teaching and healing and loving until He died the way He was born—in humiliation and obscurity and filth—so that one day we can live in glory. Perhaps everything in your life is changing—I know it is in mine—but what hasn’t changed is what God did for us.

This Christmas, while everything around me changes, I’m going to do my best to remember that it’s not about me or about magic or about the nostalgia of the holidays. I hope you’ll join me in remembering the one thing that will never change: the vast, tangible, unmeasured love of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Is our faith too relevant?

Caleb Howard
Contributor

In a recent conversation with an acquaintance of mine, he told me that he was planning to leave the church. When he explained why, I realized that they were the same reasons that I had been struggling with spiritually during my years at Southern.

In an effort to make the church more relevant to millennials, we have made our faith unpalatable in general. We seek to entertain, but the world beats us every time. We sing Hillsong mantras about hurricanes and trees, We preach the gospel with the offense of the cross taken out, and we wonder why people get bored. In short, we are inundated with a feeling-based faith that does little to help us practically.

Our weakness is that we have forgotten the biblical focus on overcoming sin. Instead of wanting God’s power to save us from ourselves, we want something that can change their lives.

You see, so many people in the world are looking for a way to stop falling into the temptations that they struggle with. Christians have the key—we may not think it’s possible, but if we believe God’s promises, He can help us stop sinning here and now. But we desperately try to hide what will attract people to the church because we’re afraid someone will call us legalists.

If Southern started to preach that we can overcome sin like Jesus did and emphasize Christian standards, maybe the people that I deeply care about would start to see the attractiveness of the gospel. I have struggled myself as, after feeling-based services, I’ve wondered what Christianity has to offer for me.

Instead of continuing this trend, we should start encouraging people to preach something with the power to change lives.

Doubt: the greatest gift

Gavin Finch
Contributor

I didn’t grow up in the Adventist bubble. I grew up in a home where no conversations were off limits, and I went to a public school that infused me with questions and a burning passion for scholarship and truth. Growing up, I learned that Christianity is an intellectual religion full of exploration driven by a lack of certainty—something we call doubt. At Southern I learned this does not apply to Adventism, and it disturbs me. So this Christmas, I wish the greatest gift upon you: doubt.

In Adventism, there is a cultural concept that people are either faithful or atheistic; the dichotomy is rigid and fixed, meaning skepticism is fatal and unwavering faith is salvation. This concept fits nicely in a fairytale, but is completely useless in reality as all people struggle to believe something they hope for but cannot see. While this attitude treats doubt as fatal, it subjects believers to a dilemma they cannot escape: they must either lie to themselves and others or become atheists. Realistically, there are sections of the Bible and Christian texts that are difficult to trust. When a young man’s body falls on the bones of Elisha and resurrects, I find myself wondering how much culture affected the writing of Kings and Chronicles, and that’s the whole point. While the Bible is mostly clear enough for first-time readers, it is a grouping of intellectual texts capable of, and at times demanding, deep study, skepticism and challenge. People looking for an easily digestible worldview should look to Hollywood or cheap novels. Furthermore, Christ himself doubted in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the disciples abandoned Him because they thought his downfall was clear, yet none of them were atheists as a result. Faith cannot be an either-or system because it is a process. People do not flip switches and become faithful; they live, suffer and triumph, and as a result they become more sure of what they believe.

If doubt is truly fatal, then salvation is not worth reaching for. As I have discussed, faith is a process, and if we are damned for suffering through a process, then neither God nor the Church are just. Biblically, God does not eternally condemn people for growing, failing or regressing; consider his treatment of Peter and Thomas. Instead, those who do not question cannot achieve salvation because they have not chosen it. Through fear or laziness, they have stood in place. They have not sought truth, a fundamental Christian exercise. To never question faith is inherently unbiblical, and as those who warn us against doubting would say, being unbiological cannot result in salvation.

I don’t encourage doubt because of bitterness or anger. I encourage it because its absence horrifies me—Christianity is the most complete intellectual system to exist. Currently, Adventism is not. Yet if we change the culture and stop fearing doubt, we will have a system to rival anything else.

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BARRY DALY
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We live in a country that lays claims to lead out in the ideals and beliefs in freedom. We have been told that we’re all equal, or is it something we are really taught and truly believe? Can we say that we believe in equality when we marginalize an entire gender? We tell young girls and women they can do anything they set their minds to, but then in the same breath we say they can’t. How can we lay claim to the ideals of freedom when we continue to live under the archaic mindsets of previous generations?

Our country’s hiring practices have been backwards since its conception, and we as a generation have been subliminally taught these ideas from birth. We have been taught that men are to be businessmen or presidents, while women are meant to be in the kitchen or to be nurses, negating the belief that girls can do anything. We are taught from a young age to operate with selective social blindness. As long as it doesn’t affect us directly, does it really matter?

It’s important that we also discuss the idea as well that the titles women hold should not be a reason for more or less respect. Most often women hear that because they are someone’s mother, sister or aunt, that is the reason they deserve respect. Why can’t we just respect women because they are people? This argument’s fullest meaning is that a woman’s value is found in who supports her or who she birthed, which is belittling and demeaning.

According to a study that was published earlier this year by the World Economic Forum, among 144 countries, America is 49th when it pertains to the gender pay gap. While these numbers are entirely unacceptable, and ultimately we cannot do a great deal to affect the whole, what we can do is start small. We must start by first valuing the perspective of women around us, because women deserve a much higher level of respect than what they are currently receiving.

These numbers do not have to be the standard, but with the way this world looks at women, it will be a long time before we see a true change on this issue of equality. We need to discuss the fact that as Christians there seems to be a desire to stand up and fight against or for causes that will be rectified whether or not you protest. But when it comes to standing for equality, whether it be gender or racial, the church is silent. Can the church really say that love is the mission if these issues continue to be ignored? No, I am not strictly speaking about women’s ordination. What I’m speaking about is the fact that the church has never come out with a unified stance on a need to see women with the value that each and every one of them possesses. Each and every one deserves better, and each deserves the opportunity to work in any position she desires.

To be honest, this comes from a realization I had that the way things are set up is backward. We are taught the devaluing of others, whether it be because they look different from us or their gender. I felt it was important that I write this for a couple reasons: first, men aren’t known for listening. In fact, many of us are known for spending time in conversation working on our “clever” retorts. That’s no way to go about speaking with those we care about, or rather, that’s just not how we are supposed to approach one another, period. Second, the issue of equality is one I knew I had to speak up on. I have two sisters and a host of friends who are women. I’ve heard each of them say at one time or another, “No matter what I do or how great I do it, I’ll always be a woman, and that seems to be the one fact that keeps me from reaching where I want to go. Someone is always looking down on me.”

“We must start by first valuing the perspective of women around us, because women deserve a much higher level of respect than what they are currently receiving.”

It’s true a great deal of us men possess this stringent superiority complex, one that many won’t admit is there because of its subtlety. In the past I have been guilty of this, and it was something I had to work on within myself. I am not greater than anyone else, and I must stand up for those who are marginalized everyday. I know the world as a whole will not be changed overnight, nor will the views of the many suddenly be swayed, but my hope is that this begins a discussion and that we as a community can begin to be more conscious of how we treat and approach women. Let’s work together to make the world a better place for each and every young girl or woman with whom we come into contact.

The viewpoints on this page do not necessarily reflect those of the Accent, Southern Adventist University, or the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
In light of the holidays, I have been reflecting upon the beauty of Christmas and what it means. Last Christmas was my first away from home. I was in France, and I learned valuable things about the way different cultures celebrate Christmas. Without further ado, here are some differences I noticed.

1. **It lasts longer.**
   Since there is no Thanksgiving and the French hardly celebrate Halloween, they begin prepping for Christmas at the end of October. Cities were lit up with trees and lights and snow as the holiday season was welcomed. Warm bakeries were filled with the lingering smell of Christmas dishes and yummy specialties. It was magical.

2. **Christmas markets.**
   Oh my goodness. Christmas markets are everywhere in France. No matter what city you're in, you can count on finding at least one or two markets. With local handcrafted gifts and delicious food, they exemplify the warmest, fuzziest feelings Christmas has to offer. It was magical.

3. **The “Christmas” culture.**
   Americans are really big on Christmas movies, music, decorations, food, parades and pretty much anything else imaginable. Heck, we even have Christmas tree Little Debbies. Most of that is unheard of in France. They play American Christmas music in the markets and have probably never even heard of “Elf.” It was pretty funny, however, to hear the French talk about how extravagant we are with the holiday, considering they have insanely huge markets and spend tons of time intricately decorating their towns.

4. **Consumerism.**
   Black Friday is a prime example of the consumerist attitude Americans have during the holidays. The French care more about spending time with their families and enjoying the season. It was really refreshing to be able to spend my Christmas in a simple yet fulfilling way.

Celebrating Christmas varies from culture to culture and reflects a variety of things about each place. I adored the beauty of a French Noël blanc, but I can't wait for this year’s “tender Tennessee Christmas.”
With Christmas Day coming soon, it’s important that we recognize something that is as fundamental to Christmas as Santa Claus: the NBA. Ever since the league’s second season in 1947, NBA games on Christmas is an annual American tradition. In light of the holiday season, Christmas Day has become the NBA’s outlet to showcase the league’s top markets and key matchups. We all know that the game everyone is frantically awaiting is the rematch between the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors. This year will mark the third season in a row that the Cavs and the Warriors have met on Christmas day. Not only have these two teams consecutively met on Christmas, but they have also met in the last three NBA finals and are the favorites to meet once again this season. Within the past two Christmases, the home team has always won the match. In 2015, the Warriors won 93-89, and in 2016, the Cavs won 109-108 thanks to Kyrie Irving’s game-winning shot. This year, the Warriors will be hosting the Christmas game, and we are all eager to see whether or not this home-winning streak will be maintained.

Here are the five NBA games to watch this Christmas:

76ers vs. Knicks — 12:00 p.m.
Cavs vs. Warriors — 3:00 p.m.
Wizards vs. Celtics — 5:30 p.m.
Rockets vs. Thunder — 8:00 p.m.
Timberwolves vs. Lakers — 10:30 p.m.

Although these holiday basketball specials are the premier sporting events of Christmas, this year, they will be accompanied by a couple of other exciting sporting events. Along with the NBA games that will commence this coming Christmas, NFL games will also be occurring. Although most of the NFL games will happen on Christmas Eve—which is usually the case—this year, sports fans can get an extra Christmas treat in addition to the best regular season NBA matchups of the year.

Two NFL games to watch on Christmas Day:
Steelers vs. Texans – 4:30 p.m.
Raiders vs. Eagles – 8:30 p.m.

Projections: Who will be Player of the Year?

1. Miles Bridges, Michigan State
6’ 7”, 225 pounds, combo forward, sophomore
Projected raw statistics: 17.5 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 1.8 apg
Projected advanced statistics: 114.1 offensive rating, 26% usage

2. Grayson Allen, Duke
6’ 5”, 205 pounds, combo guard, senior
Projected raw statistics: 18.7 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.9 apg
Projected advanced statistics: 122.1 offensive rating, 25% usage

3. Allonzo Trier, Arizona
6’ 5”, 205 pounds, shooting guard, junior
Projected raw statistics: 18.1 ppg, 5.0 rpg, 2.5 apg
Projected advanced statistics: 126.3 offensive rating, 24% usage

4. Devonté Graham, Kansas
6’ 2”, 185 pounds, point guard, senior
Projected raw statistics: 15.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 4.3 apg
Projected advanced statistics: 120.8 offensive rating, 21% usage
**Priority deadline for filing 2018-2019 FAFSA**
11:00 a.m. Convocation, Student Association Town Hall Meeting, Iles

**Basketball sign-up begins**
Begin purchasing Winter Semester textbooks, Campus Shop
3:00 p.m. Kirsten Wolcott Memorial 5K Run, Duck Pond
8:00 p.m. Vespers, uQuest Missions, Church

**KR’s Place closed**
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast, VM Deli
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Open Cave, Student Park
5:00-8:45 p.m. Kayak open, Hulsey

**LSAT Exam, Lynn Wood**
8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Christmas Open House, Campus Shop

**12:00 p.m. Tornado Siren Test**
6:00 p.m. Phi Alpha Theta Induction

**4:00-6:00 p.m. Education Initial Admission Interviews, Summerour**
5:00 p.m. Basketball Captains’ Meeting, Hulsey
6:30 p.m. School of Journalism and Communication Research Showcase, Brock
7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room
I’m out here chilling like I don’t have a presentation due tomorrow that I didn’t even start yet

Greg Wright @WrightThoughts
Liberal Arts Education, JR

The VM just charged 16 dollars for my lunch

Richard Morales @Richard_2892
Theology, SR

just found out a chick-fil-a is in the works for Collegedale coming soon #saulife

Ansley Travis @ansleyytraviss
Liberal Arts Education, SO

Chemistry for Everyday Life is clearly NOT for everyday life

Phillip Warfield @PhilWarfield
History, JR

It’s totally ok to be selective with your circle. It’s totally awful to be selective with your kindness. Don’t confuse the two.

Alexandra Dye @adlyley
Public Relations, JR

Got the shower temp just right on the first try you could say I’m #blessed

Jonathan Mancao @lilmancao
Chemistry, SR

oh hello. it seems to be that time again. time to cut or dye my hair to exercise control over my life!! bangs it is

Casey Goldring @cvselyn
Liberal Arts Education, SO

Get ready

“How was your thanksgiving break?”

Shivani Ward @SithLordy
Psychology, SR

@j_sage_adams_rivera That guy in the back is posing. Macy’s day Parade was pretty cool as well. #nyc #MACYSPARADE #city #thanksgiving

Pc @taytaymikel

@_julessss wondering why it’s November and 60 degrees in England

@kbus_grant
The Twelve Days before Christmas Break

one graduation

two paychecks

three weeks left in the semester

four days of final exams

five engagement rings

six Patagonia jackets

seven meal plan notifications

eight secret santa parties

nine cups of KR’s watery hot chocolate

ten late assignments

eleven convocation credits needed

twelve Instagram posts with the Christmas tree

Southern students march for women’s equality

see story on page 4

Illustration by Danyelle Elysee
Southern religion professor Philip Samaan, PhD, is retiring at the end of this semester. Samaan has taught at Southern for 20 years, and is regarded by his students as a spiritual mentor, invested teacher and friend.

Before working at Southern, Samaan worked as a youth leader in the North Pacific Union Conference, a missionary in the African Division of Seventh-day Adventists, a professor at Andrews University and at the General Conference as the Chief Editor of the Adult Sabbath School Quarterly. He came to Southern in 1998 and has been working here ever since.

“The passion of my life was to teach, and God fulfilled that,” Samaan said. “Christian education is more than dispensing good information, but investing in our students.”

Samaan has taught courses such as Christian Spirituality, Life and Teachings, of Jesus Christian Witnessing and World Religions among many others. Samaan believes that one of the greatest ways for professors to help student retention is not just to teach, but to genuinely connect with students.

“If you’re a teacher, teach like Jesus,” Samaan said. “There is no greater accomplishment than that. It is not just meeting of mind with mind, but meeting their [students’] hearts.”

Over the years, he has made efforts outside of classes to make dorm visits and stay updated on his students’ lives. He strives to make his classes humorous and wants his students to enjoy learning from him.

He has been honored with three President’s Awards for his excellence in teaching, student service and commitment to student success.

After retiring, Samaan plans to work on his ministry, Christ’s Way, giving seminars around the world with the purpose to help people become more Christlike in all they do. In addition, he will be devoting time to publishing more books. He has published “Abraham’s other Son,” “Dare to be a Daniel” and “Christ’s Way to Affirmation” among several others. He wishes to continue his mission of showing Christ to others by connecting with people and meeting their needs and still wants to be involved with students at Southern.

“I worked for the church for 43 years, and 20 of them were here [Southern]. I stayed here the longer than anywhere else because I love my fellow professors, students and environment.”

Madeline Mace, junior fine arts major, said that Samaan has impacted her profoundly.

“His spiritual guidance and encouragement is a testimony to how every Christian should seek to be. Our campus will experience a loss of a man who thinks nothing of himself, but seeks to build up those who are broken and struggling. I am so thankful for the service he has done for us students and the entire campus.”

The Accent encourages readers to write articles and voice their opinions. For questions, comments or article submissions, email accent@southern.edu.

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Fire-breathing performers, live steel drum music and bouncy houses highlighted the Student Association’s annual Winter Welcome Party. The night, titled Frozen Luau, drew in around 400 students and featured hot dogs, tropical drinks and snow cones as refreshments. Students also were able to ride a surfing simulation, hula hoop and fight their friends with pool noodles.

Visit our website at southern.edu/accenct to see the entire gallery. Photos by Cinthya Molina.
Southern students attend Women’s March

On Jan 21st, several Southern students participated in the Chattanooga Women’s March.

The Women’s March on Chattanooga was one of many demonstrations held across the U.S. and around the globe. As was the case in last year’s marches, the primary goals of the Women’s March has been to denounce the behavior of President Trump and to promote women’s empowerment.

This year, several Southern students participated in the Women’s March on Chattanooga.

Shivani Ward, senior psychology major, posted on Instagram saying, “Once again an amazing opportunity to march with my brothers and sisters in Chatt...”

Brandon Beneche
Managing Editor

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“Every single day, your job as an American citizen is not just to fight for your rights, but it is to fight for the right of every individual that is taking a breath, whose heart is pumping and breathing on this earth.”

- Viola Davis

“Gender equality can’t just exist outside ourselves - it must exist within. We must take responsibility not just for our actions, but for ourselves.”

- Scarlett Johansson

Photo by Cynthia Molina

From left to right, Abigail Jansen, Lauren Barboza,

Photo by Cinthya Molina
The SA President’s Address

Phillip Warfield
SA President

Welcome back, everyone! Or if you’re joining us for the first time, welcome to Southern! I hope that all of you have enjoyed some recharging around your friends and family and that you have mentally prepared yourself for what’s to come this semester.

Without the convenient breaks that Fall semester has, Winter semester can feel like it lasts forever. I want to encourage you by offering you a few tips that have helped me make it through Winter semesters.

First, celebrate when you’ve conquered your first test. Usually these come right around Super Bowl Sunday, so reward yourself with a great game around friends.

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with your special someone. V-Day is a great time to de-stress with the one closest to you, and if you don’t have that person yet, then celebrate your singleness and take yourself out on a date.

Invest in a unique adventure for Spring Break. Rest and relax, as this is the only big break of the semester, but do it somewhere you can take it easy.

Lastly, when it comes to everyday life on campus this semester, make sure to set aside some extra time for friends. This is the semester when tons of people are graduating and the rest of us go our separate ways for an entire summer. Spend time together and make some memories along the way.

You don’t have to go through a whole semester alone, and I hope these tips encourage you to live your best life in 2018! Feel free to come by and chat with me in the Student Association office in the Student Center. Keep on the lookout for brand new events coming to you soon!

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Southern student inspires “10 Days of Prayer”

Alissa Tanguay
Contributor

Prayer is a powerful gift from God to use for His service. In “Testimonies to the Church, Vol. 1,” Ellen White says, “At the sound of fervent prayer, Satan’s whole host trembles.” What an amazing thought! God is willing and able to do so much for us if only we will take the initiative to seek Him and ask for His blessings. He promises in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that “if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists started a “10 Days of Prayer” initiative to pray for God’s Spirit to work mightily within our church and the world, and Southern is blessed to have students who are eager to step up and lead their colleagues in joining the world church in prayer. Joi McClellan, junior music/major, felt the desire to bring students together to pray during the first semester, but she was unsure how to accomplish this and decided to pray about the idea. While on Christmas break, she attended a Generation Youth for Christ (GYC) conference where God reminded her about her dream of a praying campus. In the next week, she shared her idea with several Southern students, and they began working diligently to ensure the “Adventist Students Pray” idea and Facebook page would be ready to roll during the first week of school.

God’s hand was guiding every step, and now there were students in at least six universities, both Adventist and non-Adventist, as well as two Adventist academies participating in the “10 Days of Prayer”.

Last week on Southern’s campus there were 11 small groups in which students came together for 15 minutes to read several scriptures and pray on specific topics.

McClellan hope was that like in the story of Daniel and his three friends, God would bless our intentionality in these 10 days and would pour out His Spirit and wisdom on our campus this semester.

Caleb Cook, a group leader, described the experience as “refreshing and uplifting.” He said he tends to be the type who would rather pray alone but finds that “gathering with like-minded young people and praying was more of a blessing than I could have ever imagined.”

Kayla Goodman, prayer group leader at Southwestern Adventist University, that the number of people praying was of less importance than the sincerity behind their prayers.

God wants to hear your voice, and He is excited to work in your life, display His power and shower you with love. So what are you praying for?

It is time for a recommitment

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

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For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

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Before we start, I want to be clear: I am not one of those “New year, new me” people. If people want to make a change in their lives, they shouldn’t wait until the new year to begin working on themselves. Human beings will always be in need of improvement. The earth taking another trip around the sun (like it has for thousands of years) should not define when that improvement takes place.

However, for some of us, the new year—along with the new semester—provides an opportunity to reflect back on our recent past, make observations on it and decide where to go from there. And in that spirit, I propose to the students of Southern that it is time for a recommitment.

“It doesn’t matter how good of a person you are, whether you’ve been baptized or not,” he said to me. “You have fallen short, and you will again.”

Because of this falling short—this failure to measure up to our potential as Christians and as lights in God’s world—it is time for a recommitment to Jesus Christ. It’s time for you to look at the way you’ve been living your life and decide what kind of a life you want from here on out. As children of God, we deserve better than the life we have picked out for ourselves. We were made for a life of constant learning and constant improvement. We weren’t made to remain stagnant in our relationships with God; we were made to continue growing, to continue moving.

If you’ve found that your spiritual walk isn’t moving forward, if you’ve found that you’re stuck in a rut, that’s okay. It’s up to you now to decide what you want for yourself. It’s up to you now to decide how to move forward.

Join me in the new year. Let’s recommit our lives to Jesus.
How to deal with your racist uncle in 2018

Emma Winegardner  
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2017 was the actual worst, and this year’s hostility was perhaps most insidiously present during the holidays, when everything’s jolly and bright until our uncle says something racist, and if we call him out, it gets really... uncomfortable.

It’s not that some people are mindless; how many of us know kind and brilliant people who won’t let the term “microaggression” pass without a snicker about “snowflakes”? The truth is, the ideas of different generations tend to oppose each other, and if two thoughts cannot be diametrically opposed and true, what can we do when the choice appears to be between peace and truth?

The good news is, that’s not the choice. Rarely is a decision really down to two things, whether that’s peace vs. truth or liberal vs. conservative. We exist in our own echo chambers for protection, whether that’s Facebook, Twitter or the people we choose to talk to. As much as diverse voices have risen to combat the male, wealthy, heterosexual white voices that have kept them down before, that former power has not yet disappeared, and it is close-minded thoughts that divide us. Our defense mechanisms have become, on both sides, complete agreement within and complete rejection without. That kind of mindset is what reduces things to two choices.

Most Americans hold inaccurate assumptions. We can help change these, as we have in the past, through calling people out, opening dialogue and introducing diversity. We can also fight the urge to separate ourselves from individuals who hold unacceptable views about the people around them.

Not everyone is called to engage in this way, of course; there are individuals who have experienced harassment, prejudice and trauma to the degree that they shouldn’t feel a burden to engage with the ideological other. But for the rest of us, it is time to engage differently. Calling people out often just shuts them down. Also, as much as some people often have trouble with what we consider basic human decency, they can also be lovely people from whom we can learn. It’s through relationships, after all, that opinions change.

The way to help fix and heal our society is not just waiting for the last generation to die, because it never will. Certainly, our grandparents will die like theirs did. But then we’ll be the grandparents, and society will march on toward justice without us. If only the young and the educated know what’s up, there’s no hope for us. As difficult as it is, it is crucial to talk to people who hold controversial opinions. And that means reviewing our own thought processes critically, because never is one side completely wrong and the other completely right. So as we consider another year, let’s examine ourselves first. Then we can speak patiently to those whom we feel don’t deserve patience. That’s what will change America, the sexist, the homophobic and the racist uncles included.

Thoughts on Star Wars “The Last Jedi”

Caleb Begley  
Contributor

After watching “The Last Jedi,” I can safely say that the latest installment in the series has all the makings of an enjoyable Star Wars movie. But parts of how the movie is written could leave some filmgoers scratching their heads.

The main story is something that we have come to expect from Star Wars, especially in the new trilogy. For those of you who thought that “The Force Awakens” was a bit of a rip-off of “A New Hope,” then be prepared for “The Last Jedi” to rip off a small bit of “The Empire Strikes Back.” There are some scenes in the movie that do make that reference, but it’s subtle. To me, that makes the references rather interesting.

On the downside, there is a side story in the film that’s leave confusing, and the main story completely overshadows it. Whenever they are on the screen, you find yourself wondering why, and then you forget about them until they pop up again.

The main characters, for the most part, are very likeable. All the main characters from “The Force Awakens” are back, but the one I was surprised to see take on a fairly substantial role in the movie was Poe. He went from essentially a one-off character in “The Force Awakens” to being a major catalyst in this new film. However, I thought they wrote him as having a major role, but they also made him the least likeable character.

As far as the music is concerned, it’s John Williams at his finest. He truly shows why he is one of the greatest, if not the greatest, film composers of all time. What’s even more impressive is that he is still continuing to craft beautiful film scores after doing it for years. He continues to impress me with every subsequent film score he releases. Whether it be Star Wars, “E.T.,” Indiana Jones, “Jaws” or Superman, he has created very memorable soundtracks, and he continues that trend in “The Last Jedi.”

“The Last Jedi,” in all of its elements, is a traditional Star Wars film. There’s great action, light touches of comedy, a good main story, and, of course, spectacular visuals. Mainly two negative aspects of the film were its either pointless side plot and its runtime. I felt like there were a few scenes where the movie could have ended, but it didn’t. So, no, I don’t think it’s the greatest Star Wars movie ever made, but it was a good, solid, enjoyable effort.
Five albums you probably didn’t hear about in 2017

Kristen Vonnah

From the best movies of 2017 to the best tweets of 2017, people love lists. Here are the five best albums you might not have listened to last year.

1. “Gone Now,” Bleachers, Genre: Indie Pop

Jack Antonoff’s sophomore album, “Gone Now,” was released on June 2, 2017. With its totally ‘80s synth vibes, the entire album is artistically complex and catchy. Antonoff explained to Rolling Stone in April 2017 that his album refers to memories of the 9/11 terror attacks and the loss of his sister after her battle with cancer. “It’s not about not moving on. [The loss] changes you. It changes your relationships; it changes how you see yourself, the way you see your work. I really wanted to be in all that as I made this album,” Antonoff said in a “Rolling Stone” interview. The album is an absolute whirlwind of emotions. Each track is a very intricately composed song that carries the weight of a new discovery in his life. The synth beats, sprinkling of electronic trumpets and intense drum reverb that are repeated throughout the album make for a spectacular piece of art. The themes also make it very compelling. He continuously speaks of heartbreak, loss, anxiety, excitement, change and depression. His tendencies toward extreme emotions are prevalent in his songs, and he channels them wonderfully through bizarre lyrics and funky beats.

2. “Crack-Up,” Fleet Foxes, Genre: Indie Folk

After a six year hiatus, Fleet Foxes released “Crack-Up” on June 21, 2017. Inspired by a F. Scott Fitzgerald essay, “Crack-Up” is an eclectic mix of self-reflection put into an indie folk album. Lead singer Robin Pecknold told “Pitchfork” magazine, “Lyrically, a lot of the album deals with perception and the difference between how I have seen the world and how it actually is, in terms of people or situations or self-assessment, or any other permutation of the problem… There are a number of songs where I wanted the transitions to feel jarring, nonlinear, like you were watching a movie that has been edited partially out of sequence… or as if it’s a stained glass window that’s been shattered and reassembled.” From the title track to the closing song, “Crack-Up” certainly achieves this feeling with songs that seem as though you were switching channels on the radio.

3. “Yours Conditionally,” Tennis, Genre: Lo-Fi

On Jan. 27, 2017, Priests released their debut album. With an extremely punk sound, “Nothing Feels Natural” also resembles a 1960s psychedelic rock album. Much of the album revolves around the political tension currently permeating the nation. NPR stated, “‘Nothing Feels Natural’ recognizes just that: an unsettled state of mind, and of society. In weeks and years to come, it will be tempting to historically pin the record to the election of a president who stands in direct opposition to the values of the band and many who surround it.” Each track on the album stirs up an almost existential feeling within the listeners, prompting them to respond to the songs in deep thought.

4. “Nothing Feels Natural,” Priests, Genre: Punk Rock

This soft indie debut album was released on Aug. 9, 2017. After releasing “ocean eyes” in November 2016, Eilish began working on her first EP. At only 15 years old, Eilish hit the Billboard charts in 2017 at #167. Her singles “ocean eyes” and “bored” were featured on the “13 Reasons Why” soundtrack, skyrocketing her exposure in the music industry. From that spark came her first studio EP. The instruments and beats on the album are typically upbeat and relatively mainstream, but her melodic voice carries a dramatic and melancholic tone through the entire album. It flows in a way only an indie electro pop album could.

5. “don’t smile at me,” Billie Eilish, Genre: Electro Pop

“2017 was a phenomenal year for music. With critically-acclaimed albums such as “DAMN.,” “Reputation,” “Melodrama” and “Ctrl,” artists rose to the top of their game this past year. Let’s hope that 2018 is just as good–maybe even better–for the music industry. 
The top sports moments of 2017

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

1. When Serena Williams decided to win yet another Australian Open Trophy before she left on maternity leave

In January, Serena Williams earned her seventh Australian Open title—while eight weeks pregnant (unknownst to her, at first). While practicing for her upcoming tournament in Australia, Williams began to feel nauseated. Although she doubted that a pregnancy was the cause of these symptoms, she took a pregnancy test and found out it was positive. Since the doctors assumed that she was only a few weeks into the pregnancy Williams chose to still compete. However, after she had finished and won the tournament, she discovered that she was two months pregnant. After the tournament, Williams took a couple videos with the trophy and said, as she rubbed her stomach, “This is the one we won together!”

2. When the New England Patriots pulled off the biggest [Super Bowl] comeback in history and defeated the Atlanta Falcons in overtime

For Falcons fans, the score 28-3 might be loaded with heartbreak and infamy, but for Pats fans, 28-3 will carry exciting memories and one of the greatest performances in NFL history. After coming back from a 25-point deficit, the Pats took their fifth franchise championship.

3. When the Golden State Warriors got their revenge against the Cleveland Cavaliers and took home the 2017 NBA Finals title, earning Kevin Durant, the Finals’ MVP, his first championship ring

In the 2016 NBA Finals, the Warriors, the highest-ranked team in the NBA, devastatingly blew a 3-1 lead in the NBA Finals against the Cavaliers. Embarrassed by this defeat, the Warriors returned the following year to the Finals, stocked with more quality players and determination to finish what they started in 2016. With the help of Kevin Durant, the Warriors were finally able to pull through to the end.

4. When MMA fighter Conor McGregor stepped into the boxing ring with undefeated boxer Floyd Mayweather for the “fight of the century”

In a fight that will go down in pay-per-view history, Conor McGregor, the underdog of the event, kept up with record-holding Floyd Mayweather for 10 rounds before a technical KO was called in Mayweather’s favor. This event raked in millions of dollars and allowed Mayweather to extend his 49-0 win streak to an even 50 wins.

5. When the Astros ended their franchise’s 56-season-long drought and beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in the World Series

In 2017, the Houston Astros won their first World Series Championship in franchise history. After a tied 3-3 championship record, the Astros and the Dodgers fought for a win, but the Dodgers came up short in the home stadium with the Astros winning the final game of the series 5-1. The triumph brought a much needed moral boost to the city that had just faced damaging flooding in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

6. When the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Nashville Predators in the Stanley Cup Finals

While the Predators fought hard against their opponents, coming back from a 2-0 deficit to even the series, the Penguins had the last laugh in the Stanley Cup Finals. The Predators went scoreless in their final two games in the series in large part because of Penguins rookie goaltender Matt Murray. Star center Sidney Crosby took home MVP honors for his performance in the playoffs, and the whole team was able to celebrate its fifth title in franchise history.

7. When Neymar left Barcelona to join Paris Saint-Germain

Neymar has been one of the most popular soccer players in the world for years, so when the young Brazilian forward left the powerhouse Barcelona for the lesser known Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), many criticized his decision. While Neymar enjoyed playing with stars like Lionel Messi and Luis Suárez in Barcelona, many believed that he wanted to lead his own team and be the go-to player, something that was not likely to happen on his former team. Regardless, soccer fans around the world were stunned by his decision. Neymar took a big risk, and PSG, which paid 222 million euro for the star forward, is definitely hoping that his choice pays off.

8. When our very own Sabrina Smith outcompeted 23 other contestants and was crowned as our university’s first Southern Ninja Warrior

On Nov. 4, 2017, the Student Association hosted its first-ever Southern Ninja Warrior competition. Based on the television series “American Ninja Warrior,” the competition consisted of various events that tested a person’s strengths, tactics, agility and athleticism. Out the 57 students who applied, only 24 students were chosen for this co-ed event. At first, the competition appeared to be close among the contestants, but after Sabrina Smith, junior Spanish major, walked onto the battlefield, there was no question as to who would win the title. Smith wowed the crowd with her finesse on the rock-climbing wall and her speed in each event. After the event, Smith posted on her Instagram, “Had a ton of fun doing the SAU Ninja Warrior Challenge. The other contestants were super encouraging, the crowd cheered us on, and the challenge course was thrilling... Most of all, God blessed.”
January 25
- Vincent Dan
- Mackenzie Gallant
- James Larson
- Karen Pinna Manriquez
- Jordan Samuel
- Ammy Silvestre
- Helen Silvestre

January 26
- Helen Blanco
- Nicole Grady
- Aime Michael Irumva
- Heather Joy
- Christine Lomeland
- Alex Wetzel

January 27
- Lauren Chung
- Sabey Jean-Louis
- Kearsten Jedamski
- Clayton Powell

January 28
- Daniella Clemons
- Kelly Courtney
- Dina Dieujuste
- Luke Fogg
- Ada Rodriguez
- Kp Zulu

January 29
- Sarah Hunt
- Rachelle Martin
- Caleb Spencer

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"Yo southern got to put more lights in the music building I feel like I’m walking through a building in silent hill"

**Audrey Fankhanel** @dreyfankhanel · Mass Communications, SO

"Watching Instagram videos in class is a dangerous game #saulife"

**Daniela Fujimoto** @ursulenkodana · Graphic Design, JR

"Waiting until 11am to hear that classes are canceled for the rest of the day. #saulife #snowday #saulife please"

**Grace Johnson** @greatgracechase · Public Relations, SO

"Think if I cut out paper snowflakes and placed them around Tennessee they'll cancel school for another week? #saulife"

**Jonathan Mancao** @lilmancao · Chemistry, SR

"I’m not lactose intolerant but whenever I eat cheese my body’s like “dude, seriously?”"

**Kristen Vonnoh** @kristenstagram · Journalism, SR

"me: *is on campus* wow smh i really cant go anywhere without seeing someone i know"

**Greg Wright** @WrightThoughts · Liberal Arts Education, JR

"Half of me wants to take someone out and treat them on Valentine’s Day. But the other half just wants to eat Zaxbys and play video games alone."

**Aspen Scott** @kalea_aspen · Graphic Design, JR

"i’m crying they’re playing holocene on our flight and it’s raining and WOW feels"

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### INSTAGRAM

**@korpinator** Just take a leap of faith
PC: @johanym03 😄

**@benkmixon** a sunny (!?) day in camden town

**@michaela_aall** You can’t do E P I C things with B A S I C people 😂
#squadgoals ... First week done ✔️
16 weeks left! 😍

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1. Photographers
At Southern, photography is not reserved for the art or SJC majors; anyone with an iPhone or a DSCR is an aspiring photographer. Be sure to capture pictures in abandoned buildings and sunflower fields.

2. Longboarders
On a crisp and peaceful walk to class, you may hear the sound of wheels rolling down a hill. Of course, it is a longboarder whisking past you. There’s usually no warning of an approaching longboarder except the screeching sound of wheels on the concrete in your ears.

3. Southern Twitter
Twitter has become a platform where students can connect with other students whom they have never physically seen on campus. Southern Twitter is characterized as a place where students can express personal, unpopular opinions, and it is the greatest cure for any boring convocation.

4. Fashionistas
The fashionistas are individuals who relentlessly and effortlessly dress to impress every day of the week. No matter how amazing you think your own outfit looks, the fashionistas will always dominate the scene.

5. Top Floor of the Library
This is the part of the library that’s supposed to be extremely quiet; however, most students know this is not the case. The students who love the idea of studying but don’t actually study reside here. The whispers that equate to hollering are only extinguishable with headphones.

6. Brock students
If the majority of your classes are located in Brock, you know how important the third floor vending machine is. Honestly, one vending machine providing snacks for three floors in a building sounds a bit harsh. Art students especially know the crippling feeling of an out-of-order vending machine.

7. Water Bottle Accessorizers
Some students love trendy bags or jackets, but there are some students who love accessorizing their daily look with a water bottle. It doesn’t matter if you actually drink out of your water bottle as long as the brand is present and the bottle is covered with stickers.
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Photo by Barry Daly

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Terrence Roberts, member of Little Rock Nine, featured at convocation

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Lead Reporter

On Thursday, Jan. 25, Terrence Roberts, a member of the Little Rock Nine, spoke to students and faculty at an SA Convocation. Roberts encouraged students to educate themselves beyond the history most people are taught so they can begin to change racist mindsets that have existed in the United States for centuries. After convocation, Roberts also held a Q&A session for faculty and staff.

Most of Roberts’ speech centered around his experiences as part of the Little Rock Nine, a group of young African Americans who became the first non-white students at Little Rock Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas in 1957. From 1896 to 1954, segregation was legal and upheld in schools and many other institutions, but it was deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in the Brown v. The Board of Education case.

“[There were] 335 years where it was lawful to discriminate based on race,” Roberts said. “If you do something for so long, it becomes a part of you, down to the bone-marrow level. [Racism in the U.S. is] a congenital deformity that has crippled this country from its conception.”

Roberts also said that Americans “can’t pretend that racism isn’t still a problem, because we lose the chance to grow and work through the problems that still remain very strong in the U.S.”

In order to grow and overcome the mentality of racism, Roberts suggested “reading voraciously” and searching for real history, not the mythologized histories schools often teach, such as Manifest Destiny, which justified white Americans’ desires to expand all over North America and take over settlements and people got in their way. “We need to confront those myths and challenge ourselves to live in reality,” Roberts said.

“We are arbiters of a system of being that is immoral, even illegal,” Roberts said. “If we were to confront it, that would cause disruption, but out of chaos comes community. We can’t have community unless we have the chaos.”

Roberts said that once he got the opportunity, he decided he would model law-abiding behavior so people could know, “This is how you do it. You go to a school where you were previously not allowed by law.” But what people didn’t want that change.

When Roberts and the other eight students came to their first day of school, an angry mob surrounded the school along with the National Guard who had been called by the Arkansas governor to keep the peace, or, in Robert’s words, to keep the Little Rock Nine out of the school.

After several weeks, students were still unable to attend school. President Dwight D. Eisenhower sent troops to assist them. Once they began attending classes, the other students taunted them, tore their books out of their hands and even tried to fight them, but they continued to go back because “evil does not go away simply because you say ‘go away.’ Power doesn’t give in unless you come back with equal power,” Roberts said.

Jason Hollenbeck, sophomore construction management major, said he enjoyed Roberts’ speech.

“It was a lot more entertaining than most convos,” Hollenbeck said. “He was talking about a serious topic, but he still made it fun and humorous. He’s giving you something to think about while still making you laugh.”

Andrew Korp, sophomore theology major, said, “It’s a very relevant message because even though we like to say that racism isn’t around anymore, it is, and it needs to be dealt with.”
On Thursday, Jan. 25, Student Association (SA) held its second keynote presentation in Lynnwood Chapel.

The SA Keynote was started at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year to “directly address our peers and tell them what we have planned without having to cram it all into a pre-convo announcement,” said Gavin Finch, SA executive vice president and senior English major.

Phillip Warfield, SA president and senior history education major, opened the presentation by showcasing this semester’s upcoming social events, like the Winter Formal and the SA Talent Show.

Finch followed Warfield’s segment by presenting Senate updates like the introduction of Mental Health Week, Senate Surprise Day and new equipment in Talge exercise rooms. Brandon Beneche, managing editor of the Southern Accent and senior English major, and Armondi Stokes-Hicks, Studio 4109 director and senior film production major, provided updates on the Southern Accent and Studio 4109. The updates included a revamped newspaper design and upcoming themed articles for the Southern Accent and Studio 4109’s next two shows.

Warfield concluded SA’s part of the keynote event with updates on discounts from Dos Bros and Mojo Burrito, the Smile Initiative, Deep Sabbath and SA’s premier multicultural event, “This Is Us,” a multicultural performance night hosted by SA. “This is Us” will include performances, food and dress from the various cultures and countries represented at Southern.

“I thought it was implemented well,” said Braian Gomez, senior mass communication major. “I went before, but this time around was way better.”

To end the night, there were two final announcements pertaining to the student body. Jared Powrie, senior missions and computer science major, showcased the new eJoker, a digital upgrade to the traditional paperback Joker that includes the photos and contact information of those on campus. Powrie said that the eJoker will reduce waste and help the campus to become more digitally connected.

Marty Hamilton, associate vice president of finance, presented on the construction of the Bietz Student Center for Life. Plans include a slide, bringing back the Campus Kitchen and moving the Campus Shop into the new student center.

Dakota Bemis, junior accounting major, said, “I was happy to see that there is progress being made on the student center, but I was unhappy with some of the proposals that Senate mentioned that were being introduced this semester like adding a practice barber room to Talge, as well as a new air hockey table for the student center. I just feel that it is a waste of money.
Southern history professor returns from Australia

After going abroad to Australia to teach for a year at Avondale College, Professor Lisa Clark Diller returned to Southern Adventist University for the winter semester.

**What did you like most about being abroad?**

I enjoyed the sunshine and beach culture, as well as the interesting birds. Travel always calls us to be more attentive to our surroundings and notice the culture and nature. When we’re at home, we get on auto-pilot and aren’t always as “present.” I enjoyed the chance to really tune in to where I was and who I was with for a little while. I also really love the food in Australia, especially all the dark vegetables that they use in their cooking.

**Did you have to change your teaching style to accommodate with the curriculum?**

Yes, I did. Attendance wasn’t required and students don’t usually buy or read textbooks, and there isn’t the ability to assess if they read. That meant I ended up doing lots more lecturing rather than discussion. Also, spending time with students outside the classroom wasn’t part of the educational culture, or having departmental events or departmental clubs. I’m used to a large part of my job being mentoring students, individually or in groups and getting to know them well.

**What were some key differences between Australia and America that you noticed?**

Australians are really safety-conscious. There are extremely few road accidents and they seem to all abide by the speed limit—this was hard for me as I’m a bit of a lead-foot/speed-demon. They also like to joke and tease a lot and have a very hard time being affirming or appreciative, so I learned to do a lot more teasing. They are also very hospitable, and I spent a lot of time eating homemade food at many different homes I was invited to.

**Was it hard to transition back to America after being away for a year?**

I unfortunately got back just as winter came and the temperature dropped. But I’m very glad to be back home.

**What did you miss the most about America?**

I missed knowing the cultural norms. It was hard to know sometimes if I was being rude or what sorts of things were within the acceptable bounds. So I missed being comfortable in social contexts. I missed peanut-butter-flavored things, as peanut butter isn’t something Australians like as much as we do. Also, cinnamon-flavored candy or food. That’s not a thing there. I missed being able to drive fast. And I missed knowing my students outside the classroom.

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Professor Lisa Clark Diller and her husband Tommy Diller visit Uluru, a landmark in the center of Australia.

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Professor Lisa Clark Diller and some of her students from Avondale College pose at Reformation Day Carnival.

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Diller poses with a kangaroo.
SA welcomes the singles of Southern to Winter Formal

The Student Association formally invites all of Southern’s single ladies and men to the Winter Formal on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

Winter Formal will be held at the Tennessee Aquarium in Downtown Chattanooga, which inspired this year’s theme, Moonlight Riverwalk, and is something SA has done in previous years. Strauss said that after receiving positive feedback, he decided it would be the best option for this year’s Winter Formal. He added that there will be food stations scattered throughout the aquarium with a variety of cuisines for students to enjoy.

Tickets for the event were available for purchase at the SA Office in the Student Center for $25 each until Jan. 31, but are now $30. Social Vice President Jake Strauss changed the name of the Valentine’s Day Banquet so that even those without a date would feel more welcome.

“The event is for anyone and everyone, not just for couples,” Strauss said.

Saiuri Felix, sophomore clinical psychology major, said, “Some of the reasons I didn’t go last year were because I didn’t have a boyfriend, I didn’t know who to ask, I didn’t want to go by myself and I had already gone to a banquet that semester, so I felt okay with not going.”

Felix says she expects that the event will be gorgeous because of the venue, and because of the new format, she doesn’t really feel “the pressure to be coupled up with somebody.”

“I hope I feel like a child again looking at the fish,” Felix said. “I hope it’ll be as fun as everyone said it was last year, and the food had better be good!”

Sophomore finance major Azzi Mayes said, “I expect it to be a genuinely good time to have fun with friends and just enjoy myself.”

Both the location and theme also inspired curiosity in senior health science major Tatiana King.

“I saw the poster, and it says wear comfortable shoes, so it made me a little curious as to what we’ll be doing,” King said.

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Student Week of Prayer: “Vantage Point”

Assistant Chaplain Marc-Anthony Pierre and Campus Ministries have been working on the theme, “Vantage Point,” centered around 2 Kings 6:8-18. Pierre said this week will be different from weeks of prayer in the past because the focus will be on the current spiritual situation of each person, rather than the past experiences of the speaker. Pierre wants to connect with students and offer hope during time of hardship.

“I want to create a safe place for people to be imperfect,” Pierre said.

The theme song for the week will be “Made A Way” by Travis Greene. There will also be t-shirts and other prizes throughout the week.

Theology major Andrew Korp said he encourages students to attend.

“I am expecting a heart-felt, spiritual week where students talk to other students and encourage each other to strengthen their relationship with God,” Korp said. “If you feel the slightest tug on your heart to attend, that is God attempting to bring you somewhere where He will change your life for the better.”
Three ways to combat negative thinking

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It’s human nature to get caught up in negative thinking. Life is tough, and it’s sickeningly easy to get sucked into a cycle of feeling sorry for ourselves. One negative thought becomes two, which become three, which then ruin our day and then our week. But we were made by God to celebrate and rejoice in the life that He has given us. So how do we break the cycle of negative thoughts and strive toward creating a life that we enjoy? We have to change our habits. So here are three things you can try this week to combat your negative thinking.

1. Start your day with worship.
The beginning of your day is the most important part. It defines how the rest of your day is going to play out. Even if you’ve already woken up on the wrong side of the bed, it’s always a good idea to start your day with worship. Don’t set a timer for yourself or make yourself sit for longer than necessary. Just take some time, open up your Bible and read until you find something that impacts you. Then pray over that verse and take it with you for the rest of your day.

2. Do something you take joy in.
In C.S. Lewis’ “The Screwtape Letters,” the demon, Screwtape, warns his nephew, Wormwood, to keep the man he is supposed to be tempting from wandering away from God to indulge in anything that he enjoys doing. “Never forget that when we are dealing with pleasure in its healthy and normal and satisfying form, we are, in a sense, on the Enemy’s [God’s] ground.” Combatting negative thinking can be as simple as doing something we enjoy. Go for a walk, read your favorite book or watch your favorite movie.

3. Fall back on thankfulness.
It’s easy for negative thoughts to creep in when we’re not paying attention, but if we can catch them before they drag us down, the best thing to do is fall back on thankfulness. If you find that you’re feeling jealousy or resentment or shame, take a deep breath, gather your thoughts and list five things that you are grateful for. By the time you’re done coming up with five things, you’ll have forgotten what you were thinking about in the first place, and you’ll be left with a contentment and ease in the knowledge that God has truly given you everything you need.

Planting seeds of ministry

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Contributor

When something extraordinary is about to happen, we never wake up predicting it. I remember this particular Sabbath vividly. It was a bright spring afternoon in April, with a bit of a chill in the air, which made the perfect weather for sweaters and jeans. After attending church, I recall sitting in my room and wondering what to do with the rest of my Sabbath afternoon.

I received a text from one of my friends shortly after lunch asking me to go with her on the SWAG Camp outreach activity (formerly known as FLAG Camp). Prior to her invite, I had been on a couple SWAG Camp outings before and enjoyed spending time with the kids, so I decided to go again. I had a free afternoon, so why not? The seed was already planted. Little did I know that this day would be the start of a new journey and a new relationship with one special little girl.

Once we got to the familiar neighborhood location in the downtown west side of Chattanooga, we did the routine procedure of going around in groups and knocking on each door, yelling, “SWAG Camp! Come out to play!” The kids knew us, and they came out to play immediately. We played soccer, hide-and-seek, tag, football, jump rope and hopscotch with the kids. We brought snacks and drinks for them while the SWAG Camp directors told a Bible story.

While I was there that day, a group of girls followed me everywhere I went and asked me a million questions about anything they could think of. I adored their company, but as we were about to leave, I noticed one little girl and her mother who stood alone off to the corner. Without a second thought, I went over to them and struck a conversation with her mother, Sherry. They were locals, although they weren’t from that particular complex SWAG Camp usually attends. The little girl, who celebrated her birthday only a couple days before, shyly introduced herself as Micaela and told me her age by the showing of three tiny fingers. I was immediately drawn to her innocent heart and radiant, happy personality. Her laugh was infectious, and I got to hear it as we played on the monkey bars for the last few minutes before I had to leave.

Just as we were about to board the Southern van, I took down Sherry’s contact info and had her snap a couple of pictures of Micaela and me. Now, every time I look back on those pictures from a year ago, I can’t help but smile and remember a moment in time where I felt close to Heaven.

Since that day, it has been nothing but good times. I didn’t know it, but on that day, God had planted the seed of ministry in my heart for Micaela and her mother. They began attending church with me every Saturday, and I couldn’t have been happier than to give Micaela her very first pre-schooler’s Bible. Over the past short year I’ve known them, I have watched their relationship with God develop and flourish. I’ve had the privilege of entering this little girl’s world and creating a relationship with her by showing her a life full of Jesus. Sometimes, God allows a specific person to enter your life and change it to better reflect His glory. As much as I have taught Micaela about Jesus, she has taught me so much more about life.
#MeToo: the power of preventative action

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The #MeToo movement has been iconic with its ability to empower victims and take down media giants who have overexerted their authority. Offenders like Harvey Weinstein and Matt Lauer are out, and women standing up for themselves are in. But what happens when calling aggressors out for inappropriate behavior morphs into accusations due to regret from failure to speak up in a given situation?

There is a significant difference between sexual assault and what I call “accidental advantage.” Accidental advantage is what happens during a sexual encounter when no one asks, “Is this okay?” and no one says, “I am uncomfortable.” Therefore, in regard to your body, be clear. Refuse to let there be any room for error when it comes to what you are and are not comfortable with. Do not wait for someone to ask and then be offended when they mistake your silence for consent or do not catch your nonverbal cues.

Humans cannot read minds. If you do not want something, say something. And if someone doesn’t listen, then it is clear that the interaction was actual assault. But if they lack asking, and you lack speaking, whose fault really is it?

It is crucial to make sure that there is consent. But part of consent is letting someone know clearly if they have yours. One of the biggest takeaways that we can get from #MeToo is to speak up. Do not wait until something has happened before you voice your feelings.

Do not let someone take accidental advantage of you because they “thought you wanted it.” Because who do you blame? Whose fault is it? You did not speak, and they did not ask. Consent goes both ways. Give or do not give your consent, regardless of whether someone makes the first move to ask about it.

#MeToo is not a weapon. The overarching theme of #MeToo is not necessarily to bring offenders to justice. The point is to show victims of sexual harassment and assault that they are not alone. It is to create a community of support that includes countless others who have gone through similar experiences. The movement’s purpose is to empower those who will face sexual misconduct in the future to say something about it. #MeToo is reassurance that there is nothing to be ashamed of. Do not be ashamed to speak up for yourself, within the moment or otherwise.

My wish for Adventism

Caleb Cook
Contributor

I wish that Adventism were less of a culture and more of a sincere practice.

I expressed this among friends the other day. We were talking about reform and observance of standards in our church, and it prompted me to think. It seems that standards have gotten a bad name. Those who uphold them get labeled as legalistic, while those who are accustomed to lenience are thought of as rebellious. We inherently want to be comfortable, and as a byproduct, we have become outwardly conformed but internally rebellious. What is the root of this problem?

Maybe we’ve spent too long thinking of how we should live for God instead of thinking about how to live with God. One places the emphasis on how we display our Christianity while the other focuses on how God will teach us to live godly lives. I love Micah 6:8, NKJV. It says, “He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” What if this verse became our standard?

We would still observe standards. Doing justly implies that there is something to be upheld. Remember, standards are good. In fact, standards matched with justice bring freedom. By enforcing a standard, Jesus saved an adulteress from being stoned, and by that same standard He challenged her to avoid sin in the future (check out John 8). She walked away alive and free from sin because of standards that were upheld.

Even today it is recognized that mercy and the law, standards and justice, need to live hand-in-hand. As in Micah 6:8, even those delivering justice and upholding standards need to render mercy. Mercy will never negate the standard, but it will provide the way to attain it.

I find it interesting that humbleness is having a teachable spirit. Too often we try to fit into a preconceived mold instead of letting God mold us into His character. If Micah 6:8 were our standard, instead of thinking, “I shouldn’t say that word, or watch that movie, or dress this way because it’s not Adventist,” think instead, “God is making me into a masterpiece creation of His work. What I do now will either help Him or hinder Him in completing that masterpiece.”
How to study like a Harvard student

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As I signed up for classes this semester, I made all the cliché promises to study harder and procrastinate less. Three weeks into the semester, I can already feel my laziness creeping in. If you’re dreading the semester already, take a deep breath and consider this study advice from Sophia Chua-Rubenfeld, Harvard student and daughter of Tiger Mom Amy Chua.

1. Get out of the library. We all know the feeling of being in the library for six hours straight. The walls start to close in and you feel like you can’t focus. Leave for a bit and occupy your time elsewhere. It’s so easy to feel productive while in the library, even if you aren’t doing anything at all. Don’t let that fool you.

2. Do a little every day, but don’t let it be your whole day. It’s easy to get overwhelmed with tasks. Remember: you don’t have to tackle all of your homework in one day. Break it down. Do one or two assignments and then take a break for something you enjoy. You’ll feel a lot better about yourself, and you’ll most likely be more productive that way.

3. Give yourself incentive. Quantifying our work helps us become so much more efficient. Take your time slots throughout the day and allot them for different activities. Perhaps you can study for two hours and then work out before studying again. It gives your mind a break and keeps you from being too exhausted.

4. Stop underlining. The highlighter is my favorite writing utensil because I can make phrases jump off the page. While it’s super helpful to have a highlighter handy, it’s also very distracting. Many times you end up with the whole page highlighted. Try just using and ink pen or taking notes on a separate sheet of paper.

5. Don’t read everything, but understand everything that you read. Pull out the essential information of each chapter. I really like looking at chapter summaries first then reading what I need to. Vagueness can cause a plethora of problems, so just make sure whatever you are studying, you take time to fully and completely comprehend it to the best of your ability.

Four must-watch YouTube videos for a productive semester

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January is honestly the worst time for new beginnings. It’s cold. You’re coming off the food-high you experienced during the holidays. You’re not really motivated to do anything except watch an entire season of Game of Thrones in one day. It can be really easy to get lost in all the responsibilities a new semester brings. Hopefully these four videos will inspire you to use this year as an opportunity for growth and self-reflection.

1. The power of vulnerability: Brené Brown. This TED talk is easily one of the most compelling I’ve ever seen. Brené Brown is so eloquent as she explains the desperate need we face for vulnerability in our culture and in our relationships. Brown explains the psychology around vulnerability and why many refuse it, as well as the consequences that come with not opening up to others.

2. How parents get in the way of career plans. The School of Life is one of my favorite YouTube channels. They give realistic and inspiring advice on universal issues—plus the narrator’s voice is super soothing. This video tells how parent/child relationships often skew the career paths we take and how those paths are formed from childhood.

3. Why “Happiness” is a useless word. Another School of Life video. It gives a great insight into the true connotation of happiness. When we look at it, what is happiness, and do we even want that?

4. Self Awareness: Know yourself: Gary Vaynerchuk. Gary Vaynerchuk is an entrepreneur and businessman, as well as a guy who gives great life advice. Vaynerchuk focuses many of his videos on ways to motivate people to live their lives to the fullest. Here’s a short two-minute video of some hard-hitting advice for students who are seeking to better themselves.

YouTube can be a great resource for inspiration. Find yours and work hard to achieve all you can this semester. Be sure to check out our website (southern.edu/aff.).

Here are the links to the videos!

1. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iCvmsMzlF7o
2. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82aa881dpr0
3. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GocloboQ9MLs
4. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j6TfIIR5j8

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Haikyuu and Big Franks win 3-on-3 volleyball

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

Saturday, Jan. 27, marked the annual 3-on-3 volleyball tournament. For the women’s league, the night’s highlight was the final match between teams Haikyuu and Net Ninjas, who met each other in the previous 3-on-3 tournament’s finals as You OK and Serves Up, respectively. Determined to reclaim their trophy, Brooklyn Moore and Carolina Lopez played an impeccable offense with their new teammate Courtney Taylor. However, Haikyuu’s big roster (Elena Anunciado, Corinne Atiga, Eveling Grajales, Amber Lee and Hannah Leung) and their scrappiness ultimately gave them the energy to pull through as undefeated victors. After their win, Grajales stated, “We won because of our chemistry and our communication.”

For the men’s league, several of last year’s competitive teams returned to the courts, so no one suspected that a freshman team, Big Franks, would be able to raise the stakes even higher. Big Franks had a rough start in the beginning, losing to Chris Cellis’ team, Oo Kill’’ Em. However, stacked with three solid hitters Marcelo Desia, Collin Lee, Micah Puni and their skilled libero Andrew Loh, this freshmen team soon became an unstoppable force. They breezed through the losing bracket all the way to the finals where they met up with the undefeated Foggy Fresh (Kevin Hughes, Daniel Hasel and Seth Fogg). Tired from playing at 1:30 a.m., Big Franks had a hard time at first keeping up with the offense of Foggy Fresh. Yet after rebooting mid-game, Big Franks was able to make a comeback and finish 16-14 (first set), and 15-5 (second set) winning their first 3-on-3 tournament. After their win, captain Andrew Loh stated, “I’d like to thank all of our friends for coming and cheering us on the entire night. We’re lucky to have such a great supporting team.”

Super Bowl LII

Bailey Nolfe
Contributor

The Patriots are yet again in the Super Bowl, attempting to be the first team since 2001 to win back-to-back titles. Oddly enough, the last team to do it was, in fact, the Patriots. An even odder fact is that the last time they accomplished this feat was against the Philadelphia Eagles, the other team that is participating in Super Bowl LII. The Patriots have dominated the National Football League (NFL) for the past decade-and-a-half, reaching eight Super Bowls since 2001. A huge reason for their success is the coach/quarterback combo of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady. The duo has won five Super Bowls together, the most by any coach or quarterback to ever play the game.

On the Eagles’ side is a team that was favored to win the Super Bowl midway through the season. Carson Wentz, the Eagles’ second-year quarterback, was an MVP favorite, and with him, the Eagles were rolling through the NFC.

However, Wentz tore his ACL in December, and the Eagles became an underdog going into the postseason. Nick Foles is now the starting quarterback in Philadelphia and has arguably proved himself worthy of the job, gaining huge playoff wins against Atlanta and Minnesota. Additionally, the Eagles had the #3 rushing offense in the NFL. This will be their best advantage against the Patriots, who ranked 20th in the league against the run. If the Eagles can establish the run, it will force New England to spread out their defense, giving Foles more chances to complete passes down the field. If the Eagles maintain a balanced offensive attack, they should be able to run the ball against the Patriots as they try to keep up with New England’s high-scoring offense.

On the other side, New England will have a hard time establishing the run against an Eagles’ defense that ranked #1 in the NFL, allowing only 79.2 yards a game. Brady will be working against a secondary that ranked 17th in the NFL against the pass. Philadelphia will be relying on their #4-ranked defense to come up with a few stops against Brady’s #1 offense. This Super Bowl should be an exciting shootout that most likely will come down to the last drive of the game. Will it be legendary quarterback Brady and his #1-ranked New England offense against a talented #4-ranked Philadelphia defense? Or will it be Foles, a quarterback trying to prove himself with a balanced offensive attack against a not-so-balanced New England defense? At the end of the day, I believe the Patriots will win the title. They have two legends at the helm of their ship. Therefore, I think they have the deciding edge.

Prediction:
Patriots 34, Eagles 28
CALAENAR

Thursday, February 1
11:00 a.m. Convocation, BCU, Dr. Ron Smith, Collegedale Church
12:00 p.m. SA Election Petitions due, Student Development office
5:45 p.m. Student Organization President’s Meeting, Presidential Banquet Room

Friday, February 2 | 6:09 p.m. Sunset Payday: Hourly/Student Volleyball Sign-up begins
6:30 p.m. Vespers, Commitment to Adventist Education, Lynn Wood Hall
8:00 p.m. Vespers, African American Heritage, Dr. Ron Smith, Collegedale Church

Saturday, February 3
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dr. Ron Smith, Collegedale Church
9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. SOAP Outdoor Church: Rock Climbing, Wright Hall
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sabbath School & Church Commitment to Adventist Education, Lynn Wood & Presidential Banquet Room
10:00 a.m. The Experience Sabbath School, Church Fellowship Hall
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dr. Ron Smith, Church
11:35 a.m. Connect, Lyle Pollett, CA
1:30 p.m. Project Rescue, Wright Hall
2:00 p.m. Westside, Wright Hall
2:30 p.m. iWitness, Talge Hall
6:00-8:00 p.m. Supper, KR’s Place
6:00 p.m. Evensong, I Cantori
8:00 p.m. BCU Night, Iles

Sunday, February 4
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Cave open, Student Park
8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Breakfast, VM Deli
5:00-8:45 p.m. Kayak open, Hulsey
6:00 p.m. SA Super Bowl LII Party, Dining Hall

Monday, February 5
8:40 a.m. Senior Education Interview with Southern Union, Presidential Banquet Room
12:00 p.m. SA Media applications/portfolio due, Student Development office
7:00 p.m. Student Week of Prayer, Church
7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series: Ed Zinke, MDiv, MA, From Theologian, to Entrepreneur, to Philanthropist

Tuesday, February 6
11:00 a.m. Convocation: Student Week of Prayer, Collegedale Church
12:00 p.m. Tornado Siren Test
6:00 p.m. SA Candidate Election Orientation, Robert Merchant Room
7:00 p.m. Student Week of Prayer, Church

Wednesday, February 7
5:00 p.m. Volleyball Captains’ Meeting, Hulsey
7:00 p.m. Student Week of Prayer, Church

BIRTHDAYS

February 1
Emily Delinski
Nicholas Donavan
Tony Jamgochian
Rashid Logan
Sarah Pak
Joey Rocha
Dennis Saturnino
Brittany Thacker

February 2
Esther Bell
Nicole Cillo
Yuta Higuchi
Miguel Manzo
Rafael Nual
Victoria Pohle
Andrea Silos

February 3
Jason Chung
Carlos De La Cruz
Daniel Fickett
John Greer
Logan Milliron
Erica Payne

February 4
Jayleen Alcantara
Bruno Benna
Kindsey Calvert
Casey Ferree
Grady Hayden
Chaden Noriega-Reyes

February 5
Tori Bolin
Devin Cummins
Kevin Miller
Abigail Soto

February 6
Brittny Desvarieux
Justin Flick
Travis Herbert
Luke Hickman
Karissa John
Cody Ogan
Morgan Priser

February 7
Matthew Taulbee

SA ANNOUNCEMENTS

SA Talent Show: Film your talent and send it in! The deadline for online submissions is Feb. 16. The more creative, the higher chance of getting in and winning the $1,000 grand prize! Email jstrauss@southern.edu for submissions & questions.

eJoker: Access the eJoker! Go to southern.edu/ejoker to access the new joker website. You can customize your profile, add interests and personal information and join groups!

Super Bowl Party: This Sunday, starting at 6:00 p.m., come to the Dining Hall for pizza, root beer floats and football! If football doesn’t interest you, the Puppy Bowl will be playing in the Presidential Banquet Hall.

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Kimberly Robinson  @kimberlydeanne · Liberal Arts Education, SR
Listening to Terrence James Roberts, one of the Little Rock Nine is so surreal. Best convocation of the year for me. #saulife

Amber Ballesteros @HailZorpp · Liberal Arts Education, SR
Your mcm still has his high school graduation tassels hanging in his rear view mirror

Taylor Schepers @t_scheps · Public Relations/Graphic Design, JR
Let’s play a game called “How many times is this automatic toilet going to flush before I can put my jacket on and leave the stall?” I realize it’s a long name for a game.

Aaron Negrillo @arislens · Computer Information Systems, SR
YO Rewrite the Stars is like Breaking Free part 2 !!

Adonijah McCann @ninaamccann · Psychology, JR
People who try to have a full blown conversation with you when you’re obviously busy at the moment are literally the worst

Natalia Perez @_NatmPerez · Mass Communication, JR
Spring break is a month from this Friday wow PTL

Bryant Familia @bryantohana · Film Production, JR
female pop is on fire with few artists like Charli XCX, Lorde, Carly Rae Jepsen but yea it’s ded. Rap the new pop. And the best rap was overshadowed this year forsure: Joey Bada$$, Goldlink, Brockhampton, Run The Jewels and Vince Staples.

Hannah Doudiken @halothanes · Liberal Arts Education, SO
some kid just said tennessee is a country. and then when she was wrong she amended her answer to say nashville is a country.

@kcmacy “til death, we do art.”

@lexi.hartline I took this photo while driving across the Midwest during Christmas break. I liked the light leak but thought it was a throw away photo: a dead tree, not a lot of color...but a few tweaks later and a little vignette and it’s beautiful. I think often we view ourselves the same way, and we miss the opportunity for allowing our challenges to change us into something that inspires and impacts others. *steps off soap box*

@antanniaaguilar Great friends and even better food. Or do I have that switched?
new year, same you

1. You want to drink more water, but drinking a colorful, non-caffeinated soft drink is so much more appealing.

2. You want to put at least $25 in your savings account after each paycheck, but your online shopping addiction has only grown stronger.

3. You want to go to the gym for an hour five days a week, but sleep sounds like a better option than being judged for not knowing how to use the weight machines.

4. You want to wake up 30 minutes early to put more effort into your appearance, but you decide that your personality is really the only quality that matters.

5. You want to refrain from fast food, but Taco Bell is way cheaper than cooking your own meal and more delicious than the cafeteria.

6. You promise to be more social, but instead you’re bingeing Netflix and avoiding anyone who is capable of having a good conversation.

7. You want to keep up with the blog you started six months ago, but you still haven’t posted an article.

8. You want to be more organized by buying a planner, but you only use it when you want to post on Snapchat that you’re “getting your life together.”

9. You want to create a more aesthetically pleasing Instagram, but your iPhone 5 has disappointing camera quality.

10. You want to work more hours at your job, but you call in sick before your second shift.

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RACIST SNAPCHAT STORY INCITES INTENSE DEBATE

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BREAKING THE SILENCE

RACE RELATIONS: A TIMELINE

FROM THE INCEPTION OF SOUTHERN UNTIL NOW

See timeline on page 4-5
Racist Snapchat story incites intense debate

Natalia Perez and Tierra Hayes
Editor-in-Chief and News Editor

A Snapchat account named sau_stories posted a video during the annual Black Christian Union (BCU) Night on Saturday, Feb. 3. The video was captioned with a racial slur in reference to the night. It was shared on Twitter by a BCU member after the event and then retweeted by students, alumni and some members of the greater Adventist community, sparking intense debates on Twitter and Facebook.

Much of the discussion followed a statement posted by Student Association President Phillip Warfield telling Southern students to “stop feeding this attention-seeking troll who obviously doesn’t reflect who we are” and to not let the actions of one person destroy the unification students have built throughout the year.

President Dave Smith released an official statement addressing the incident Sunday afternoon. According to Southern administration, students came forward to report that the person who runs the Snapchat account is a former student who is no longer affiliated with the university.

“During our first conversation of the school year, the student body made this pledge: ‘I will show respect for all members of the university community—their lives, property, and environment,’” the statement reads. “This includes respect for diversity, ethical use of communication technologies, and community service.” All students are expected to honor this pledge.

Ariana Guptill, senior English major, said she felt there is no place for hate on campus.

“It makes me both sad and mad that people feel they need to put people down, no matter what the reason is,” Guptill said. “Despite what people say or what they choose to see, we are a Christian school, and personally, I feel proud to be a student at our university and love all of the inclusiveness that goes on around campus.”

Bradley Hutchinson, a BCU officer, said that he was not surprised by the events that unfolded due to the culture at Southern.

“Whether or not there is an expectation to what can come from the people of this school, there is an expectation on my shoulders and the shoulders of my fellow officers: The burden to continually strive for excellence in the face of adversity.”

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Letters to the Editor

Audrey Fankhanel
Staff Writer

Sometimes I wish there were a safe place on this campus for white people to ask honest questions about race relations without being refuted with animosity. I feel trapped. No matter what I say, I am fearful of being attacked. When I try to support my black friends, my help is quickly disregarded due to my inability to understand since I have “never experienced racism.” When others inquire as to why I care about ending racism, my answer, “because I care about my black friends,” is met with a quick, “What, are they your token black friends?” Are they just there to fill a quota and make you feel better about yourself?” When I have any sort of criticism toward the methods being used in the fight to end racism, I am accused of being racist myself.

There was so much that I was wanting to write in this letter to the editor, but I deleted all five drafts out of fear of being judged as an “ignorant white person.” The common exasperation, “ugh, white people,” followed by an obvious eye roll, has left me paralyzed with my mouth taped shut. My heart is broken because racism is something I am very passionate about ending, especially on this campus. Tears fill my eyes as I write this letter because I feel like there is so much I want to say, but am not allowed to say. My thoughts are being barricaded by the people I want to help. Maybe one day my voice as an outsider will be heard, and I can finally have an opinion on what occurred on Snapchat on February 3, 2018.

Ryan Becker
Alumnus ’15,
Pastor Carolina Conference

Racism at Southern was something my eyes were opened to thanks to people of color educating me and professors who refuse to be silent. As a pastor, I have realized that not only is racism sin, but at its very core is totally antithetical to the Gospel. The Gospel says everyone is valuable, racism says only some are. The work of racial reconciliation at Southern is closer to the start than to the finish. But it has been started because of the tireless effort of those who have fought to open our eyes to the embedded racism in Southern’s culture.

I want to see systemic changes to the way Southern educates, informs against, and addresses racism, but I don’t want to see those changes at the cost of damaging or ignoring those who have worked to bring us to that point. Everyone who fights this fight should be appreciated. I never expected complete systemic transformation in one year, but I am glad to see the beginnings of it now. To Philip Warfield, all my friends, and everyone who has worked so hard: thank you. You are loved and you are valuable. Don’t give up.

Shivani Ward
Contributor

I want to know what the school is doing to combat situations like this from happening again. I’m sure things are going on behind the scenes and maybe changes have been made that I’m unaware of. This instance was public, but privately racism still occurs. Not every instance gets reported because a lot of students, myself included, do not feel the support of the school behind us.

Joelle Kanyana
Contributor

Black students at Southern are emotionally and physically tired. We came to Southern for various reasons—a specific department’s excellence, the rise of opportunity in this geographical area, interest in the activities that Southern is known for, scholarships awarded—and we have the right to thrive here.

Quite sadly, Southern’s history means there is still a population of people who claim to love Jesus but do not want us here. And if they do, they only tolerate us. Some even desire that our existence here as black people, immigrants or descendants of slaves comes along only if we water down our culture, tame our hair, tame our tongues and remain silent on the issues that continue to manifest themselves because “it’s the 21st century and slavery doesn’t exist anymore.”

But black students at Southern know that God’s kingdom must be manifested on earth—that an incapacity for love for all of God’s people, the incapacity to see each shade of God’s creation as equal and bearers of the same DNA, is a salvation issue. So, instead of abandoning a campus that God envisioned for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, we remain to contribute. In spite of all the interactions we have on a daily basis with people who demonstrate that they do not see us as their true equals, we continue to interact.

Further than that, we demand change. That is why the BCU leadership poured their hearts and souls into designing an edifying program with the message that our people have, are and continue to manifest the excellence that God wrote in their DNA (like He wrote in all of us). That’s why Phillip, our SA president, puts his whole entity into ensuring that every single student feels more protected and supported on this campus, collaborating with our university president and senior church pastor.

However, a person who does not even attend Southern showed up at BCU Night, posted an ugly Snapchat and took away all the attention from the blood, sweat and tears of these leaders. Then, students from our sister schools took to social media, and, whether intentionally or not, mocked black students at Southern for feeling hopeful about the future. All we want is true Christian brotherhood and the support, encouragement and love that comes along with it. We deserve to fight for that and we deserve to thrive here.
BCU Night celebrates the past, present, future

Tierra Hayes
News Editor

The Black Christian Union (BCU) presented its annual night of celebration filled with musical selections, a display of flags, cultural foods and an art gallery featuring artwork from black students. Students were greeted with the gallery and were given the choice between a t-shirt, shea butter or coconut oil. After being seated, the attendees were invited to food that showcased many facets of black culture.

The event itself was a play featuring psychology professor Ruth Williams and junior Margoski Saintinus in the lead roles. It was interwoven with singing, a step performance and spoken word. The night also had a parade of students dressed as famous black people from history, “Kings and Queens” including figures such as Moses, Serena Williams and Barack Obama.

The night ended with a poem, a student-led chant and students coming down to the stage for a prayer of unity and understanding.

A Timeline of Race Relations at Southern Adventist University 1892-2018

Since the founding of the university there has been an ongoing discussion about race relations on campus.

1892
Southern founded by George W. Colcord (Industrial drive is now named Colcord Drive).

1899
First black instructor Anna (Annie) Knight taught nursing and cooking in the school’s preparatory program. She worked at Southern for a summer and was the first female black missionary to go to India.

1961
The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists urged Southern Missionary College (SMC) to prepare for integration.

1965
Board voted to accept qualified applications “regardless of race, color or national origin.”

Source: A Century of Challenge by Dennis Pettibone
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Southern began celebrating Black History Week.

Southern hired first black professor, Garland Dulan, PhD.

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Yik Yak banned due to racial slurs posted anonymously during BCU Vespers. Discussions, forums, and diversity committees ensued.

Enrollment of minorities at Southern reaches 51 percent. Racist Snapchat story incites intense debate.

The International Club and the Beta Kappa Tau (now known as BCU)—originally “Be kind to one another,” later, “Brotherhood, Kinship, Togetherness”—the black students’ club, sponsored a basketball team, club parties, weekly Adventist Youth Society (AYS) meetings and the Black History Week program each February. The club had a choir that traveled to several churches for many years putting on weekend services. Among special Black History week guests were Terrence Roberts and Actress Alice McGill portraying Sojourner Truth.

President Gordon Bietz and Oakwood President Delbert Baker initiated the Diversity Education Exchange Program (DEEP) in which both universities would exchange students for a semester to achieve cultural awareness. The event has now become DEEP Sabbath, in which one student body visits the others’ university.
Breaking the silence

Anna Bennett
Contributor

My then almost mother-in-law stood at the head of the table, sharing her speech with our family and close friends. She told the story of the first time Euwayne brought me home, how I—a white girl—had circled the Jamaican feast spread out on her dining room table, dove into the jerk chicken thigh with all its spicy heat, with only a naked bone left on my plate as evidence that I didn’t just tolerate it—I loved it. She said how easily I meshed with her family, saying, “Anna blended so well with our family I forgot she was white!”

Our rehearsal dinner party burst with laughter until our sides hurt. It was and still is one of the best compliments I’ve ever received.

I was reminded of that familial feeling this past Saturday as my husband Euwayne and I attended BCU’s creative, educational and positive celebration of diversity through the “past, present, and future.” The energy in the gym ignited a deep sense of belonging and community. Whenever a new song played, students would pop off the bleachers, swaying to the melody’s familiarity. Flags representing home wove their proud hellos. Singers, musicians, poets, actors and actresses pulled us into a story. So much so that I almost forgot I was white.

My husband and I wrestle against racism every day. His pain became my pain the day we joined our lives together—that’s part of what it means to become one flesh. Early in our relationship we talked intentionally and seriously about being an interracial couple—what that meant to us, what our backgrounds were, what our families were like and what pain we carried. We followed the news together and cared deeply about the presidential race. It felt like an exciting time to be an interracial couple.

Then, in July 2016 when I went home to Minnesota for my sister’s wedding, waiting for Euwayne to join me, we heard of the fatal shooting of Philando Castile. I cried myself to sleep that night. I felt like humanity had lost another battle. And my heart woke.

I felt like I had been in culturally diverse settings all my life. But I was blind. I had no idea what discrimination was like. How could I? I’d hardly experienced discrimination until I experienced sexism. The belief that one sex (usually the male) is naturally superior to the other is not just rampant in our society; it is systemic, and it’s woven throughout some of my own experiences as a woman in ministry to testify of the reality.

It was through this lens that I began to see. Brokenness is the common denominator of humanity. It can successfully bind us together. When we see, hear and understand someone else’s pain, we’re often drawn closer because something resonates in us. Sexism and racism aren’t the same, but they’re similar, and through this window, I saw my ignorance. I wasn’t completely blind to racism. But I’d chosen for years to stay silent. I used excuses like: I don’t know where to even start. What can I even do? This doesn’t really even involve me, does it?

Racism is defined by dictionary.com as “a belief or doctrine that inherent differences among the various human racial groups determine cultural or individual achievement, usually involving the idea that one’s own race is superior and has the right to dominate others or that a particular racial group is inferior to the others; a policy, system of government, etc., based upon fostering such a doctrine.” Therefore, if I remain silent or inactive, I perpetuate a systemic racism—the system that discriminates against my husband, my extended family, my friends wrestling with DACA and my future biracial mocha babies.

My dad has traveled often—just like Euwayne and I lean into one another in our brokenness and pain. I want us to lean on each other. Southern, we have to fight racism better than we have been. While we’ve made strides, this weekend again proves that it is not enough. While faculty and staff have hosted race relations dialogues and students have been able to glean from panel discussions, we must do more than just talk. Listening to each other’s personal stories is powerful. But talking about racism without further action is not powerful enough to promote racial reconciliation. I’m tired of seeing racism and bigotry eclipse our campus’ beautiful diversity. It’s evidence that brokenness persists and hasn’t been thoroughly addressed. Breaking the silence is just the first step.

Southern, we must continue to aggressively write policy changes, implement multifaceted diversity and inclusion training and hire faculty, staff, and administration who reflect the student body. We must push for this together, each one of us, and not back down. And we must do so now, not tomorrow, and not next year. Why? Because we should not, cannot tolerate another episode like this each year in February. We should not, cannot tolerate another individual on our campus feeling isolated or attacked because of his or her skin color. We are better than this. “[We] must become the revolutionary fellowship of interracial love that Jesus desires or fail in our mission,” says Ty Gibson.

Long before Euwayne and I were even officially dating he asked me, in his partially-sarcastic, totally charming way, “How would you like to change the world with me?” We celebrate seven months of happy and sacred marriage this February. My name is Anna Bennett, and changing the world is just what I intend to do. How about you?
We need to do better

Jordan Putt
Social Media Manager

Two years ago, I wrote an article for the Accent called “Dear Black People” in which I publicly promised to support and stand beside my black brothers and sisters in Christ as they experienced prejudice and racism in the church and the world at large. Two days later at BCU vespers, we were shocked to see that prejudice make itself known through slurs and insults hurled by cowards hiding behind the anonymity of Yik Yak. Now, in Feb. 2018, we see symptoms of the same problem again at BCU Night through racial slurs and sentiments shared on Snapchat.

Now, I’ve never been naïve enough to think that there weren’t any racists here at Southern. It’s 2018. Over the past several years, white nationalism has gone from the fringes to the forefront of public consciousness.

Certain public figures have normalized a kind of “stream of consciousness” form of expression in which very little thought is given to repercussions before speaking or posting. On top of that, we’re in an area of the country in which little more than 50 years ago, blacks and whites were not even drinking from the same water fountain, much less attending college together. For all these reasons and more, I’m not surprised that someone used the n-word at an event that was supposed to be a celebration of diversity and inclusivity.

But I am disappointed—disappointed that it happened, but also disappointed that I’m not surprised.

Which brings me to what I didn’t write two years ago but should have:

Dear white people,

Use your whiteness wisely. The majority of racists on this campus wouldn’t dare express their opinion around a person of color, but they will around you. If you’re uncomfortable with something you hear, don’t just grin and bear it or give a little nervous laugh and continue the conversation. You’re in a position to use your influence and your voice to make it known that this kind of hatred is not welcome at Southern.

Take time to listen. If you hear someone talking about racism that they’ve experienced, don’t try to discredit them or sweep it under the rug to soothe your conscience. Consider that what they’re saying is their experience, and not one excuse in the world can change that. Try to understand them and love them in the way that Christ loves them. You might not always be able to understand at first, but it’s a process. Never close your heart.

Consider your own actions. Ask yourself, “What do I do that could be perceived as racist or prejudiced?”

When I started doing this, I was amazed at some of my own thoughts and actions. Prejudice is learned, but even though it is difficult and takes discipline, it can be unlearned.

I’ve been guilty of standing idly by. I don’t want to do that anymore, and you shouldn’t either. We should all be using our influence to make Southern a welcoming place for all regardless of color, nationality, gender identity or sexual orientation, and a place where it is known that slurs, hatred and prejudice are truly unwelcome.

On reputations

Brandon Beneche
Managing Editor

Last weekend, the biggest story from BCU Night was a Snapchat containing a racial slavish. Despite the music, stories and displays of culture that highlighted the evening, the most talked-about event was a racist comment on social media. The sad thing is, a lot of us weren’t surprised that something like this happened. In fact, we expected it.

This is the problem with our reputation. Most SDA colleges and universities struggle with racism, but Southern is the one where racism is expected. No matter how many diversity committees we set up or forums we have about race relations, people still see us as a racist school. That’s not all our fault. People judge, and many prefer maintaining their notions of our school over acknowledging our progress. It’s easier for some to point at events like this or the Yik Yak fiasco and scream “Gotcha!” than it is to praise our growth toward diversity. If people want to eliminate racism in the church, then they should stop acting like Southern is the only SDA institution with racists.

Still, Southern has a history of racism, and we’d be fools to think otherwise. Because of this history and our current struggles, I believe our university needs two things: peace and determination.

We have to stop fighting each other. Racially-charged arguments on social media do nothing—repeat, nothing—to improve race relations. Verbal violence only encourages people to become more entrenched in their beliefs. So if we want to eliminate racism on our campus, we need to work together. We need to pursue peace. We need to converse with each other open-mindedly across multiple platforms. If we disagree with someone or feel hurt by a person’s comments, we need to express how we feel lovingly, not bitterly. We need to stop making white people feel that they aren’t allowed to ask questions about race, and we need to stop labeling black people as “overly-sensitive.” We need to invite other races to the discussion and listen to their input. People are ignorant and can be frustrating to talk to, but change will come if we push through frustrations with words of peace, not strife.

Secondly, we need determination. Peace does not mean ignoring our problems. In fact, we need to talk about these issues. Pursuing peace means defending others and standing for our beliefs. But peace does not come quickly or easily. Southern has issues, and nobody can fix them all. We can make Southern better, but that isn’t something a single rant or prayer session can accomplish. It takes years, and it takes us. It takes power that only comes from God, and it takes people willing to be used by Him. We need to be determined in our journey toward a better Southern, because progress isn’t always constant. We’ll stumble, and we’ll feel discouraged, but we cannot give up.

Southern, our reputation is on the line. And if we want real change, we have to work for it. If we don’t fix our reputation, we’ll always be known as that racist SDA school in Tennessee.
Four ways to make your Valentine’s date fun and affordable

It’s no secret that college students love a good deal. We like to do fun things, of course, but we also enjoy cheap entertainment. And with Valentine’s Day coming up, there is always a certain pressure of having the “perfect” date that is super luxurious but also not super expensive. Here are some date ideas to help you:

01. **Go on a hike.**
Chattanooga is known as a scenic city, and there are plenty of places near Southern to enjoy your Valentine’s Day. Take a trip up to Lookout Mountain or stay on campus and walk the Biology Trails. If it’s a nice day, be sure to spend the afternoon enjoying the beauty of nature.

02. **Have a picnic.**
Grab some of your favorite food and head to the park for a Valentine’s picnic, complete with a romantic sunset viewing.

03. **Get ice cream.**
This is a great, cheap date for anyone who loves sweet treats. From Clumpies to the Ice Cream Show, Chattanooga has a great ice cream scene. Stroll through Coolidge Park or walk across the Walnut Street Bridge while indulging in yummy ice cream and great company.

04. **Game Night.**
Whether it’s board games or video games, game nights are inexpensive and fun. If you’re feeling a bit more competitive, head over to Sir Goony’s for some mini-golf and arcade games.
The defending Super Bowl champions, the New England Patriots, squared off against the most unexpected team to make it to the big game, the Philadelphia Eagles on February 4.

The Patriots got to the Super Bowl off of the sheer dominance of the NFL’s MVP quarterback Tom Brady, defeating the Tennessee Titans in the divisional round 35-14 and the Jacksonville Jaguars 24-20.

The underdog Eagles, on the other hand, got to the Super Bowl by playing a stifling defense, despite the loss of breakout quarterback, Carson Wentz. They defeated the defending NFC champions, the Atlanta Falcons, 15-10 in the divisional round and crushed the Minnesota Vikings 38-7 in the NFC championship game.

Before the game, many believed that the Eagles’ defense would have to carry the team with backup quarterback Nick Foles leading the team’s offensive attack, but this was not the case. It was an electrifying offensive game from the start, with both teams moving the ball effortlessly against the opposing defense. After trading field goals, the Eagles struck first with a beautiful 34-yard pass to a leaping Alshon Jeffery and a 21-yard touchdown run by former Patriot running back LeGarrette Blount.

The Patriots, however, calmly responded by stopping the Eagles’ ensuing two-point conversion, converting a field goal on their next drive, making a great interception on Nick Foles and scoring their first touchdown of the game off of a bruising 26-yard run by running back James White.

Right before the end of the first half, the Eagles answered this by driving the ball down to the red zone and using a trick play in which Foles became a receiver to score a touchdown on 4th and goal, giving the Eagles a 22-12 lead by halftime.

The Patriots came out in the second half on fire. Rob Gronkowski, the Patriots’ star tight end, who had thus far been held to one catch, suddenly roared to life, catching the first touchdown of the second half. After a touchdown pass from Foles to running back Corey Clement, the Patriots scored another touchdown off of a 26-yard toss from Brady to Chris Hogan. They then held the Eagles to a field goal and used the trusty Brady-Gronkowski connection to take a 33-32 lead.

The Eagles, however, would not let this steal their momentum. They scored another touchdown—this time from Foles to tight end Zach Ertz, which gave the Eagles a 38-33 lead with 2:21 remaining.

Brady, however, wasn’t ready to leave without a fight. With a minute left and zero timeouts available, he frantically moved the ball up to midfield. However, in his last-second desperation heave toward the goal, his pass fell incomplete, giving the underdog Philadelphia Eagles their first Super Bowl win in franchise history.

“After going 7-9 the year before and losing an MVP-caliber quarterback, our best running back and our middle linebacker, the only thing I heard was that the Eagles couldn’t win a playoff game. But both the Eagles and I, as a fan, never gave up hope, and it really paid off.”

- Nathan Batres, sophomore, biology major

“Here’s to our first. Fly, Eagles, fly.”

- Emily Dee, freshman, business administration major

“Students react to Super Bowl LII”

“This Super Bowl was predictable. The dynasty was bound to fall. After battling many injuries and the consistent murmuring surrounding possible retirement, Brady did not seem to be competing at the level which is characteristic of his style of play.”

- Skyler Humphrey-Davis, sophomore, finance major

“It was a crazy game. Couldn’t believe how many injuries there were... Well, then again, this is tackle football.”

- Marcus Abejar, Freshman, Finance Major
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CALENDAR

**February 8**

**Thursday, February 8**
11:00 a.m. Convocation, Student Week of Prayer, Vonasha Powell, Collegedale Church
7:00 p.m. Student Week of Prayer, Joey Rocha, Collegedale Church

**Friday, February 9 | 6:17 p.m. sunset**
8:00 p.m. Vespers, Student Week of Prayer, Joe Pieretti, Collegedale Church

**Saturday, February 10**
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Collegedale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect, Andy Nash, CA
2:00 p.m. Outreach Opportunity – Patten Towers (Friendship Ministry)
2:30 p.m. iWitness, Talge Hall Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Evensong, Fisk Jubilee Singers, Collegedale Church
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. supper, KR’s Place
7:00 p.m. Rees Basketball Series Finals, Iles Gym
8:00 p.m. Pops Concert, Ackerman Auditorium

**Sunday, February 11**
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Breakfast, VM Deli
5:00 - 8:45 p.m. Kayak open, Hulsey
7:00 p.m. SA Valentine’s Banquet (Bring ticket)

**Monday, February 12**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mid-Semester Book Buy Back, Campus Shop
Volleyball Season begins
7 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series

**Tuesday, February 13**
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mid-Semester Book Buy Back, Campus Shop

**Wednesday, February 14**
Valentine’s Day

BIRTHDAYS

**February 8**
Abby Choi
Leah Clayton
Sarah Davis
Karen Guerrero
Jeffrey Hobin
Chloe Khan
Sydney Litchfield
Melanie Ramirez
Tahliah Thomas

**February 9**
Glendy Gutierrez
Sakari Tallmadge
Nicole Woodcock

**February 10**
Mark Gindi
Stacy Higgins

**February 11**
Kaitlin Norcross
Ximena Ramirez-Guarnizo

**February 12**
Daniel Capo
Rhyz Dominik Colegado
Esther Kim
Christine Magnuson
Kaitlyn Warman

**February 13**
Anthony Burrell
D’Rayxa Diaz Vega
Sara Eidell
Arlin Gutierrez-Reyes
Jennifer Hubbard
Chelsea Huggins
Daniel Mihaescu
Esther Okari
Lyanne Quintanilla
Patrick Tarin
Nick Walters

**February 14**
Joel DePas
Hillis Jeffries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SA Winter Formal.** Don’t forget to bring your tickets with you. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Please remember the dress code is to be followed for the SA event. Parking is not included in the ticket, but there are places to park along the street or in paid parking lots.

**SA Talent Show:** Film your talent and send it in! The deadline for online submissions is Feb. 16. The more creative, the higher chance of getting in and winning the $1,000 grand prize! Email jstrauss@southern.edu for submissions & questions.

**SA Elections for 2018-19:** The candidates running for the three executive position for next year are: Rhidge Garcia – President, Dylan Gibbons – Executive Vice President, Thyrell Smith – Social Vice President. There will be no primary elections and general elections will take place on Feb. 22. A Survey Monkey will be sent on the 22nd so that the campus can vote for next year’s SA officers.

**SA Officers:** After the general election, the new SA president will have applications available for the following positions in the Student Development office: Executive Secretary, Parliamentarian, Assistant Finance Director and Director of Public Relations.

The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week. **Chatter Editor:** Andrew Cuevas
**TWITTER**

Todd Bennett @ToddBennettJr97, nursing, JR
Just woke up and I'm already planning my nap for later

Emily West @_EmilyAWest, Health Science, SR
Sending a message to all the people that drive through campus every day... students have classes to be at. We don't have time to be behind you while you drive 15 mph to the VM. Please don't.

Eddie Hall @eddiemhal, Film Production, SO
Taco Tuesday is the highlight of my week.

Mark Belfort @markBel_, Business Administration, JR
Sometimes I feel like going to sleep at 7pm may solve all my problems. Then again, maybe I'm just trippin.

Michaela Lewin @MichaelaLewinPR, Public Relations, SO
Shoutout to BCU for keeping us moisturized in 2018! aintsnachingmyedges saulife

Summer Shelby @SummerShelby1 Advertising, SO
Maybe it’s just me, but I think every 6-9pm class should be banned from existence. saulife

Angela Fears @angiepieee, Nursing, SR
I just want u all to know I really didn't mean to/want to watch the entire 11 minute Kylie Jenner pregnancy video... but I did and now I'm crying bye.

**INSTAGRAM**

@ccoffeecupp Tell me why this random hay bale was in the only parking spot available at 12:10a.m.????????
Idk, but when when life gives you hay bales, take cute pictures and try not to fall off?????

@waxchinadoll iss okay @patriots, better luck next year❤️ #PatsNation
@coldheartswonder

@girlingreenwellies Out to pasture.

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@sauaccent
@Southern_Accent
The most annoying social media users

1. Wannabe brand ambassadors who post pictures of products with white bedsheets

2. The Facebook gamers who send game invites every other day

3. Snapchat users who hint they’re sad or angry with song lyrics and a black background

4. Amateur lip-syncers who constantly post short videos of themselves mouthing the wrong words on their Snapchat and Instagram Story

5. People who create GoFundMe fundraisers for any minor event in their lives

6. Almost any Instagrammer who uses live stream and just stares at the camera responding to people’s comments

7. The foodies who upload pictures of questionable meals

8. The former ACA/SM students who post pictures of their lives abroad every week

9. Hashtags who post pictures with an inspirational quote and 50 hashtags

10. The people who post a picture that doesn’t receive likes and repost the same picture with the caption, “idk how this got deleted but repost”
Southern apologizes for racist history

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Natalia Perez
Editor-in-Chief

After last week’s racist Snapchat, Southern Adventist University partnered with the Student Association (SA) to release a video titled “Recognizing Our Past, Shaping Our Future” addressing Southern’s history with racism and discrimination and apologizing to its students of color. Southern has pledged to actively implement focus groups to address issues, begin the search for a Vice President of Diversity and recommit to listening to the voices of Southern’s underrepresented communities.

President Smith starts the video by saying that Southern is proud of its diversity, yet the persistent question “Is Southern racist?” remains. The video also features several Southern administration and faculty members, including Senior Vice President Bob Young, Vice President for Student Development Dennis Negron and Professor of Psychology Ruth Williams, among many others. The video concludes with SA President Phillip Warfield and several students representing the black community at Southern.

According to Smith, Southern plans to immediately conduct focus groups to further discuss issues and to listen in open and honest dialog to the concerns of students of color and assess how the university can best address these concerns. Administration also plans to incorporate diversity as a key consideration in the hiring process of employees.

When asked how he thought students would react to the video, Smith said, “It’s hard to know. So much of what this [the video] is addressing highlights a hidden side of students’ lives. Not all racial issues are on the surface, but they’re very real. We have to make a commitment to treat each other as we should. Some will misunderstand, but I hope we can educate, unite and reach the [aforementioned] goals on our campus.”

Warfield said, “Every February, our campus seems to be on high alert. In its 126 year history, Southern has never acknowledged the pain and the shadow of its past. This video, while it doesn’t eradicate the issue, helps the campus move forward and allows students to hold the university accountable for the goals pledged in the video. I pray students will continue to seek healing and be a part of the solution. I will continue to uphold our theme for the year, ‘This is Us,’ and what it stands for a Southern all people can be a part of.”

To watch the full video, visit southern.edu/diversity
STUDENT ASSOCIATION PLATFORMS

RUNNING FOR STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Rhidge Garcia

My name is Rhidge Garcia, and I am running for Student Association (SA) President. My campaign slogan is “Beyond Measure.”

The first event on the platform is called “Bring It!” Like on the popular TV show Shark Tank, students will present their proposal for an initiative/product in the form of a “pitch” before the student body. Then students will determine the best idea for their campus. After the event, the SA will take charge of making the winner’s dream a reality. The mission of this event is to empower the student to go “beyond measure.”

The second event is called “423 Night Market.” This event is for creators who are restless to share their talents. Imagine a farmer’s market, but instead of produce, we’ll have food, music and the work of aspiring artists, musicians, storytellers and more! Students will be able to share their talents with Southern and those in the greater community of Collegedale. The mission of this year-long event is to remind students that they are loved “beyond measure.”

The last item is an initiative called “The Passion Project.” This initiative is for wandering students who are trying to figure out God’s will for their lives. By providing a wide variety of mentorship opportunities, its mission is to prove to both current and prospective students that Southern is intentional about helping its students discover their unique callings where their passions are valued “beyond measure.”

As SA President, I will hold tight to the promise of Ephesians 3:20 that says God “is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think.” My hope is that Christ is shown in every event planned, word spoken, dollar spent and service given during my time as the Student Association President.

Thyrell Smith

In the book of Ecclesiastes, King Solomon looks at life from the human perspective and declares it all to be empty. Nothing can fill the God-shaped hole in man’s life, but God Himself. But when seen from God’s perspective, life takes on meaning and purpose. He even said in Ecclesiastes 8:15, “So I recommend the enjoyment of life, for there is nothing better on earth for a person to do except to eat, drink, and enjoy life. So, joy will accompany him in his toil during the days of his life which God gives him on earth” (New English Translation).

College is very stressful, and most of the time it feels like we are toiling day and night without end. As Student Association Social Vice President, I want to work with the student body to do the best thing on earth for a person to do: have fun! I want to provide environments for students to relax and enjoy time with friends, eat good food and enjoy life. My goal will be to harness the talent of my executives, clubs and fellow students to plan attractive activities that are strategically designed to involve every student and make lasting memories. So let’s take the wisest king’s advice and have fun together this next school year!

Dylan Gibbons

Greetings, Southern students. My name is Dylan Gibbons, and I am running for Student Association Executive Vice President. I am a junior social work major with an interest in working internationally to help marginalized groups. I have been involved in leadership positions in various organizations on campus including the Advancement Call Center, Campus Ministries, Social Work Club, BCU, Speak Light and Senate. Through these different arenas, I have seen the power students have to create cultural change on this campus, especially when they combine their efforts with the administration.

My goal as Executive Vice President is to utilize Senate to represent what Southern students want. How this can occur is threefold:

1. Change can occur by connecting with students on a personal level and creating more knowledge about Senate on campus. To accomplish this, Senate’s marketing and branding must improve, more interactive activities must be put in place and students must be reached where they are, whether they are on the promenade, in the dorm, in Southern Village or on social media.

2. I believe that different strategies for change must be created and implemented based on what students want. This can be done through creating Senate Town Halls and hosting talk show forums where students get to express their opinions on controversial topics.

3. I believe that the bond must be strengthened between administration, students, the university church and the surrounding community. One way this can be done is by having a stronger student-leader presence on forums such as Senate or church board meetings.

To sum up the vision of this campaign, I believe that culture change occurs when we realize that imagination inspires innovation and that God is the source of all inspiration and wisdom.
SA accepting video auditions for Talent Show

Sierra Correia
Staff Writer

In preparation for this year’s Talent Show, the Student Association (SA) is offering a new option in place of traditional live auditions to save time for both judges and students.

“When we do auditions in one night, it sometimes rushes us, and we are not able to thoughtfully consider the contestants,” said Jake Strauss, SA Social Vice President.

Students have been asked to record videos of their act, which can be done with their phones, and send it to Strauss.

“There will be two rounds of auditions. The first will include the video submissions, which are due tomorrow. Then, live call-backs will be held on Feb. 26 to further narrow the list of performances. This year’s winner will receive a $1000 grand prize.

According to the promotional poster, the more creative and different the act is, the higher the chance of being chosen. This year, Strauss has expanded the definition of creativity to include an assortment of acts, ranging from juggling to stand-up comedy.

Braian Gomez, a senior mass communications major who participated in last year’s Talent Show, said, “Let’s see if this year we will discover some hidden talent on that stage! I wish them the best of luck.”

The Talent Show will take place on March 12 at 9 p.m. Strauss hopes that students will begin auditioning soon.

Sophomore liberal arts education major Joni Belonio said she felt inspired to audition for the first time this year.

“I was inspired to audition along with many of my friends because of the strong message we want to share throughout our performance.”

Strauss hopes that students will begin auditioning soon. “I was inspired to audition along with many of my friends because of the strong message we want to share throughout our performance,” she said. “Ultimately, we just want to put this show together because it’s fun, empowering and, hopefully, breathtaking. Plus, $1000 doesn’t sound too bad. We’re still in the works of putting [our act] together, but fingers crossed.”

For more information, email jstrauss@southern.edu or text 951-233-4395.

SA officers resign, replacements announced

Tierra Hayes
News Editor

The Student Association (SA) has hired two new employees after the resignation of two cabinet members last week.

Senior public relations and graphic design major Brooklyn Engelhart, former Strawberry Festival director, and senior biology major Andrew Cuevas, former Executive Secretary, stepped down from their respective positions.

Senior film production major Sierra Wendt was hired as the new director of the Strawberry Festival.

“I decided to accept the job because I am passionate about film and Southern,” Wendt said. “This is my last semester here, and I want to leave a positive impact with every day I have left. I expect a smooth transition of leadership because everyone involved is looking out for the good of this event and long-standing tradition.”

Senior nursing major Laura Chase relinquished her role as SA Parliamentarian, a role now filled by senior English major Sierra Emilaire, to become Executive Secretary.

“I believe my skills match the Executive Secretary role better than the Parliamentarian role. The roles are very different,” Chase said.

Emilaire said that she is looking forward to the new leadership opportunity on the SA Senate.

“I accepted the position because it seemed like a smooth transition from senator to parliamentarian,” she said. “I will hopefully encourage senators to come up with projects that will benefit the student body. I have a lot of ideas and now I’m in an official position to share those ideas.

These mid-year resignations are the first on SA since the 2015-16 school year.

“Resignations for personal reasons do occur occasionally in the Student Association,” said Dennis Negrón, vice president of student development. “These resignations were not the first ones I’ve had to deal with in my short time as vice president. All of them have a common denominator: the resignations were made because of what the students thought was best for them at that moment.”

According to Engelhart, despite being not being on the team, she wishes the best to those still working on the end-of-the-year production.

“I was asked to resign from Strawberry Festival, and with a heavy heart I did,” she said. “I’m sad to leave my amazing team and hope the best for them.”

Cuevas holds similar sentiments.

“I’m sad to leave SA, but SA is a body that does not depend on one individual,” Cuevas said. “It can and will continue to do great things. With that, I’m positive and optimistic that they’ll continue to do great things for this campus. I look forward to what they bring to campus.”
Southern students attended “Moonlight Riverwalk,” the Winter Formal, last Sunday on Feb. 11 at the Chattanooga Aquarium. The event started at 7 p.m. and took place at the River Journey section of the aquarium.

The River Journey was open for students to walk through during the evening. Attendees touched sturgeon and sawv exhibitions such as otters, turtles and stingrays. The Student Association (SA) gave students a River Journey scavenger hunt, and the prizes included t-shirts, pens and other aquarium merchandise.

The fourth floor had two photo booths, and many students also took photos in front of glass fish tanks. SA provided Italian, Asian and Mediterranean food, water and lemonade to drink and cookies for dessert. Jake Strauss, SA Social Vice President, said that there was some confusion about food in the beginning of the evening, but overall, the night went well.

“This event is a little different because I can’t tell everybody’s reactions while people are walking around,” Strauss said. “But on my end, it’s been nice to let the aquarium be its own entertainment and to see everybody dressed up. This night has been a good change of scene.”

Since the event was three days before Valentine’s Day, the Winter Formal was originally called the Valentine’s Banquet. Strauss decided to change the title to make the evening more singles-friendly.

Junior marketing major Thyrell Smith, who accepted admission tickets at the door, said that the event was well-attended.

“I was taking tickets thinking, ‘A lot of people showed up!’” Smith said. He also said that the aquarium “has been easy to work with, and they provided a lot of the atmosphere that we were looking for.”

Many students also reacted positively to the venue.

“I really liked [the banquet],” said Abby Gil-Costa, junior nursing major. “The venue allowed for more freedom in being able to walk around, see the fish and socialize. I loved being able to explore, and the food stations were a great touch!”

Photos by Cinthya Molina and Joshuwa Shelton
An unconventional guide to being alone

Edyn-Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

After my very first soul-crushing, earth-shattering breakup, my mother responded by buying me books. I was 17 years old, dumb and in love the way that only a teenage girl can be—and I did not know how I was going to survive without him, so when my mom handed me a bag full of books she was sure were going to fix me. I laughed at her and threw them into a far-reaching corner of my bedroom. A week later, I finally opened the first one, “Get Lost: Your Guide to Finding True Love,” by Dannah Gresh. “How on earth is this going to help me?” I asked myself, but I read it anyway and was incredibly surprised. Dannah Gresh’s advice for “finding true love” was to start first by being alone.

I don’t think I’m out of line in saying that, in Adventism, being single is generally frowned upon. We still joke about “Southern Matrimony College.” When young adults at my church graduate from college unmarried, for some reason we’re supposed to feel sorry for them, like they’ll be alone forever now. But Dannah Gresh’s book “Get Lost” encourages young Christian people to be on their own in order to first discover where they stand with God—that before you get lost in a relationship, you must first get lost in God.

So I was alone for a day, then days turned into weeks, weeks turned into months and months turned into two and a half years. I truly believe that these two and a half years have been a gift from God. When you are alone—truly alone—you are forced to take a long, hard look at yourself and your life and decide where you want to go from there.

Being single is not a curse; it’s the gift of being able to learn about yourself and about the world. It’s a fresh start—a second chance—to evaluate how you got to be here and where you want to go.

If you’re single this Valentine’s Day, I feel you; I’m right there with you, but let’s use it as an opportunity to decide what we want our relationship with God to look like. Valentine’s dates will come and go, so restructure your life to fit around someone who will always be by your side. Get lost in God now, and someday, you’ll be grateful for all this time you were alone. I know it’s going to lead you somewhere wonderful.

Love: A feeling or a choice?

Gabrielle Williams
Contributor

Valentine’s Day has always been one of my favorite days of the year because it’s a whole day dedicated to celebrating love, but the actual concept of love has always been mysterious to me.

I remember being in high school, and a friend of mine told me about a guy who she really liked. A few weeks later, with a twinkle in her eye, she told me, “I think I love him!” That experience raised a question in my head: What is this thing called love? How does a person know if he or she “loves” someone? After thinking a lot about it, I came to the conclusion that true love is deeper than just a feeling. Real and genuine love is based on decision. Love is a choice.

It seems like society puts the focus of Valentine’s Day on romantic relationships, but to me it’s also a day to express love to my friends. When I think of the friends in my life, I realize how blessed I am. I love my friends so much! However, true friendship is never easy. We have our disagreements and our differences. But in the end, I choose to love my friends and they choose to love me. Love infiltrates the shallow surfaces of things. Jesus is the best gift that mankind has ever received because He is love! During His time on this earth, love poured out from His soul as He displayed the most genuine love that mankind has ever seen. He chose to love the broken, the thieves, the liars, the cheaters and even the prostitutes. It wasnt simply a feeling that stirred in His heart; it was a deep and radical love. Even when He was breathing His last breath, He was exhaling love upon the very men who were spitting on him and cursing His name. I’m sure at some point He felt like calling down 10,000 angels who were ready to take Him off the cross and put His pain to rest, but He didn’t take the easy way out. He made the choice to love and to lay His life down as a sacrifice, even for the very people who crucified Him. As He hung on the cross, bearing all the sins of the world, He chose love. And now the choice is ours. Jesus was an example for us, teaching us to choose to love those around us who don’t always deserve it.
Opinion on “The Post”

Jacklyn Ruth
Contributor

When I heard about “The Post,” I was intrigued. I’ve seen past journalism films such as “All the President’s Men” and “Broken Glass.” How was this movie going to compare? After seeing the movie, I can say that “The Post” inspired me to be a better writer and a better journalist.

The overall story covers the issues of free press and the First Amendment. The film is set during the Vietnam War era, when the press sat in the government’s lap and editors were too nervous to publish bad articles about the government officials they spent time with on a regular basis. I thought “The Post” was an excellent reminder that the press was created for the people, not for the government. I think the film came out at a good time, since the press is frequently under fire today.

Actor Tom Hanks played Ben Bradlee, executive editor of the Washington Post from 1968-91, and Meryl Streep played Katharine Graham, first female publisher of the Washington Post. The two characters fought with the decision to publish while the New York Times was in court. Knowing what was legal and not legal kept the editors questioning everything. The stakes were high, and I could feel it. The movie had the suspense factor, keeping viewers interested. The soundtrack was also very good.

What stuck out to me was how Katharine Graham frequently found herself in meetings where she was the only woman present. I could tell that she was present as a figure head and not a real leader. But as she grew into herself and her role as leader of the Washington Post, I thought she became more powerful, and I loved how the movie showed the importance of her decisions. I think her role in the movie was important for women today to see.

I found this movie to be a powerful reminder for what journalists are here to do and the importance of free press in society.

Black bear blues

Gavin Finch
Contributor

Love and heartbreak are two of the three pieces of a relationship. The third is free choice, and the more I hear people talking about breakups, the more I think we’re trying to take away the freedom of the exiting party.

If you hear a group of friends talking about a recent breakup, you’ll probably hear them saying rather mean things about the person who initiated it. In order to make ourselves and friends feel better, we often defend ourselves like we would against a black bear. We try to make ourselves much bigger and louder than our ex so he or she can’t hurt us.

Still, I’m not convinced that enlarging ourselves and shrinking our exes through character attacks is the best choice. Breakups are hard, and no one really leaves unhurt. Adding insult to the turmoil of a fractured union is just immature. Still, immaturity is relatively unimportant compared to the true effect of this defamation mindset. Having trudged through breakups in the past, I remember the ways people talked to me and about me. I was evil, unfaithful and dastardly because I had ripped a girl’s heart out.

In reality, I had made a choice. I was never mean to anyone; I just explained that I didn’t think that particular relationship was the best thing for either of us anymore. Yet each time I tripped through the process, people treated me like a black bear. I’m not a black bear, and neither are you nor your ex. People have the right to make their own choices, and supporting them in that ability, whether its use benefits you or not, is very important. I know breakups hurt, but try to remember that free choice is God’s ultimate gift.
Southern couples’ six word memoirs

Ernest Hemingway began an interesting trend in the world of literature when he wrote a memoir that stated, “For sale, Baby shoes, Never worn.” It’s amazing that just six words can have such power. We decided to do a Valentine’s Day version of this idea. If you had only six words to describe the one you love, what would you say?

There’s a playlist for everything nowadays. Why not make one for Valentine’s Day? Whether you’re a hopeless romantic or happily single, this playlist should bring a smile to your face. For all types of love, old and new.

Another Valentine’s Playlist

1. “My Funny Valentine” by Frank Sinatra
2. “Unforgettable” by Nat King Cole
3. “La Vie en Rose” by Edith Piaf
4. “Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I’m Yours” by Stevie Wonder
5. “Crazy for You” by Madonna
6. “The Power of Love” by Celine Dion
7. “Silly Love Songs” by Wings
8. “Can’t Help Falling in Love” by Elvis Presley
9. “I Swear” by All-4-One
10. “This I Promise You” by NSYNC
11. “Endless Love” by Lionel Richie and Diana Ross

Full Playlist: https://open.spotify.com/user/kristenstagram/playlist/27rfJrj3bN32Jqbf-6HTGAd?si=elu9ATlTie_-RDxg0glBg
The Rees Series

Richard Ong
Contributor

This week was filled with lots of basketball as Southern's 2018 basketball intramurals playoffs commenced. The Men's C-League and Women's B-League results were finished on Thursday, with the Golden Tate Warriors (Men) and Stars (Women) emerging as champions. The championship games for the Men's B League and A League and Women's A League were this past Saturday in the Rees Tournament.

MEN'S B-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Soup-a-Stars (4-4) took on Bucket Life (4-4). While many in the audience had their favorite team, there was really no way of knowing who would have the upper hand. The game started with Soup-a-Stars coming out hot with a couple of aggressive plays, with leading scorers Kevin Cañas (16) and Steven Acosta (13) each making jumpers. Soup-a-Stars ended the first half with a 33-26 lead.

However, in the second half, Bucket Life brought a whole new game plan highlighted with a change of defense from man-to-man to a 2-3 zone and a more aggressive attitude. This defensive change also impacted Bucket Life's offensive front, leading to sensational second half scoring by Kevin Wright (12 pts) and Elder Preval (9 pts). This brought the nail-biting game to the final score of 49-48 with Bucket Life bringing home the victory.

“It was definitely our change of defense that lead us to victory,” said teammate Miguel Scavella.

When asked what led their team to victory, Caleb Olmeda said, “Definitely our offensive front, but also our motivation to win for our teammate Miguel because it was his last year.”

WOMAN'S A-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
The Woman's A-league championship was a contest between rival teams, Legends (8-0) and Triple Threat (3-5). After coming from a devastating loss last year, Triple Threat, with a few added players, was ready to come back with fire and bring the championship home. The game began with the Legends coming out hot as they made two three-point shots and multiple layups from fast breaks. Triple Threat always trailed behind most of the game but managed to keep it within 11 points as the half ended with Legends up 20-9. Triple Threat came out with ice as Skylar Humphrey-Davis knocked down a couple of big threes and Alexa Martin aggressively attacked the basket, bringing the deficit down to 7. However, the Legends held strong throughout the game on both the defensive and offensive ends. The Legends, led by top scorers Natalie Diaz (16 pts) and Brooklyn Moore (10 pts), took home the victory with a final score of 48-23.

When asked about the game, Diaz, the team captain, stated, “When we started to play our game, the game was ours. We have such good chemistry as a team, and we trust each other. There's no better feeling.”

MEN'S A-LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
It was no surprise that the top two teams of the regular season, Shaq Fu and GoodNight, made it to the finals. With both teams at 7-1 in games, we all suspected that this game would be very intense; however, what we did not expect was the shocking way the game ended.

The start of the game was a blur of chaos and aggression. Since both teams were agitated with nerves and excitement, it took several missed layups and turnovers before the teams started to find their groove. Although the score in the first half kept going back in forth between teams, by halftime, Shaq Fu started to gain control, ending with a score advantage of 24-17. This momentum influenced Shaq Fu to come out the second half with an aggressive attitude, attacking the basket to either draw the foul or score a layup. GoodNight came into the second half a little messy and with a couple of turnovers, but they did not give up without a fight. With a 12-point deficit, Hillis Jeffries made clutch shots to reduce his team’s deficit and bring the game to 41-36. In addition to this, Michael McDuffie stepped up and delivered a swishing three-pointer as he dribbled up to the key, bringing the game down to a two-point game with one minute left. But the excitement did not stop there. With thirty seconds on the clock and GoodNight in control of the ball, players desperately tried to pull up shots to tie the score. Every ball kept falling in and out of the basket until LJ Anderson grabbed the rebound and put in a layup to tie the game 43-43. As GoodNight brought down the ball with less than 20 seconds on the clock, we all thought that this game would most likely go to overtime after a missed three-point attempt, and these predictions seemed to be true as McDuffie's three-point shot bounced off the rim with one second left. But our beliefs were defied as Durbin Brown jumped up and tipped the ball back into the rim right as the buzzer went off. Crazed with excitement and disbelief of what they had witnessed, the crowd rushed the court in celebration of a truly incredible comeback.

When asked what the first thing was that came to mind after he made his shot, Brown, said, “First thought was ‘That’s it. We’re Champions.’”
Thursday, February 15
11:00 a.m. Convocation, SA Elections Speeches, Iles PE Center

Friday, February 16
2:00 – 5:00 p.m. International Student Event, Wright Hall steps
12:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. SA Talent Show submissions due
8:00 p.m. Vespers, Colledgadale Church

Saturday, February 17
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Colledgadale Church
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Colledgadale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Colledgadale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, Colledgadale Academy Auditorium
6:00 p.m. Evensong, Colledgadale Church
7:30 p.m. 12th Annual Cardboard Boat Event, Iles P.E. Center

Sunday, February 18
12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Southern Trail/Mountain Bike Race, Biology Trails

Monday, February 19
7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series
President’s Day

Tuesday, February 20
7:00 p.m. SA Press Conference, Thatcher Chapel

Wednesday, February 21
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. SA General Elections, online
7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room

SA Talent Show. Film your talent and send it in! The deadline for online submissions is Friday the 16th. The more creative, the higher chance of getting in and winning the $1,000 grand prize! Email jstrauss@southern.edu for submissions and questions.

SA Elections. General Elections will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Check your email for a ballot.

Enrichment Credits. Just a friendly reminder to track your Enrichment (Worship/Convocation) Credits so that you are not scrambling at the end of the semester. Webpage: residencelife.southern.edu

Christian Service. To signup for service opportunities, go to www.southern.edu/Serve. To see flyers and extra opportunities, check out www.facebook.com/ChristianServiceSAU.

Prayer Group. Act 29 is a prayer group sponsored by the Colledgadale SDA Church. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All are welcome to join in this prayer session.

Legacy Writing Contest Winners. “Congratulations to the winners of our Fall 2017 Legacy Writing Contest! If you’d like to participate in this semester’s contest, start thinking about the theme: “Bittersweet.” An ad containing detailed information and expectations will be featured in the Accent next week, so look out for that. Here are the winners; Short fiction: 3rd, Megan Manuel; 2nd - Cynthia Salinas; 1st - Yasmin Phillip. Poetry: 3rd, Alec Ennis; 2nd, Gelissa Leveille; 1st, Helen Faulk.

The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week. Chatter Editor: Laura Chase
**Twitter**

Julia Wright  @__julessss, English, JR  
I passed a big test and now I’m eating my weight in captain crunch to celebrate

Lea Alegado  @itsjustleeya, Nursing, SR  
campus safety literally goes out of their way to give me a citation!!!!!! Ughhhhhhh

Brianna Cole  @QueenBeeTeeCee, Nursing, SR  
If getting more parking spots means less free t-shirts then so be it.  
Sincerely, tired of seeing perfectly good faculty spots.  
#whatdidibuythisdecalfor 😊

Melodie Alvarez  @BRAZUELAN, Nursing, SR  
We need a Waze app for Southern to tell us when campus safety is patrolling and hanging out tickets for people to move their cars.

Jenasia Jones  @Jenasia_Evette9, Psychology, SO  
I took my phone off do not disturb bc i was expecting a very important phone call from papa johns and i got so many notifications.  i was not having it.

Ivy Mendoza  @ivy_mendozaaa, Nursing, JR  
2 hour classes need to be illegal my neck aboutta snap and my butt falling asleep right along with me smh

Kyle Harris  @kmharris39, History, SR  
The teacher drew the Red Sea west of Jerusalem.  
I am troubled

**Instagram**

@bruno444  Faux Furs & Real Friends; You can only have one, but I’ll have both. - Pc: @_chloayye

@amairanisary  Lunch with a view 🍝🍝 😒😒 passe passe 😒😒

@nayrthomas  What makes you tick and move? #investinmemories #introspective#Christisthecenter #selfportrait

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# What type of chocolate are you?

1. Choose one of the following:  
   a. hot chocolate  
   b. hot cocoa  
   c. um, I’m vegan

2. Where did you spend your Valentine’s Day?  
   a. In the woods on an intense hike  
   b. In Thatcher lobby with all of the other freshman couples  
   c. In the library because the grind doesn’t stop

3. Pick a glitzy accessory:  
   a. watch  
   b. modest studs  
   c. engagement ring

4. Which Bible character would you avoid dating most?  
   a. Lot’s wife  
   b. Nebuchadnezzar  
   c. Solomon

5. How do you feel about brunch?  
   a. What’s brunch?  
   b. Brunch is cool when I actually have money in my bank account.  
   c. Ah, the most important meal of the day!

6. If you had the chance to jump on a plane right now, where would you go?  
   a. Thailand  
   b. Italy  
   c. Morocco

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### 01. take pictures with your results

### 02. tag @sauaccent on Instagram or @Southern_Accent on Twitter for a chance to win a giftcard to Olive Garden!

Mostly As: You are practical and straightforward, just like Russel Stover chocolate. While others are concerned about what they are receiving for Valentine’s Day, you’re totally fine with a simple box of chocolate or even just spending quality time with someone special. You do not let material items define you or your relationships, which is why others are drawn to your genuine qualities.

Mostly Bs: You are delightful and opportunistic, just like Ferrero Rocher chocolate. Despite positive or negative circumstances, your upbeat personality lightens up any situation. As a college student, you might not always have the funds to do what you want on Valentine’s Day; however, your DIY and Groupon game is strong, and people love your innovation and individualistic style.

Mostly Cs: You are hardworking and confident, just like Godiva chocolate. Although others esteem Valentine’s Day as a day of love, you believe that every day is a chance to show others the love they deserve. Sometimes daily obligations are challenging, but your determination and fearless leadership attracts the fellowship and devotion of the people you encounter.
04. You’re pursuing us wrong: Fetishizing black women

07. Black Panther: A review

09. Team LeBron takes home the win in the 2018 NBA All-star game
Celebrating Black History Month

While our past is imperfect, as administration has addressed, the future of our 'Southern Culture' can be changed for the better.

Every February since 1976, the United States has officially celebrated Black History Month as a way to recall, educate and celebrate a gigantic portion of America's history, culture and people who for so long have been misunderstood and marginalized.

Though America once celebrated a Negro History Week, this practice, originally created by Carter G. Woodson in 1926, evolved into an entire month. February was designated as Black History Month as a result of the birthdate of Frederick Douglass, arguably the most famous African American of the nineteenth century, and U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, who signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, liberating the African slaves in the United States.

Each February that I’ve been at Southern, it’s almost as though our campus is on high alert. Our campus, for over 100 years, has been viewed as a racist institution, and some would argue that this idea still holds true today. While our past is imperfect, as administration has addressed, the future of our “Southern Culture” can be changed for the better.

In January I worked with McKee Library and Marketing and University Relations to produce a media list and banners throughout our campus respectively. The McKee Library media list is full of great resources—from books and articles to poetry and an assortment of films. There are banners all over our campus that say “Southern Celebrates Black History Month” with a Black leader in American history or a Southern alumni who contributed to Southern in some way. For example, Gale Jones Murphy was the first female and first African American Student Association President of Southern in 1974. There are banners that proclaim “This Is Us,” our theme throughout the year.

There is a richness to the diverse culture of black Americans. Such a people are African American, Haitian, Jamaican, Bermudian, Dominican, Cuban, Puerto Rican and so much more. When you take the time to dig deep within each culture, you’ll discover a treasure trove of experiences and history. Together when we decide to celebrate groups of people within America, celebrate American history.

Like King T’Challa said in Marvel’s “Black Panther,” “We all know the truth: more connects us than separates us. But in times of crisis, the wise build bridges, while the foolish build barriers. We must find a way to look after one another as if we were one single tribe.” I hope that this month you are encouraged to ask questions and learn new perspectives as we continue to define what Southern Culture looks like in 2018.
Black trailblazers you may not have heard of

Mark Belfort
Contributor

Many associate Black History Month with a negative stigma. Hint: this month is not to remind you of slavery and the misfortune of black people. This month is a celebration of those who trailblazed a trendsetting pattern of innovators, creators, skilled artists and civil rights legends. Ultimately, black history is American history whether some like it or not, and I’ll show you how.

The great city of Chicago, Illinois was founded by a black, Haitian man, Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, around the late 1700s. The laserphaco probe, a device which created a less painful and more precise treatment for cataracts, was invented by Patricia Bath in 1986. Bath is the first African American female doctor to receive a medical patent. In 1976, Bath also co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness, which established that “eye-sight is a basic human right.” The first African-American Supreme Court Justice was Thurgood Marshall, an advocate for the people who worked arduously to make sure all were treated fairly under the law, especially in the historic case Brown v. Board of Education.

The film “Hidden Figures” highlighted the plight of three black women, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson they were known as “human computers” who stood against racial discrimination in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, faced discrimination as women in the workplace and ultimately helped make the space race a reality in the U.S.

The first African-American congresswoman, Shirley Chisholm, was also the first major-party black candidate to run for U.S. presidency. She fought consistently for educational opportunities as an educator herself, and for social justice.

In only a short amount of time, many of these individuals took adversity in the face of racism, and despite the odds, have continued to make a lasting effect on our country’s society. There are many others I have not named, but know that this month is a celebration of all contributions that black people bring to the United States. The truth is, they, too, are America.

Diversity within blackness

Dylan Gibbons
Contributor

As a child, you never really consider the color of your skin as an important part of your reality. However, I realized that I was black at a very young age mainly because of my parents and the different instructions that they would give me that my other friends who were white would not have to do. I realized that I was different when my friends came to my house and would eat the food my parents cooked and comment on how spicy and rich it was. I realized that I was different when my parents told me not to ever wear my hood over my head and to keep my head shaved.

But what fascinated me was how different I was from my black counterparts that I would associate with. My mom comes from Uganda, and my dad is from Guyana. Most of the black individuals that I would associate with when I was younger were black American or Caribbean. However, my mom had a very strong African culture and my family and I would often visit Uganda and see our relatives. As a result, I became very aware of the difference between African blacks, Caribbean blacks and African-American blacks.

Growing up, I would often get looked down upon for being African. My friends, both black and white, would make fun of me and say that I lived in a hut, ate lions and used spears to hunt down my prey. African-American blacks would often say that I was not really black and Caribbean blacks got mad at me for not being “West Indian” enough. As a result, I was very embarrassed of my African side and my mom for speaking in her accent and calling me by my African name.

But as I grew older, I realized that I should be proud of my culture and who I am as an African West-Indian. I realized that a lot of my friends did not have such a rich cultural background, did not have the wealth of traditions and customs that my family did and did not have a connection to their roots. I realized that my culture was not any worse than another culture but had depth and richness.

Most importantly, I realized that my differences were a reflection of the creativity and diversity within the God who created the human race. Because of this I can proclaim: Yes, I am African. Yes, I am West Indian. And yes, I am proud.
You’re pursuing us wrong: Fetishizing black women

I was fetishized by the black men within my church that claimed me for their sons

I’m a human first. All other attributes fall in second and should not affect the way someone decides to treat me, especially in the way that I am pursued romantically or sexually.

Fetish has two definitions, one sexual and one nonsexual. The first is, “to make (something) the object of a sexual fetish,” and the second is, “to have an excessive and irrational commitment to or obsession with (something).”

I’ve been fetishized as a black woman my whole life but in my younger years, it was nonsexual.

Although I went to a pretty diverse church and school, I found myself being the only black child in many of my extracurricular activities. I was a token, rather than a person. I was almost like a specimen to be fascinated with, plagued with questions and fascinations regarding my hair, my skin tone and my dialect.

“What are you?”

These were the beginnings of a cultural and racial identity crisis that I wouldn’t overcome for years to follow.

I was fetishized by the black men within my church who claimed me for their sons, mostly because I was the only light-skinned girl among my age group. Even as a young girl I found it funny, this obsession with my skin color, but it didn’t really bother me until the end of middle school into high school.

In high school, I was mostly involved with white guys, and such has been the case at Southern as well. Within these relationships whatever they were I have never failed to encounter phrases such as “you’re pretty for a black girl” (as though I can’t just be pretty. For a woman, if we’re needing to throw a requisite in there) or “I’ve never dated a black girl before” (oh, thanks for treating me like a new flavor of ice cream you’ve finally decided to try out).

I’ve had guys of all races criticize me for not being black enough or commend me for being “so well-spoken and well-mannered,” as though all black women are expected to speak and act as though we’re ratchet and ignorant. Underneath these comments of mannerism and speech lie presupposed ideas that make “educated” mean “white,” subjecting minority culture to the default of uneducated.

Guys of all races complain about how “fake” the black female body is with our weaves and makeup and nails, yet there is no dissent when individuals like the Kardashians spend money on the mimicry of our curves and lips, only praise.

When mimicked, attributes originally owned by the black female body are no longer seen as undesirable but are worshipped because the problem doesn’t lie in what we have, but who we are based on our race. The problem is rooted in racial prejudice and the objectification of the black female body, which started when we became slaves. So essentially, I request you not think to pursue a black woman because she is black, but because she is human. We’re human first; not specimens to be transfixed by.

Identity, idealism and Latinx-flavored racism

Anti-blackness, racism, and colorism among Latinxs are real issues, and they have real and harmful effects on the Latinx community. I say this because recently, I’ve truly begun to decipher and piece together the ways in which colorism has tainted my experience as a young Latino man. It can be challenging because more often than not, it’s far subtler than someone calling you the n-word to your face. I have experienced things in my life that I believe have been the result of racist intent. However, depending on my sun intake, my complexion ranges from pale tan to brown olive, and I’m not blind to the fact that this has afforded me the privilege of avoiding certain racist experiences that seem far more common among my more melanin-enriched Latinx counterparts.

Still, that doesn’t mean it hasn’t been any less confusing navigating this super-political crossroads of identity: I always knew I wasn’t white, but I didn’t really identify as being black either.

My family and I spoke Spanish, but the Spanish-speaking people in novels and other Hispanic media were mostly all very light skinned—hardly paralleling the varied and beautiful palette of shades and hues consistently available to me growing up in a Latinx church and trumping the tired, persistent and pernicious narrative that dark-skinned and Afro-Latinx people don’t exist.

I never really gave it much thought when I first heard my grandmother on my Dominican side (ironically) tell my sisters, “You no marry blackie!”—her way of saying, “I better not see you marrying no black man.” But I knew from her actual words what she meant by this, and I decided that I never wanted to think or act that way, even if “that’s just how we joke around.”

Someone asked me the other day whether I thought racism would ever disappear—quite an appropriate question to consider weeks into Black History Month. I had to take a second to think—truly think—and not allow my idealism to get in the way of a sensible reflection on human nature. I refuse to remain in the position of complacent victimhood or rigid bitterness, but I also refuse to ignore reality.

It’s no coincidence that the near-extinction of the Taíno people, native to both Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic (and the general Caribbean) from which my ancestors hail, followed the arrival of the (in) famous Italian Christopher Columbus after he “discovered” us. Perhaps we are doomed to repeat the same old mistakes forever. Or perhaps those who are sleeping will continue to wake up. I’m hopeful still, though, and if that makes me an idealist, I’m okay with it.
Am I black enough?

Sierra Correia
Contributor

When people look at me and ask where I’m from, I think the absolute last thing they expect me to say is Bermuda. And honestly, I don’t blame them. Most of the people I’ve met in this country don’t have any concept about what Bermudian people look like - how we’re diverse and unique, yet we can pick out one of our own pretty easily. So, when people look at me, they automatically assume that I’m Hispanic, Spanish or, on one strange occasion, Asian. It often makes me wonder if I should even claim the true essence of my culture, being black mixed with Portuguese.

Bermuda is a small island stranded in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, roughly 24 miles long. You could drive from one end of the island to the next in about two and a half hours if you know the right way to go. Maybe that’s the reason why it’s hard for any one of us to figure out what our race actually is; we’re all so mixed up. So most of us, even the ones that don’t look like it (like me), claim black.

Growing up, I think I always knew I was different from my siblings. Or maybe they were just different from me. But I never thought anything of it. Sure, I had paler skin and looser curls and a pointed nose. We were family, so it didn’t matter. Even when I went to a predominantly black public and private school, I didn’t notice. I was black because my mom’s side of the family was black and that was all that mattered.

Then I came to America, and, for the first time, I noticed. I know I don’t look like my friends, and I certainly don’t sound like them. I never thought it was something to be ashamed of until I came to a country that already has a mental picture of what the word “black” means, and I just didn’t fit it. It was here that I first began to look at my Portuguese lineage a bit more closely. It was here that I first began to say that I was mixed with Portuguese (and black). Because when I start off with black, I get this look of confusion that people don’t realize is splattered across their face, so I backtrack and explain until it goes away.

I am black. I know this as well as I know that I love the smell of the ocean. But the question is, am I black enough?

No labels

Hannah Knowles
Contributor

African-American politician Carol Moseley Braun once said, “Defining myself, as opposed to being defined by others, is one of the most difficult challenges I face.”

Growing up bi-racial (Caucasian and African-American), I always asked myself, “Where do I fit in?” I felt I was at war with my identity because society taught me I had to choose between being white or black. Several times when I was among my black peers, I was told I was “basically white” because I liked folk music. Then there were instances among my white peers where they only chose to see me for my skin color instead of the fact that a part of me was a part of them, too.

Once I shouted with excitement over something, and I was told, “Hannah, you’re so loud. It must be the black in you.” Being defined according to these stereotypes is often what led me to ask, “Where do I fit in?” I had thought that if I showed certain qualities from either of the two cultures that make up who I am, I was betraying both of them. In the midst of questioning my place in the world, I failed to ask myself a more important question: Why do I feel I have to choose in the first place? I should be able to like folk and R&B music and still be accepted by both of the cultures in my DNA.

This isn’t just an issue for those who are bi-racial either, but for everyone in today’s world. Our society creates stereotypes that put people into categories based on their skin color. It teaches us to define a person’s identity using race when we should just accept people for who they are. The days of assigning people to racial stereotypes need to be over, and seeing each other as equals can only happen when we work together. Let’s work together so that no one has to ask “Where do I fit in?” anymore.
Prospective SA officers address student body

Tierra Hayes
News Editor

Students gathered in Thatcher Chapel to ask those running for Student Association (SA) positions questions about their plans for the upcoming school year during the annual town hall.

The event, moderated by Dennis Negron, vice president of student development, featured junior theology major Rhidge Garcia, junior social work major Dylan Gibbons and sophomore marketing major Thyrell Smith, who are running for SA president, executive vice president and social vice president respectively.

Students submitted inquiries to the panel on topics ranging from scheduling, budgets and racial tension on campus. The candidates were also asked more light-hearted questions, such as who their spirit animals are and which iPhone app they would be.

“It was better than I expected,” Garcia said. “I was nervous trying to mentally prepare. But people asked good questions that will further the discussion on campus. There were some good ideas brought up to explore.”

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“I learned their goals and what is important to them,” said Rachel Turner, freshman social work major. “I also learned that we,(the students) are what is important to them.”

Negron believes that this event helps students gauge those running for office.

“(This event) is important because we get to hear what these candidates have to say,” Negron said. “It is important to see if they come across as sincere once they are up front or if they lack coming off as sincere.”

Despite all three contenders running unopposed, students are still able to vote yes or no for their candidacy today, Thursday 22. They need 50 percent of the vote in order to win.

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**“Black Panther”: A Review**

**Armond Stokes-Hicks**  
**Contributor**

Marvel’s recent film “Black Panther,” directed and written by Ryan Coogler, was a great example of the impact that a film can have when it combines great actors, stimulating visuals and a deeply rooted cultural theme. However, it pains me to say that the film did not entirely live up to the hype.

Don’t get me wrong: Black Panther was a great film. Not only were we exposed to African-inspired culture, something we have never seen before in previous Marvel films, but we were also entertained by prestigious and Academy Award-winning actors and actresses such as Chadwick Boseman (T’Challa/Black Panther), Michael B. Jordan (Erik Killmonger), Lupita Nyong’o (Nakia), Daniel Kaluuya (W’Kabi) and many more.

The visual representation of the fictional African country of Wakanda, the wealthiest and most advanced country in the Marvel Universe, was absolutely stunning and the use of CGI to display certain technologies was, in my opinion, unmatched by any other Marvel film. My favorite aspect of the film was the way that black people were portrayed. There was so much empowerment centered on these black characters, and you could almost feel the energy they were giving off through the screen. This made a huge statement in the black community, with people raving about “Black Panther” all over social media.

While watching “Black Panther,” I have never felt more liberated and culturally represented when viewing a Marvel film. At the same time, I was torn between those feelings and the fact that I am also a film major. Personally, I didn’t enjoy everything about it. I felt as though some parts of the film, as well as a few characters, were not really needed. I also think that the story could have been crafted a little better to truly show off the intelligence and tenacity of T’Challa as he is portrayed in the comics. I feel as though some lines of dialogue felt forced, and while it may be hard to act while using an African accent, some characters were able to pull it off better than others.

Lastly, I wasn’t quite sure how I felt about the two credit scenes at the end of the film. I was expecting to see something I have never seen before, and while I’m not trying to spoil it for those who somehow haven’t already seen it, if you have kept up with the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU) since the beginning, nothing is revealed that you don’t already know.

Overall, I really liked “Black Panther,” and I think that Coogler was able to do something influential with this film within the MCU, and greater, within the black community. It may not have been my favorite Marvel movie or the best Marvel movie made so far, but it will be the one that I will remember most. This film is exactly what we needed during Black History Month. And for those of you who may have felt the same as I do or actually didn’t like the film all that much, no need to fear. Infinity War is just around the corner.

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**The mistreatment of black artistry**

**Phillip Warfield**  
**Contributor**

Justin Timberlake performed at Super Bowl LII, and millions of fans around the world were overjoyed. Unfortunately for Janet Jackson, people of color and women, Timberlake’s performance was another reminder of the double standards and cultural appropriation within the music industry. Throughout American history, such individuals have been exploited for their talents, and the white artists who cover their music or commit similar mistakes are heralded and praised as superstars who can do no wrong.

When Janet Jackson invited Timberlake to the halftime stage at Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004, her reputation was forever tarnished thanks to a perceived wardrobe malfunction, beginning a slew of lawsuits, unfair indictment, the end of halftime performances shown at Student Association (SA) Super Bowl parties, the eventual creation of YouTube and the blacklisting of Jackson’s music and character by the media.

In order to make music more acceptable to white-American audiences, white artists like Elvis Presley would cover songs and replicate dance moves by black artists like Chuck Berry, creating the more popular mainstream hits many of us know today. Artists like Timberlake, Miley Cyrus, Robin Thicke, Katy Perry, the Beach Boys and even the Beatles have benefited in some way from the African-American sound and influence and have even been sued by black artists due to the intense similarities between notable songs.

Michael Jackson, the undisputed King of Pop, should be credited with helping bridge the gap between black and white artists. Jackson, frustrated with initially being limited to black categories within the Grammys, decided to fashion an album with something for all people of diverse backgrounds to enjoy. Jackson and producer Quincy Jones teamed up to create the monumental “Thriller,” the highest-selling album of all time. “Thriller” earned Jackson a record-breaking amount of Grammys and an assortment of awards. Jackson became the most successful cross-over artist and global icon. If it weren’t for his efforts and influence, America may have continued to be an increasingly divided society, especially sonically. Unfortunately for Jackson, his personal life and diseases like vitiligo often tried to overshadow his value to American culture. Jackson also became one of the most powerful artists of all time when he bought the Beatles’ music catalog and married Elvis Presley’s daughter, seemingly intentionally symbolizing his power over white artistry that had never before been seen by a black artist.

Allowing Timberlake to perform at this past Super Bowl while Janet Jackson continues to be remembered as problematic and controversial speaks to a problem within American society.

For too long, women have been cast as sexual beings and have been subject to being degraded, humiliated and publicly shamed without remorse from the general public. Black music, along with women, has been mistreated by certain white artists who choose to continue to benefit from the culture without humbly acknowledging the individuals who have worked so hard to produce what we all love. As our music continues to blend together, let us not forget all of the influences that have shaped American popular music since the dawn of the twentieth century.
A guide to understanding a black woman’s hair

Enaea Smith
Contributor

For years, black women have attempted to tame their hair, but it ruthlessly fights back. Many do not understand it and are too nervous to ask about it. So, here is a guide based off of my own journey with hair.

1. There’s no such thing as wash and go. For black women, wash and go actually means wash and style. If a black woman were to actually “wash and go,” she would be left with a dry, matted mess. A wash and go could typically take from about 30 minutes to four hours, depending on hair texture, length and desired end result. Usually a black, woman will soak her hair in leave-in conditioner, then split it into workable sections. Next she’ll clear out each section. She’ll usually put her hair in twists, then let it air dry. The drying process usually takes several hours, so most black women go to sleep with the twists in. When the twists are dry, she takes them out and makes sure her hair is evenly distributed. Then she’ll take a toothbrush or a small brush and brush her edges—the small baby hairs on her hairline. The end result, if done right, is typically one that looks effortless.

2. Shrinkage is real. Never look at a black woman’s hair and assume her length is what she’s actually working with. Shrinkage applies to most women with curly hair, but it is the most drastic for black women. Shrinkage can hide up to 90 percent of a black woman’s true length. Stretching out one small section, and you’ll learn that hair appearing to be ear length is actually past her shoulder. Shrinkage is sometimes viewed negatively, but is actually a very good indicator of healthy hair. A black woman’s hair is stronger if it shrinks up more. Clearing out, blow-drying or straightening will reveal the hair’s true length.

3. “Getting their hair did” In all honesty, assuming a black woman spends $100 a month on her hair is generous. Going to the hairdresser to get her hair done can add at least another $200 a month. Often times black women will be charged based on the difficulty level of their hair and not the actual work they want done. Most black women enter the hair dresser in the morning and don’t leave until late afternoon. While at the hairdresser, a black woman will probably get a good nap in while under the blow dryer, watch a few episodes of Judge Judy or Family Feud, get up-to-date information on the most recent gossip, “take a break” to go get lunch, pick up her kids from school and make it home just in time for dinner.

4. Not all black hair is created equal. Hair texture can be categorized using the numbers one to four and letters A to C. 1A is practically straight, and 4C is the “kinkiest” hair can get. The loosest black woman’s hair gets is usually 3A, which is a loose curl and probably means she’s mixed. What works for a 3A woman’s hair is probably not enough effort for a black woman with 4C hair. Most are quick to assume that black women’s hair is all the same, and that is simply not the case. Often times, a mother and her daughter or two sisters can have completely different hair textures. A black woman can be born with practically straight hair and grow up to have 4C hair. Because of this diversity among hair, black women are often well-versed in how to take care of multiple different hair textures.

5. Natural hair is a choice, not a political statement. The natural hair movement is meant to encourage black women to embrace their natural hair and end the era of black women relying so heavily on “creamy crack” or perm, which chemically straightens their hair. Despite the efforts to build black women up, many have instead labeled their natural hair as unruly and unkempt. Natural hair is now seen as a statement to fight against “the man” instead of just being hair. Black women cannot control the way in which their hair grows out of their head and, therefore, don’t appreciate being persecuted for it. Most black women do not wake up in the morning with the intent to make a statement about her worldviews through her hair. She instead wakes up with the intent to wear her afro loud and proud because that’s the hair she was given.

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Black women’s hair is possibly some of the most misunderstood and underappreciated kind of hair. Most people do not understand the struggle it takes to maintain or the joy that comes when a black woman finally finishes a style that took her all day. Black women’s hair is definitely not for the faint of heart. It’s a force of nature that cannot be reckoned with. But all the money, time and struggle are worth it to have such unique hair.
Team LeBron takes home the win in the 2018 NBA All-Star Game

Corinne Atiga  
Sports Editor

On Sunday, Feb. 18, the National Basketball Association (NBA) hosted its annual All-Star Game, but this game had a whole new look to it. This year the NBA debuted a new draft-style format to make the teams. The two team captains, LeBron James and Stephen Curry, were chosen by the votes of fans, and the starters of each team were determined by fans and NBA players. Head coaches were able to choose the rest of the roster from the pool of players who were drafted for this game. Team LeBron included a mighty roster with Kevin Durant, Anthony Davis, Kyrie Irving and Russell Westbrook as the starters. Team Steph’s roster didn’t fall too behind in star power with DeMar DeRozan, James Harden, Giannis Antetokounmpo and Joel Embiid playing with Curry.

In fact, Team Steph held the scoring advantage for the majority of the game. At the end of the first quarter, Team Steph held an 11-point advantage over Team LeBron (42-31), and by halftime, Team Steph was still up 78-76. The half ended with the top scorers being LeBron at 15 points, and Team Steph’s Klay Thompson with 15 points and Karl-Anthony Towns with 13.

By the last quarter, Team Steph held the lead over Team LeBron with a score of 112-109. Within the last six minutes, Team Steph was still ahead 134-125, and it seemed as though the game was in the bag for Curry. But of course, with Team LeBron’s prideful MVP-player lineup, they wouldn’t give up without a fight.

After Team LeBron brought the score to a smaller deficit, Westbrook got fouled as he went up for a shot, scoring an “and-one” play to bring it down to a one-point (140-139).

With 40 seconds left, Team Steph was up one point, but that lead was quickly snatched by Team LeBron through the chemistry between none other than Irving and James. With James trailing behind him in the paint, Irving quickly passed it to his old teammate to put up a shot to take the lead. Next, with 10.7 seconds left, Westbrook made a layup to put Team LeBron up by three.

On the final possession, Curry tried to pull up for a clutch shot to tie the game, but he was denied by the double team of Durant and James, preventing him from even getting a shot off. Team LeBron won 148-145.

James finished with 29 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists in a close finish to win the NBA All-Star Game MVP.

USA’s snowboarders: the American superstars of the 2018 PyeongChang Olympics

Corinne Atiga  
Sports Editor

1. Red Gerard wins USA’s first gold medal in the most “teenager” way possible.

On the day of his event, this 17-year-old snowboarder overslept due to a night of Netflix binge-watching, lost his jacket and spit out the “F”-word on live television. Yet despite embodying the average American teenager, Gerard won USA’s first gold medal in the 2018 Olympics. At first, it seemed as though Gerard’s irresponsible actions had gotten the best of him as he failed to complete his first two slopestyle runs without falling. However, Gerard was able to fight back his anxieties and nailed his final run, becoming the youngest American man to win a Winter Games gold medal since 1928.

2. America’s favorite, Chloe Kim, delivers a historic performance.

Entering the PyeongChang Olympics, the expectations for 17-year-old snowboarding prodigy Chloe Kim could not have been any higher. As a record-breaking champion in the US X Games, Kim was expected to provide similar results in this year’s Olympics. In spite of all the pressures Kim faced coming into the games, she delivered and earned her first Olympic gold medal in the Women’s Snowboard Halfpipe. Kim crushed it on her first run, setting the bar for the competition, and by her second run, she had already secured a gold medal. But instead of leisurely enjoying her victory lap, Kim turned her victory round into an explosive finish by pulling out the biggest trick in her bag: back-to-back 1080s. When asked what led her to such an amazing finish, Kim said, “I was like tearing up [before my final run] and wanted to cry, but I knew I wasn’t going to be happy, even if I went home with the gold if I knew I could do better. So that third run was really just to prove to myself that I deserved it and did everything I could. I’m so happy.” Kim’s gold medal has made her, at age 17, the youngest female medalist in Olympic snowboarding history.


Shaun White, the fallen Olympic star, came back to PyeongChang determined to avenge his devastating loss in the 2014 Sochi Olympics and to reclaim his title as the snowboarding champion. Despite many personal conflicts, the legendary snowboarder pushed these thoughts aside as he began his halfpipe performance. White stunned the world as he pulled up back-to-back 1440s in a flawless final pipe run to earn a high score. Shaun White earned his redeeming gold medal in the Men’s Snowboard Halfpipe, winning the US’s 100th all-time Olympic gold medal.
Thursday, February 22
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. SA General Elections
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Career & Graduate Fair, Convocation, Iles PE Center
7:30 p.m. E.O. Grundset Lecture Series, Benjamin Wildman, Lynnwood Auditorium

Friday, February 23
All day, ERC Missions Boot Camp, Hackman Hall
7:00 p.m. Star Watch, Hickman Science Center
7:00 p.m. Academy Honors Choir Festival Vespers, Ackerman Auditorium
8:00 p.m. Vespers, Student Missions, Colledgadale Church

Saturday, February 24
All Day, ERC Missions Boot Camp, Hackman Hall
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Colledgadale Church
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Colledgadale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Colledgadale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, Colledgadale Academy Auditorium
4:00 p.m. Academy Honor Choir Festival Concert, Colledgadale Church
6:00 p.m. Evensong, Colledgadale Church
8:04 p.m. SA Studio 4109 LIVE, Iles PE Center

Sunday, February 25
All day, ERC Missions Boot Camp, Hackman Hall

Monday, February 26
7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series

Studio 4109 LIVE: Come out to enjoy live sketch comedy with your host Melissa Moore! Special musical guest VOCULUS will be performing along with the House Band BAY6. Pre-show begins at 8:04 p.m. Show starts at 8:19 p.m. Iles PE Center, Saturday, Feb. 24.

Gym-Masters: The team will be going to the Dominican Republic this Spring Break. While there, they will be converting three homes into day care facilities. The team will be doing a lot of painting. This is how you can help! If you have paint rollers or paint brushes that are just taking up space, drop them off at the Hulsey Wellness Center main desk, and we will take them to DR. If you don’t have any paint supplies but still would like to help, you can go to southern.edu/gymmastersgive and donate. But most of all please pray for the team to stay in good health and to be able to accomplish what God has in store for them!

Prayer Group: Act 29 is a prayer group sponsored by the Colledgadale SDA Church. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30a.m.-7:30a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. All are welcome to join in this prayer session.
**TWITTER**

Tricia Dalida @_tiffanytwisted, Liberal Arts Education, SO
I secretly enjoy hearing the church bell that’s why I’m always late to class

Dakota Bemis @__dxxkota, Business Administration, JR
people be driving way too fast around Taylor Circle. I legit almost got hit by someone going like 35mph.

Daisy Munoz @daisyestherr, Nursing, JR
I don’t care how late I am to class, you will NEVER see me running across campus trying to make it

Ben Mixon @BenMixon, Public Relations, JR
yo i just typed one thousand words?? in a library?? is this what being a student feels like... you guys; school!

Alyssa Graham @__alyssabeth, English, SO
Is it just me, or has the entire campus been sprayed by a skunk? #saulife

Sammantha Francois @youngandboring, Elementary Education, SR
how do you inconspicuously eat potato chips in class? asking for a friend.

Jordan Morris @jojungle96, Computer Science, JR
This dude just told me Finding Nemo is trash. Jesus take the wheel.

Eddie Hall @eddiemhall, Film Production, SO
The only part of your reflection you can lick is your tongue

Barry Daly @itsBarryDaly, Religious Studies, JR
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1. You have aunts, cousins and uncles who are in no way, shape or form related to you.

2. You ask your friends to ask your mom if they can spend the night because you know she’ll tell you no.

3. Someone’s asked to touch your hair.

4. You have to explain you’re Caribbean American, not African American, or vice-versa.

5. You actively avoid the caf on “Caribbean Week” or “African Week.”

6. All events have to be specifically scheduled for everyone coming an hour late.

7. You have a 10-point rating system for macaroni and cheese.

8. You’ve discovered that the transition from lotion to oils for your skin is just as important as the transition to adulthood.

9. “Blank Panther” is not just a movie; it’s an event.

10. Your mom has told you to stop crying before she gives you something to cry about?

11. You can’t help moving to the rhythm when you hear a beat.

12. Salt and pepper aren’t the only seasonings in your cabinet.

13. Time-out was the best punishment as a child compared to the alternative.

14. You have to turn on the flash at night for Snapchat.

15. Church is an all-day event.

16. “Refreshments” mean it’s a full meal.

17. Toothbrushes are used for more than just brushing your teeth; they keep your edges laid.

18. Someone uses you as: “I’m not racist: ______ is my friend!”

19. The cookout is at two, but you know you won’t start eating until at least four or five.

20. The butter container has more than just butter. It has all the leftovers known to man.

21. The electric slide comes on, and even grandma gets up to dance.

22. You know the food is gonna be good when someone says they put their foot in it.

23. You’re going to be in a different city for a while, so you pray you can find a barber shop.

24. People are confused that you’re a vegetarian.

25. Your grandma is everyone’s grandma.

26. Watermelon is at every summer picnic.

27. You’ve described people’s complexion in terms of food.

28. You’ve asked for fast food, and your mom’s response was, “Do you have fast-food money?”

29. You’ve planned on running away at least once after getting a spanking.

30. You’re in trouble, and your parents ask you a question, and when you answer, you get in trouble for talking back.

31. Sabbath morning is filled with gospel music.

32. Doing your hair means you have to clear your entire schedule for a day.
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SOUTHERN EMPLOYEES NOW REQUIRED TO WEAR NAME TAGS

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Southern employees now required to wear name tags

Hannah Jobe
Lead Reporter

Southern employees are now required to wear name tags as part of University President David Smith's initiative to improve customer service on campus.

“As part of prioritizing customer service,” Smith said in a letter delivered to staff along with the name tags, “our goal is that every visitor to Southern can instantly identify someone who can help them. The tag gives each of us a new opportunity to offer exceptional customer service to visitors, students and each other.” Smith also said that he hopes the name tags will help faculty and staff become more connected with each other by making them more recognizable to each other.

Another way this initiative attempts to connect Southern’s employees is by making all the name tags virtually the same with only two pieces of information: the university logo and the employee’s name.

“When someone needs help, your position as a professor, office manager, electrician or vice president should have no bearing on whether or how you serve a customer,” Smith said.

This project began last year when consultants from Biltmore recommended name tags during employee customer service training. Smith, along with the marketing department, liked the idea and decided to apply it to Southern’s campus.

“[Once the idea was formed], it was mentioned at several town hall meetings, and they were on people’s desks by the beginning of the semester,” said Ingrid Skantz, vice president of marketing.

Alternate name tag options will be made available for jobs in which name tags would provide health and safety concerns. Plant services is going to embroider their names [on their uniforms], and the caf will have pins rather than a magnet to prevent nametags from falling off and contaminating food,” Skantz said.

Students had mixed reactions to the nametags. “It’s very beneficial for students to be able to identify professors, even in a non-classroom sense,” said Carolyne Depkin, sophomore liberal arts education major.

Gabriela Martinez, senior psychology major, had a less positive view.

“I thought it was kind of tacky because students should just be able to ask their names, and they should know the names of their professors. It’s more like what I’ve seen in restaurants and nursing homes; it just seems weird to me in this setting.”

Still other students felt like the change made little difference at all. “It didn’t have a negative impact,” said Brooke Lynn Bridges, senior English major, “but it didn’t have a positive one either. I felt the teachers were already accessible, [and] I feel like in general we are a
Southern releases eJoker

Richard Anthony
Staff Writer

Southern Adventist University has recently launched a new site called the eJoker, an online directory to connect Southern students with each other. The Student Association (SA) announced the site during the keynote on Jan. 25, and it was available for students on Jan. 26.

According to SA Social Vice President Jake Strauss, “The eJoker is an upgrade over the current people finder that everyone has on their MyAccess. This was created by the students for the students.”

Student workers Adams Bala, Brittany Hoffman and Jared Powrie worked during the summer designing the eJoker and are currently still adding features.

On the eJoker, studies can customize their profiles to include things like pet peeves, favorite foods, relationship statuses and career goals. One can also link it to social media accounts, such as Facebook and Instagram, so students who visit eJoker accounts can add others on social media as well.

Although the account is customizable, Kari Schultz, director of student life and development, must approve any changes made to pictures or biographies before they’re viewable by other students. This is done to make sure no one’s profile contains nudity, profanity or any other subject matter that does not reflect Southern’s standards.

Like on any social media platform, privacy must be addressed. “In order to get on the eJoker, you have to log in as a student before you can view any of the profiles,” said Strauss. This precaution helps students like Regine Owens, freshman nursing major, feel more comfortable.

“At least no outsiders will see what my favorite movie is,” Owens said.

Although the eJoker is new to the web, it is not a completely new concept. The “e” in eJoker means electronic, but before it became the eJoker, it was just the Joker. Students who were at Southern four or more years ago may remember the Joker as a booklet that contained pictures, email addresses and majors of and was released every fall semester.

According to Joshuwa Shelton, junior religious studies major, “If you saw someone around campus, you could just flip through the pages and find them.”

With the new eJoker system, everyone on campus seems to be just a click away.

Technology department constructs new degree

Philip Haughton
Contributor

Southern students can now get a bachelors of technology in construction management. The construction management program is a four-year degree that deals with hands-on experience in construction, wood and even auto service. The program has 16 concentrations to choose from, and several of the classes can be taken by non-construction management students.

During the first semester of the program, students will be asked to participate in the construction of a house or apartment.

Although the program deals mainly with hands-on participation, students will also learn entrepreneurial skills and how to grow their own businesses. Students often use their skills on mission trips and in helping the community.

This major also provides summer internships for students to obtain real-world experience and avenues for students to interact with real-life business owners. While still learning about business and entrepreneurship, students are prepared to enter the job market.

Although one may assume this is a male-dominated field, two women are presently enrolled in this program. Professor John Youngberg, head of the construction management department, said, “Women make great project managers, and there is plenty of room in the industry for them.”

Normally, a young person wanting to go into construction might have to miss out on the college experience and all it offers. In the past, their only option would have been trade school. The construction management degree allows students the best of both worlds and gives them an opportunity to be well-rounded. The program lets students know they have options.

“You come to Southern with very few tools in your belt,” Youngberg said. “Don’t leave with all wrenches. In life you will need hammers, screwdrivers and nails.”

Youngberg went on to say that all of his students find jobs after college.

“Just because you love something doesn’t mean you can’t broaden your horizons. One of the advantages of going to Southern is that we polish the whole person, physically, mentally and spiritually,” Youngberg said.
Studio 4109 hosts first show of Winter 2018 semester

Studio 4109 hosted their first show of the semester on Saturday Feb. 24. The night featured uQuest missions coordinator Melissa Moore as host and Voculus, Southern’s Accapella group. Skits covered topics such as Black History Month, politics, and many aspects of pop culture.

Photos by Cinthya Molina

Left to right: Jordan Adams-Rivera, Armondi Stokes-Hicks, and Autumn Allison act out a skit parodying Family Feud.

uQuest Missions coordinator Melissa Moore hosts her first show of Studio 4109.

Voculus, Southern’s Acappella group performs a set during Studio 4109.

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Allison Anders is the only female first-year engineering studies major here at Southern Adventist University.

From a young age, Anders spent time with her older brother and father restoring vintage cars, including her own teal 1974 Ford F-100 truck that she acquired in high school. Being homeschooled allowed Anders to spend ample time with her parents and older brother either adventuring outdoors or learning the craft of auto mechanics in the garage.

Growing up surrounded by male figures, Anders thought she understood the climate she was entering in college.

However, being an engineering student was nothing like she anticipated. Anders felt she had to “break into a club that everyone else automatically had a pass into.”

Many perceive engineering as a profession designed for men.

Being one of only four women currently enrolled in Southern’s pre-engineering program, Anders struggles to be considered as just another pupil and not a prodigy.

“The comments are hilarious,” Anders said. “Oh! That’s so unique! You must be so smart!” people say. It’s always shock. You can say nursing on this campus and everyone just kind of nods and thinks, ‘Whatever.’ But you say engineering, and you get all sorts of surprised expressions.”

According to their website, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) is striving toward widening their employment demographic in order to enhance creativity. Innovation is a key factor in engineering, and the ASME has found in recent studies that creativity is greatly enhanced when females are included in project development.

“It’s intimidating, but it’s something that needs to be done,” Anders said. “Once I’ve been able to work with [the men], I bring a perspective that none of them previously had.”

Integrating more women is proving to be a daunting task for not just the leaders of the industry, but also the individuals themselves.

In the U.S., 20 percent of engineering students are female, but only 11 percent of the engineering field is made of practicing women, according to the ASME. This may be either from a lack of opportunity for growth in the workplace or pressure women feel in college to change their major to a more female-accepting career.

Anders has felt this pressure even in Southern’s smaller, private school setting.

Despite these challenges, Anders refuses to give up. Conquering the intimidation and hurdles that come with forging a relatively new path continues to feed her energy and inspire her to push on.

For more stories from this week that aren’t featured in the paper, visit our new site at southern.edu/accent
Celebrating women of faith: Sophie Scholl

Edyn Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

“How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly anyone willing to give himself up individually to a righteous cause? Such a fine sunny day, and I have to go, but what does my death matter, if through us, thousands of people are awakened and stirred into action?”

Those were the last words uttered by 21-year-old activist Sophie Scholl before she was executed by way of guillotine on Feb. 22, 1943 for peacefully resisting the Nazi government. Raised alongside her five other siblings in a Lutheran-German home, Sophie had a relatively comfortable and happy childhood. When she was 12 years old, Hitler rose to power—a fact that left Sophie initially unconcerned. She was even a member of the “League of German Girls,” a sort of Girl Scouts with Nazi ideals and values. However, as time wore on, Sophie began to grow uneasy with the growing anti-semitism, and her eyes began to open.

As she began to search for her own truth, Scholl became a convicted Christian, and it became clear to her that she couldn’t stand on the sidelines anymore. While studying at the University of Munich, Sophie joined a passive resistance group—co-founded by her brother, Hans Scholl—called the White Rose Movement. This small group of young people sought to open eyes by distributing anti-Nazi leaflets. Peaceful but unyielding, the White Rose Movement painted their message across Munich, calling their fellow Germans to stand up against fascism.

In February of 1943, two years before the war would come to an end, Sophie and her brother were arrested, along with one other member of the White Rose Movement. They were brutally interrogated, subject to an unfair trial and sentenced to death. Even though Sophie’s leg had been broken during her interrogation, she stood in court unfazed.

“Somebody, after all, had to make a start,” she said. “What we wrote and said is also believed by many others. They just don’t dare express themselves as we did.”

In the face of one of the modern world’s most terrifying regimes, Sophie Scholl’s faith did not waver. She stood strong in her Christian belief, and when she saw injustice, she stood up against it with peaceful resistance. Her last words are a call to all of us, even today, to fight for a better world.

Sleeping Beauty and Christ

Zachary Hagen
Contributor

The story of Sleeping Beauty is a classic princess story. The long-awaited princess is born, the entire kingdom rejoices, and a celebration is held. All except the evil fairy, Maleficent, are invited. Maleficent comes anyway, and she curses the princess for good measure. The princess is raised, but she is eventually cursed despite everyone’s best efforts. She and the castle fall asleep for 100 years. The curse is broken by a prince who comes to the castle and kisses the princess awake. Then they all live happily ever after.

The princess represents us. Cursed at birth, we fall prey to the “spinning wheels” of this world that put us out of touch with reality. We are constantly bombarded with hit after hit. The devil throws curveballs at us even though he was never invited to do so. He made our lives miserable with his curse.

The curse itself could be many things. It could be sin itself. Sin keeps us asleep by keeping us guilty. Guilt and shame keep us from feeling able to accept Christ’s free gift. Sin blinds by making us focus on ourselves instead of on God. That only makes us fall faster, harder and more frequently. The curse could also be a false image of ourselves. The devil whispers things like “You are nothing.” “You are not worth loving.” “You are not attractive.” “You will never have friends.” and the list could go on. These are lies that we believe about ourselves when we may feel unloved, may feel we don’t have friends and may not have a strong sense of identity.

The curse could also be ignorance. Not knowing about the truth and choosing to stay asleep is a big problem. Sometimes we just choose to ignore the truth even though we have heard it. We hold onto the fear of committing to something that could really change us for the better.

The castle and others cursed are the world and everyone else. We are all experiencing different versions of life. We have all been, and some still are, asleep. No one escaped the curse that sin places on each of us at birth. Every person who has ever walked this planet knows pain, suffering and the curse of sin, whether they call it by that name or not.

Lastly, the prince is the Christ figure in this story. Galloping to the castle and finding the sleeping beauty, the prince kisses her awake to be with him for another happily ever after. Christ comes to us and gently knocks on the door of our hearts. You read and watch the story, and it is obvious that the kiss is not the kiss of passionate desire, but it is the kiss of deep, tender, true love that cures the princess of her sleep. Just the same, Jesus is a gentleman. He isn’t forcing us to love Him. He tenderly prods us to accept Him and to wake up from our cursed coma.

It takes trust to let Jesus wake us up. It hurts to open eyes that haven’t seen the light for a while. It isn’t always easy to have faith that God knows what is best, but I know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that it is worth letting Him kiss us awake. It is worth letting our guard down so that He can give us new life.
International spotlight: China

Abigail Hunt
Contributor

With so much going on in our country’s political atmosphere, it is important to remember that other countries are undergoing their own political developments. For example, on March 11, China made 21 constitutional changes, one of them being the abolition of presidential term limits. Constitutional term limits were created by former President Deng Xiaoping, limiting the president to two five-year terms.

David Dollar, a senior fellow at the John L. Thornton China Center, took a less protectionist look at the abolition of the term limits in an article published by the Brookings Institute. According to Dollar, Xi will not stay in power for life, as Mao Zedong did. The extension of Xi’s presidency will give him a boost needed to address his current policy agenda, potentially providing him with the ability to tackle issues like the growing income gap, degradation of the environment and financial risks that have been growing since the 2008-2009 global financial crisis, which China largely avoided by increasing domestic spending on infrastructure. Dollar emphasizes that doing away with term limits has reduced uncertainty in the economy, as China’s economic policies will not be changing hands in the near future, additionally giving Xi time to groom a successor.

In the wake of the removal of term limits, I see little to be concerned about. The presidential role has little power in China. President Xi accrues most of his power from the other two governmental offices he holds: Communist Party general secretary and chairman of the commission over the military. The only reason the presidential office was created was to provide a level playing field between China’s leader and presidents of other countries. Since the leadership of Deng Xiaoping, all Chinese presidents have filled the three roles of president, party secretary and military commander. As Xi has not groomed a successor, he has perhaps saved China from major political upset by maintaining his three-in-one system of leadership.

While some may be worried about the growing power of China, allowing for the election of a new president does not ensure that the current direction of China toward global hegemony now, thus eliminating any possibility of a challenge by another great power. Only a misguided state would pass up an opportunity to be the hegemon in the system because it thought it already had sufficient power to survive.

No news is not good news: It’s time to start paying attention

Rachelle Martin
Contributor

Over the course of this past week while students were lying on beaches or catching up on some much needed post-midterm rest, here’s what happened around the world: Trump is planning to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, a Russian ex-spy was poisoned in the UK and there were two shootings in the US that provoked national attention.

My break (I might have been doing that for fun, but that’s beside the point), but all I did to find out about these stories was look at my phone notifications.

I’ve noticed that on this campus and many others, college students simply aren’t reading the news anymore. It is terrible to think that the most important news stories that students pay attention to pertain to royal engagements, award shows and celebrity gossip. The first problem with this is that the people supposedly being primed to be future leaders and intellectuals are ignorant of what is happening around them. It is going to be a rude awakening to students that, as adults, know nothing about how tariffs or environmental policy can actually affect them.

College students are essentially hurting themselves by narrowing their knowledge to primarily involve pop culture or whatever appears on their Snapchat or Twitter feeds. Students then become desensitized to any issue that is not on social media.

In addition to hurting themselves individually, students are collectively being held back. This university fosters a climate of idleness that evolves to creating an environment of intellectual mediocrity. This environment stifles any type of curiosity or agency about what is going on around us. This explains the lack of action for students to even be involved on our own campus through clubs and Student Association. A quote from “Fahrenheit 451” reminded me of this: “We need to be really bothered once in a while. How long is it since you were really bothered? About something important, about something real?”

If you are offended by my claims, please prove me wrong. Start talking in class about what has happened in the news, urge teachers to go beyond pop culture in discussion of current events, listen to a podcast or two. Some of the best advice I have gotten is to read the news, not watch it. At the very least, students should download a news app on their phones to be notified; that makes a huge difference. I’m sorry for those so content in their ignorance that they don’t even try.
Florals for spring? Groundbreaking.

Kristen Vonnoh  
Lifestyle editor

Even though spring in Tennessee consists mostly of humidity and rain, I can’t help but get excited when I see spring fashion hit the racks. Here are four timeless spring trends:

1. Minimal.
   It’s a hip catchphrase, and this season is all about keeping it minimal. Light grey + white—with black accents, of course—is always a great spring combination for the minimalist in you. Add some dainty headbands or light scarves to spice up the look.

2. Denim.
   Good denim is nearly impossible to find and even harder to get rid of. It is the quintessential piece of anyone’s closet. Whether it’s a 1970s-inspired jumpsuit, a Levi denim jacket or dark-wash low-rise jeans, find your perfect fit of denim and rock it this spring.

3. Pastels.
   Light pinks, baby blues and soft yellows accompany spring flowers so well. Pastel-colored sneakers are definitely in season. Or pair some pastel color block shorts with a button-down top and Oxfords for a Wes Anderson vibe.

4. Florals.
   You can never have too many florals for spring. Luckily, there are a thousand different types of floral print, allowing you to experiment and style each floral piece differently. Try mix-and-matching them for a bold fashion statement.

What is your favorite spring fashion trend? Tweet it @kristenvonnoh.

Would you like to write for the lifestyle page? Send your submissions to Kristen Vonnoh at kristenvonnoh@southern.edu
FAVORITES:

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) March Madness tournament starts on March 13, and people are excited to see their favorite team play. There are many talented basketball players in this tournament ready to cause upsets and win the title. There is no doubt that this tournament can go in many different directions, and even the first round has very exciting games. People have their title favorites, and mine are Duke, Virginia and Michigan State. Here’s why:

Duke (26-7)

This team has the arsenal to easily win the whole tournament. Freshmen forwards Marvin Bagley III and Wendell Carter have each had a phenomenal season by averaging a double-double and slightly under a double-double, respectively. In addition, senior guard Grayson Allen and freshmen guards Gary Trent Jr. and Trevon Duval have been having a great season, averaging double-digit points and earning looks from National Basketball Association (NBA) scouts. If all five of these players are playing even decently in their games this tournament, it will not even be fair to the other teams.

Virginia (31-2)

Virginia clinched the first overall seed in the tournament and is one of the most favored to win the tournament. Sophomore guard Kyle Guy leads the team in scoring, and senior forward Isaiah Wilkins’ relentless style is a game changer. Virginia is my favorite because they play as a team. As a matter of fact, they have the most efficient defense in the nation, allowing about 52 points per game. This team is very exciting to see and reminds me of the slogan that suggests “defense leads to offense.”

Michigan State (29-4)

Michigan State is definitely one of my favorites because of their efficient offense and great three-point shooters. In fact, Michigan State shoots an unbelievable 41.3 percent from downtown. If you want to see some threes, you definitely want to keep up with them during the tournament. With a player like sophomore forward Miles Bridges averaging a stunning 17 points and seven rebounds per game, it is going to be tough to shut down this team.

UPSETS:

However, even with many great teams leading the regular season, other teams have the potential to cause major upsets. I was able to narrow down my March Madness upset favorites to Murray State and New Mexico State. Here’s why:

Murray State (26-5)

The reason why Murray State can cause an upset in the March Madness tournament is that they have phenomenal shooters on their team. Seniors Terrell Miller Jr. and Jonathan Stark and junior Byron Hawkins have impressive shot percentages. If they are feeling their shots, this team will be handing out L’s left and right.

New Mexico State (25-5)

New Mexico State definitely has the offensive front to be one of the top teams in the conference with senior guard Zach Lofton leading the team with almost 20 points per game. They are definitely an offensive threat; however, they are nothing like Virginia in their defense. The Aggies’ downfall is their defense. If they are able to clean up on defense with smarter formations or personal motivation, they could steal the spotlight.
MARCH 15-21
CAMPUS CHATTER

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 15
11:00 a.m. Michael Behe, PhD., Convocation, Iles PE Center
7:00 p.m. Saint Louis Brass, Convocation, Iles PE Center
7:30 p.m. E.O. Grundset Lecture, Lynnwood Auditorium

Friday, March 16
All day, Soccer sign-up begins
8:00 p.m. Vespers, PS4610, Collegedale Church

Saturday, March 17
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Collegedale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, LeClare Litchfield, Collegedale Academy Auditorium
7:30 p.m. Evensong, Collegedale Church
9:00 p.m. SA Talent Show, Iles PE Center

Sunday, March 18
7:30 p.m. Symphony Orchestra Concert, Collegedale Church

Monday, March 19
7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series

Tuesday, March 20
7:30 p.m. Music General Recital, Ackerman Auditorium

Wednesday, March 21
5:00 p.m. Soccer Captains’ Meeting, Hulsey

BIRTHDAYS

March 15
Ben Burns
Emily Harding
Jesse Langga
Michael Luchak
Soneya Bean
Barry Daly
Nicholas Donohue
Isabel Robinson
Mia Spicer

March 16
Elena Anunciado
Iran Arango
Caleb Begley
Juan Grajales
Brian Horvath
Daniel Lee
Gaby Makowski
Charity Ogoti
RJ Varona
Samuel West
Herman Wilhelm

March 17
Brielle Anderson
Britni Barlow

March 18
Juliana Camacho
Hannah D’Avanzo
Dylan Gibbons
Jannine Ivy Mendoza
Joseph Min
Bailey Nolfe
Kelly Quintiana
Catherine Silva
Spencer Stock

March 19
John Boone
Jairo Campos
Christina Donesky

March 20
Suny Cardenas-Gomez
Dalles Carr
Mason Clark
Christian McClung
Morgan Parker
Ashlan Ruminson
Hunter Sorensen

March 21
Hannah Kelsey
Anna Lee
Betzany Ortiz
Yoshiaki Suzuki
Kailey Wales
Selena Zamudio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SA Talent Show: ENCORE: Come hang out, eat some popcorn and enjoy the talents of fellow Southern students! The show is on March 17 and starts at 9:00 p.m. in the Iles PE Center. Come dressed casually.

Studio 4109 LIVE!: On Saturday, March 24, come out to the Iles PE Center for a night of live sketch comedy with your host Phillip Warfield. The show begins at 9:00 p.m.

Prayer Group: Act 29 is a prayer group sponsored by the Collegedale SDA Church. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All are welcome to join in this prayer session.

The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week.
**TWITTER**

Audrey Fankhanel @AudreyFankhanel, Mass Communications, SO
To the high school girls staying in our suite, there’s this thing called a shower curtain. You should try it. #saulife

Kyle Harris @kmharris39, History, SR
Me: what should we study for the midterm?
Professor: the PowerPoints, lecture notes, the textbook. Me: so everything. Got it.

Hannah Doudiken @halothanes, Liberal Arts Education, SO
don’t be disrespectful to a professor because you couldn’t read a syllabus.

Alina Sherman @alinashermann, Graphic Design, SR do y’all ever just stay up late for absolutely no reason at all cause same

Sierra Emilaire @waxchinadoll, English, SR
i wanna spend all my tax return on concerts but i have to be frugal

Angela Fears @angiepieee, Nursing, SR
Please play the Bee Gees at my funeral thank you

Jordan Morris @jordanb4michael, Computer Science, JR
First world problem that tilts me: When guys in the dorm put my clothes on high heat. I should not have to suffer because you’re uncultured swine who don’t know how to wash clothes and cram it all in the washer and hit “Super”. #rantover

Bryant Familia @bryantohana, Film Production, JR
I could never disrespect my girl by calling her the b-word (butthead)

**INSTAGRAM**

@harolorenzo Last week I traveled to Mexico to embark on a journey like none I’d experienced before. We traded Mexico City and its (semi)paved streets for huts and tents miles away at the end of winding mountain roads. This photo was taken during our ascent of Iztaccihuatl (17,160 ft), our second volcano of the week. Across the valley, Popocatépetl (17,802 ft), Iztaccihuatl’s twin, groaned and spewed ash into the sky above. Moments like this remind me how small I really am. Photo - D. Brown #perspective #mexico

@edyn.mae.stevenson Picture taken before my family tricked me into going on a rollercoaster.

@grantsvogel lol try and stop me u can’t
1. Checking your Southern email after not looking at it since the first of Spring Break and having to delete 20 noreply@email-quarantine.google.com messages

2. Finding out you have three assignments due the Monday you get back

3. Being scared to sleep because Campus Safety didn’t do any fire drills before Spring Break

4. Rethinking all of your Spring Break purchases

5. Crying because the weather in Collegedale is just as somber as your midterm grades

6. Wondering why you’re still tired after sleeping in every day

7. Considering if unpacking is necessary because we only have a month and a half of school left

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Greatest Showman performance takes home $1,000 prize

see story on page 4

Photo by: Darryl Magno
In the wake of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida, schools and institutions are taking a closer look at their emergency procedures. Southern has tasked Campus Safety with reviewing and updating its current policies to ensure maximum safety in an active shooter situation on Southern’s campus.

The first step, according to Campus Safety Manager Shawn Haas, is to go over Southern’s current emergency procedures. One example is the “Run, Deny, Defend” policy in an active shooter situation. Students’ and employees’ first priority should be to get as far away as possible from the situation. If that is not possible, individuals should barricade doorways and other entrances to prevent contact between students and a perpetrator. Finally, the last resort should be the use of force in self-defense against the assaulter.

Secondly, Campus Security is looking at using heavy-duty door stops. This would aid in the defense of students and faculty who would not be able to escape. New software is being looked at as well, such as programs that would push alerts to any device on Southern’s grounds through text messages and messages over the internet. These changes would be an improvement.

Haas said that real changes need to be made at the personal level.

“We want to approach some of these changes from a smaller and more hands on level,” Haas said. “Every door can be locked and unlocked differently, and we want all staff in every department to be familiar with their surroundings.”

Students also have opinions on emergency preparation and response. Junior social work major Angelica Acevedo said that educating people will have the greatest impact on crisis preparation.

“Arming the people on campus with knowledge alongside more equipment is going to be the real difference maker,” Acevedo said. “The more people know, the better they will handle situations.”

Institutions can never predict when something bad will happen, but they can organize in anticipation.

Haas said, “Hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.”

“No matter what we see as we walk around campus or what our opinions are on current policies,” said Campus Safety Officer Stevenson Pangkey, “it is...”
New restaurants come to Ooltewah

Christina Robinson
Staff Writer

The small-chain casual Mexican restaurant DosBros officially opened an Ooltewah location on Monday, March 12. In 2015, Kush Shah opened the first DosBros in Cleveland, Tenn., and after the positive outcome, he expanded to different areas within Chattanooga.

The opening event at the Ooltewah location offered each student a free entrée that included a drink with queso or guacamole if requested. Many Southern students stopped in for the free food, some waiting as long as an hour.

“I’m a fan,” said Dakota Bemis, junior accounting major. “I’m glad that this restaurant has multiple vegetarian options for people like myself.”

When asked what makes DosBros different from a Chipotle or Moe’s, Shah said that it was quality of food. The majority of produce is local, fresh and never from a can, with the only exception being the tomatillos in order to stay consistent with their sauce. At the Ooltewah location, the pork menu item was replaced with more vegetarian/vegan friendly options.

Southern students get 10 percent off their order just by showing their SAU ID; on Mondays, DosBros offers $5.75 entrees; and Tuesday are Spirit Nights, where 30 percent of sales are given to a worthy cause of a person’s choice.

In addition to DosBros, several new restaurants are coming to the Ooltewah/Collegedale area. The new eateries include Starbucks, Chick-Fil-A and Mojo Burrito, providing students with more choices of off-campus eateries.

“I can’t wait for the rest of the restaurants to open,” said Braian Gomez, senior mass communication major. “Ooltewah is growing and becoming a more college-friendly town with more selections for us hungry college students.”

Guest lodging expands

Elizabeth Dorifourt
Staff Writer

Recently, Guest Services has expanded from its two previous Upper Stateside apartments, Tennessee and Mississippi, acquiring Kentucky in November.

The Guest Services department has 23 apartment units to accommodate visitors.

Having accommodation available on campus has provided prospective students and families with a more complete experience of Southern’s campus.

“When we are having View Southern events, the families stay here in Guest Services,” said Sandy James, guest services and loading manager. “They previously stayed in hotels.

If you are here to see the campus, what better way to experience it, but staying on campus?”

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Guest Services isn’t only for prospective students and families. It is also open for visitors attending main events on campus like SonRise, graduations and Asian Night. SonRise and graduation are the busiest times for Guest Services and they are usually booked six months to a year in advance because of the demand for the apartments. For this year’s SonRise and graduation, all the apartments are fully booked and apartments for May 2019 are soon to be waitlisted. Some students may not be aware that Southern offers this service to the community.

“If I would have known that Southern offered housing for guests, I would have reserved an apartment for my family that was coming for my graduation this May,” said Avonlea Bodi, senior industrial organization psychology major, “but luckily, I live off campus, and I have enough space to accommodate them.”
Inspired by The Greatest Showman’s award-winning song, “This is Me,” Brianna Diaz junior liberal arts education, Joni Belonio, sophomore liberal arts major Grace Johnson, sophomore public relations major, and fellow singers came together to recreate the performance on stage and win this year’s Talent Show.

Belonio explained that her joy at winning increased all the more when she saw the shock and excitement on the faces of her group members.

“I planned this for them. For me. For everyone,” she said. “I wanted for everyone to have the song, This is Me, as their anthem. After we finished, I believed that we accomplished what needed to be done. And winning was just the nice little cherry on top.”

This year, instead of having a panel of judges decide on the winners, the winner was decided by the audience’s vote. Social Vice President Jake Strauss felt that method only allowed 3-4 people to express their thoughts.

“When we allow the audience to vote, we have more opinions,” he said.

Other acts of the night included a video submission by senior marketing major Rich Abernathy freediving, a hula hooping act by freshman international studies major Audrey Kramer and a live portrait painting by sophomore fine arts major Darcie Denton. There were also other music acts by senior general studies major Neicie Rice and junior biology major Marchley Registe, junior music education Alissa Tanguay and junior medical laboratory science Jedel Butoy.

Strauss gave special thanks to both the acts and the Audio Visual (AV) team who “did an amazing job and were so helpful. They really ran the program and it could not have happened without the performances or AV department.”

Although this is the last Student Association (SA) event Strauss will be in charge of, it’s not the last event of the year. He will also be helping out with the This Is Us event and Strawberry Fest while working on other projects he’s involved in.

“The work is not done, but it does feel good to be done with the SA events,” Strauss said. “It’s been a fun year and it has felt worth it.”
Cheetah Thomas: Creating when words fail

Receiving a diagnosis for a learning disability can be discouraging and life changing. Despite this, one Southern student is proving that anything is possible.

During middle school, Cheetah Thomas was diagnosed with a learning disability called Meares-Irlen Syndrome. According to the Irlen Syndrome Foundation, this severe form of dyslexia is a perceptual processing disorder that impairs the brain’s decoding of fine vision tasks.

The disorder varies in severity among individuals; Thomas experiences significant symptoms that affect her daily life. Even reading restaurant menus and street signs can prove to be a challenge.

However, Thomas faces her biggest challenges in the classroom. When Thomas sees a full page of text, it feels the same for her as looking at a blank sheet of paper.

After first receiving her diagnosis, it seemed there was little chance to have a successful career.

Nonetheless, Thomas immersed herself in her passion for fine art.

Thomas was introduced to the arts by her chef father. As a child, she helped him make baked goods and decorate cakes. This hobby, paired with her ever-present love of drawing and painting, began to blossom inside of her as a passion for creating. Art became more than a hobby—it became her being.

Thomas finally felt like she could express herself and relate her emotions to others.

Since Thomas struggles to express her emotions through words on a page, she instead uses clay on a wheel in ceramics class. While she has enjoyed studying fine arts this last year in all of her classes, ceramics has been her favorite by far.

“‘If your hands aren’t dirty, you’re not doing art right,’” Thomas said. “‘If your hands are clean, you’re not putting passion into it.’

While her learning disability may have been a factor in her choice to be an art major, Thomas’ driving force is her passion for visual expression.

Thomas’s dream is to one day be a costume designer for live theater productions. Her knack for three-dimensional, tactile art pushes her to keep striving for her dreams despite the limitations placed upon her by Meares-Irlen Syndrome.

Students struggling with a learning disability and in need of academic assistance can contact Disability Support Services at 423-236-2544 or visit their office on the first floor of Lynn Wood Hall.

Campus Ministries: Apology letter

On behalf of Campus Ministries, thank you to all who came and experienced a very different kind of vespers, “PS4610,” last Friday night. Our hope was to create spaces where students could connect with God on their own terms through the nine stations throughout the church—to be still and know that (I am) God.

Our prayer is that those who came were blessed. However, we failed to have an adequate system for checking in and checking out personal cell phones. Please accept our apologies for the very disorganized way cell phones were returned to you at the exit station after vespers.

Rest assured, we will invest much more significant time and resources in our system before attempting this specific vespers again.

Guidelines:
- limit of 2000 words
- multiple submissions accepted
- non-winning entries also considered for publication

Theme: Bittersweet

Genres accepted:
- fiction
- creative non-fiction
- poetry

Submissions due March 29

Cash Prizes!

Email submissions as Word attachments to: emilaires@southern.edu

Must be a Southern student to participate
“One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying.”

When Joan of Arc was born in 1412, there was a war going on between the French and the British. However, the war was not the first thing on the mind of a daughter of poor farmers in rural France. Raised by her faithful Catholic mother, Joan was never properly educated, but she was brought up in a deep-rooted faith in God. Society was setting her up to be a wife and a mother from a young age—nothing more and nothing less—but as Joan entered her teenage years, her young life began to change.

It started with voices. Joan began hearing them as she accomplished her daily chores. “I was in my 13th year,” she said, “when I heard a voice from God to help me govern my conduct. And the first time I was very much afraid.”

God continued to speak to Joan and she continued to listen, until it became clear that she had a purpose no one could have foreseen: she was going to save France from Britain.

At 18 years old, Joan cut her hair short, dressed as a man and left her village to seek the support of Charles VII, the disinherited heir to the French throne. Underestimated and undermined by the men of the French court, she proved her worth when she picked Charles VII out of a crowd of people while he was dressed in disguise. He gave her an army and sent her to Orleans, which the English had under siege.

Dressed in white armor and riding a white horse, Joan led the French army to victory. Despite taking an arrow to the chest in a battle, she returned to the front to encourage her soldiers forward to drive out the British. In 1429, Joan saw the French crown placed on Charles’ head. There was not a doubt—God was on Joan of Arc’s side.

One year after Joan’s stunning triumph at Orleans, she was captured and handed over to the British. Interrogated and accused of witchcraft and heresy, Joan stood before her tribunal with humility and faith, saying, “You say that you are my judge; I do not know if you are, but take good heed not to judge me ill, because you would put yourself in great peril.” In the face of torture and threats, she could not be broken.

At 19 years old, Joan of Arc was sentenced for heresy and burned at the stake in front of nearly 10 thousand people, but her legacy has survived far beyond her life. Twenty-two years after her execution, the war between France and England was over, and Charles VII was still on the throne. Three years after that, Joan was declared innocent of all charges. In 1920, she was officially canonized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Nearly 600 years after Joan of Arc’s death, her unrelenting faith and courage is an inspiration to those who are called by God to a higher purpose.
Many people today may find driving a stick-shift vehicle completely useless. Technology has evolved, and at least in America, most automobiles manufactured are automatic. In other parts of the world, driving a manual vehicle is more of a necessity because that’s how most cars come, but America is all about fast and easy, right?

This past week, someone told me about her experience learning to drive stick-shift. She described how frustrated she was that her mom was forcing her to learn this outdated skill. In the midst of her exacerbation, her mom said, “If redneck boys named Bubba can do this, you can too.” Now, that’s not to say anything against rednecks (I grew up in what would be considered a very “redneck” area myself) or anyone named Bubba. Rather, it was expressing “if someone else can do this, you can too.” At first glance, this looks like a great motivator. After all, talent may give someone a head start in many areas, but in the long run, practice and dedication are going to win out over talent every time.

But that doesn’t make this mindset right. If you’re constantly comparing yourself to what other people can do, what kind of standard are you setting for yourself? When it comes to school, people are often content with their grades as long as they are above the class average. They may be capable of being at the top of the class, but if that isn’t their goal, they will never reach it. Or, on the other side, they may constantly kick themselves for not being able to live up to a standard instead of acknowledging the amazing progress they’ve made. If external standards are used as motivation, you are inevitably going to either settle for less than what you’re worth or kill yourself in the process of attaining something that may never be possible.

Instead of focusing on the people and things around you, focus on what you can do. Could you make an A in that class with a little more effort? Don’t settle for the B. Running isn’t your thing? Keep at it, but don’t beat yourself up if you’ll never be a world-class athlete. We are all made for different things in life, with different skills, abilities and interests. No society functions when everyone is capable of the same thing, but it does when people specialize and make the most of their natural inclinations. So stop comparing yourself with the people around you. Compare yourself to your potential. Are you reaching for it? It may carry you farther than you expect. And if you’re working on a skill like driving a stick-shift car, strive for success and celebrate your achievement! Not because anyone else can or can’t drive manual transmission, but because you put yourself outside of your comfort zone and mastered something new.
“Ring by spring” is a common catchphrase used to refer to the pressure many couples feel to get engaged by springtime.

The joke is often used on Christian campuses, insinuating that the couples should hurry and tie the knot before they graduate. Statistics show that 40 to 50 percent of Americans get divorced. And yet the “ring by spring” mentality still prevails on many Christian campuses. Why?

I always heard rumors of “ring by spring” in high school, but I just scoffed as though it were another myth of college life. It wasn’t until I got into college that I realized it’s a very real thing. Many students, both single and in relationships, feel tremendous pressure to find their soulmate in college. Adventist culture seems to tell young people that they have failed as adults if they have not at least gotten engaged by graduation.

“Adventism has a culture of marrying young for a variety of reasons—Jesus’ soon coming, family life being central to life in general and resistance to marrying a ‘non-Adventist,’” said Suny Gomez, junior communication studies and Spanish major. “If you’re graduated and not even dating, a stigma is definitely there.”

Senior mass communication major George Nelson stated that secular colleges do not follow the same model. “I didn’t find any of this to be a thing in the secular university that I attended for two years. I’d say that the phrase ‘shoot the breeze’ is the more practiced idea in a secular environment.”

There is much to be discussed over the cause and validity of this phenomenon. Maybe it’s the millions of Pinterest boards we scroll through to see picturesque weddings. Maybe it’s the fact that marriage is increasingly becoming a social taboo and Christians are trying to preserve it. Maybe it’s a conglomeration of a thousand things that work together to make up this mentality that people must be married by the end of their college career to have any worth in the spiritual world.

Whatever the cause of this pressure, the experience is different for everyone.

“It also depends on the social circle you are in,” said Danielle Allen, senior global policy and journalism major. “Personally, I don’t feel a pressure to be married or in a relationship at the moment because I am working on my degrees and hoping to pursue a professional degree. For others who are raised in more conservative circles, the pressure to be married or at least seriously dating/courting is a serious dilemma.”

Ever wonder how other cultures celebrate Easter? From the mouths of our very own ACA students, here are some Easter traditions from around the world.

ITALY
“In Italian it’s called Pasqua,” José Rios, senior intercultural communications major. “Everyone goes to church for mass, and they also make certain traditional meals, depending on what part of Italy you’re in.” Justina Siviglia, junior Nursing major, said, “They have this dove-shaped cake, and they have a big parade. And Pasquetta, which is the day after that, they all take off to spend time with family.”

SPAIN
“Spaniards celebrate Easter a week prior to Sunday, beginning with Domingo de Ramos and lasting until Lunes de Pascua. It is a time where crowds gather on the streets to watch the story of the Passion unfold through somber processions and festive parades,” said Elena Anunciado, junior public relations and graphic design major.

FRANCE
Pâques is the French name for Easter, and it is welcomed with enthusiasm by those from a religious background. The French celebrate Easter by going to mass, Easter egg (les oeufs de Pâques) hunting and taking off the entire weekend to celebrate with friends and family.

GERMANY
“The country values the holiday and makes the Friday before and the Monday after non-working days,” said Alexandra Dye, junior public relations and graphic design major.

How do you celebrate Easter? Tweet it to @kristen-vonnoh.
NCAA’s brackets are squelched as a No.16 seed makes history

Corinne Atiga  
Sports Editor

It’s time for basketball fans to start tearing up their March Madness brackets. The biggest upset in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) tournament history has just come upon us, and by a team that not many people even knew about. On March 16, the Retrievers from University of Maryland-Baltimore County (UMBC) became the first No. 16 seed to beat a No. 1 seed in the history of the NCAA. The Virginia Cavaliers beat a No. 16 has played a No. 1 seed. The Virginia Cavaliers had easily earned their spot in the brackets with 31 wins and two losses. They were projected to be the best team in college basketball and the favorite to win this tournament.

So, yes. There are no more perfect brackets. Before the game, there were only 25 perfect brackets left, and only 2.18 percent picked the Retrievers to pull off the upset.

After the game, basketball fans across the nation were in disbelief, wondering how something like this happened. Well here’s how the Retrievers won.

The Cavs looked disjointed from the start. Both offensive and defensive ends couldn’t seem to break away from the close-scoring game in the first half. The first half ended with a 21-21 tie. And by the time the second half started, the Retrievers took advantage. UMBC splashed three-pointer after three-pointer, outscoring Virginia 53-33 in the second half, which is something that Virginia had not allowed since 2013. UMBC hit 54 percent of their shots. UMBC guard Jairus Lyles scored a game-high of 28 points. Overall, the Retrievers outworked and outplayed Virginia. They earned this win. They deserved to make history.

Virginia now will have to sit in the uncomfortable environment of embarrassment and loss. However, for a school that had proudly worn its status as a No. 1 team—no coach seemed to handle this kind of loss better than Tony Bennett. “If you play this game and you step into the arena, this stuff can happen,” Bennett said. “And those who haven’t been in the arena or in the competition, maybe they don’t understand that. But there’s chances for wonderful things to happen, but when you’re in the arena, stuff like this can happen and all those who compete take that on. And so, we’ll accept it.”

On the other hand, the Retrievers represent the perfect underdog victory, especially when you consider their team name. Previously, UMBC’s program sunk to rock bottom and was labelled as the worst in Division I, winning only four games total three seasons ago. They weren’t even supposed to make it into this year’s tournament to begin with. Before the tournament, they held a 23-game losing streak against its league rival, Vermont. Yet somehow, in the America East championship game (which decided who would get into the tournament), the Retrievers managed to win by pulling off a miracle buzzer-beater at Vermont and made it into the tournament.

No matter what else happens in this tournament, this game characterizes this year’s tournament. It doesn’t matter who makes the Final Four or which team wins the championship. March Madness 2018 is defined by the game where a No. 16 finally beat a No. 1. It is the year UMBC beat Virginia. It was not by luck. It was by sheer dominance. For one night, UMBC looked like the best team in college basketball.
**MARCH 15-21 CHATTER**

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 22**
- All day, last day to drop a class “W” on transcript
- 11:00 a.m. Bill Arnold, PhD, Convocation, Collegedale Church
- 7:30 p.m. Music General Recital, Ackerman Auditorium

**Friday, March 23**
- All day, Tennis Singles/Badminton/Racquetball Tournament
- Sign-up begins
- 8:00 p.m. Vespers, uQuest Missions, Collegedale Church
- 8:30 p.m. Star Watch, Hickman Science Center

**Saturday, March 24**
- 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
- 10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Collegedale Church
- 10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
- 11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
- 11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, Pathfinder Sabbath, Collegedale Academy Auditorium
- 7:30 p.m. Evensong, Collegedale Church
- 9:00 - 11:00 p.m. SA Studio 4109 LIVE, Iles P.E. Center

**Sunday, March 25**
- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Adventist Lego Robotics League, Iles PE Center
- 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ocoee Rafting Trip, Wright Hall

**Monday, March 26**
- 12:00 a.m. Online Fall Registration for Southern Scholars
- 7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series

**Tuesday, March 27**
- All day, Campus Research Day Title Change Deadline—southern
- 12:00 a.m. Online Fall Registration for Seniors >93 hours (27th & 28th)

**Wednesday, March 28**
- 5:00 p.m. Tennis Singles/Badminton/Racquetball Meeting, Hulsey
- 6:30 p.m. ACA Orientation, Miller Hall Rm. #201
- 7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room
- 7:30 p.m. Senior Rectical, Lauren Kim

### BIRTHDAYS

- **March 22**
  - Eric Do
  - David Fagre
  - Kellye Fryar
  - Jaynie Jimenez
  - Derek Kondek
  - Jacqueline Mendoza
  - Michelle Nieb
  - Annika Northrop
- **March 23**
  - Alberto Balio
  - Aaron Buttery
  - Carolyna Depkin
  - Joraldine Feliciano
  - Keilaray Hassell
  - Weiyi Li
- **March 24**
  - John Boggess
  - Kylie Burgess
  - Rebecca Chang
- **March 25**
  - Wilson Corrales
  - Elizabeth Dresser
  - Josiah Gallimore
  - Leilani Gammada
  - Citlany Garrido
  - Casey Goldring
  - Anna Plank
- **March 26**
  - Ayisha Allen
  - Kennedy Haffner
  - Rebecca McGintey
  - Allison Retz
  - Ealeen Segura
- **March 27**
  - Sabrina Galindo
  - Stephen Hays
  - Lauren Ho
  - Stephanie McElheney
  - Paola Mora Zepeda
  - Evelyn Park
- **March 28**
  - Phillip Pritchett
  - Christofer Trana
  - Ben Williams
  - Cindy Amaya
  - Allison Anders
  - Sarahy Bonilla
  - Carolina Lopez
  - Gabby Molgaard
  - Angela Eve Santos
  - Emily West

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SA Studio 4109 LIVE:** Come out to enjoy live sketch comedy with your host Phillip Warfield! Special musical guests Morgan Stevenson and Kiaya Robertson will be performing. The show begins at 9:00 p.m. at the Iles PE Center, Saturday, March 24.

**SA Cabinet Positions:** If you’re interested in being a Student Association leader such as Public Relations, Secretary and more, then this is your calling card! Applications are in the Student Development Office! Applications are due April 6! Be a part!

**Prayer Group:** Act 29 is a prayer group sponsored by the Collegedale SDA Church. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All are welcome to join in this prayer session.

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The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week.
Katie Welch @Katie2012welchH, Pastoral Care, JR
I played tennis today instead of sitting in my room watching netflix...Pigs must be flying folks! #saulife

Mark Belfort @markBel_, Business Administration, JR
If anyone has some spare Sonrise tickets that you are not planning to use please let me know, I know 9 people that need some.

Todd Bennett @ToddBennettJr97, Nursing, JR
Alexa, write my research paper.

Tricia Dalida @_tiffanytwisted, Liberal Arts Education, SO
Everybody with Bandaid on their legs atm cause it’s warm outside and it’s time to shave

Melodie Alvarez @BRAZUELAN , Nursing, SR
Things I hate about winter/early spring: It’s too dark to get ready in the morning with the room lights off bc roommate is still sleeping

Taylor Schepers @t_scheps, Public Relations/Graphic Design, JR
“If we were supposed to talk about our feelings, they’d be called ‘talkings’”

Aspen Scott @kalea_aspen, Graphic Design, JR
i’ve landed in 3 countries today and haven’t slept since yesterday 🤦‍♀️ #ishouldntbealive

Gabriel Larrazabal @GabeOfThrones, Health Science, JR
After 437 tries, do you ever just give up on the snap you’re trying to make?

@elenaphant In an attempt to increase documentation of life events, here’s an accurate representation of when the Monday feels are just too real... #yafeel? #sunwhereyouat#aesthetic?! (ft. @coldheartswonder’s foot/laptop/phone/keys/ and life basically)

@youngdylemma Thinking about the chicken wings I just ate ☎️🍗🍗

@ashton_mcmillen Days like today make the stress of school seem smaller. I’m so happy spring is finally making an appearance! 😍💖🌳🌺_square�#spring2018 #flowersinbloom #chat-tanooga #saulife #southernadventistuniversity

follow the Southern Accent!

@the.southern.accent
@sauaccent
@Southern_Accent
Do you recognize these women?

See if you can match the descriptions to the women. Think you got them all correct? Send a picture to accent@southern.edu for a chance to win a prize!

1. When you’re finally recognized for all of the research and analysis you contributed to NASA’s launch of the first human spaceflight.

2. When people thought you were only a Hollywood actress, but you also invented secret communication systems for the military.

3. When history books don’t include that your data was critical for the Manhattan Project, and you were dubbed “the First Lady of Physics.”

4. When you win your 23rd Grand Slam while eight weeks pregnant, and people still question whether you’re one of the greatest athletes of all time.

5. When you had to show other makeup brands what having a range of foundation shades truly means.

6. When you charted your own course in the entertainment industry by turning down roles that fed the negative stereotypes of your culture.

A. Serena Williams
B. Hedy Lamarr
C. Gina Rodriguez
D. Katherine Johnson
E. Rihanna
F. Chien-Shiung Wu

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Students attend march to show support, opposition

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Southern Accent

02. Southern DACA students face uncertainty

07. Why Seinfeld is better than Friends

09. March madness final four preview

Photo courtesy of Leslie Calvo
Southern has 2,544 undergraduate students, and approximately 10 of them are Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients. DACA recipient students confront challenges due to their immigration status. DACA recipients, also known as Dreamers, are undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. Associate Director in Financial Administration Lillian Loza estimates that Southern has about seven to 10 students who are DACA recipients, though numbers are not exact.

“It’s very hard to track,” Loza said. “That’s not something that we can technically ask in an application. The only way to track it is when students come into our office and say, ‘I am DACA. What kind of financial aid can I apply for?’”

While DACA gives the opportunity for its recipients to apply for jobs, get a valid driver’s license and apply for college, there are still many government benefits to which Dreamers are not entitled.

“One of the biggest struggles [DACA students] may face is the financial aspect,” said Ryan Herman, system specialist at Enrollment Management. “Though they are legally protected, they still don’t qualify for federal financial aid.”

Marco Vigil, junior theology major, is one of the DACA students at Southern. He said it has taken him about six years to finish his degree, as he has stopped his studies due to lack of finance and the need to work.

“I don’t get FAFSA, so that money that I have to pay I have to pay out of pocket... You’re talking about $13,000 a semester,” Vigil said. “I have to work double to gain half of the money, and then the other half I have to basically ask my family and so forth if they can help. If they can’t, then I have to stop studying, and I have to work.”

This semester, the School of Religion was able to give Vigil a grant to help him with school payments.

“Even though they don’t qualify, they can fill out their FAFSA, and then we will give them our institutional money,” said Loza. “The government may not be able to give any, but we try to give ours.”

DACA recipients are not only required to pay immigration a fee of $495 every time they renew their documents, but they also need to provide evidence of their date of arrival to the country and proof of their education status and must pass a security background check.

Though President Trump failed at his attempt to terminate DACA on his set deadline of March 5, the future for Dreamers is still uncertain, as Congress has yet to legalize the program. To pass this immigration bill, at least 60 votes are required from the Senate.

“It’s not certain, you know?” Vigil said. “You have a two-year extension every time you renew it. So, between that time you question yourself: ‘Am I going to be able to renew it after?’”

Before March 5, an estimated 17,000 people lost their DACA status. Today DACA renewals are being accepted, but new requests are not being processed.

“American citizens don’t realize that they are blessed. You are a citizen. You can do so much, and there’s no limit. They should take advantage of that; some of us don’t have that,” Vigil said.

Since President Barack Obama established DACA, the United States has enrolled an approximate 690,000 DACA recipients all over the country.
Students from Southern Adventist University attended the Chattanooga March for Our Lives on Saturday, March 24.

The protest was a part of a larger nationwide movement spurred by a school shooting that took place in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14 in which 17 students were killed. Marches were held in many cities including D.C. where the main event was held.

Senior psychology major Shivani Ward, along with others who attend Southern, decided to march in support of the protest.

"[I’m] sad that we gotta do it, but happy to have the opportunity to show my support for victims of gun violence everywhere," Ward said in a post on social media. "We need common sense gun laws. If someone is a responsible gun owner, the desire for more regulation shouldn’t bother them. Children shouldn’t be afraid of dying at their schools. I stand with the students of Parkland and all other victims of gun violence. We have to do better."

Even though a few people associated with Southern did attend, Ward said she wishes that more students would engage with issues like ones brought up in the march.

"I don’t think people at Southern have really talked about the march or the politics surrounding it," Ward said. "Sure, the Parkland shooting caused some outrage, but people are cozy here in their Adventist bubble. I only saw three other Southern students at the march. Students here are apathetic to the real world."

In addition to the students that went in support of the march, junior music major Grady Hayden said he attended the event to add another voice to the narrative, even though he appeared to be the only one.

"I’ve never really been to a proper protest before so I thought it would be a cool experience. I brought a sign with me that read ‘those who would give up essential liberty, to obtain temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety’ by Benjamin Franklin. I just stood there with my sign only engaging people who came up to talk to me. Many thanked me for coming out to offer a different point of view. I had good conversations with many people and was able to introduce some different ideas to them.”

"I didn’t think yelling slogans at people would have been helpful, so I just stayed silent unless someone came up to talk to me. Many thanked me for coming out to offer a different point of view. I had good conversations with many people and was able to introduce some different ideas to them.”

Senior biology major Leslie Calvo, another student who attended the march, tweeted about involvement from Southern students.

"I don’t feel educated enough to protest at this time when I feel like this issue impacts us all. Like were we just not informed of what was happening, do we believe a school shooting couldn’t happen to us, or do we just not agree with the movement? #marchforourlives"

Senior nursing major Angela Fears said that she feels the march was a way for people to be heard, especially the country’s younger, high school voices who tend to apathetic about issues. She knew about the march a few days in advance, and although she was out of state, she would have still chosen not to go if she was in the area.

"I don’t feel educated enough to protest at this time and want to be able to defend my actions,” Fears said.
SA President visits Oakwood for race discussion

Natalia Perez
Editor-in-chief

Student Association (SA) President Phillip Warfield visited Oakwood University on Thursday, March 22 to address their student body about the recent racial issues at Southern and invite them to DEEP Sabbath, happening on April 21.

At Oakwood’s student assembly, Warfield spoke about Southern’s history with racism and, up to this point, what he felt is its failure to acknowledge it publicly and take the steps to move forward. Warfield’s message was received with applause from students.

After the assembly, Warfield met with Oakwood President Leslie Pollard, United Student Movement (USM) President Andrew Taylor and other members of Oakwood’s faculty and administration to further discuss racial issues, misconceptions Oakwood constituents have had about Southern and DEEP Sabbath.

According to Pollard, a popular saying on Oakwood’s campus is that “DEEP Sabbath really ain’t that deep,” insinuating that although Southern and Oakwood students visit each other’s campuses once a year, there are many issues between the universities that have been left unaddressed.

Warfield said he had planned for DEEP Sabbath to be a joint worship experience at the University Church, but also to be a convention.

“The purpose of this year’s DEEP Sabbath is to encourage students to exchange cultural experiences and clear any misconceptions about each other. We must further a spirit of reconciliation. This should be an example of what Southern culture looks like, and I want Oakwood to take that home. I want to do this in an ‘icebreaker’ and ‘mixer’ style, so that people can get to know each other before asking the hard questions.

Hopefully DEEP Sabbath can be more than just two days a year, but in the future it can be an ongoing experience throughout the year for both of our institutions. It’s time to heal.”

The race discussions continued throughout the afternoon, and Warfield answered any and all questions Oakwood’s students had about Southern.

“Phillip being at Oakwood with us could have truly changed how [our] students view Southern,” Taylor said.

“Hopefully this leads to a tidal wave of unity in the years to come.”

Oakwood student Isabelle Kaneza said she is excited that Oakwood’s USM and Southern’s SA are being intentional about supporting each other’s schools.

“Overall, the discussion was insightful,” Kaneza said. “Oakwood hardly hears about the strides Southern is making towards reducing racial tensions. It proves that most of Oakwood honestly is naive to the going-ons at Southern and should be slower to dismiss Southern every time an incident happens.”

Talge Titans Drag Truck

Richard Anthony
Staff Writer

Talge Hall held its annual Truck Drag on Sunday, March 18. Many men’s hall residents came out for a chance to win the prize of a pizza party with the added bonus of bragging rights. Those on the “Jacob” hall managed to walk away with the best time.

The objective of the competition was to pull a pickup truck from the Florida Hospital Hall nursing building to the student center. There had to be a person present in the truck at all times, and the race didn’t stop until the truck’s front wheels passed cones at the final destination.

“This was a cool event, even though my hall came in last. It was still good vibes,” said Bailey Nolfe, freshman film major.

Out of the three halls that participated, all finished with close times, which frustrated some residents.

Freshman film major Armando Reid said, “I feel like it’s crazy that everyone finished so close in time, but they didn’t just make everyone a winner.”

Although not all halls received pizza, they all received points, said student dean Romel Juba.

Juba said, “It’s all about getting people outside the dorm and interacting with each other. Winning or losing come second to building camaraderie between the Talge Hall residents.”

This is just one of the many events that Talge Hall puts on annually for Clash of the Titans. This year-long event was created to give residents an opportunity to bond with one another in a competitive way.

Nolfe said, “If it weren’t for events like this, we might just ignore each other.”
Studio 4109 LIVE held its final performance of the semester on Saturday, March 24 in Iles Gym. Student Association (SA) President Phillip Warfield hosted the show with freshman broadcast journalism major Kiaya Robertson and sophomore chemistry major Morgan Stevenson as musical guests.

The skits featured the Southern student college experience through digital shorts and parodies from the award-winning musical “The Greatest Showman” and Marvel’s “Avengers” among others.

The cast and crew had two weeks to put together this performance, resulting in members skipping classes and work in order to put in adequate practice time, said Studio 4109 cast member Jordan Adams.

“Because we had such a short amount of time, I feel like we all got closer as a family. I think the show went well, but I feel like it could have been done much better if we had a longer time to prepare,” said Studio actor Gregory Wright.

Several leaders of Studio will be graduating at the end of this semester. This has given underclassmen the opportunity to be trained for leadership positions and make their own directorial debut in two skits.

“One of the most challenging aspects is coming up with content that is funny but not offensive,” Stokes-Hicks said. “It can be difficult as people have different boundaries, so it is up to Studio to pick the line and stick to it.”

“What pleases me the most [about Studio] is that they aren’t afraid to throw in some ‘secular’ jokes,” Patrick Scriven, freshman digital broadcast major, said. “I wouldn’t have expected that from Southern, and I’m glad Studio isn’t overly conservative.”

This was Stokes-Hicks’ last show as director and Wright’s and Riley Manestar’s last show as actors before graduating.

“I feel like the show went really well,” Stokes-Hicks said. “It was a great way to end the season. Definitely our biggest show this year. I was blessed to be able to direct such an amazing group of individuals and I wouldn’t have traded my job for anything.”

“It’s sad saying bye to Studio,” Manestar said. “The last show was a great way to wrap up my time this year. Now that I have had fun being part of the show, I can now have fun being part of the audience.”

“My team has so much potential and I can’t wait to see what the future holds for Studio,” Wright said. “I expect great things from every single person on the team.”

Although next year’s director has not been chosen yet, Stokes-Hicks believes the show will be left in good hands.

“I know [this year’s cast and crew] will carry on the legacy and make studio even greater than it has been before,” Stokes-Hicks said. “I’m excited to see what they will bring to the table next year.”
Celebrating women of faith: Ellen G. White

Ellen's lessons were revolutionary, and yet her biggest lesson was the all-encompassing love of Jesus Christ.

Edyn Mae Stevenson
Religion Editor

“Talk unbelief, and you will have unbelief; but talk faith, and you will have faith. According to the seed sown will be the harvest.”

When speaking about women of faith, without a doubt the first person to come to my mind is Ellen G. White—prophetess, writer and leader in a time when women’s voices were rarely heard. Born to a family of farmers and hat-makers in rural New England, Ellen was raised in a Methodist home. From a young age, she was a devout Christian, despite suffering a terrible accident at the age of nine that almost took her life and left her sickly for much of her adult life. When Ellen was 12 the course of her life was again forever changed when her family joined the Millerite movement. Believing that the return of Jesus was imminent, Ellen was baptized at 14. In 1844, she experienced her biggest heartbreak yet, the Great Disappointment, in which thousands of Millerites waited for a glory that never came.

Though Ellen’s faith may have faltered in this time, it did not fail, and that same year she received her first vision in which she saw the children of God traveling to the New Jerusalem. From then on, she received anywhere from 100 to 200 visions on topics ranging from the Second Coming of Christ to better health principles.

In 1845, Ellen married James White, but becoming a wife and mother didn’t keep her from her work for God. Side-by-side with her husband, Ellen became one of the core founders of the Seventh-day Adventist church, as well as one of the most prolific women writers in American history. Even though she did not receive an education beyond the fourth grade, Ellen is now believed to be the most-translated American non-fiction author.

Ellen’s lessons were revolutionary, and yet her biggest lesson was the all-encompassing love of Jesus Christ. She never sought for her writings to be equal to the Bible, but hoped that they would be a means by which people could be drawn even closer to the word of God. Though she had not been expected to survive past her childhood, Ellen passed away at the age of 87. Her life and legacy have brought countless lives to Christ so that they may utter along with her the last words she spoke: “I know in whom I have believed.”

Kevin’s got a bit of a headache. Allergies have been hitting him hard! Congratulations to Kayla Rodriguez for winning last week. Kevin’s meal plan is low, but you can still look for him in this week’s issue.
I feel as though I need to preface this by saying a few things. One, I am not a television connoisseur. It takes me, like, actual years to watch TV shows in their entirety. (It took me two years to watch Seinfeld and one and a half to watch Friends.) Two, the two shows are somewhat incomparable, aside from the 90’s sitcom format they both have. But people compare them anyway. So, I might as well join in the conversation and say, in my opinion, Seinfeld is so much better than Friends.

Don’t get me wrong. Friends is a great show. It shows the social and cultural aspects of life for 20-somethings in a big city. The characters are fairly likeable and fairly funny. It’s like the comfort food of television—nice in the moment, but not substantial. I watch Friends when I want some retro fashion inspiration or to revel in nostalgia or to listen to it while I do something else. I don’t actually sit down and watch it.

Seinfeld, on the other hand, is known as the “show about nothing.” And it is. But it’s also about everything. Its sole purpose is showing the absurdity of everyday life through ridiculous characters. We all know low talkers, anti-dentites, re-gifters and double-dippers.

Seinfeld is compelling for many reasons. From a purely critical perspective, Seinfeld’s writing is far more witty and impressive than Friends. The characters are also somewhat repulsive. Why would Kramer and Newman think it’s socially acceptable to hire homeless people to pull rickshaws down the streets of New York City? Why does George pretend to be a marine biologist to impress a girl from high school? Why does Elaine insist on going all the way to India for the wedding of a woman she hates? In short, they’re jerks. That’s the point. The audience is not supposed to agree with them or support their actions. That’s why it’s hilarious when nothing works out for them. And that’s why it’s so fun to sit down and watch. We know how ridiculous it is before we sit down to watch it.

I guess it doesn’t really matter at the end of the day which show is better, right? After all, “there’s more to life than making shallow, fairly obvious observations.”
Yes, there’s a red lipstick for everyone

Kristen Vonnoh
Lifestyle editor

Every time someone sees me wearing a red lip, the statement is normally the same. “Wow! You pull off red lipstick so well. I wish I could pull off red, but I look like a clown.” I have great news: you can pull off a red lip! I truly believe there is a red lipstick for everyone out there who desires to wear one. So, here are some tips to finding your perfect red lip.

1. Find out your undertones.
   Skin tone plays a key role in determining what kind of red lip you can wear. If you have cool undertones, stick to lipstick with berry and blue tones. Warmer undertones need more orangey reds. Here’s some recommendations for different skin undertones:
   - Cool tones: MAC’s Ruby Woo
   - Warm/olive undertones: MAC’s Russian Red.

2. Find a shade for your skin.
   Not only do you need to look at undertones, you should also consider the shade of your skin. Each lip color will look completely different on each skin shade, so make sure you swatch it before buying!

3. Pair it with the right eye.
   Some people prefer smokey eyes and red lips for a super dramatic look. Others like no eye makeup at all with a red lip. It really depends on your personal preference, but I tend to do a small cat-eye to make my eyes pop as much as my lips.

4. Rock it!
   At the end of the day, all you really need is the confidence and you are already rockin’ it. It’s super fun to wear, it adds spunk to any outfit and it makes your teeth look super white! Don’t be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. Try a red lipstick this spring.

Show me your favorite red lipsticks! Tweet your stunning selfies to @kristenvonnoh.

Quick workouts for the time-starved student

Brandon Beneche
Managing Editor

Hello citizen! Do you want to stay in shape? Does the health message hold significance to you? Do you want to fit into that graduation gown? I’ve got some tips for you. If you feel like you don’t have time to go to the gym or feel a little out of shape for an intense burst of exercise, here are some low-key workouts that could help you get back to getting back in shape.

The Dirty Dozen
This is a super simple upper body workout. Simply do one pushup and then rest for a minute. Sounds easy, right? After your minute of rest is up, do two pushups and then rest for another minute. Keep adding one pushup to your sets until you’ve done twelve. If you haven’t hit your upper body in awhile, you might feel some burn at the end of this quick workout.

Ab blast
This workout hits your core with just three exercises: crunches, leg raises and planks. The goal of this routine is to cycle through each exercise 3 times, taking one minute rests between each set. While each person has his or her own threshold, I recommend doing 50 crunches, 20 leg raises, and minute-long planks. If needed, subtract five reps/seconds from each subsequent set.

Leg burn
Here are the rules: you have to reach 150 reps combined of squats, lunges, and calf-raises. You have to do at least 20 of each, but you get to choose how much you do of each besides that. Break each up into the amount of sets and reps you want, and end with a one minute wall sit. Just make sure you don’t have to walk to class after this!

For those of you who are frequent gym-goers, these exercises might work better as a part of your workout instead of the whole thing, but for those who haven’t been to the gym lately, these could help you work up a good sweat and tone up those muscles.
March Madness final four preview

After an exceptionally hectic tournament, only four teams remain in this year’s NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball Tournament. On March 31, Loyola Chicago, Michigan, Kansas, and Villanova will compete to play in the March Madness championship game. For fans who are not sure who they are going to support to win this weekend, here are my picks.

**Loyola Chicago vs. Michigan**

Many probably expected the Michigan Wolverines to make it this far. The team has made multiple deep runs in the tournament in the past few years, and the team is powered by an elite defense. According to fivethirtyeight.com, the Wolverines are holding their opponents this tournament to 38 percent shooting from the field. Junior forward Moritz Wagner is one of the best shooting big men in America, and he is flanked by athletic wings Charles Matthews and Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman.

However, they will be facing the biggest bracket busters of the tournament: the Loyola Ramblers. Though they were an 11 seed, the Ramblers are no joke. They play rabid defense, make big shots and embrace the spotlight. Junior guards Clayton Custer and Marques Townes have been giving opponents fits all tournament, and their hot shooting can keep them in any game.

Still, star power matters in the tournament, and Michigan’s go-to guys have more experience playing on the national stage. Michigan’s coach John Beilein has ample experience coaching in the tournament, whereas Loyola’s coach, Porter Moser, does not. I think it’ll be a close game, but I believe Michigan will emerge on top.

**Kansas vs. Villanova**

Kansas and Villanova are surprisingly similar on paper. Being two of the tournament’s top ranked teams, the Kansas Jayhawks and Villanova Wildcats have incredible offenses. Both teams are powered by excellent guard play, both have been elite teams in the past few years and both are heavily reliant on three-point shooting.

The Jayhawks are led by senior guard Devonte’ Graham, a seasoned point guard who has been a part of several of Kansas’ recent powerhouse teams. He has an excellent supporting cast in guards Malik Newman and Sviatoslav Mykhailiuk, who have both been clutch all tournament. Center Udoka Azubuike and guard Lagerald Vick provide post offense when needed, and coach Bill Self is as good as they come.

Villanova’s roster mirrors Kansas’ in many ways. Junior point guard Jalen Brunson is a front-runner for national player of the year, and his consistent scoring and passing is the engine that makes Villanova go. He is joined by do-it-all wing Mikal Bridges and the spark plug scoring guard Donte DiVincenzo. Freshman forward Omari Spellman provides spacing and rim defense, and coach Jay Wright has plenty of experience in the spotlight, having led the Wildcats to a national title in 2016.

Ultimately, I think Villanova will emerge victorious in this game. I trust them to show up on defense more than I trust the Jayhawks.

Have a different opinion than me? Want to share some hot takes? Let us know who you have winning this weekend by emailing accent@southern.edu.

Five teams take the cake in 2018 volleyball intramurals

Corinne Atiga  
Sports Editor

**Co-Ed A:** Bump Bump Goose (2-0)  
**Co-Ed B:** New Kids on the Block (2-0)  
**Ladies:** Set N’ Finesse (2-0)  
**Men A:** Full Send (2-1)  
**Men B:** The Tiny Nerds (2-0)

““This year was an emotional final for me because it was my last time playing with this talented team. I had a blast with this team and am glad we were able to make it to the top and win it all!” - Sammy Duany

“This team was the perfect balance of competitiveness and humor.” - Nathan Batres

“It feels so great to finish out the season with a W, especially with such a fun and talented team.” - Savannah Hodgkin

“This was just one of those games that you live to play in; rallies going on forever, diving to save every play and loving the team you play for. The W is just the icing on the cake.” - Nathan Batres

“The three things that gave us the win were consistency, positivity and communication.” - Alex Harper
**March 29 - April 4 Campus Chatter**

**Calendar**

**Thursday, March 29**
12:00 a.m. Online fall registration for returning juniors >54 hours & seniors (29th & 30th)
11:00 a.m. Convo schools/departments, various locations

**Friday, March 30**
8:00 p.m. Vespers, schools/departments, various locations

**Saturday, March 31**
All day, SonRise Resurrection Pageant, Collegedale SDA Church
8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. International Student Event, Lynn Wood Hall Rm. #1077
9:00 p.m. Table Games, Student Center

**Sunday, April 1**
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Ocoee Rafting Trip, Wright Hall
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cave Open, Student Park
1:00 - 8:00 p.m. Iles P.E. Center Closed
5:00 p.m. Senior Recognition Banquet, Dining Hall

**Monday, April 2**
12:00 a.m. Online fall registration for returning sophomores >23 hours. (2nd & 3rd)
All day, May graduates deadline to finish incompletes & home study courses
7:00 p.m. E.A. Anderson Lecture Series

**Tuesday, April 3**
All day, Campus Research Day title change deadline—southern. libguides.com/ResearchDay

**Wednesday, April 4**
12:00 a.m. Online fall registration for returning freshman <24 hours. (4th-6th).
All day, Southern hosts Adventist Intercollegiate Association, Cohutta Springs (4th-7th)

**Birthdays**

**March 29**
Seth Edens
Braian Gomez
Savannah Hodgkin
Rebekah Howard
Natamor Pasaribu
Sarah Stollenmaier

**March 30**
Amber Ballesteros
Shelby De Lisser
Brandon Dobrowsky
Chase Knecht
Angeles Torres

**March 31**
Mikayla Bieri
Roxanne Bruso

**April 1**
Jesse Darwin
Sheryl Gentle
Antoinette Peden
Shivani Ward

**April 2**
Ashley Christian
Alexander Nelson
Sherri Rouse

**April 3**
Kevin Bartolome
Chandler Bozarth
Sophie Chung
ChelseaHenry
Jonathan Mancao
Carolina Nascimento
Eric Palacio
Miyoko Verduzco-Tanaka

**April 4**
Samuel Dessin
Sweetie Flores
Miranda Howe
Megan Wilkens

**Announcements**

**SA Cabinet Positions:** If you’re are interested in being a Student Association leader such as, Public Relations, Secretary and more, then this is your chance! Applications are in the Student Development Office! Applications are due April 6! Be a part!

**Prayer Group:** Act 29 is a prayer group sponsored by the Collegedale SDA Church. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All are welcome to join in this prayer session.

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**TWITTER**

**Jacklyn Ruth**  @booknerd828, Mass Communication, SR
So, I just called storm troopers, Trone cloopers..... I need sleep. Also, call JJ Abrams bc I think I’m on to something.
#SleepDeprived #saulife #sendhelp

**Todd Bennett**  @ToddBennettJr97, Nursing, JR
I’m at Starbucks studying and I was whistling and this lady reading a book hissed at me..

**Morgan Nash**  @mmorgannash, Clinical Psychology, NDU
I’m sorry to every car that has ever had to wait for me while I cross the street to go to Hulsey

**Alex Mahn**  @__x3LA__, Computer Science, FR
PSA: if you go to Southern. And your relationship status is taken. And you have a vehicle. GO OFF CAMPUS TO MAKE OUT YOU UNMUZZLED CLAY-BRAINED MISCREANTS. thank you

**Mallory Morgan**  @malloryhmorngan, Marketing, SR
This is Frankie. She got out last night and we haven’t seen her since... if anyone in the area sees this sweet kitty, please bring her back to us. She’s really timid and jumps at loud noises but we’re praying she comes home

**Amber Ballesteros**  @HailZorpp Liberal Arts Education, SR
I asked my student today how her weekend was. She told me she went deer hunting with her papaw and found the perfect camouflage dress to wear to her 8th grade graduation. I need to get out of this yeehaw state ASAP

**Armondi Stokes-Hicks**  @ArmonBae, Film Production, SR
I wish I had an A.I. like Jarvis from Iron Man to talk to when I’m by myself sometimes

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**INSTAGRAM**

@lexluthor95 // the world is big, and I want to have a good look at it before it gets dark // John Muir #beamissionary #saumissions#grad-photos #choosetoserve pc @katharos27

@nayrthomas Hey can I get a drink? I promise I’ll waterfall! pc @andrew_m_oliver #investinmemories

@ccoffeecupp “Hey Siri, tell me a joke” -your GPA #saulife
Phillip Warfield
*Ball `til I fall*

Pet Peeves: Beat It if you don’t like Michael because he made some Thrillers, and Remember the Time he said he’d be the Man in the Mirror? Yeah, Don’t Stop `Til You Get Enough.

Relationship Status: Already found my Michelle

Natalia Perez
*Fall Fashion Enthusiast*

Interests: Long nights in the Accent Office

Personality: I-N-D-E-P-E-N-D-E-N-T

Isaac James
*My Twitter is probably better than yours*

Hobbies: Patiently waiting by my laptop in torrential weather to confirm class is cancelled, etc.

Phone #: 1-800-Idonthavethe powertocancelschool

Kristen Vonnoh
*Oui, oui*

Pet Peeves: Misuse of Oxford commas, all modern music

Career Goal: 80's Icon

Alina Sherman
*Oh, you don’t buy boxed water?*

Work: Professional TJ Maxx customer and bargain shopper

Hobbies: Buying everything pink and a lot of makeup

Greg Wright
*Probably @ Zaxby’s*

Pet peeves: Being away from Armondi

Secret talents: Celebrating random holidays
Fake news and satire in today's society: An editorial

SA Senate proposes change to overnight leave system

Mental spring cleaning

Now I See opens eyes to cataract problem in India
Fake news and satire in today’s society: An editorial

Natalia Perez
Editor-in-Chief

For many years, the Southern Accent, along with other university newspapers, has produced an April Fools issue. It has been a well-liked tradition for our readers, and our staff members have also enjoyed creating content outside of the usual parameters of journalistic reporting.

However, in today’s growing distrust for the media and in the context of a private religious institution, there are many new factors to consider in our approach to this. Our audience is the most diverse it has ever been, and with diversity in culture comes diversity in thought, perspectives and experiences resulting in everyone interpreting news from different angles.

Although we strive for objectivity in our reporting, there is no such thing as complete objectivity, as we all view things with a natural bias. As journalists, we have been forced to deeply analyze our role in shaping society around us. Since fabricated news has become more prominent, much more of our audience have become susceptible to believing fake and/or satirical articles as fact.

While we have strived for our humor and satire to be lighthearted and tasteful in former April Fools’ issues, it is impossible for our readers to know the full context of where our humor is stemming from, making room for misconceptions uninformed opinions.

This year, instead of an April Fools’ issue, we have collectively decided to briefly shed light on the growing problem of fake news in our society and empower our readers to be open-minded, smart consumers of the media. When reading news, always consider your sources. Do the best you can to get the full context of the story: investigate your news websites, their mission statements and reporters’ backgrounds, while ultimately being mindful of your own bias.

The press is essential to our democracy, but properly informed constituents, despite the struggles in our media, are vital to a healthy democracy.
SA Senate proposes change to overnight leave system

Student Association (SA) Senate discussed the possibility of changing the way off-campus leaves work for on-campus students on March 14.

Student Association Executive Vice President Gavin Finch brought the idea to Senate. The proposed system allows students to be excused from leaves as long as a parent/guardian signs permission at the beginning of the year. Students would be able to fill out a leave and go on trips without having to wait for approval from the residence hall deans. Although this could bring concerns to some parents and faculty, SA Senate is working to resolve each concern and readjust the proposal.

“We aren’t trying to get rid of the leave system,” Finch said. “Students would still be required to be on night check. Students with specific, reasonable qualifications simply have their leaves automatically approved upon submission.”

The leave system will remain for the safety of Southern in case there is a fire or a shooter.

Some students like Justina Siviglia, junior nursing major, approve of the potential leave change. As an adult, I would greatly appreciate not having to ask permission every time I leave campus for the weekend.”

Finch hopes that faculty will see the positive in this idea and hopes they will accept the proposal.

“Students want to be treated like adults. They have made this abundantly clear to the university, and we are giving the university a chance to work with us on making progress. I hope they listen, and I hope they do something. Otherwise students will continue to feel ignored and belittled, and that won’t be good for the school.”

Currently the leave proposal has not been approved nor denied. SA Senate is working on meeting with the deans to discuss this proposal. From there, a formal proposal will be sent to University Senate, and another meeting will be held to get it passed by the deans and faculty senate.

Now I See opens eyes to cataract problem in India

“My father had a cataract, but he always had the option to regain his vision through Western medicine,” said Allison Anders, sophomore engineering major. “I sympathize with those who don’t have any hope, so I am happy to know my donation will give one more person what my father has.”

The donations collected from the shirt sales would provide the resources necessary for Prabhakar to continue cataract removals and potentially (one day) build a clinic overseas where Southern students could go to serve and gain hands-on medical experience.

The project is also an opportunity for entrepreneurially-minded students to dip their toes in the nonprofit world of business and implement skills learned in business classes for a humanitarian cause.

“I was tired of doing nothing and just taking naps in my free time. I wanted to have a purpose and make a difference,” said Jeanelle Arguelles, Now I See public relations manager and junior public relations major.

Now I See is currently planning a second campaign as the next step in broadening their reach on campus. The brand continues to grow as more students give their input on the growing business.

“I am happy to see this type of non-profit work taking place on a university level, but it also saddens me that when we give, our society expects some kind of reward in return,” Nicole Dominguez, junior English major, said. “But if providing a product is what’s necessary to raise awareness, then I’m glad to see it become a mainstream business model.”

Project director Darryl Magno foresees this project expanding beyond t-shirts and developing into a non-profit lifestyle brand. The team’s goal is to create a program that will sustain the works of Prabhakar indefinitely.

A new shirt design is scheduled to release during Asian Night on April 14. To learn more about this project, visit nowisee.org.
Southern hosts annual Sonrise pageant

Southern Adventist University presented its annual interactive SonRise Easter pageant on Saturday, March 31. Students, faculty, community members and visitors from near and far followed the story of Jesus’ life and death across campus. From the marketplace, to the last supper and the garden of Gethsemane, those who participated were able to take in a fully immersive experience.

Campus auto shop caters to students, community

Philip Haughton
Staff Writer

For years, Southern has been home to an auto shop run by the university’s technology department and located on Colcord Drive behind Ledford Hall. The full-service auto repair shop performs basic automotive care from brakes and tires to engines and transmissions. The auto shop is home to many mechanics in training and allows students to get a grasp on what the real world will be like after college.

Southern has two degrees from which automotive service students can choose: an associates of technology degree in automotive service and a four-year bachelor’s degree. A requirement for each degree is that students spend eight to 10 hours a week working in the shop as a part of their last semester practicum.

Senior business administration major Owen McKenzie said, “SAU’s auto shop differs from the local Pep Boys and Tire Plus because it is people we know working on the cars. We know they won’t try and rip us off.”

McKenzie remembers a time when his car stopped working. When he outsourced his car to a local mechanic, they told him it would cost thousands to fix. He then took it to the SAU auto shop, and they agreed to fix it for significantly less.

Southern alumnus Brandon Strachan said, “I graduated two years ago, and I still take my car to the campus auto shop. Maybe it is because I am cheap, but I also like to think it is because I know what I am paying for.”

Business manager Emiko Marr said, “What we are doing is a great way to gain experience and gives them [students] great opportunity. It is rewarding to see students grow up and give back to the community. Many have left and have gotten jobs locally, some even running their own shops.”

The SAU auto shop is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and can be reached at 423.236.2863.
Southern students can apply to serve in Hong Kong

Jacob Fisher
Staff Writer

Students can now apply to serve as student ambassadors to Hong Kong Adventist College through the Practical Missionary Training Program. The program is offered to all Adventist universities and colleges in the United States and Canada.

With its inception in 2016, the program has only had three ambassadors, but it has hopes of reaching 10 members. Hong Kong Adventist College president Dan Cheung feels that this ambassadorship is a fantastic opportunity.

“This is a great experience to be listed in anyone’s resume,” “all while serving God in one of the safest and most well-known cities in Asia,” Cheung said.

Students will spend a year learning Mandarin, working on the campus in various roles and continuing their studies in a part-time capacity. Tuition, lodging and meals at the campus cafeteria are provided for by the college and by those invested in seeing the gospel spread. Applicants would only have to pay for the cost of travel and incidentals. At the end of the program, students also have the opportunity to earn scholarships of up to $2,000, all while earning credits toward their college degree.

One of the ambassadors from last year, Ariel Lynch, had a life-changing experience as an ambassador. "Not only have I met new and fantastic people," Lynch said, "but I have also learned of Christ’s love that He holds for students all over the world."

The program’s primary objective, according to Cheung, is to improve the spiritual atmosphere of Hong Kong by bringing in young adults who have passion for mission work and experiencing other cultures.

Another ambassador from last year, Eric Stocker, hopes to quell any doubts people may have about this experience.

“It doesn’t matter if you don’t have experience in these things,” Stocker said. “Jesus doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called.”

The application deadline is April 15. For more information, visit www.hkac.edu.

“This Is Us” Multicultural Event

Natalia Perez and Rachel Beaver
Editor-in-chief and Staff Writer

Student Association’s (SA) “This Is Us” is a multicultural performance night happening on April 21 at 9:15 p.m. in the Iles P.E. Center.

Spearheaded by SA President Phillip Warfield, the storyline consists of a Christ-like mentor figure pulling the hero of the story into a TV and taking him on a journey to collect pieces of the armor of God. Along the way, the hero, representative of Southern, will learn cultural and spiritual values that he did not previously understand. According to Warfield, the hero will be journeying through Asian, Latin American and Black culture through the lens of pop culture.

At the start of the event, the gym will be featuring different cultural booths and foods. Warfield compared the experience to Disney’s Epcot—where an individual goes around the park and collects “bite-sized pieces” of different cultures. The cultural performances, combined with elements of pop culture, will present a lesson about unification and acceptance.

Warfield has been working on this project since last summer.

“This Is Us started because I know that Southern has a dark shadow in its past,” Warfield said. “This is us today. This is the new Southern culture. It is not reflective of the horrible past that the school has had. This is a place for all people to be a part of.”

Freshman nursing student Hannah Hoey said, “I really hope this does bring us all together in some way. The way things have been lately, Southern could use a little more unity.”

Junior Rhidge Garcia and SA president elect said, “'This Is Us' will be a ground-breaking, heart-wrenching, mind-blowing, culture-defying experience, at the very least. The skits, stories and ideas Phil has shared with me are revolutionary. Something that once was an idea has now become so palpable that it would be an injustice for Southern not to experience it.
Southern clubs partner for Global Youth Day

Joshua Draget
Contributor

Millions of Adventist youth around the world participated in Global Youth Day on March 17. Global Youth Day has been a chance for Adventist young people to “be the sermon” and minister to their local communities since 2013.

Southern played a major role this year in being the hands and feet of Jesus as a group of over 50 volunteers from the ministries Westside4Jesus, iWitness Bible Work Club, GYC Southeast Enactus and the Pre-Dent club boarded the bus to Chattanooga.

Westside4Jesus has been involved with the residents of a low-income apartment complex in west Chattanooga for several years. Every other Sabbath, a group of 20-25 volunteers spends time with the children of the apartments by playing outdoors, giving out snacks and having a small worship service.

On Global Youth Day, the five clubs joined with volunteers from Wildwood Lifestyle Center and the University of Chattanooga’s Adventist Christian Fellowship to hold a health expo for the adult residents of the apartments. Throughout the day, the volunteers helped by giving massages, praying with people or taking their blood pressure. Others handed out over 100 meals to the residents. Another group of volunteers sang and played with kids, while others spent the time knocking on doors to invite people to come to the expo.

Sarah Mann, sophomore nursing major, remarked, “I got to help out with the health expo and take blood pressures. As a nursing student, it was really great experience with patient teaching and interaction. I hope we were able to make a lasting impact on everyone in that community.”

All in all, it was a blessed day. As the volunteers loaded tables and chairs onto the bus at the end of the day, several of the residents commented on how blessed they were by the event, and one child remarked, “When are you guys going to come back here again?”

We look forward to continuing to take part in Global Youth Day in the years to come.

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A senior reflects on Southern’s political atmosphere

Caleb Begley
Contributor

As a graduating senior, I have had a long time to look at the mechanisms that make up the social and political atmosphere of Southern Adventist University.

In the three years since I transferred in from Southwestern, I have noticed that our priorities affect diversity of thought on our campus. This effect, unfortunately, has led to a restriction of thought on campus, especially for libertarians and Republicans.

With that in mind, I’m going to give a bit of a bold statement. We don’t have a lot of libertarians or political conservatives who come on campus and do convocations. We’ve had a lot of political liberals and religiously conservative people on campus to do speeches, but we really do not delve into topics that would interest centrists, libertarians and Republicans on campus. If we want to be a campus that actually embraces diversity, we cannot simply be focused on superficial diversity. We need to focus on political diversity as well.

Our campus does not do very well when it comes to this. We very often go the path of the standard public university and give progressive speakers the limelight while holding back non-progressive individuals. This squelches the diversity that our campus claims to champion. I have noticed that we bring in speakers who tell the majority of students exactly what they want to hear. To me, that’s not diversity. That’s indoctrination.

As far as superficial diversity is concerned, our campus falls short in a number of areas, namely compartmentalization. Our student body enjoys putting people of different ethnicities, genders and interests in small social boxes and then saying, “Stay here.” We have participated in self-segregation and created a clique atmosphere that is extremely toxic. We do not need social clubs and cliques. At our age, we should be able to locate friends even outside of our own interests, ethnicities or genders.

To reiterate, if we want to be a truly diverse campus, then we have to encourage an idea of freedom of thought, not an idea that offending someone with an opinion is terrible. We have to be willing to accept that we all have differing opinions and everyone is entitled to them, including those of us who are libertarians and Republicans. As a libertarian, I try and do my best to defend the freedom of humanity. Humans should be free to express their opinions and have them tested by other people in a civil, respectful manner, whether they be progressive or not. We need a campus where all opinions are welcome, even those that do not conform to the ideas that utopian progressivism espouses.

Modern interpretation of an old amendment: gun control

Grady Hayden
Contributor

The American gun-control forces stand entirely on emotion rather than judicial precedent when discussing gun legislation. The two largest ways in which the left gets the gun question wrong is in understanding the weapons themselves and the legal tradition that is the Second Amendment.

I don’t want to explain how these weapons work and how there is no real “assault” rifle (you can come talk to me any time about that). Rather, I would like to explain the court cases on which our current understanding of the Second Amendment is founded.

There have been many landmark court cases in our generation. You may be familiar with Oberfell v. Hodges (2015), which ultimately gave Supreme Court approval to gay marriage. However, you may not be familiar with District of Columbia v. Heller (2008), which found that individuals have the right to keep weapons outside of the militia setting. McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010) further reinforced Heller by finding that the right to a weapon was fundamental, and any attempt to deny a person a weapon required due process.

Even more recently and importantly, in Caetano v. Massachusetts (2016) the Supreme Court reinforced that any type of bearable weapon was protected under the Second Amendment. Caetano is interesting because the individual party was trying to carry a stun gun to defend herself from an abusive partner. The state of Massachusetts argued that the founders weren’t thinking of stun guns when writing the Second Amendment. The Court strongly dissented with that view, stating, “This reasoning (that stun guns were not on the mind of the founders) defies our decision in Heller, which rejected as ‘bordering on the frivolous’ the argument ‘that only those arms in existence in the 18th century are protected by the Second Amendment.’” 554 U. S., at 582. The decision below also does a grave disservice to vulnerable individuals like Caetano who must defend themselves because the State will not.”

The court is clear. Individuals have the right to keep (Heller) and bear (McDonald) modern weapons (Caetano). Unfortunately for those who would like to see a gun ban, it is simply not going to happen. However, there is a conversation to be had about certain gun control measures which fall within the current definitions of the Second Amendment.
Mental spring cleaning

With winter coming to a close, many important chapters in your life may have ended abruptly, making you feel out of control. These feelings can cause an unusual emotional rollercoaster—an act of shedding emotional skin in preparation for what the spring has to offer.

Spring is here to ease transitions and bring about change. Use the burst of new-found energy to influence the decisions you make during this time. Here are some tips on how to tackle some mental spring cleaning.

1. Try not to force yourself to be practical. Often we abide by schedules and the rules of life that we have set for ourselves, closing off to the opportunity for spontaneity. We unknowingly restrict our creativity and growth by censorship and self-criticisms, setting boundaries that hinder what we can accomplish. Try to loosen some of those boundaries and allow yourself to indulge in the relief that comes with not knowing everything. Stop thinking so much and allow your mind to run freely for just a moment. You may learn something new about yourself.

2. Be courageous and resist cynicism. I have a tendency to distrust everyone and everything as a way of protecting myself, but I have realized how that mindset can cause me to miss out on a lot. I’ve learned that cynicism doesn’t protect, but it’s instead an indication of defeat masked by the appearance of superior intelligence. Be courageous by choosing to approach life and the people you encounter with hope and love. Uplift others and in doing so, you too will be lifted up.

3. Pay attention, take notes. This is a transitional period, which means there is a lot to learn and a lot to look forward to. Take note of the lessons closed doors and closed relationships are trying to teach you in preparation for the new doors that are preparing to open right before your eyes.

Mojo Burrito opens in Cambridge Square

Mojo Burrito, a local Tex-Mex restaurant chain, opened a storefront in Ooltewah’s Cambridge Square on March 20. This is the fourth location the restaurant has opened since its original opening in St. Elmo, Chattanooga in 2002. According to Student Association President Phillip Warfield, Southern students receive a 10 percent student discount when presenting their Southern identification at checkout.

Senior financial management and international studies major Joelle Kanyana remarks on Twitter, “Hands down best burrito place in Chatt. Salsarita’s, Dos Bros, Moe’s, all the others can take a seat.” For more information about Mojo Burrito, visit their Facebook page facebook.com/mojoburrito or their website mojoburrito.com.

Sierra Emiliare + Kristen Vonnoh
Contributor + Lifestyle editor

LE PRINTEMPS: A SPRING PLAYLIST

As the season of love, change and growth, spring never fails to invigorate me. This spring playlist is especially for all my old souls out there. Enjoy this fresh, full-of-life playlist.

1. “Morning Has Broken” by Cat Stevens
2. “Annie’s Song” by John Denver
3. “Mr. Tambourine Man” by The Byrds
4. “Rosalinda’s Eyes” by Billy Joel
5. “I Am a Rock” by Simon and Garfunkel
6. “Like a Rolling Stone” by Bob Dylan
7. “(Sittin’ On) The Dock of the Bay” by Otis Redding
8. “Moi je joue” by Brigitte Bardot

Check out the full playlist at goo.gl/Ph3L4f or follow kristenstagram on Spotify.

Photo by Kristen Vonnoh
Mojo Burrito’s logo

The fourth location will be located will be in a 2,500-square-foot space at Cambridge Square in Ooltewah.
Through the luck of the Irish, Notre Dame’s Women’s Basketball takes home the pot of gold

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

This past Sunday was an exciting night for the basketball world as the Women’s 2018 NCAA tournament came to a close with a heart-stopping finish. As the last few seconds came ticking down, Arike Ogunbowale from the Notre Dame Fighting Irish captured the 2018 National Championship title by sinking a quick jumper to barely pull her team ahead of the Mississippi State Bulldogs 61-58. This marks their second national title in program history. The first was won in 2001, and the second came now to a close with very elevated standards for next year. From what we know, Arike Ogunbowale may be one of the only athletes (male or female) who has ever accomplished hitting buzzer beaters in back-to-back games within the Final Four. The first was against UConn, and this bucket against the Bulldogs marks the second. Only the greatest of collegiate athletes can manage to pull off these epic shots, and yet Ogunbowale has managed to pull off two… as a junior.

Villanova handles Michigan, wins NCAA championship

Brandon Beneche
Managing Editor

On Monday, April 2, the Villanova Wildcats emerged as March Madness champions, defeating the Michigan Wolverines 79-62. Villanova not only won its second National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship in three years, but it did so in dominant fashion.

The Wildcats were firing on all cylinders all tournament, winning each game by double digits. Their perimeter shooting and high-IQ passing ripped each opponent to shreds. Still, the championship didn’t come easily.

Michigan put forth a good effort, with star forward Moritz Wagner scoring 16 points and guard Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman scoring a game-high 23 points. The Wolverines held ‘Nova to a slow start in the beginning of the first half. Even though he made his first two baskets, Villanova’s Jalen Brunson, the Associated Press College Basketball Player of the Year, had an underwhelming game. He finished with nine points on 4-13 shooting and finished with twice as many fouls (four) as he did assists (two).

Still, the Wildcats pulled off the win because Donte DiVincenzo had the game of his life. The sophomore guard scored a career-high 31 points and chipped in five rebounds, three assists and two blocks. DiVincenzo played with swagger, hitting jump shots, slamming dunks and skyling for blocks all game. Thanks to DiVincenzo’s play, the Wildcats pushed through their rough start and gained a comfortable lead that it never surrendered.

Michigan deserves credit for their run. Making the NCAA championship is a major accomplishment for any team, especially for a three-seed. How well the Wolverines do next year will depend on whether Wagner returns or jumps to the NBA. Wagner showed NBA team that, despite his question-able defense, he plays hard and stretches the floor with his jumper. His draft stock has never been higher, and I would be surprised he came back.

Even though Villanova will likely lose Brunson and star wing Mikal Bridges to the NBA, they will likely be a title-contender next season. DiVincenzo will likely be back and ready for a bigger role. Forwards Eric Paschall and Omari Spellman along with guard Phil Booth—all key contributors—will be back as well. Add in a strong recruiting class, and the Wildcats could be looking at a repeat championship.

Regardless of who you were rooting for, I hope all you basketball fans enjoyed this season as much as I did. May your team prosper, and may the offseason go by quickly!
**CALENDAR**

**Thursday, April 5**
11:00 a.m. Andy Nash, Convocation, Collegedale Church
7:30 p.m. GYC Southeast Spring Conference: Opening meeting, Thatcher Chapel

**Friday, April 6**
All Day, ERC Missions Boot Camp, Hackman Hall
8:00 p.m. Vespers, Gym-Masters, Collegedale Church
8:00 p.m. GYC Southeast Spring Conference: Vespers, Thatcher Chapel

**Saturday, April 7**
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson & Stan Beasley, Collegedale Church
9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. SOAP Outdoor Church: Canoeing, Wright Hall
9:30 a.m. GYC Southeast Spring Conference: Q&A Panel Discussion, Thatcher Chapel
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Collegedale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
10:45 a.m. GYC Southeast Spring Conference: Divine Service, Thatcher Chapel
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson & Stan Beasley, Collegedale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, Collegedale Academy Auditorium
2:30 p.m. GYC Southeast Outreach, VM Parking Lot
7:30 p.m. Evensong, Collegedale Church
7:30 p.m. GYC Southeast Spring Conference: Final Charge, Thatcher Chapel
9:00 p.m. Gym-Masters Home Show, Iles PE Center

**Sunday, April 8**
All Day, ASSIST/PFE Annual Conference, April 8th-10th
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Ocoee Rafting Trip, Wright Hall
2:30 p.m. Gym-Masters Home Show Matinee, Iles PE Center
7:30 p.m. Wind Symphony and choir Concert, Collegedale Church

**Monday, April 9**
12:00 a.m. Online registration for new/transfer students for F18
All Day, Commitment deposit of $250 must be paid to register for F18

**Tuesday, April 10**
6:00 p.m. Sigma Iota Rho Induction

**Wednesday, April 11**
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Student Teaching Interviews, Summerour Hall
7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room

**BIRTHDAYS**

**April 5**
Devin Gray
Michelle Hebard
Patrick Marx
Dee Reeves
Madi Sewell
Erin Van Zyl
Heather Wuerstlin

**April 6**
Eveling Grajales
Elaina Holway
Katelyn Wade
Aubrey Wilson

**April 7**
Ayrton Alexander
Rachel Ferrel

**April 8**
Judy Byeon
Jung Lee
Renata Menezes
Raissa Mucyo
Cassidy Munson
Sujin Sin
Peter Wolcott

**April 9**
Alyssa Graham
Jewell Lavalas
Haily Montgomery
Jonathan Osvald
Priscila Sihotang
Ryan Tompkins

**April 10**
Amber Barton
Anna Benko
Michael Ciurea
Grant Hagen
Soko Paongo
Shederyl Stewart
Danayi Vila

**April 11**
Abigail Amjad-Waryam
Alexis Candeleria
America Henry

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GYC Southeast:** In our busy lives, it’s easy to forget to spend time with God. He wants to have a relationship with us, and that involves surrender to Him and our will blending with His will. Have you given your whole self to God, or only a tiny flame? This year for our GYC Southeast spring conference, the theme is “Given to God”.

**Graduating Seniors:** April 16 will be the last day to order regalia. Order at www.cbgrad.com

**Asian Night:** Asian Club will host its yearly show in the Iles PE Center at 9:00 p.m. on April 14. Enjoy the performances and cuisine from the largest continent on Earth.

**SA This Is Us:** Come out to enjoy a taste of Southern Adventist University culture through food and a live show. It will be a celebration of what each student brings to Southern. The doors open at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday night, April 21.

**The Southern Accent:** Join us. The Accent is currently in the process of hiring for the 2018-2019 school year. Whether you can design, write, edit, do social media or just have some cool and innovative ideas, we are looking for you. For more information on how to apply, email Tierra Hayes at tierrahayes@southern.edu or contact her at 706-461-5681.

The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week. Chatter Editor: Laura Chase
**Twitter**

Madison Butler  @madisonrae_b, Nursing, JR
Just got paid on Friday & somehow my money has dissipated already...

Jonathan Mancao  @lilmancao Biochemistry, SR
No I don’t want to open a Panera Rewards™ card, just give me my soup and I’ll be omw

Jacklyn Ruth  @booknerd828, Mass Communications, SR
You know you live at southern when the phrase “I’m gonna be a mobster this year and yell crucify him.” Is completely normal #saulife #sonrise

Kristen Vonnoh  @kristenstagram Journalism, SR
just tried to explain what a smoothie bowl was to my mom and she said “that sounds dumb” and walked off lol

Dylan Thomas  @notthedeadpoet Fine Art, SO
new weekend makes me feel like i hurt abel.

Adonijah McCann  @ninaamccann
after the weeks I have, I deserve to stay in bed on Sundays as long as I want

Dylan Gibbons  @youngdylemma Social Work, JR
Me after being unproductive all day and then doing 5 minutes of homework

**Instagram**

@gyanucchi Aneeka’s favorite was horses. Walking through Sonrise and seeing her smiles was the most fun. ❤️ #westside4jesus

@kit_kat1296 my feet now have tan lines, and I probably won’t be able to walk tomorrow, but it was totally worth it. ❤️ Photo creds: @rogershsv357

@elfforliezel, Nursing, JR
Let’s play “guess how many weeks it’ll take to wear all my clothes before I have to do laundry”
Workouts for April

Don’t have time to work out because of final projects and assignments? Here are some workouts for the last month of school when you’re at your busiest and feeling your laziest.

1. **Cry**
   
   Whether you’re having an amazing or terrible day, it’s okay to shed a few tears. Crying can help burn a few calories and release some built-up stress.

2. **Lunge to the vending machine.**
   
   This is a creative way to get a workout in before a late-night snack. With deeper and wider lunges, you take fewer steps to the vending machine and a bigger step toward that summer body!

3. **Toss and turn in your bed.**
   
   Sometimes it feels impossible to get out of bed after you’ve only slept for three hours, but tossing and turning will have you sweating in seconds! Just start on one side of your bed and turn over to the other; it’s that simple.

4. **Take a steaming shower.**
   
   Remember wearing your heart-rate monitor in the shower because you didn’t work out all week? Same concept! Shower with water at a reasonably hot temperature and let your calories burn down the drain.

5. **Do your laundry on the floor above/below you.**
   
   You have to do your laundry anyway, so why not make it into a workout? Just take your laundry basket and climb the stairs to the laundry room above or below your floor. The washing machine on your floor probably doesn’t work anyway!

6. **Walk to Talge for your nightly romance.**
   
   Everyone knows about Thatcher couples, but what about the Talge couples? Ladies, surprise your man by walking to Talge! Between the 20-minute process of saying goodbye and speed-walking to the dorm before curfew, you’re sure to get that workout in!
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Southern Adventist University hosted this year’s Adventist Intercollegiate Alliance (AIA) convention at Cohutta Springs Conference Center.

Every year, AIA officers from 11 different Adventist universities come together to exchange ideas and hear about what’s going in other Adventist schools across North America and Canada including Southwestern, Union, Andrews and Loma Linda universities.

The student leaders who attended agree that the convention was a rewarding experience. They were able to discuss the different ways that their schools go about planning events, advertising to students and how to approach the difficult issues.

Each branch of the student association got to participate in breakout sessions with students from other universities who hold the same positions. “We [all newspaper editors present] talked about many things including how we approached different issues and sensitive topics, how we hired our staff and the different resources that have been available to us. I wished I had met them at the beginning of my term, but it was a great experience nonetheless,” said Natalia Perez, Accent Editor-in-Chief.

Student Association Social Vice President Jacob Strauss spearheaded the intense planning of the event and its theme—Mission Possible.

“The theme was incorporated with what all of our schools are trying to accomplish as a student body,” Strauss said. “It all relates to that if God is on our side and working with us to our personal goals and our goals for our student bodies, then that mission is possible.”

While the conference itself is only for AIA officers from Student Development and SA, Strauss said that the best way for students to contribute to AIA is to get involved in events on campus. “If you’re helping to benefit our school, then that’s helping the mission of AIA,” Strauss said.

This was the first time that Southern hosted the AIA conference in over a decade. All 11 universities are on a rotation as to who hosts the conference every year. The 2019 conference will be held at Loma Linda University.
Talge Hall administration is considering opening a barber-shop in the dorm. It would be complete with a barber chair that can adjust to height, a waiting area and an entertainment center. This project is being spearheaded by the incoming Student Association (SA) President Rhidge Garcia, as well as barbers within Talge who no longer want to cut hair in their rooms or in the basement.

“Having a place to cut would be nice; the basement can get a little dark,” said Durbin Brown, junior nursing major. “I’m not trying to mess anyone’s hairline up, so this barber shop could save a few of the guys.”

The leaders of this project are considering making it open to the women on campus as well. This idea has not reached the SA Senate yet, but Talge deans are aware of the idea.

Dean John Sager said, “No conclusions have been made regarding the shop, but we have talked about clearing out some room in the basement laundry room.”

In order for barbers to pay for the barber shop upkeep, prices for haircuts may increase. “My prices might increase next semester from $10 to $12,” Brown said, “but hey, you’re paying for the ambiance.”

Talge residents are excited about this new idea. Sophomore allied health major Levern Anderson said, “I’m tired of sitting in those uncomfortable chairs in the basement. I don’t care how much they charge as long as I’m not in those chairs.”

Freshman biology major Allan-Roy Sison said, “Being a barber is a great way to connect to people. Having a shop would help barbers come together as a community to spread love to those around us.”

Although this idea is in its beginning stages, most people involved seem hopeful that it will be instated by next semester.

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**Fresh produce available at Ooltewah Farmers Market**

Students, staff and community members have the option to purchase a variety of organic non-GMO produce by shopping at the Ooltewah Farmers Market (OFM). The OFM is open every Thursday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. at Ooltewah Nursery & Landscape Co.

The OFM mission is to provide small family farms a venue for their products and to give the community access to fresh locally grown foods. This April, they celebrate their five-year anniversary and enter their sixth agricultural season.

“The best part of the Ooltewah Farmer’s Market is hands down the community,” said Angel Miller, OFM director. “There is a strong sense of being connected to each other and to agriculture.”

Some items offered at the OFM are organic vegetables, fruits, nuts, milk and cheeses, pastured meats, jams and raw honey. There are also several local food artisans at the market with ready-to-eat food like bread, cupcakes and Belgian waffles. Each vendor conducts its own sales, so prices are flexible, and shoppers can often barter for the price they want.

OFM is a producers-only farmers market, which means that it only features locally grown produce. As a part of the application and vetting process, each farm is inspected by the OFM manager to ensure that its products are indeed being grown locally and up to a standard of quality.

“If you go to the grocery store and ask the produce boy how the lettuce was grown, he won’t be able to tell you,” Miller said. “But the farmer can tell you everything from seed to harvest.”

The OFM also participates in community service. Once the market closes for the week, a volunteer from Heaven’s Bounty, a food bank in the area, comes to "glean" the leftover items. Shoppers can also donate with “Buy 1, Give 1,” which entails buying two items from a farmer and donating one to feed the hungry.

Parking is available in the front lot, and shoppers can walk straight through the building to access the market.

In order to stay informed about items coming to the market, shoppers can sign up to receive a weekly email and text message reminders. To receive more information or sign up for the email list, visit http://www.ooltewahnursery.com/farmers-market/.
Strawberry Fest to have live performances, video content

Sierra Correia
Staff Writer

Rather than the traditional slideshow or video clips, this year’s Strawberry Fest will see a mixture of live performances and video content to celebrate “a year well-lived.”

Strawberry Fest is a 40-year tradition commemorating student life. According to the Student Association website, it “gives the students one last time to laugh, smile and cheer as three giant screens re-cap the year through students’ eyes.”

The event also features a surprise strawberry-themed dessert.

“Students should expect a multimedia celebration,” said Sierra Wendt Festival Director. “It’s an event by you, about you and for you as a student.”

Senior mass communications major Brain Gomez said that since his first Strawberry Fest in 2016, the event has been going downhill.

“It’s just been an event where students show up, watch the video, get their yearbook and leave. This is a celebration for students, so people should have more interaction and more fun,” Gomez said. “I believe Sierra will do something good this year. With the amount of time she has, she will do her best.”

Although she was asked to take on the job late in the semester, Wendt said she considers herself lucky to have the opportunity again after having to give up the job the first time due to schedule complications.

However, she views this project as her “first priority” and has been dedicating her time to completing it.

“Taking over the project at this point in the year definitely came with its challenges. I’m learning as I lead. It’s been fun to cast a vision and do our best to make it happen,” she said. “I also have a great team that I get to collaborate with.”

Strawberry Fest will be held in Iles Gym on April 22, at 8 p.m. Yearbooks will be distributed after the show.

Asian night will be happening in Iles Gym on Saturday at 9 p.m. It will be featuring performances, food and music from various countries.

Next week, the Accent will be celebrating Asian Heritage month with a themed issue. We will be devoting our entire issue to highlighting different aspects of Asian culture, and we want to represent as many ethnicities as possible. If you’d like to contribute an article or photo idea, please email Accent@southern.edu
His dream, our story

Phillip Warfield
SA President

On April 4, 1968, 50 years ago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. His vision, that one day black children and white children would be able to live in harmony and equality with each other as brothers and sisters, is shared by many of us today. Because of visionaries like King, so many of us have opportunities that we never would have had before. Today, we are in the position to understand and learn about each other’s cultures, backgrounds and struggles in tangible ways that were once illegal.

It’s up to us to defeat the prejudice, hate, bigotry, ignorance and racism in our communities as well as within our campus.

This week, I received a call and a letter from two alumni of the Class of 1968. One of them was Rollin E. Mallernee II, the Student Association President that year. In his letter, Mallernee explained that he was delighted that Southern elected me, an African American. Mallernee pointed out that in his time, he’d sent an encouraging telegram to Dr. King’s wife, Coretta Scott King, after her husband’s assassination on behalf of the students of Southern, which he included with his letter. Unfortunately, when a copy of telegram sent to Mrs. King was put on the bulletin board of Talge Hall, not all dorm residents were pleased. Students defaced the notice with Communist graffiti toward King, allegations of Mallernee “exciting” the students to boycott, sit-in, riot, loot and more. A resident also decided to write that he was laughing after Mallernee wrote to Mrs. King about continuing the principles of Christ that King died for. “Love your neighbor—steal him a stereo in Memphis,” the student wrote. In the conclusion of his letter to me, Mallernee wrote, “While great progress has been made to overcome racism in our country, there is much more to do before categories based on race will be erased. Letters like mine should be unnecessary.”

I received a call from an alumna who also graduated in 1968. Reflecting upon the 50th anniversary of King’s shooting, this particular alumna mentioned that during her years at Southern, there were only about six black students, and they were treated horribly. As the girls gathered in her room and explained how terrified they were, the alumna told me how powerless she had once felt. She never knew how to reach out and understand such people, even though she’d grown up in Ethiopia and was used to being the only white girl in her community since her parents were missionaries. She contacted me to let me know how she thought it was amazing to see an African-American SA President, but she also wants to contact those black students she never understood and apologize to them. “I don’t really know what I would say to them if I met them today other than, ‘I am sorry.’ But, I would love to meet them and give them a hug. I would love to listen to their stories.”

What we do here at Southern today is not just for ourselves, but our community and our alumni are watching and learning. Let us be the generation that seeks to foster tangible unification on our campus today and connect our communities with people they have never been exposed to before. King’s dream depends on us to reconcile and to promote togetherness. This should be our story today. This is us.

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The name of God

Hillary Sumner
Contribution

Being at a Christian university, I hear the name of God all the time in prayer, in praise, in discussions, in lectures and in sermons. However, I also hear it spoken in other ways. I hear it tossed around like it’s a common word. “Oh my G—.”

I cringe every time I hear it. Maybe not everyone feels the same way, but I feel uncomfortable when I hear the name of our Creator, Redeemer and King treated like a slang or curse word. I don’t even like hearing those little almost-God interjections like “gosh” thrown out there because it seems so close to God’s name. It’s not that I think people are evil or that they don’t love Jesus. But are we thinking about what we’re saying?

Take a moment to think about His awesome name. His name represents His character—merciful and gracious, longsuffering and forgiving, but not clearing the guilty (Ex. 34:5-7). We trust in His name, we call on His name for help, we go to battle with the enemy in His name (Ps. 116:4, 118:11, Is. 50:10). His name is a powerful refuge that we run to for safety (Prov. 18:10). In Psalm 111:9 (KJV), David declares, “Holy and reverend is His name,” and in the Lord’s Prayer in Matt. 5, we repeat with Jesus, “Hallowed be Your name.” Paul says that someday every knee will bow “at the name of Jesus” (Phil. 2:10, NKJV). Ellen White even said, “Angels, when they speak [God’s name], veil their faces. With what reverence should we, who are fallen and sinful, take it upon our lips!” (Ed. 243.7).

I don’t want to judge people’s reverence to the Lord by their speech; instead, I think we need to consider our words carefully. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue” (Prov. 18:21, NKJV). If we believe in an all-powerful God, then we should treat His name with all the dignity it deserves. This goes even beyond our words—our behavior can bring honor or dishonor to His name too, depending on whether we’re living a life that presents Him in the right light.

When we speak of noteworthy people like Martin Luther King Jr., we try to respect their names and what they stand for because they did things we admire. If we have even greater respect for our God and Savior, shouldn’t we want to glorify His name in our words, our thoughts and our actions? Let’s lift the name of Jesus higher, not tear it down. Let’s praise the Lord’s name, not dishonor it. Let’s hallow the name of our Father in heaven and not trivialize it. “Let them praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted” (Ps. 148:13, NKJV).

How to commit to summer devotionals

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Religion Editor

As hard as it is to believe, the final weeks of the semester are approaching (praise Jesus, am I right?), and all of us will go our separate ways for the summer. Whether you’re taking summer classes, working at camp, going on a mission trip or just bumming at home, oftentimes summer sees our motivation go out the window, and with it our devotional lives. Here are a few tips on how to ensure that you continue your daily devotionals (or begin, if you never started) through the summer months so you can begin your fall semester on the right foot.

Create a reading plan. Always wanted to do a Bible read-through? Don’t wait past this summer to start. No, you don’t have to read the entire Bible in three months. Make a reading plan that works for you. You don’t even have to read it chronologically if you don’t want to—start with what’s easiest to read and get to the tougher reading later. If you sit down and write out what you want to read on each individual day, it will keep you going back to your Bible all summer.

Keep a prayer journal. Just like following a reading plan, keeping a prayer journal is a tangible way to see your devotional progress. Try to set aside a time each day to write down updates about your experience with God. It’s important to find a quiet spot and get rid of all outside interruptions. Set aside the distractions of the day for a few moments with just a pen, paper and your Heavenly Father.

Set a reminder on your phone. I know this sounds ridiculously simple, but you’d be surprised at the power of a timely reminder. If an electronic reminder isn’t enough to motivate you, get a friend to do it with you. Holding each other mutually accountable will keep you going through the summer months, and it’s always better to worship with a friend.

You’ll never guess what happened. Kevin saw an ostrich stick its head in the ground, so he tried doing the same. Well, turns out it’s not all it’s quacked up to be. If you find him check to see if he is ok! He may give you a $15 gift card to MOJO BURRITO! DM the Southern Accent on Instagram
If you’ve glanced at the news, you’ve probably noticed that social media mogul Facebook is currently having an existential crisis. But, if you’re like many students, you have more important things to do than watch the news—graduating, for example, or perhaps just trying to get in a few more minutes of sleep. Either way, allow me to rather clumsily try and debrief you on the current scandal.

Back in who knows when, Facebook legally allowed data collection through the use of a downloaded app. CNN reports that the data included the user’s location, friends and “liked” content. The compiled private information of more than 50 million Facebook profiles somehow made it into the laps of Cambridge Analytica, according to The New York Times. This was obviously a giant breach in privacy policies for the company, and now a doe-eyed Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, is having to testify in court.

Now, how does any of this affect you, the reader, who may or may not even use Facebook anymore? Or how does it affect you, the reader who’s already looked down at your phone because of how boring my debut was? Well, there’s your answer. Some in our society would say that as college students, our drug of choice is Adderall or maybe even caffeine. I would argue that social media is right up there with the other two.

For better or worse, we’re glued to our social media websites or apps of choice. Whether you tweet on Twitter, scroll on Instagram, snap on Snapchat or do whatever it is that people do on Facebook, your information is out there. If your mom is anything like mine, you’ve heard that since you were 12, or you may have heard it from a professor—your information, your messages, your photos, your comments, your likes, your passwords, anything you’ve put out there on the internet, anything you’ve placed under the not-so-careful protection of social media sites, is out and can be accessed one way or another. Facebook is in the spotlight now, but in 2016, it was Twitter when, according to The Washington Post, more than 32 million login credentials had been hacked and were circulating the “dark web.” Or Instagram in 2017 (Also, fun fact if you don’t already know: Facebook owns Instagram. Just remember that if you think this Facebook debacle doesn’t involve you. According to Fortune, hackers obtained private information of an unknown number of accounts, including “high-profile” users, a.k.a celebrities.

It doesn’t matter who you are or what social media site you frequent, please, just try and remember that your account is not invincible. Your information is not “unhackable.” Your messages are never truly private. I, like many of you, am rather attached to my social media. I think it’s an incredible tool for numerous things. But we should all be cautious, the sharpest tools often make for the deadliest weapons.
Sometimes it’s easy to forget that not everyone comes from the same cultural background as you, which is why I wanted to take some time to seek out those who come from various backgrounds. Here are some first-hand experiences of what it is like being a first-generation American in college. Some names have been changed for privacy purposes.

Victoria, junior English and international studies major:
“Although I am a first-generation American, I have experienced a great deal of privilege throughout my life and as a college student. For my father, immigrating from Dominican Republic to the States as a five-year old boy gave him countless benefits, but so has his own heritage. These benefits have extended to me, especially as the last of his four children. America showed itself to really be the land of the free for our family. However, my dad immigrated in the 1970s, and America then was definitely not the America I see for immigrants now. This privilege is something I recognize as rare. America provides a great deal for its citizens, but it simultaneously demonizes those who are not citizens despite their human right to reside in America as stated by America’s various documents of freedom. I’m proud to be the daughter of an immigrant, but I wish I could say I was even prouder to be an American.”

Faith, former Southern student:
“Immigrants came to this country for success, and if they haven’t achieved the American Dream, they rely on their kids to do so. In my experience, being a first-generation American college student meant that I got a lot of pressure from my mom to “just finish.” I hate to say this, but truthfully, there were a few times when I wished my mom was American so I could talk to her about school and my struggles with it so she could understand for one second how hard it is. But I couldn’t, because in her eyes, I could see she sent me to school to do one thing. Anything that didn’t contribute to me graduating didn’t matter. In the moments that I struggled with depression, I couldn’t fully confide in her because it kind of just... didn’t matter. The answer was prayer and getting good grades so I could be done.

“There’s a lot of pressure to not make just your mom and/or dad proud, but all the relatives who aren’t fortunate enough to be here, or those who are here but don’t have the opportunity to get a college degree as well. I feel like I got myself through college, and it was incredibly lonely. I had my mom and my sister, but the immigrant mentality is different. Mental health issues don’t really mean anything. Being tired doesn’t mean anything. Wanting to take a break—break for what?—wasn’t an option.

“What’s great, though, is that all small victories are huge in their eyes. I could send my mom a picture of an A on my paper, and she’d send it to the world. The support was outstanding. My mother was/is my most faithful prayer warrior, and I felt her arms around me through every battle I fought. When I finally graduated, her happiness and excitement was unmatched. She’s my biggest cheerleader, without a doubt.”

Nina, Southern alumnus:
“I was born to Colombian parents in Miami in the ’90s, and it was a cool and weird place to grow up. Spanish was my first language because my parents had just moved to the U.S., so I went into kindergarten with like total English immersion. I learned quickly, and I always loved reading, so I picked it up and started winning spelling bees. I think as a minority, it’s important to have that moment where you realize you can strive to be good at something and get it. I think it’s always hard as a kid because you don’t wanna be the weird kid, and it’s harder if everything you grew up with is “weird” to everyone around you. I took comfort in fashion, drew from influences like Selena (Quintanilla) and Sailor Moon and created looks that reflected me. My mom taught me to go into things without fear of criticism, and it created this understanding in me where I didn’t need to blend anymore. Fast forward to graduating college and hating my corporate job: I created a digital marketing agency. It’s like a year in, and it’s already so much bigger than I expected. The experience that made me stronger was doing my thing when it wasn’t the cool or popular thing. As a woman, as a Latina, I used to see it as a curse, but it’s built me stronger and harder to take down than anything else.”

Are you a first-generation American college student? We want to hear your stories. Share your experience with @kristenvonnoh on Twitter!
MLB 2018 preview

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

1. Los Angeles Dodgers The key players from 2017 are back and ready to take the title that was almost theirs last year. The Dodgers just need a couple of starters beyond Clayton Kershaw who can step up on the defensive end to earn a longer lead in the postsea- son. Make-or-break player: If Cory Seager’s elbow causes him to be unable to keep up his stellar short-stop performance, then L.A. will fall short defensively. Luckily, there’s been no sign so far that this will be the case.

2. Houston Astros Justin Verlander will pick up where he left off last sea- son, and newly-recruited Gerrit Cole will finesse his inner-first-rounder. If Carlos Correa keeps all his ligaments intact, he could give teammate Jose Altuve a run for his money in trying to become just the second American League player this century to win back-to-back MVP titles. Make-or-break player: Just like the Dodgers, the Astros must rely on their shortstop, Correa. Last season, when Correa was healthy, they went 81-39 (.675). During his six-week injury absence, they went 20-22 (.476).

3. New York Yankees The Yankees have a pretty good shot at gaining their 28th World Series. They’ve got power in their pitching and in their batting that could carry them far this season. Also, their appearance in last year’s American League Championship Series may have been the key experience that this younger roster needed to prepare for this season. Make-or-break player: With a superstar roster, this team’s biggest breakout player catcher Gary Sanchez won’t have too much pressure on his hands. His offseason defensive tweaks should also directly impact the Yankees.

4. Cleveland Indians The Indians had 102 wins last season, which was the fourth-best win percent-age in franchise history. With almost everybody back this season, it’s World Series or bust for this team that hasn’t won a championship since 1948. Make-or-break player: Corey Kluber’s inability to deliver in the American League Division Series last year was the cause of the Indians’ loss against the Yankees. Kluber will need to regain his health and dominance by October if the Indians still want a chance at making it to the World Series.

5. Washington Nationals The Nationals’ biggest offensive moves this offsea- son were re-signing Howie Kendrick and bringing in Matt Adams to replace Adam Lind as a power bat off the bench. Bryce Harper, Daniel Murphy and Anthony Rendon are also three of the best hitters in the National League, and Ryan Zimmerman is also a relevant threat. Make-or-break player: Anthony Rendon may be the most valuable player on this loaded Washington roster since his 6.9 wins above replacement was not only the top on the team, but also the best in the National League.

Two takeaways from Masters 2018

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

1. Patrick Reed, although not America’s favorite golfer, is still a golfing master. Even though Reed may have been the most disliked and unfavorable player to win the tournament, Reed rose above the negativity and proved that he is actually all that he talks himself up to be. Most people expected this overly-confident and abrasive player to collapse under the high pressures of golf as his competitors brushed past him, but it never happened.

Reed played well. He chose his shots wisely, didn’t take too many risks and pulled through with stellar plays when he needed to. Despite his poor reputation in the golf industry, Reed played the game with professional skill and swagger. Reed fully deserved his title, shooting in the 60s each of the first three days of the tournament and finishing at 15-under overall. People used to mock Reed for calling himself one of the best golfers in the world, but now he’s finally got some proof to back up that confidence, proving that sometimes when you don’t get the respect you want, you have to demand it.

2. Tiger Woods isn’t ready to challenge the youngsters and may never make it back to his old self again. Like all sports, golf belongs to the youth. Playing at the high caliber that the Masters demands can take a lot out of someone, especially a 42-year-old 14-time major champion fresh from his fourth back surgery. While Wood’s performance overall in 2018 has been impressive, his swing is still stiff and inconsistent, and lacks the natural athletic flow that the young leaders in the game have. This is expected not only because of his age, but also because of his need for constant swing changes due to past injuries. There’s still hope that he can figure things out, but it’ll be a slow and steady process.

Even before the Masters started, Woods admitted that his best days are behind him, and he’s okay with that. He seems satisfied with being able to finally play again without feeling pain. Woods said, “Six months ago, I didn’t know if I was going to play again. It’s incredible. I’m just so thankful to have this opportunity to be able to play golf again. Playing at a championship level, playing at a Tour level, is such a bonus. I wanted to play golf again. It’s something I’ve done virtually my whole life. I missed it.”

Although Woods’ return may not be the dominating comeback that we were hoping for, if this is as good as it gets, that’s okay with us. We finally have our golf superstar back, and it feels great.
April 12
Keren Flores
Lizzy Penner

April 13
Glendy Gutierrez
Sakari Tallmadge
Nicole Woodcock

April 14
Bryan Arvelo
Hope Behnke
Heather Carr
Nolan Chu
Cate Flower
Ayana Uono

April 15
Noah Banks
Megan Buffington
Andrew Oliver
Ricardo Perez Rosado
Maggie Pickens
Martyn Rhee
Jessica Swallows

April 16
Katherine Hesler

April 17
Corinne Atiga
Michael Baranda
Jedidiah Cooper
Candra Raviaree
Mickey Russell
Joseph Suffriti

April 18
Adam Fisher
Olivia Londis
Monica McKenzie
Patricia Sanchez
Audiara Seyfried
Joelle Toews
Lillyana Toscano

May Graduating Seniors: April 16 will be the last day to order regalia. Order at www.cbgrad.com

Asian Night: Asian Club will host its yearly show in the Iles P.E. Center at 9:00 p.m. on April 14. Enjoy the performances and cuisine from the largest continent on Earth.

SA “This Is Us”: Come out to enjoy a taste of Southern Adventist University culture through food and a live show. It will be a celebration of what each student brings to Southern. The doors open at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday night, April 21.

SA Strawberry Fest: Re-experience this past school year at Southern through cinema and strawberry treats. The show will start at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday night, April 22nd in the Iles P.E. Center.

The Southern Accent: Join us. The Accent is currently in the process of hiring for the 2018-2019 school year. Whether you can design, write, edit, do social media or just have some cool and innovative ideas, we are looking for you. For more information on how to apply, email Tierra Hayes at tierrahayes@southern.edu or contact her at 706-461-5681.

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Chloe Bastajian @chloelise98, Psychology, FR
I just want to take a shower and go to sleep but I can’t bc I have to go to Vespers

Audrey Fankhanel @AudreyFankhanel, Mass Communication, SO
I’m embracing a new vibe. It’s called dark circles. #saulife #4moreweeks

Kristen Vonnoh @kristenstagram, Journalism, SR
happy national sibling day to all the boys i told i loved like a brother.

Sammantha Francois @youngandboring, Liberal Education, SR
*student raises hand* Me: do you have a question?
Student: yes *proceeds to tell a story, no question*

Greg Wright @WrightThoughts Liberal Arts Education, SR
Imagine after a break up, you get refunded all the money you spent on them.

Tierra Hayes @tierrablyawkwar, Mass Communication, JR
After a really productive weekend, I am now back to my regularly scheduled program of ruining my GPA

Angela Fears @angiepieee, Nursing, SR
Hey @jordanputt95 you should promote your EP release party which is happening on April 21 in the @Southern_Accent and tell people they can RSVP on Facebook or by going to bit.ly/2H311oH

follow the Southern Accent!

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The fruits of dorm etiquette

You may not have gotten it the first time around, but there are always second chances next fall semester.

1. Patience is a virtue: Chill! There is absolutely no reason to stop a person's clothes mid-wash to wash your own.

2. Contain your joy: It's midnight, and I'm sure the students trying to sleep on the floor below you would appreciate it if you didn't blare Ariana Grande.

3. Have less faith in your cooking skills: Just because you watch Tasty's videos does not mean you're a chef. Stick to something simple instead of setting off the fire alarms.

4. Trash control: Students can go through insane amounts of trash each day, but sadly, most of that trash does not go in the trash can. It may be hard to walk over to a trash can, but self-control is all about commitment to strenuous tasks.

5. Love yourself: Buy a card holder to stick on the back of your phone. The front desk, your RA and your suitemates will all be grateful and appreciate you a little more.

6. Kind roommates, happy dorm life: While you may think killing your roommate with kindness is best through passive-aggressive comments or gestures, it may be more effective to actually discuss the issues you're having.

7. Showers of peace and silence: Whether it's community or suite bathrooms, students love to have their own karaoke sessions. However, just because you think your playlist is amazing doesn't mean other people want to listen to your music choices.

8. Cleanliness is next to godliness: With cooking comes cleaning. Many are unaware of this ancient art form, but it can be easily achieved with Clorox wipes.

9. SIT DOWN, be gentle: It's super easy to be annoyed with your dormmates, but before you decide to yell at them, ask yourself if it's worth exerting your energy on a minor problem rather than the exam you need to study for.
Special Edition: Celebrating Asian heritage month

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Photo by Barry Daly
Every since I can remember, I have been nurtured and influenced by both Asian culture and Caucasian culture, for good and for bad. I am what people call “a banana, white on the inside, and yellow on the outside.” However, I haven’t always felt this way. I was born and raised in the states (Washington state, then Tennessee) not understanding completely that I was “different” in any way from my Caucasian friends. My only indication of a difference of culture at a young age was my food and the color of my hair. It was first grade when I was first recognized that I was “different.” There was a freckled boy who would always make fun of me for having “smaller” eyes and a “flatter” face (he called me “flat-face” and “china doll”). Though he did have a crush on me, and this was just his form of flirting, he later admitted, it made me stop and realize that perhaps the world is a lot more complicated than what my first-grader mind thought it to be.

Asian culture is very rooted in ideals where harmony and community are emphasized. For example, respecting elders, doing things in groups, always sticking together, eating together, following the rules, being doctors, being nurses, doing whatever everyone else is doing, etc.

It is the greatest goal to live peacefully and successfully through hard work and dedication. In contrast, ideals in American culture are individualistic and post-modern. The mentality of “do whatever you want” or “be whatever you want” is currently trending. It’s very centered on what “I” can do for “me,” rather than seeking to gain approval from one another. Both lifestyles have their pros and cons, but where does this leave those who were raised amidst both? Whom does one serve—the future generation, or a future self?

The Asian Club presidency has opened my eyes to both the sacredness of tradition and the necessity of modern input. Through the ideals of Asian culture that say “we,” I’ve also learned from American culture that sometimes it’s necessary to say “I.”

To say the least, Asian culture is complex and still daunting to me this day. I am both Korean and Japanese. My father (Korean) is first generation, my mother (Japanese) is second generation, and so this leaves me, I suppose, a 1.5th generation or so.

It wasn’t until I attended Southern that I realized what it meant to live as a true Asian-American, where I am now free to claim both sides as a whole. Asian culture is forever timeless and yet extremely progressive. We have those individuals who fulfill stereotypes and those who do not, but only because at the end of the day, we are all just human.

I have pride in my nationalities, but I also am proud to claim my homeland as American soil.

I struggled against the Eurocentric standards of beauty prevalent in both the U.S. and in the Philippines.
Self-love and burnt chicken nuggets

Aaron Negrillo
Contributor

I’m a summer baby. I would spend hours outside under the sun. I adored going to the beach, capitalizing on every opportunity to dive into the salty waves. Every day, the sun would kiss my skin, and I would return home matching the weathered boardwalk I had walked hours earlier.

I hated it. I remember people would make comments about how dark my skin would get. My last name means “small, dark person,” so I struggled against the Eurocentric standards of beauty prevalent in both the U.S. and in the Philippines. Fairer skin was just always praised more. My parents would endeavor to reassure their children, the same boys who refused to respond to them in their mother tongue. Yet despite these attempts, my self-worth continued to depreciate.

It wasn’t until I left for Italy that I began to reconsider my beliefs. I was sitting in the terminal, staring at the polaroid I took of myself and my parents. Studying abroad was both exhilarating and frightening to me. I would be in a foreign country where I didn’t speak the language or have an entire ocean between me and my family. The apprehension came not only from the financing involved, but also from the fact that I was a sickly kid. In fact, that was my parents’ biggest concern, not the funding required. Even though my health was lackluster, even though I would be a financial burden, my parents still supported my desire to go solo and live in Italy for 10 months.

And then it hit me. My siblings think I’m a spoiled kid. In all honesty, they’re right. If there was something I was ever passionate about doing, my parents were right there supporting me. Even if my “learning experiences” were expensive, they were still willing to pay for it out of their own pockets. Day in and day out, they would sacrifice their time and energy so that I could be “happy.”

To deny my dark skin was to deny my identity, my name and my heritage. My dad would always tell us, “You might have Australian or U.S. citizenship, but your skin will always make you Filipino.” Who was I to deny my own culture—a culture that pours passion into every dish, produces obnoxious love songs and teleseryes, hosts deafening karaoke parties and makes sure you’ve eaten enough?

As Filipinos, we are instilled with the value of placing others before ourselves, and my parents are living examples. They gave up this past weekend to drive, cook food and watch me perform my heart out at Asian Night, all because I asked them to. We are a culture characterized by unending love and sacrifice for our family and friends, our kapamilya.

In the words of a famous vine, “even though I look like a burnt chicken nugget, I still love myself.” I embrace my heritage, my dark skin, because I am of a people who work hard, act selflessly and love unceasingly. Ako ay Filipino.

Half Chinese and very confused

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Let’s just say I’ve spent my “Asian” life being quite confused and feeling like I fit nowhere. Let me break it down for you (mind you, these are all stereotyped generalizations): I have the skin color of a light western European, the curvy body type of a Latina and the curly hair of a Pacific Islander. I’m a half-Chinese female whose mom is actually from Malaysia and whose dad is Scots-Irish/Native American. I was born in Montana, raised in Oregon. I speak some German and none of the Chinese dialects. I’m not a musical prodigy, and I hate math more than most people hate Monday mornings.

My only real exposure to my Malaysian culture and Chinese heritage was from brief trips during my childhood to visit my mom’s immediate family in Malaysia. I’ve been scorned by some Chinese people, both elderly and my age, for not knowing Mandarin and for not being “Asian enough,” and I’ve been laughed at by Caucasians for being a “rice picker,” or more commonly while growing up, a “murt.” I remember crying in the bathroom in middle school, so angry and so hurt because all I wanted was to fit in. All I wanted was for at least one of the halves of “my people” to accept me.

It wasn’t until college that I finally met others who had experienced things similar to me—other half, quarter, or mixed Asians. It was like gasping a breath of fresh air, finally feeling like someone understood the confusion and judgement that I had felt my whole life by two groups of people who were integral parts of me.

But isn’t that what we all seek, understanding and oftentimes even compassion from others on some level or another? Don’t many of us crave to know that we are not an island, that we belong somewhere, to some group?

I have so much pride, love and respect for the cultures and heritages that my parents call their own. But honestly, I don’t think I’ll ever truly feel like I fit with “my own people,” and that’s okay. It’s challenged me. It’s given me the opportunity to learn from many cultures and embrace all groups of people whom God calls His children.

If you’re reading this and you’ve ever felt like me, pulled in various directions and not being able to truly identify with the people who are supposed to be “your people,” remember how much of a blessing that can be. You are a kaleidoscope of character traits, physical traits and even cultural traits, and you have the opportunity to go and find your own fit in the world. Go.
How I learned to have a big heart

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When I was younger, my family went beyond my home. I spent afternoons at my aunt’s house and weekends at the beach with people who were “auntie, uncle, lolo or lola.” I did not question why I called my best friend’s mom “auntie,” nor did I stop myself from calling an elderly man “lolo” even when it was my first time meeting him. Sometimes, I learned to call people these endearing names before knowing their actual names.

In the Filipino culture, everyone is family, regardless of family name or where you are from in the Philippines. My dad would sit me down when I was little and explain who was my “real auntie” and who was just “auntie.” I was never confused about why these intimate family terms were used on strangers. It was just how it was and still is.

I was relieved not having to remember everyone’s name at a church function; we had a lot of parties. You could step in a room full of people and do a general “Hello auntie and uncle!” and see heads turn with smiles on everyone’s face. You would hear laughter and feel warm hugs as you were ushered toward the kitchen and dining room to partake in the buffet line. As expected, you would be encouraged to eat until you were on your third plate (with lola making extra plates for you in the kitchen to take home when you were to leave hours later).

When talking about Filipinos, three things usually come to mind: eggrolls and pancit, karaoke, and unselfish love. You get the warm feeling of belonging when embraced by the Filipino culture. You are always being given things, from food and clothing to prayers and Bible studies to endless potlucks. As cliché as it is, family is the cornerstone for the Filipino culture and the way of life for many of us.

I am proud to be Filipino and even prouder that I have had my family teach me the importance of being connected with others, reaching out to strangers and making them feel at home, providing endless respect and love for others and keeping family first—every single member.

Student satisfaction survey results

Southern has conducted Noel Levitz’ student satisfaction survey to students on campus every other year. The results collected revealed prominent strengths and challenges on Southern’s administration, course material and overall campus life. The strengths that scored a “3” signify strengths that have been consistent throughout the past three years of surveying [‘14, ’16, ’18], the ones that scored a “2” have been consistent throughout the past two years and the ones that scored a “1” have been a scored a strength starting this year. The same applies for challenges.

STRENGTHS

1ST YEAR

- Faculty are usually available after class and during office hours
- There’s commitment to academic excellence on campus
- Academic advisor is concerned about my success
- Tutoring services are readily available
- Institution has a good reputation within community

2ND YEAR

- Content of the courses within my major is valuable
- Instruction in my major field is excellent
- Academic advisor is knowledgeable about requirements in my major
- Nearly all of the faculty are knowledgeable in their field
- I am able to experience intellectual growth here
- Academic advisor is approachable
- Variety of courses provided on campus
- Campus is well-maintained

3RD YEAR

- Campus is free of discriminatory harassment
- There is a strong commitment to racial harmony on campus
- Financial aid counselors are helpful
- Faculty consider student differences as they teach a course
- I am able to register for classes with few conflicts
- Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students
- Living conditions in residence halls are comfortable
- Tuition paid is a worthwhile investment
- Adequate financial aid is available for most students
- Financial aid awards are announced to students in time to be helpful in college planning
- There is an adequate selection of food available in the cafeteria
As we have learned to celebrate each other throughout the year, I want to give a farewell address to each of you. Firstly, thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your Student Association (SA) President for the 2017-2018 school year. I have enjoyed getting to know so many of you and exchanging our stories, backgrounds, cultures and ideas. Throughout the year, we have celebrated “This Is Us” and what Southern culture means to us today. This month, we celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. Normally, the United States celebrates this in May. At Southern, since we’re not here very long in May, we celebrate one of the biggest minority groups on our campus in the month of April. Our Asian friends are a huge part of Southern culture. The popularity of Asian Night has led to Iles Gym being filled seemingly every year, and we’ve elected the first Asian SA President in over 30 years. Rhidge Garcia, President-Elect, is also the first Filipino SA President in Southern’s history. Though it is important to understand one’s background and culture, I also want to stress that as we go through our lives and our time here at Southern that we do not put individuals into boxes because social constructs have told us to. “This Is Us” was not about excluding others or trying to find more ways to define people and arguably separate them even more, but rather to bring people to an understanding of each other’s backgrounds and cultures and stop falling for unhealthy and hurtful stereotypes. If this is a Southern we are all supposed to be a part of and a glimpse of the unification in the diversity of heaven, then we must understand how to look like one tribe, together.

Until the Lord comes, let us continue to understand each other and help to eliminate racism, bigotry, prejudice and ignorance in our community. Thanks for letting me serve you this year.

Asian Club's annual cultural night featured a video-game-themed production that incorporated dances, music and videos on Saturday, April 14 at 9 p.m.

The play followed the main character Grace, played by Isabel Groves, sophomore nursing major, as she gets trapped in a video game and is led through seven different Asian countries and regions in search of seven keys. She must learn character lessons along the way in order to return home.

The locations featured include the Philippines, China, Korea, Japan, the Pacific Islands, India and Indonesia.

“Honestly Asian night is the highlight of my year,” said Michaela Lewin, sophomore public relations major. “I love how the storyline was a video game and how they had to travel to each country! I love learning about different cultures and I think nights like these are great ways to facilitate that want.”

See below for photos from the night.
Half white, half Korean, full Christian

Elisabeth Sewell
Contributor

Growing up half Korean, half Caucasian, I have always considered myself to be mainly American. Sure, I was raised to love Korean food (kimchi, mandu and bibimbap, yum!), I learned a few words in Korean and my Halmomi (grandma) and aunts made sure I got the full Korean child experience; but, even though I immersed myself in every aspect of my culture that I had access to, I knew I was different from both sides of my family, and I accepted it. However, my sister expressed to me a year or so ago that growing up for her was difficult. She never felt like she fit in. She thought she didn’t look white enough to be considered white or Asian enough to be considered Asian. Because of these feelings, she never claimed a culture. “No, I’m not white. No, I’m not Asian,” she would say. She shied away from embracing who she was and became withdrawn from both her Caucasian and Asian roots.

I, on the other hand, would claim whichever side benefited me at the moment. When people see me, they can usually tell I’m Caucasian. Some can see other ethnicities in me, but rarely do they correctly guess my heritage. In Hawaii where I was raised, many people look down on Caucasians because they overthrow the Hawaiian monarchy. When I was a little girl, I got teased for being white. I would march over to whoever was teasing me and smugly say, “Well, actually I’m half Korean.” It actually did improve things. Hawaiians had nothing against Asians, so it made them see me in a better light. Whenever people would complain about the Caucasian race as a whole, I made sure to remind them, “I’m Korean, too!” I was white when I needed to be and Asian when I needed to be. Whatever helped me out more at the moment was the side that I claimed.

I feel like this situation can reflect our Christian experience. When people don’t feel like they fit into the church or Christianity, they can be like my sister and withdraw from the church and not claim God as a part of them. On the flip side, they can be like me and only claim God when it benefits them and when it’s convenient for them. If there’s one thing I’ve learned from growing up half Asian, it’s that most people won’t know what you are, so you have to proudly announce it. You won’t always feel like you fit into your own family, but you realize that even if you don’t fit the mold, you are still loved and accepted by them. These lessons directly apply to us as Christians. We should proudly stand up and vocalize our love for God. We should know that even if we don’t feel like we fit the mold of what a Christian should be, we are still deeply loved and desired by Him. At the end of the day, people can look at me and wonder what ethnicity I am as long as when they look at me, they know that I am a Christian.

“You’re an A-sian, not a B-sian”

Rhidge Garcia
Contributor

One of the greatest strengths in Asian culture, I believe, is the ability to strive for greatness. By no means am I implying that other cultures are not great. I am simply alluding to the “all Asians are good at everything” stereotype. While I do think that this strength has served my community well, I firmly believe that it has become one of our greatest weaknesses.

Like many in the Asian community, I live with this constant worry of not being “good enough.” I worry that my grades are not “good enough.” I worry that my future career will never be “good enough.” I worry that my whole life’s work will never be “good enough.” Granted, I do think that I have accomplished some things of substance in my life. However, I still find myself living with this worry of not being “good enough.”

I was always trying to be good at things I was not called to be good at. From the early days of my life, my parents instilled within me the idea of becoming a doctor. So, for the first 18 years of my life, I lived trying to fulfill that which was planted in me. I remember times when I would put on my mom’s lab coat and imagine myself being the doctor my parents were expecting me to be. Yet, I remember feeling physically uncomfortable wearing my mom’s lab coat because I had this strong impression that this was not what I was called to be good at. It was not until my senior of high school that I decided to follow God’s calling to be a pastor. While I do believe that this is where God is calling me to go, I can still feel the judgmental stares of my family members every time I come home for breaks. And again, I am reminded that I will never be “good enough.”

But it is in those moments I gain a better understanding of myself. I come to realize that I will never be “good enough” for myself or for those around me. Furthermore, I come to an even greater realization of my God who brings me to higher places.

So, to my Asian brothers and sisters who understand this struggle: Stop worrying about whether or not you’ll be “good enough.” God already knows the outcome of everything you do. He knows what grade you’re going to get on that test. He knows what graduate school you’re going to go to. He knows who you may or may not end up with. Matter of fact, He knows how many hairs are on your head. So, just stay close to Him. Slow down when life gets too hectic. Stray away from the voices that seek to deplete you. Pay attention to the way you feel. And I promise you that God will perform miracles in your life that’ll remind you that you are always good enough for Him.
**Natalia Perez**  
*Outgoing editor-in-chief*

I was born worrying. I spent most of my young life hiding behind comfort blankets, biting my nails and picking at my face among a plethora of anxious mannerisms. I was a straight-up narc, an obsessive rule follower, always the one hanging behind the group saying, “You guys, wait. We’re going to get in trouble!” I was the oldest and only child, reactive and bossy, positive I could control the world if I obsessively thought about it enough.

I lived by a very particular set of rules. I was rigid and uncompromising and set myself to a strict social script I must absolutely follow in my interactions with the world. If I strayed from said script, I was anxious people would find me awkward or unlikable—my script kept me safe.

I also had very irrational fears. In my phase of repetitive movie watching, I particularly enjoyed the cartoon movies on the story of David and Goliath. I probably would watch it four times a day, every day. In the universe I’d built in my mind, I thought that once we died and were buried, we’d actually be buried into an underworld where we could interact with other people who’d passed away. I was anxious about dying and being buried because I was so sure Goliath would find me and bully me throughout the rest of my “dead life.” I was four. My parents confusedly assured me that life doesn’t work that way, and that I would not be dying anytime soon. I eventually digressed.

Growing up, my irrational fears developed into just general anxieties. I’ve always been more sensitive than most people, always hyper-aware and analytical about my surroundings. Most of my life has been an exertion of coping mechanisms to protect my mind from the many potentially hurtful things around me. I became socially reserved, fiercely protective and devoted to self preservation. If I didn’t let many people in, if I stayed out of most social situations, I’d be okay. My mind became a natural comfort zone for me. I almost saw no reason to leave it.

In high school, I was deep into my habits: persevering in private or, at times, letting people in too much. I was both unwilling to articulate my worst anxieties and hurts but perfectly willing to entertain all of them.

It took me way too long to realize this shouldn’t be the way to live my life.

In college, I eventually found that my deepest joys stem from what I’d always considered to be my weaknesses. I’d always deemed my empathy to be a dangerous vulnerability; now it is a valued attribute of my character. I can understand anyone, whether I agree with them or not, and be able to tell their stories from their point of view. I’ve found that revelling in the most genuine parts of myself and sharing them with other people can lead to beautiful experiences.

I’ve found that opening up to people won’t always end awfully.

I still struggle with concealing myself too much—I think I’ll always be that way. But working this job, exposing my creative visions and pouring passionately every week into something that I can be proud of has been the most healing thing I’ve ever taken part of. It has forced me out of my comfort zone consistently and has forced me to understand that my voice can be valued and respected. Most importantly it’s taught me to trust and rely on other people, even when I don’t want to.

Fortunately, my Accent team this year has seen me in all states. They’ve seen me celebrate issues close to our hearts, they’ve seen me impatient, struggling to keep my composure and they’ve seen me sob uncontrollably, distressed and sleep deprived. They are the smartest, funniest and overall most amazing people I’ve ever worked with, and I treasure them more than I can articulate. Thank you for helping carry out the vision.

And to all of you, our readers, who have let me celebrate your cultures, who have encouraged me and let me be vulnerable with you this year: Never stop telling your stories, never stop sharing your art and never stop celebrating and empowering the people around you. These are the heart of diversity.

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**Tierra Hayes**  
*Incoming editor-in-chief*

I cannot fully express in words how excited and honored I am to serve as the editor-in-chief of the Southern Accent for the 2018-2019 school year. But since words are my chosen method of expression, I should at least try.

Since the day I stepped foot onto Southern Adventist University’s campus two years ago, I knew I wanted to work for the paper.

I have spent the last two years working on staff with two of the most intelligent and hard-working leaders, Sierra Emilaire and Natalia Pérez, and I can’t wait to continue their legacy while forging a path of my own.

I learned during my time in high school as a member of the Odyssey Newsmagazine that as a journalist and, dare I say, a human, I should always strive to be fair, to be accurate and to be balanced.

And in this next year, I want to emphasize journalistic technique through new designs, dynamic photos and graphics, an increased social media presence and the use of new platforms to better engage the audience of the Accent. I hope to be a reflection of a traditional newspaper, while seeking to be unique and effective.

As a diverse campus, our paper should continue to reflect the different cultures, lifestyles and opinions that make up Southern.

In today’s world, journalism presents many challenges to those who choose to continue in the discipline. And in this next year, I plan to face them head on.

I know being editor-in-chief won’t be easy or stress-free, but I know it’ll be more than worth it. And that’s honestly all I can ask for.
American vs. Korean skin care

In recent years, the U.S. beauty industry has become increasingly interested in skin care, especially Korean skin care. From face masks to eye creams and moisturizers, this phenomenon is certainly not dying down any time soon. So, what’s the big deal? Why is it so popular? Here are some key differences in American and Korean skin care. Maybe we can take some notes.

1. **American skin care products aren’t necessarily better.** American women are obsessed with anti-aging products, and that seems to be the main focus in the American beauty industry. However, according to the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) website, “The law does not require cosmetic products and ingredients, other than color additives, to have FDA approval before they go on the market....” This basically means that American skin care brands can get away with putting a lot more harmful ingredients in their products. It’s always important to check the label before you buy. These products are going on your face, after all.

2. **Korean skin care is much more intensive, often having a 10-step process.** The intention Koreans put into their skin care routine is so meticulous and inspiring. Americans typically have two to five steps, which is helpful for a tight budget, but not thorough enough to make an impact on your skin. Koreans start with an oil-based cleanser, then use a foam cleanser, apply an essence or serum, use a sheet mask, apply an eye cream and, finally, apply a moisturizer. Americans typically want faster results. While this routine may seem time-consuming, the long-term results are worth it.

3. **Hydration is key.** Korean skin care is all about hydration. While American skin care is more focused on clay detox masks, Korean sheet masks are intended to plump and moisturize the skin. It keeps the skin clean and moist all day, providing an extra glowy look.

Which do you prefer? Tweet @kristenvonnoh with your favorite Korean (or American) skin care products.

The strength in my different cultures

Hannah Wilson
Contributor

I have always found amusement in having people guess my ethnicity. It’s hard to tell exactly what I am when I take such a 50/50 split of both my parents. If I’m with just one of them, it’s hard to tell we are related, but in between them there is no mistaking the fact that I have my dad’s smile, or my mom’s nose. I love my mix of Caucasian and Filipino. I loved growing up with my dad’s six-foot stature and broad shoulders and my mom’s small figure. I not only am a mix of my parents’ facial features and have a height that falls directly in between theirs, but my personality is a mixture of my parents too. My dad’s loud, extroverted and often outspoken tendencies and my mom’s classic Asian acts of service and detail-oriented style continue to mix in me. I compliment others freely and make friends with ease due to my dad’s influence. Thanks to my mom, I have the stamina and organization to show them I care.

I always joke that my parents have four things in common: hard work, their love for God and my sister and me—and even we came later. Their parenting skills clashed occasionally on strictness. My mom is more conservative and once yelled at my dad for buying an ice cream cone on the Sabbath when they were dating—very characteristic of her conservative values.

When I would come home late on a school night, at about 10:00 p.m. after a Bible study with some friends, my mom would yell at me, referencing how when she was growing up in the concrete jungle of Manila, she had to be home before the sun went down. But my dad was more just, content I was out late at a Bible study instead of out partying like most kids my age were.

When it came to teaching me to drive, my mom said if it were up to her, I would not be driving until 18. But because of my dad who was driving trucks and tractors on the farm at 12 years old, I was driving on his lap by eight years old and had my permit and license as soon as the state allowed it.

My mom is classically smart—she had only one C on an assignment all through both grade school, high school and college (it was in fifth grade for handwriting, and she never forgot it). My mom’s scholastic drive would be impossible to live up to and stress me out—trying to would haunt me, if it weren’t for my dad’s background. He dropped out of high school and got his GED, starting his own successful business that he has continued to support us with.

I loved it when my parents would tell their love story, my dad ambitiously chasing and my mom trying hard to ignore, or at least not show her reaction, to his obvious gestures. She played hard to get until she was standing at the altar. I always thought it was him who was lucky to marry her, and she was the one who was stepping out in faith in this wild divorcee and newly born-again Christian. That was the way they portrayed it when we invited visitors over for Sabbath lunch and they were asked how my parents met. It was not until later that I realized that the reason so much of my dad’s family was not at the wedding was because of her nationality and timing of it (my mom’s visa was about to run out at the time of my father’s proposal). A lot of my father’s side of the family assumed she was only marrying him for the green card and that the marriage would not last.

Growing up in such a contrasting yet loving home has taught me a lot about not only working through differences but using them as strength. I feel like because of my parents’ cultures and differences in how they were raised, they can cover more ground. I hope others can strive to see differences as a strength like my parents have shown me.
Stereotypes of Asians in sports

Corinne Atiga
Sports Editor

Before Taiwanese basketball player Jeremy Lin entered the NBA or Manny Pacquiao made his name as a boxer, the words “Asians” and “sports” hardly ever came together in a sentence. Asians in society have often been categorized as being smaller, weaker and less able to excel in sports. Ask football fans to name an Asian football player, and they would struggle. If you asked why that is, they would probably say that it’s because Asians don’t or can’t play sports.

American society can’t be fully blamed, however, for holding this assumption that Asians don’t play sports. In fact, a major part of this stereotype is based on the fact that Asian culture places an overwhelming emphasis on education over athletics. Most Asian households view sports as a distraction or a hobby, but nothing more than that. However, just because culture partly causes this discrepancy of Asians in the athletic world, it does not mean that Asians are less qualified as athletes in the professional sports world.

Luckily, as more Asian Americans make it to the NBA, NFL and other American leagues, the stereotype of Asians being bad at sports is slowly beginning to diminish in the U.S. When hearing this, you may applaud Asian Americans for finally making it into the sports spotlight. But if you actually took a look at sports globally, Asian dominance in sports is everywhere and has been around for quite a while.

Just look at the medal count these past few Olympics: China led the gold medal count at the 2008 Olympics, and South Korea and Japan were in the top 10. In 2012, China finished second overall, and South Korea was in the top five as well. In 2016, China finished third overall, losing to Great Britain by only one medal.

Not only have Asians competed at a high caliber in sports globally, but Asian-American athletes have also been making history in American professional sports. For instance, Korean-American Snowboarder Chloe Kim is the youngest woman to win an Olympic snowboarding medal (which was gold, by the way). Junior Seau (Samoan-American) reigned as one of the best NFL linebackers for 19 years and was elected posthumously to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2015.

Jeremy Lin (Taiwanese-American), an NBA guard for the Brooklyn Nets, generated the craze of “Linsanity” in 2012 after his performance on the New York Knicks, proving to many young Asian basketball players that Asians, too, can make it to the big leagues. But while Jeremy Lin has become a success story, his story also reveals the barriers that may still be present for Asian Americans with sports. In high school, even though Jeremy Lin proved to have great basketball skills, being named as the Division II “Player of the Year” and being included in the first-team All State in California, he didn’t get a single scholarship offer from one of the 351 Division I colleges, which would have been an assumed result for someone with his talent.

In the past, sports have always been seen as a rare industry where talent usually takes the upper hand, but as we’ve seen with Lin’s case, while Asians may be best known for their work ethic and academic efforts in the professional world, they still may be discredited in their athletic abilities.

For more stories from this week that aren’t featured in the paper, visit our new site at southern.edu/accent

The Winners:

Short Story
1st - Nicole Dominguez
2nd - Ancia Ascalon
3rd - Sierra Correia

Poetry
1st - Melissa Osadchuck
2nd - Anthony Nelson
3rd - Avery Kroll

Thank you to everyone who contributed this semester!

All submissions will be featured in Mckee Special Collections by May 3rd:
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The Legacy Writing Competition

Wired Coffee
April 22nd at 3 p.m.

Join us for the “Bittersweet” poetry reading this Sunday!
Thursday, April 19
All day, Campus Research Day, Various locations
11:00 a.m. David Epstein, Convocation, Iles PE Center
3:30 p.m. English Research Symposium, Lynn Wood Hall

Friday, April 20
Student Missions Retreat (20-22)
7:00 – 10:00 p.m. Bat Vespers, Wright Hall
8:00 p.m. NextStep Vespers, Collegedale Church
9:00 p.m. Star Watch, Hickman Hall

Saturday, April 21
9:00 & 10:15 a.m. Adoration, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
10:00 a.m. Sabbath School, The Experience, Collegedale Church
10:15 a.m. Young Adult Sabbath School, Church Senior Center
11:35 a.m. Renewal, Dave Ferguson, Collegedale Church
11:35 a.m. Connect Church Service, Andy Nash, Collegedale Academy Auditorium
3:00 p.m. DEEP Sabbath Discussion, Thatcher Chapel
8:00 p.m. Evensong, Collegedale Church
9:15 p.m. SA “This Is Us” Multicultural Performance Night, Iles P.E. Center

Sunday, April 22
8:00 p.m. SA Strawberry Fest, Iles P.E. Center

Tuesday, April 24
All day, Student Appreciation Day, Various locations

Wednesday, April 25
6:30 p.m. School of Journalism and Communication Research Showcase, Brock Hall
7:30 p.m. SA Senate, White Oak Room

DEEP Sabbath: We would like to welcome students from Oakwood University to our campus on Sabbath, April 21. Southern and Oakwood students are invited to join together in worship at the Collegedale Church’s Renewal Service followed by haystacks on the Promenade and a discussion at 3:00 p.m. in the Thatcher Chapel.

SA “This Is Us”: Come out to enjoy a taste of Southern Adventist University culture through food and a live show. It will be a celebration of what each student brings to Southern. The doors open at 9:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 21.

SA Strawberry Fest: Re-experience the school year at Southern through cinema and strawberry treats. The show will start at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 in Iles P.E. Center.

The Campus Chatter is a weekly publication of the Student Association and Student Development offices. Announcements must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday to chatter@southern.edu. Priority will be given to announcements pertaining to the current week. Chatter Editor: Laura Chase
TWITTER

“Jonathan Mancao @lilmancao, Chemistry, SR
I love it when I stay up till 4am to finish a draft only for the prof to give everyone an extension the morning of

“Phillip Warfield @_PhilWarfield, History, SR
Hey college professors, I really, really need us to not randomly have class outside in the spring. Not trying to sneeze all over my homework and everyone else around me. #saulife

“Joelle Kanyana @joellekanyana, International Studies, SR
better than any surprise text or dm from your crush is a message from a recruiter on LinkedIn!

“Mariaelena Hays @yerrrrrrugly97, Spanish, SO
teachers really be taking it so personal when you skip their class like this is not about you I am just TIRED

“Margoski Saintinus @MARAWZHEE, Allied Health, JR
Kdot went and did something that we have never ever done seen before

“Victoria Acosta @2cool4death, English, JR
petition to start a shuttle from the girls dorm to brock

“Jade Bromfield @Island_beauty, Business Administration, JR
Anybody ever get darker circles from catching up on sleep?? #saulife

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You know you're Filipino when...

1. You have a piano in your house even if no one knows how to play.
2. People ask you what your “real” name is.
3. People think you’re good at math and science.
4. Your parents smack their fruit before they buy it to see if it’s good.
5. Your parents won’t let you leave the house without eating.
6. You put rice on everything.
7. Your family in the Philippines always messages you on Facebook to send them things from the U.S.
8. It’s not a party if there’s no karaoke or rice.
9. Your parents always talk about how the third world is better.
10. You were forced to play an instrument as a kid, but your parents didn’t allow you to have a profession in music.
11. You care about your meat to rice ratio.
12. You’re always tripping over a pile of shoes when you walk in your house.
13. You’re a boxing fan because of Pacquiao.
14. You have a mini heart attack when you don’t remember if you pressed start on the rice cooker.
15. You’d rather eat with your hands instead of silverware.
16. You know every word to “Bebot” by The Black Eyed Peas.
17. Everyone in your family watches Miss Universe.

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