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Let's Talk ... Again

Andrews University hosted *Let's Talk ... Again* on Monday, Sept. 13, 2004. The "no-holds-barred" conversation-style session between Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, and 50 students, ages 20–25, convened in the university's new Howard Performing Arts Center. The hour-long show was broadcast live, worldwide, via the Hope Channel and Adventist Television Network. This is the second broadcast instigated in an effort to increase communication between young people and the leaders of the Adventist Church. Last year, Paulsen met with 50 teenagers at the first *Let's Talk*.



Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, talks with students at Andrews University about issues important to young people today during Let's Talk ... Again.

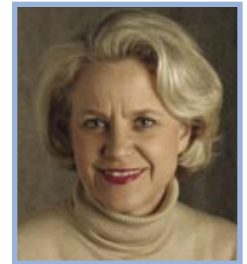
Young people make up 70% of the Adventist Church, and they are concerned about what their participation in the church is supposed to look like. Paulsen opened the discussion with his answer to the skeptical question no one wanted to ask, "What's the point?" He said, "You may be asking yourself, 'Will my question even matter?'" Students waited intently for his response. He leaned in and smiled as he remarked, "Well, it depends on what your question is." They shared a laugh, and he continued. Paulsen managed to keep the discussion lively, while still maintaining the seriousness of the atmosphere.

Students offered a range of questions as broad as competitive sports, women's roles, war, race-relations, and homosexuality. Yes, these are Adventist young people and these are the cutting-edge issues they have to face at large, in their families, in the job market—all over the world. Paulsen counseled them to "look after yourself spiritually and search for creative ways to be involved in the life of your church. ... The church cannot afford to have observers. She simply cannot afford it."

The students emphatically agreed with the same eager spirit that is in keeping with the very dictum of their university: Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World. For more information and a transcript of the conversation, log onto www.letstalk.adventist.org.

Keturah Landrum, University Relations student news writer

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Rebecca L. May, new director of University Relations at Andrews University

Rebecca L. May joined the Andrews University Office of University Relations staff as their new director on Monday, Sept. 13.

Her new responsibilities encompass the areas of community, media, and church relations, as well as inter-campus communication.

Though she is taking on a new position, May is not new to Andrews. Since 1986, she has served the university as Alumni Services director, where she organized a variety of events and services for current students and 28,000 alumni.

"After 18 years, of course there is much nostalgia leaving the Alumni House," May stated. "But a new person in Alumni Services will bring some fresh energy, a healthy change, and new ideas."

May is actually making a return to the Office of University Relations, where she served as office manager from 1979–1984 and public information officer in 1985.

She is an alumna of Andrews herself, having received a bachelor of arts in French with a journalism minor in 1977.

"Christian education at Andrews University is my passion. I feel fortunate that my new responsibilities will be closely related to my work in Alumni; [I am] still working in University Advancement, but with new challenges serving different constituencies of Andrews University. I look forward to the opportunities for professional and personal growth through these new challenges, particularly in the areas of community and church relations."

Beverly Stout, University Relations news writer