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Humans

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Department of Biology Hires Renowned Woodchuck Specialist Charles Lignum

Interviewed by: Scott Moncrieff 04.01.22



Photo by Abigail Lynn (Unsplash)

The Andrews University Department of Biology welcomed a new professor this semester, Dr. Charles Lignum, and Professor Lignum already has students buzzing with excitement. Recognized by his academic peers as the premier “woodchuckologist” in North America, Professor Lignum has revolutionized North American woodchuck pedagogy, with classes such as Social Structures of Woodchuck Life, Woodchucks and Energy Production, and Woodchucks in

Literature, Ancient and Modern. This week we sat down with Professor Lignum for an exclusive Student Movement interview.

Professor Lignum, you recently arrived from a tenured position at Rice University in Texas. Why would you come so far north to a smaller, less well-known university?

Unfortunately, as the old Willie Nelson song tells us, “There Ain’t No Woodchucks in Texas,” but Berrien County is loaded with them. Over the past few summers, I have been coming up here with graduate students to do research, and I happened to strike up a friendship with professors Tom Goodwin and Daniel Gonzalez from the Andrews University Department of Biology. They encouraged me to apply for an open position and here I am.

Why woodchucks? What fascinates you about them?

They’re big, the biggest member of the squirrel family in North America. And I love their nicknames: groundhog, woodchuck, whistlepig, groundpig, moonack, monax and wuchack. The Latin is *Marmota monax*. As a child, growing up in Decatur, Illinois, I was getting ready to cross a street on the way to school one day. As I started to step into the road a woodchuck darted in front of me and a big truck swerved to miss it. If it hadn’t been for that woodchuck, I might have walked right into the truck. That critter risked his life for me, so right then, at the age of seven, I decided to spend my life studying the woodchuck.

That’s amazing. Can you tell us about your research in woodchuck energy production?

Have you ever seen a hamster on a wheel? Those wheels can be connected to turbines to produce energy, but with the little wheels hamsters can turn, energy production is limited.

How limited?

If a hamster runs on the wheel for ten minutes, you get enough electricity to run a microwave for about fifteen seconds—enough to raise the temperature of an eight-ounce mug of water about three degrees. Hamsters only weigh about five ounces. They’re not that strong.

How about a woodchuck?

Today’s woodchuck averages around ten pounds, but I believe with selective breeding a twenty pound “Superchuck” is totally possible. If we get the Superchuck on a larger-sized wheel—and remember, this will be a highly trained animal at

athletic peak—in ten minutes it can generate sufficient energy to power a laptop for a month.

But would students have to, like, carry around a woodchuck and a wheel to their classes to keep their laptops powered up? That could get pretty inconvenient, not to mention distracting.

As I said, this power would last a month, so on the first Sunday of the month, say, a student could get the laptop charged in their room and they'd be good to go. Other days the woodchuck's energy production could be used for recharging electric cars, running the gate at the campus entrance, and the president's electric pencil sharpener.

Are you pulling my leg?

Yes. In truth, we're building a Woodchuck Energy Production Unit (WEPU) in the area down where the farm used to be. There we will have a woodchuck housing unit and a giant wheel—think Ferris wheel size—that will be powered by hundreds of trained woodchucks running in formation. They will produce about 50 Kilowatt Hours per week, enough to run everything on campus plus Baguette de France.

How soon do you hope to have the WEPU in operation?

We've scheduled ribbon cutting for the beginning of fall semester, 2022, and the campus should be completely off-grid—that is, able to produce all its own power—from that time forward. This should lead to a reduction in tuition costs for students and the WEPU will offer significant employment opportunities for students.

That sounds fantastic. Any other woodchuck developments that the campus should be watching out for?

By next year we'll push for making the woodchuck the official school mascot, instead of the cardinal. Or if that's not politically feasible, perhaps some combination, like a cardinal riding a saddled woodchuck. We're in talks with Pixar about an animated feature and we're working with Mattel on a plush toy line.

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HUMANS

Silly Little Hats Mandate

Qualyn Robinson, Alyssa Henriquez 04.01.22



Photo by Qualyn Robinson and Jocelyn Rico

As communicated via a school-wide email, Andrews University switched to a masks-optional policy starting on March 11, 2022. This shift in policy came exactly two years after Andrews initially announced that it would be going remote due to Covid-19, and represented a symbolic step toward pre-pandemic normalcy. Now that students and faculty across campus have begun to show their faces, the institution has made another monumental decision: a silly little hats mandate.

As of April 1st, 2022, all employees of Andrews University will be expected to wear silly little hats in order to boost campus morale. This policy will remain in effect

indefinitely, for as long as it takes to sufficiently bolster the joy and livelihood of AU students to a campus average of 93 percent using technology developed by psychology professor Karl Bailey and his lab.

In light of this policy, several professors across the Andrews campus have spoken out on their feelings regarding the university's decision.

“I fully support the SLH mandate,” says Professor Axelrod, from the Department of Engineering. “This represents the kind of progressive, forward thinking that induced me to leave my tenure track at MIT to come to Berrien. I’ve already had a number of chuckles today, just from attending a departmental meeting, and I really feel good all over. I may even continue to wear my hat if the mandate is lifted.”

On the other hand, Professor Muranski (Political Science) says “The SLH is just another mask policy for a different part of the head, and I, for one, up with it refuse to put.”

Meanwhile, Rebecca Smith, from Student Life, comments that “The SLH mandate is an attempt to look after campus wellbeing, cheer everyone up. All hats have been approved as non-carcinogenic and appropriate for student and faculty use. I don’t see why anyone has a problem with these. Killjoys!”

Dr. Karl Bailey, Professor of Psychology, states, “Numerous psychological studies promote the benefits of wearing Silly Little Hats. Last year, the National Institutes of Health noted that wearing a Silly Little Hat for just one hour increased the user’s mood by approximately 60 percent—a result that was sustained over a period of seven days. In these trying times, we could all benefit from wearing a Silly Little Hat.”

Dr. Stacie Hatfield, Professor of Anthropology said, “My hat is constructed of old tests and journal articles. This tiny little hat imbues its wearer with insights across disciplines and changing social worlds. Also, it makes students laugh.”

Dr. Scott Moncrieff of the Department of English says, “a student said ‘Props to you Dr. Moncrieff,’ when he saw me in it. ‘I like the spin you put on fashion.’”

Abigail Lee (sophomore, sociology) feels conflicted about the new SLH policy. “My head is too big and I am filled with rage. For most people, they’re wearing a silly *little* hat, but me? I’m wearing a silly *tiny* hat. That’s so unfair! I look like the most foolish clown in the dunce circus, and all because I’m trying to become a TA.

If I have to wear it for one more day, I'm literally going to transfer to another college.”

On the other hand, Alannah Tjhatra (junior, biochemistry) has a slightly different take. “The SLH mandate has really motivated me to go to class. Where I used to wake up ten minutes before my 8:30 period, I now wake up at least thirty minutes earlier—it’s just so exciting to see what Silly Little Hat my professor will be donning each morning.”

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Arts & Entertainment

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kim Kardashian’s History at AU

Solana Campbell with Megan Napod and Alyssa Henriquez [04.01.22](#)



Photo by Qualyn Robinson

The rumors are true: according to university records, a Kimberly Noel Kardashian was registered as a student at Andrews University in 1998, with a double major in political science and business management. The now billionaire attended classes for a record-breaking three days before departing the AU campus to pursue other endeavors. While records of her time at our campus have been kept confidential for the past several years, Ms. Kardashian's history on our campus has recently come to light.

According to written documentation in 1999, Ms. Kardashian details her initial interest in Andrews University, as well as her subsequent decision to leave. She states, "I chose this campus at the time because of how small and secluded it was. I felt like I needed to get away from my life in LA for a bit and pursue some of my educational goals. I enjoyed the quaint town of Berrien Springs, although knowing me, I just couldn't have survived in the winter conditions. The snow this past weekend? No thank you. Plus, the retail options were a bit limited."

Because Ms. Kardashian only attended Andrews University for a total of three days and did not graduate with a degree, her name does not appear when searching for the university's notable alumni. Her history as an AU student has been intentionally downplayed by the administration, likely due to fear of conflating the star's public persona with the pristine image of Andrews University—after all, she wears two-piece swimsuits, which directly contradicts the university's dress code.

Although the university wished to release a public statement formally communicating this news about Ms. Kardashian to the student body, news escaped early last Wednesday, March 30, when a student posted on their Instagram story at 4:25 pm: "Kim Kardashian went to AU for 3 days???" Upon further investigation, it was discovered that this student worked in the AU registrar's office and stumbled across documentation regarding Ms. Kardashian.

Students around campus have been shocked to learn of this news.

Red Steight (junior, political science), said, "It's so inspiring to know that Kim Kardashian attended Andrews! Like her, I'm aspiring to enter the legal field later in my career, and I'm so impressed by the unconventional way that she went about achieving her goals. Not to mention that she accomplished this all while having four small children. An icon!"

Dr. Jamison Martin, a professor of political science, states, "I'd heard the rumors from my colleagues, but it is surreal to find that this news is true. For years, the

more elderly professors in our department have sworn that Kim graced our campus with her presence for three days in 1998. They claim that they saw her with their own eyes. Well, after all these years, they've finally proven me wrong. I'm ashamed for ever doubting them."

With regard to Ms. Kardashian's views on this news becoming public, she has declined to provide an official statement. It seems that her time in the bustling town of Berrien Springs is tucked far away in the back of her memory, and is something she'd rather forget. But the Andrews University records do not lie—she was here, on our very own campus, for three days in 1998.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Love is Blind Beta Tests a Season in Berrien Springs

Alyssa Henriquez [04.01.22](#)



Photo by Qualyn Robinson

"Love is Blind Season 2" was one of Netflix's most-watched shows of 2022, soaring to the top of the streaming service's trending list in mid-February. Now, as the world waits with bated breath for Season 3, hosts Nick and Vanessa Lachey have announced that they will be hosting a hybrid season on college campuses around

the country. To the surprise of many, the Andrews University campus has been selected as a tentative location for the show.

Those who have watched seasons 1 and 2 are familiar with the production's quirks—contestants speak to each other from behind a wall in “pods,” engaging in speed dating over a period of several days. Within this time period, contestants are encouraged to propose to one another if they find their true match. Following the proposal, the couple is finally allowed to see one another in person. They then go on a vacation at an all-inclusive resort in Mexico, at which point they explore their physical connection. After their romantic getaway, they move in together for several weeks before tying the knot at an official wedding. The show represents an accelerated process of finding a partner, in addition to falling in love without fixating on the other person's looks.

After corresponding with the administration of Andrews University, the hosts of Love is Blind are willing to reorder the events of the show—after all, cohabitating with a significant other before marriage presents a significant challenge to Seventh-day Adventist students. Therefore, Nick and Vanessa Lachey have decided that in their Berrien Springs spinoff, contestants will get married directly after getting engaged. After this point, they will go on a honeymoon to Mexico and then move in with one another.

Students and faculty have had much to say in response to this groundbreaking announcement.

Mary Landon, (freshman, computer science), a resident of Lamson Hall, states, “Honestly, dating from behind a wall won't feel that different from what we typically experience on the AU campus. As a freshman, after 11:30 pm, I am locked away in Lamson, and can only dream of the potential husbands outside of the concrete walls of my room. We don't get much face-to-face interaction with men on this campus. I think it will be so exciting to finally explore emotional connections with AU men—Overall, I'm just really looking forward to finding my husband.”

With regard to the accelerated nature of the process, Gerald Theodore, a professor of business, states, “Well, if you think about it, our students here get married quickly here all the time! I can think of quite a few of my students who have tied the knot while they were still in college! And look at how quickly those kids at Southern get married—nothing is faster than that.”

Several students have likewise commented on the striking purpose of the show—to focus on inward beauty, not outward tricks. Because of this, some find the show to be in perfect harmony with their outlook as wholesome AU students. As a whole, countless people around campus are waiting excitedly for the debut of “Love is Blind’s” Newest Season. The Lachey hosts have promised that if the footage is entertaining enough, it will air on Netflix in 2023, among clips from college campuses around the country, including Notre Dame, Duke, UT Austin, IU Bloomington, and UC Santa Barbara.

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News

NEWS

“I’m So Sorry:” A Heartfelt Goodbye

Chris Ngugi [04.01.22](#)



Photo by Christa McConnell

On Thursday, March 17, the staff members of the Student Movement gathered without the approval of their faculty advisor, Scott Moncrieff, or the institution of Andrews University. The editors made decisions at this meeting that they have said they “deeply regret,” Alannah Tjhatra (junior, biochemistry) and “wish [they] didn’t do...” Lyle Goulbourne (senior, biology). This article is dedicated to understanding what happened at the fated meeting and why the administration of Andrews University has decided to discontinue “The Student Movement,” effective immediately.

This explanation of events comes from a group interview with five of the ten student staff members (including eight editors) and the local newspaper, [The Journal Era](#). These five staff members include the two previously mentioned, as well as Abigail Lee (sophomore, sociology), Taylor Uphus (senior, English), and Megan Napod (senior, speech-language pathology and audiology). The following is the chronology of events:

Monday, March 14

- 3:15 PM - The editors began texting on a group chat about their plans for spring break and the next AUSM Article
- 6:30 PM - The editors met for their weekly AUSM meeting and discussed pranks they could do for their April Fools Edition (I happened to stop by during this meeting to pick up some materials, and was there long enough to hear some of their ideas being brutally rebuffed by the faculty advisor)

Tuesday, March 15

- 10:13 AM - 2:37 PM- Editors discuss and argue about what they are going to do. Most staff members agree on this idea from Lyle Goulbourne (senior, biology), “lol let’s rob a grocery store.”
- 6:38 PM - Alyssa Henriquez (senior, biochemistry and English), the Editor-in-Chief, comments, “let’s do the apple valley, it’s super close anyways”
 - Lyle later in a statement claimed that his initial comment was a joke.

Thursday, March 17

- 11:16 AM
 - Lyle said, “idk if you guys forgot, but TODAY’S THE DAYY!”
 - Qualyn Robinson replied, “it’s now or never lol”

- 12:12 PM
 - When multiple editors responded, Alyssa said, “awesome! It’s a nice day today so we’re just going out for ice cream on me!”

What happened next can be found in this quote from [The Daily News](#): “five Andrews University students were arrested yesterday, March 17, for attempted robbery, and one has been charged with vandalism of private property.” Alyssa had picked up the six staff members who were able to come for “ice cream.” She instead made a detour at Apple Valley and charged into the front entrance, armed with tote bags. Four other staff members joined Alyssa in ransacking the veggie meat aisle and filling the cans of Big Franks. However, two of the editors stayed in the car, and one called the police. As a result, the five responsible were temporarily arrested, and two are still in the Berrien County Jail (Alyssa Henriquez and Meryen Gonzalez). As a result, the Andrews University Campus Safety and campus administration have reacted swiftly and firmly. Alyssa Henriquez is no longer a student at Andrews University, and the other four involved have been temporarily suspended. The last message she sent to the group chat before her phone was seized was, “i’m so sorry.” Andrews University has also said that they will be discontinuing the Student Movement for the foreseeable future after the school year. If and when the paper comes back, it will likely be under stricter faculty supervision.

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NEWS

Introducing... Cardfield!

Abigail Lee 04.01.22

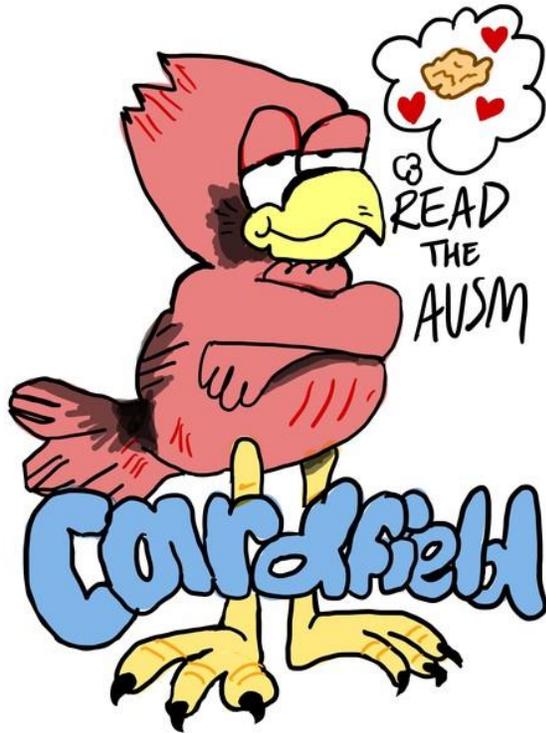


Photo by Abigail Lee

Year after year, students across campus ask for one thing that is never delivered, a mascot for the university's paper. Well, after waiting for so long, today is the heavily anticipated debut of the new mascot for the "Student Movement:" Cardfield the Cardinal! After months of toiling away and extensive test groups, the team behind everyone's favorite feathery rascal can now rest easy with this official launch of the soon-to-be beloved mascot.

An exhausted art student who worked behind the scenes in the labs that made Cardfield said, "I'm so happy to have the beautiful bird that we have today. In earlier stages, we were originally going to do 'Cardio' the Italian bird plumber, but we realized that the name and concept sounded just way too unbelievable." He

scoffed, “‘Cardio?’ For the student paper’s mascot? Why at that point, people should just call him ‘Gym.’ What a terrible name.”

Along with “Cardio,” earlier drafts for the new “Student Movement” mascot included Croopy the dog-cardinal hybrid, and Cardlock Holmes the mystery-solving cardinal, along with hundreds of other titles and illustrations. When pressed on why it took so many drafts to get to the mascot we know today, the student shook his head and said, “Look, we’re just finally thankful to have created a completely original and non-copyright infringing design. You can’t rush a masterpiece.” An accompanying News writer, also present for the interview, questioned if the art team had ever, “heard of Jim Davis.” The art student began to look incredibly nervous and started to sweat. “Who?” he asked coyly.

In order to be ready to fully embrace Cardfield, AUSA and the “Student Movement” have released to students a list of four important facts to remember about him, and goes as follows:

1. Cardfield’s favorite food is Sam’s Chicken.

Yes, this hungry bird just loves Sam’s Chicken. While Cardfield’s got a serious passion for all kinds of food served at the Andrews University cafeteria, there is nothing he wouldn’t do for that classic fried fake chicken. His hunger for this dish is actually so powerful that he has been officially banned from entering the cafeteria on days that it’s being served, lest another dreaded incident happens again.

2. Cardfield hates Mondays.

The early bird may get the worm, but this one sure doesn’t! Cardfield hates Mondays with a fervent passion that no one quite understands considering that he doesn’t have any jobs or classes to attend nor has he been long enough on this Earth yet to even understand the concept of a “weekend.”

3. Cardfield loves to take naps.

Deep in the Rec Center on the plush couch within the “Student Movement” staff room, Cardfield snores and slumbers around the clock while the editors work away on fixing articles and creating the newest issues. “He’s really, really, loud,” said Website Editor Kurt Kuhlman (senior, political science), he continued, “I don’t know why he has to be taking his naps here, it’s terrible.” In contrast, Photography Director, Qualyn Robinson (senior, digital communications) said, “Cardfield’s great! Our meetings are way shorter now

that he's made the space completely unworkable. I finally get Thursday nights to myself again."

4. Cardfield is alive and can feel pain.

While some schools may choose to not "go the extra mile," Andrews University refuses to stay idle. A biology student (currently in hiding) who worked on the team which made Cardfield sent out a digital statement earlier today:

"World changers for a changing world, these are the words that guide us in all of the work that we do here at the [REDACTED] labs at Andrews University. Well ...We certainly changed the world. No longer are we trapped within the bounds of our rudimentary costume mascot past. Just for the "Student Movement," we have created the future of mascots: a real, living, breathing, sentient, creature whose life purpose is to get more students to read the paper. On behalf of the rest of the Biology Department which gave Cardfield life, we can guarantee to you that he is completely safe and is ready for your love. Go ahead, give him a hug. But not too tight! Cardfield can feel pain and we cannot guarantee what may happen* if you accidentally inflict it upon him."

**The Biology Department, AUSA, and the "Student Movement" are not liable for any damage or harm done by any editors, writers, or beloved mascots that put Andrews University's student body in danger.*

Now that you know everything about Cardfield, get ready to love and embrace him because he isn't leaving anytime soon. This hungry bird is now a permanent fixture to the "Student Movement team and he will not be removed. Cardfield will exist past this April 1st, and many, many, more and you can do nothing to change that.

We waited for him, but now he's here, and he will never die.

April Fools :)

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NEWS

The Cardinalito: The New Student Craze Over the Saucy Dish

Nathan Mathieu 04.01.22



Photo by Qualyn Robinson

Ever since the Gazebo has come out with its new menu, including flatbread pizzas, burgers, and quesadillas, students from Andrews University have been ravenously consuming these products. However, one food that has students buzzing is the Cardinalito, a brand-new food item that the Gazebo is serving, nicknamed after the Andrews University mascot. The smell of the Cardinalito raises student morale as it wafts through the Campus Center lobby.

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, commented, “I love the Cardinalito so much! I was very hesitant to try it; I mean, what I heard from other students couldn’t be true. But ever since I tried it the first time, I say, ‘Forget

breakfast burritos! Forget Sam's Chicken!' I would gladly pay double the tuition if it meant I could keep eating the Cardinalito!"

The key to the Cardinalito, according to the Gazebo, is their secret sauce. In fact, several departments—including MLS, biochemistry, and the Gazebo—came together to create what would be described as “the perfect secret sauce, generated and refined to faultlessness.” And faultless it is! One MLS student described the process. “We wanted to see how the material we learned in class could be applied to areas we hadn't even considered! Who knew polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons could enhance the flavors of a sauce?” With the combined culinary attraction of a sandwich from Baguette de France, a choice piece of Sam's Chicken, and a Gazebo breakfast burrito, this food item has unmatched appetizing power.

However, the biggest news is that—ever since the release of the sweet, sweet fragrance of the Cardinalito—a phenomenon has occurred: average student GPA has risen by 1.6 points, and in some HCC departments (Heavy Cardinalito Consumption), the average has risen as much as 2.2 points. One student noted, “I think that students are bringing their Cardinalitos into the classrooms and eating them, but the professors are so caught up in the aroma that they don't even care. Like, I had one assignment that I turned in half-done and got a response back from the professor saying, ‘I understand that you may need more time. Normally, I wouldn't offer an extension, but I noticed that you were eating a Cardinalito and it reminded me that we are all people with our own schedules and sometimes, life happens.’” Another student added, “I think having good food just improves student morale overall and maybe improves professor morale too.”

This recent uprise in GPA has caught the attention of several Adventist students in other universities as well. Several Walla Walla University students have declared publicly their intent to transfer to Andrews University. “If all the professors have become that supportive...and food has become that famously delicious,” one Southern student commented, “I'll definitely pay to go there!”

However, due to staff and resource shortages, it may appear that the end of Cardinalito is already on the horizon. A couple of students noticed that the Cardinalito has disappeared off the GET app at random times with no explanation, which may signal doom for the famous, secret-sauced culinary dish. “I hope the Cardinalito stays on,” one student commented between bites. “If the Cardinalito disappears off the menu for good, my good grades will too.”

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Ideas

IDEAS

A Student Movement Towards a Southern Location

Nathan Mathieu [04.01.2022](#)



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Scientists have noted and been baffled by a new phenomenon occurring at schools across the northern front of the United States: a mass student migration has occurred. Some students have noticed that even at Andrews University, a number of students have taken flight to campuses further south, including Southern, Southwestern, and Loma Linda University.

“This is an unusual spectacle,” Dr. Hale Stones said. “Usually, you might see a couple dozen transfer or quit. I think the most I’ve personally seen is 50.” Dr. Stones added. “One great factor is the weather. It’s quite fascinating, really. Many students admit to migrating due to the weather patterns. Studies have shown that

the higher the average number of layers of clothing a student wears, which usually inversely correlates to temperature, the more likely they are to migrate to a different campus.” Dr. Stones noted that this causation for migration is especially strong at the end of what he calls “fall semester.” He adds, “At the end of the fall semester, winter occurs, and temperatures drop, of course. Thus, students will migrate to a southern campus. Studies done by students here show that ever since the polar vortex of 2019, the students are now 97% more likely to migrate to a southern campus at the end of fall semester compared to the end of the spring semester.”

But what really baffles scientists is how students are leaving campus. Dr. Stones theorizes that the method that students are using to leave - or rather floating away from their respective universities - could be due to shivering overload. “Muscles in your body, when shivering, are contracting – or tightening – and elongating – or relaxing – at a rapid pace. Students’ muscles are shivering at such a rapid pace, they are generating enough force to lift off the ground until they find a new location in which the sun warms their muscles, slowing down the shivering overload, and they can land again. It’s literally human flight due to cold weather.”

One student commented, “All of my friends from Florida and California left first. It was...sad to see them go, especially when we planned to go down the tubing hill after the recent snow two Saturdays ago. But, nope. Up, up, and away they went. I have even considered taking off my jackets and shivering away, but I have a test in religion that I can’t miss.”

Dr. Stones expressed his desire to begin studies with students at Andrews University and even partnering with the NABT (National Association of Biology Teachers) in order to facilitate an extensive research group to investigate the matter. “Unfortunately,” he lamented, “all the biology and biochemistry students have already flown the coop and now there’s no student left to help conduct the research.”

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IDEAS

Why Meier Must be Renovated Immediately

Alexander Navarro 04.01.22



Photo by Jonathan Logan

After the long expected completion of the Andreason Center for Wellness back in the fall of 2019, which provided yet another location for students to feel insecure at, attention began to turn to ideas for what the next big renovation or construction project on campus should be. For many students living in the dorms, the answer seemed clear as day – Meier Hall.

The first question that arises naturally is of course, why Meier Hall? Many would say that Lamson is in much greater need of being replaced. In Lamson, there have been reports of sinks falling off of walls, black mold, sinks bubbling up with orange water, ceilings in bathrooms caving in, among many, many other things. At first glance, this would seem like a strong reason to renovate or replace Lamson before Meier. But one must remember that often the best solution to problems is preemptive measures to prevent the problems from developing in the first place, which is why it is essential that Meier be renovated so as to ensure that the

residents of Meier will not have to go through what those of Lamson are currently suffering.

Since this is ultimately about the students on campus, I thought it would be valuable to ask a couple of students who have lived in Meier and Lamson what they thought about the idea of renovating or rebuilding Meier rather than Lamson, so I asked a former Lamson resident and a current Meier resident for their input. The former Lamson resident said “Lamson is, to put it gently, a veritable biohazard. Every day I lived there, I felt endangered in new and exciting ways. From my sink falling off the wall, all the way to the new Covid variants that are probably currently forming in the mold of the community bathrooms, that dormitory is in desperate need of an extreme remodeling that would do well to start by razing the building. All I want is to sit up in bed without hitting my head on the ceiling, to be able to close my window during a blizzard without risking black mold, and to have a sink that stays on the wall most of the time.” So, we can see that this student has only experienced some mild difficulties with her room and her experience in the dorm. But, given these reports, it is clear that by experiencing these difficulties, beyond simply expanding their vocabularies, it is helping these women to build character and providing a source of thrill, excitement, and adventure!

When I asked a current Meier resident about their experience with Meier, and why they thought it should be renovated, they said “The ventilation system connects my room directly to every other room in the hall, meaning I have to wake to the smell of Axe body spray every morning... Though I do suppose that smell is superior to that of my old roommate after going to the gym.” Here, we see that the flawed ventilation system of Meier is actively disturbing the sleep schedules of students by forcing them to attempt to sleep with the smell of Axe body spray, invoking past traumatic memories of high school locker rooms. This disturbance of sleep could potentially be harming students’ abilities in classes, permanently impairing their future professional careers. This is of course besides the lack of sound-proof walls, where while some people will quietly listen to music in their room, some other people (you know who you are) play their music loud enough to be heard across the building. As we see, even the reports of students from both residence halls support the clear need for Meier to be renovated as soon as possible.

Having quality residence halls is important for the mental and physical well being of the students. For those who look at the evidence, especially the residents of these halls, the need is clear. One of these residence halls is in desperate need of

repair or replacement, enough so as to potentially pose a risk to the safety and future of its students. That residence hall is Meier. Meier hall residents have, by their own testimony (although they asked their names not be provided so as to protect their social lives with residents of Lamson), said that it is long overdue their hall be brought up to par with humane living standards.

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Andrews University Dating App: AUlovelink

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According to an article written by the [Pew Research Center](#), online dating has surged in the past two decades. The multimillion dollar industry has completely transformed the way its users develop and navigate relationships. We have seen the effect with common dating apps such as Tinder, Dating.com, and Christian

Mingle. In a recent forum about the dating scene at our own Andrews University, a student expressed concerns about the campus not having sufficient opportunities for individuals looking to explore dating opportunities here on campus. In response to these concerns, the AU administration decided to take active steps in improving the dating scene on campus by developing a dating app exclusive to Andrews University: AUlovelink. On this app, students will be able to connect with like-minded individuals on campus and have the opportunity to develop grounded romantic relationships. I had the opportunity of interviewing the app's developer, Yemmit Odaud, about what we can expect from this app:

What is your background in app development?

I have been a very integral developer in a lot of famous apps, such as Bumble, Instagram, Apple Music, Spotify, and Hinge. I went to the University of Oregon for four years and got my bachelor's in computer science.

Why did you choose the Andrews University campus to invest your time and money?

I grew up Adventist and always saw the problems that arose in the dating world, ever since the fifth grade. I would carry armfuls of folding chairs after high school chapels, would text my crush 'Happy Sabbath' with TWO exclamation points, but still it took me decades to find my Sabbath-afternoon-walk partner. I was so desperate, I even considered attending Southern. I swore to myself, during those dark, dark days, that I would come back to the church in some way to develop an app to enhance the Adventist dating experience.

What separates this app from all the others that are already out there?

This app is different because, instead of seeing pictures initially, you see information about the person first. So you see things like deal breakers, Gazebo orders, political leanings, whether you go to New Life or One Place for Sabbath worship, or if you believe that Dwight Nelson is the best pastor in the world or not. There is even a special filter for seminarians (or others) to filter out anyone who isn't a nursing or education major.

When can we expect to see the app debut?

We have a soft launch planned to test the market with some AU students to see how they like it. Then, we plan on going campus-wide and marketing the app to everybody who is interested. To encourage potential love-birds to get over their nerves, the first couple to match on the app will receive a gift card for two first-date

decaf coffees at Revive Coffee, followed by two front row seats to Proximity Vespers. The expected release time is fall semester 2022.

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Sabbath Meatloaf Exposé

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This is a transcript of the new employee induction that took place at Andrews Bon Appetit Headquarters on Friday, March 18, 2022. The recorder wishes to remain anonymous.

We are gathered here today to induct each new worker into the Bon Appetit Sabbath lunch experience. As you know, Saturdays are a time of rest for everyone on campus. The students are given a break from the constant stress of writing papers, studying for tests, and doing presentations. The professors get a break from the constant stress of grading papers, tests, and presentations. And the Bon

Appetit workers get a break from serving food—we only have to serve two meals instead of three!

Now, to decrease the amount of stress brought on by hundreds of these hungry students, you must all be aware that we serve a dish called “meatloaf” on Sabbath afternoons—big brown (sometimes gray) slabs of protein and carbohydrates. We’re not sure why. It just seems like something students would really enjoy. They often miss breakfast, especially on Saturday mornings. And then they go to church. Once they have been blessed with their spiritual food, we are responsible for blessing them with their physical food. And bless them, we do!—with a special Sabbath treat that is nutritious, delicious, and appetizing to look at.

As new inductees who are to be trained under the Bon Appetit wing, we think it imperative that you know the contents of that which you are serving to these famished young people. As we move into the far end of the kitchen, here is the cupboard where we keep our most prized recipes: including the recipes for our various meatloafs. This is a well-kept secret. You cannot tell your roommate. Not your parents, either. You must keep your sworn oath, the one you accepted when you filled out this job application: what goes into the meatloaf, stays in the meatloaf.

Now then, let’s have a look. Our most prized possession: this is, drumroll please—please, slightly louder, good—our special K loaf!

Our special K loaf holds one of the top spots of North-American Adventist delicacy, second only to haystacks. We use the standard ingredients in our special K loaf: eggs, cottage cheese, butter, George Washington broth mix—and its namesake, Special K Cereal. This is the standard loaf, and we dare not change its recipe.

We can only serve Special K once in a while, due to its special nature. Most of the time, we exchange this loaf with one of our walnut varieties. Can anyone name our walnut varieties?

Yes, exactly, young one. You are correct. Bon Appetit makes a variety of walnut delicacies: Walnut meatloaf. Yes, walnut meatballs. And our most famous one: soy walnut croquettes. Oh, the mouths do water for it. The children do yearn for it.

Now, in addition to walnuts, who knows what goes into these dishes to create the particular texture and taste for which Bon Appetit chefs strive? What contributes to the spongy, wet texture? No peeking at the recipe. Yes, yes. It is partly cottage cheese, indeed. We also like to add the black beans, yes. Now, this is the secret

part, the part that makes things taste so delicious, that makes it go down and come out so easily. Listen, now. Into each batch of walnut loaf, we typically like to add a dash of something called *scolochloa festuacea*. This is the fancy way of saying river grass. It helps with digestion. The students need it, especially after sitting on pews for so long, to get the systems going. We also like to lather the meatloaf mix with spray cheese. It adds a certain *je ne sais quoi*. Other special ingredients include vegetable yeast spread and grits. The leftover scrambled tofu adds a special flavor. Meatloaf is an art. It takes time and talent to find the perfect mix. Don't be angry with yourselves if you don't automatically have the needed intuition to create it. It will come with time.

We like to vary the recipes from time to time. Are you seeking to make an extra moist batch of meatloaf with a porridge-like consistency? The answer is a lot of orange juice and water. Trying to create a very dry, been-sitting-in-the-sun-for-a-few-days dish? Don't add any liquid. At all. You get the perfect dry bake.

I hope you have been enlightened by Bon Appetit's secrets of the meatloaf trade. Please don't hesitate to ask questions. Remember, these secrets cannot escape. If they do, we will deny all allegations about the contents of our meatloaf. We will also be forced to let you go. Nobody will believe you when you try to tell them of your experience. Your family will be worried for your sanity. Your friends will stop talking to you. You may be excommunicated.

Have a lovely evening and a happy Sabbath.

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The Last Word

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Don't Make Me Laugh! Using Humor as Power

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The first research project of my college career was a digital ethnography of Seventh-day Adventist college Instagram meme pages. That in itself might sound like a joke, but no, I truly did academically slide into the DMs of meme page admins ranging from PUC's now-dead (or maybe just very inactive) page [@puc_meme_major](#) all the way to our very own [@au_hood](#), with all sorts of probing questions about their pages, why they created them, what they perceived their page's role in their community to be, and what their future plans for their pages might be. And I learned a lot, such as the political intricacies of some inside jokes about the Walla Walla cafeteria, and that there isn't really a good academic way to cite screenshots of one's DMs.

The project's conclusions slip my mind now—being a freshman project, I'm sure the height of my hubris was significantly larger than the depth of my understanding. But I do recall realizing some interesting insights about humor and how it functions as a human behavior phenomenon. Humor is way more complicated than what makes us laugh or smile. Becoming aware of the way humor works as a means of exercising power has fascinating implications for understanding how people control us or communities that we are members of, and also provides interesting potential for how we can operate even more intentionally and effectively in our own circles.

Jacob Levine once stated that [no pattern of human behavior is so full of paradoxes](#) as humor. Humor, being such a large and enjoyable part of the human experience, has been studied by human behavior specialists such as anthropologists, sociologists, and psychologists for years. Social scientists have several names to describe current humans, such as [Homo Erectus \(upright man\)](#), [Homo Sapiens \(thinking man\)](#) and, notably, [Homo Ridens \(laughing man\)](#)—humor plays such an important role in who we are as humans that it has earned a place in a common name for modern humankind.

The phenomenon of humor is a nebulous concept, but can be observed and measured by defining its expressions, such as smiles and laughter. Historically, philosopher John Morreall [suggested](#) that the first human laughter may have begun as a gesture of shared relief at the passing of danger. And since the relaxation that results from a bout of laughter inhibits the biological fight-or-flight response, laughter may indicate trust in one's companions. We can clearly see laughter playing those same roles in our social lives today, from the anxious ha-ha after a near car crash to children cackling joyfully at almost being caught in tag. Further, [present research](#) highlights how dominant individuals, such as tribal chiefs, family patriarchs, or office bosses, use humor more than their subordinates, urging researchers such as Provine to [suggest](#) that laughter, besides being a way to signal trust and companionship, also evolved to change the behavior of others. Humor not only can unite us closer to our communities, but can be used as a means of controlling the moods and subsequent actions of the members of our communities.

So much of laughter has to do with social norms, in addition or even occasionally in place of actually thinking something is funny. This past year I have been having the time of my life living in Sagunto, Spain. I've quickly learned that being in

situations where I don't completely understand the language makes me extra attuned to social cues other than what is being said. Specifically, I've learned first-hand that when groups laugh, it's hardly ever because everyone thought it was funny, or even understood what was supposed to be funny. When we laugh in a group, it often has more to do with matching the emotional state of the group than actually finding something humorous.

Several of my friends here speak Portuguese, being from Portugal or Brazil. One Spanish-sunshine-soaked day this past autumn, a crew of us were stuffed into someone's car hurtling down the road towards the beach, the small interior of the car smelling of sunscreen and echoing with a rapid fire mix of English and Spanish (both of which I speak, admittedly with quite different degrees of fluency), and Portuguese (which I unfortunately do not). The sun was shining and the mood was light, we were chismeando and joking about events of the past week, laughing all the while. A friend made a comment in Spanish, which I understood and laughed at, which was quickly followed by another comment in Portuguese, which also solicited a matching surge of giggles, which I joined, despite not understanding what on earth was said, but understanding the mood and subconsciously feeling the need to fit into it with my behavior. I only realized after the tide of laughter subsided that I hadn't understood the second joke at all.

From the well-known psychological and social experiments that repeatedly prove that people will adjust their behavior to fit in even when they don't see the reasons, such as changing the direction they stand in an [elevator](#), or the presence of laugh tracks for radio and TV shows, this moment in the car illustrated an ubiquitous element of human behavior. In general, people do not want their behavior to stand out; specifically, they tend to laugh along with the group they are with.

In many groups, depending on cultural nuances, possessing and knowing how to deploy a sharp sense of humor can grant more power than possessing and knowing how to use a powerful and potent weapon. Now, we've probably all experienced someone blessed with remarkable levels of charisma turn the mood of a room with a few well placed wisecracks, or experienced having a sour mood turned around by some lighthearted banter with a friend. But what is really going on in those situations? Are we laughing because it's funny or laughing for a different reason?

There is a word that represents a potential result of one of the effects of laughter: hegemony. 'Hegemony' is a word to describe the influence of a dominant group,

over various areas of society, such as ideological or religious dominance, economic dominance, or social dominance. Membership in a hegemonic group (the group that creates and/or benefits from a hegemony) expresses itself in diverse, layered ways. It can look like never needing a translation for official documents, school lessons, or street signs because the language you speak is the main one of your location, could look like your religious beliefs being clearly protected by the laws of the country you live in, or your natural appearance being the mainstream beauty standard.

Group laughter, in almost every case, signals the presence, however small and inconsequential, of a form of hegemony. Imagine this—you're thundering down the stairs of Buller trying to make it to the science complex in time for your next class, the lobby is full of people, it's a noisy, rowdy scene. Then, horror of horrors: a small puddle of slush on the stairs, half-melted Michigan magic, and you don't see it in time to avoid it in your rush.

Suddenly, you are giving the Gymnics' best fliers a run for their money as you soar through the air, coming to a crashing halt in a disarrayed pile at the bottom of the stairs. Conversations and movement freeze as everyone stares at you in horror—'are they alive?' the pre-meds wonder, 'will they now get free tuition?' the accounting and pre-law students muse, and the theology students start praying. But no one really knows how to react. After you take a moment to ascertain that yes, you are still alive, you make a split second decision, and start to chuckle at yourself and your ridiculous appearance, crumpled at the bottom of the stairs after that majestic aeronautical adventure. Immediately, everyone else is relieved, both by this signal that you are alive, but also by the soft order of how to react to the situation, and the instructions, however subconscious, that told them 'this is how to judge the situation, and this is how to act with that judgment.' Congratulations, you not only survived, but you made a mini hegemony—because humans naturally like to conform to group behavior, and because humans like to participate in group laughter, your choice over how to interpret the situation became the dominant one.

Obviously, humor, along with any other kind of power, can be used for bad and good and shades in between. Paying attention to how humor functions in society is a way of noticing who possesses and deploys hegemony-forming power, and allows us to recognize and resist unethical and damaging hegemonies of interpretation. We've likely all been in a situation where someone made a joke that was decidedly not appropriate, ethical, or kind—be it racist, sexist, ableist, or simply at the expense of someone who clearly didn't appreciate the jest—and in that moment, we

did not know how to react. Why was this such a difficult situation? Well, as we've seen, resisting group laughter goes against our instincts and socialization as a species. There are several ways to react to jokes that one does not appreciate—one method was recently demonstrated at the Oscars. But what is the root cause of our discomfort at jokes that aren't funny to us, and what can we do about them?

If someone made a comment without trying to be funny about the same topic as the offending joke, it likely wouldn't elicit such a passionate response, but instead could begin a healthy discussion, or just result in an outright, apathetic dismissal. The thing with jokes we don't agree with is partly that the fact that it is a joke signals to us that the other person is trying to enforce a worldview on us that we may not agree with. "Don't joke about my body / family / inability to drive better than your average 14 year old," we might tell someone after a poorly-thought out one-liner, "I'm not willing to view that situation in the manner that your joke suggests." People can exploit this emotional shortcut towards making others angry—and bruh, what is your problem if you do that? Get some therapy. But if we can take a moment to gain control of our emotions (which sometimes is very difficult to do, I absolutely acknowledge, but often the alternative only leads to more damage), we can use our knowledge of how humor works to directly address what's going on when people make offensive jokes. 'Why do you think it's okay to view the situation in that way?' we can ask the errant joker. 'I don't think that is an accurate perspective on the situation, and I would appreciate it if you would avoid trying to impose your interpretation on me or others.' Of course, you probably don't want to use those exact words, or else you will look like a therapist on the loose or someone fresh out of an out-of-touch conflict-resolution focus group. But looking under the surface of those jokes that we don't appreciate is a good way to initiate some healing and transformative recognition.

Lastly, who says using this power is for everyone else? Start laughing at everything! Exert power over everyone! The world is a joke and we are the punchline! Well, not quite, but still, it is important to note that we can not only recognize the complex role humor plays in society, but we can also exert small or large hegemonies or acts of resistance to damaging authority in small ways. Maybe you're in a position where you can't just straight up state disagreement or disapproval of a group choice or policy. Maybe you're in a subordinate position and don't have the space to express your opinion, or maybe the team you're on has an authoritarian leader who doesn't entertain alternative perspectives. Or maybe you're just not wanting to burn bridges, but equally not wanting to stay silent. So many moments of

resistance are like this. Instead of saying nothing, or taking a stand and getting sacrificed as a martyr, try making a small joke that introduces an alternative perspective—or the idea that there are alternative perspectives. This is small and subtle, yes, but still undermining the hegemony that is present by suggesting a different one.

There's one last way I've learned to use humor in my life. In this life, sometimes everything looks like a wreck, my to-do list is growing as my mental stability shrinks, laundry, chores, emails, assignments, presentations, family obligations and future plans assemble themselves into a pile like our poor unfortunate student who landed at the bottom of the stairs. In those moments, instead of focusing on the seemingly insurmountable problems, you can look for little things to laugh at, be it a friends' wisecrack over lunch to a TikTok that gave you the giggles, and let yourself change the hegemony of overwhelm and panic to one of recognizing that there is joy in everyday life and the accompanying challenges. It's not a perfect fix, but we can't give up, as eloquently suggested in this [excellent artwork](#). Humor is a way of using our power to change our lives.