

THE ANDREWS UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE

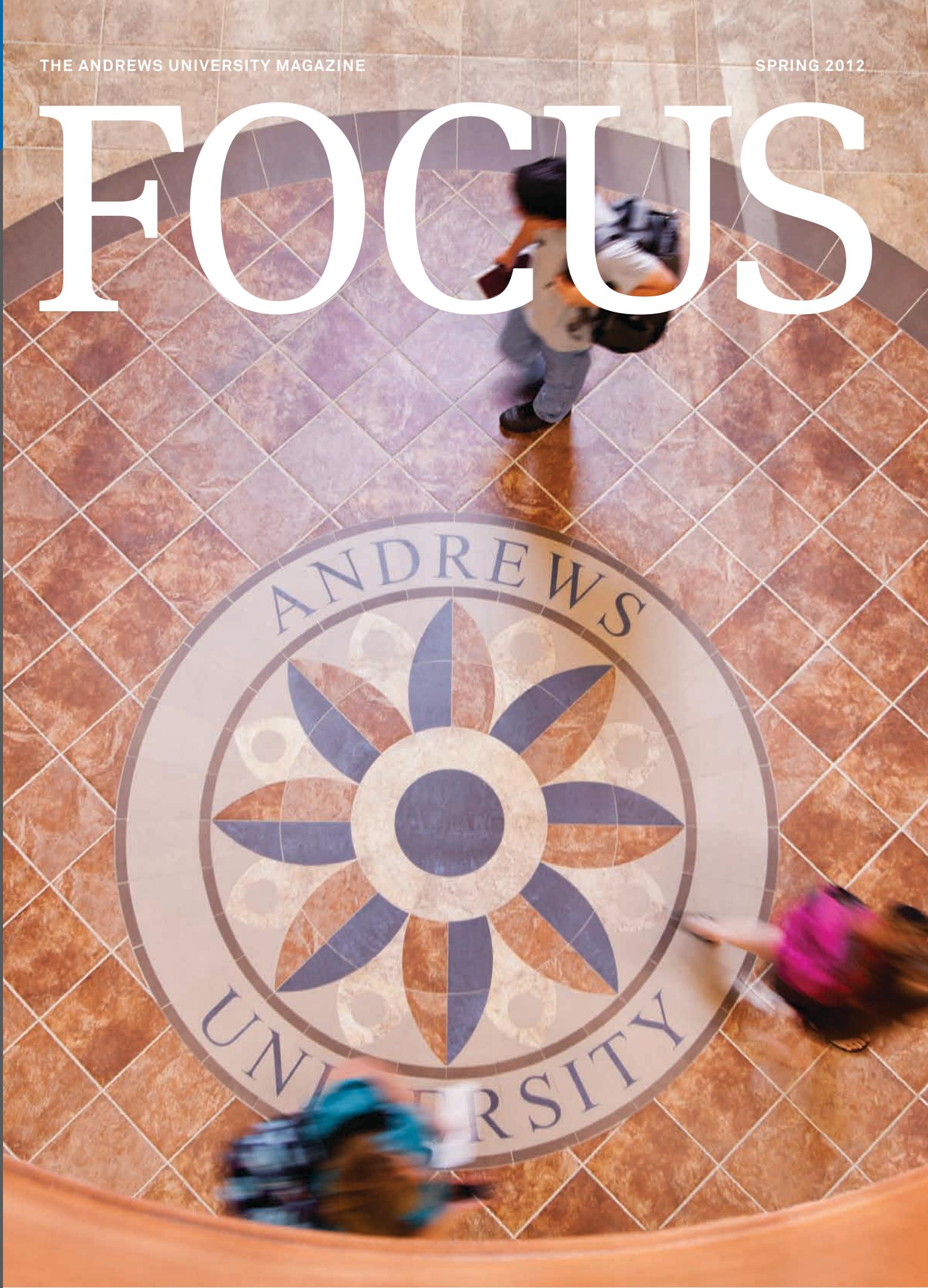
SPRING 2012

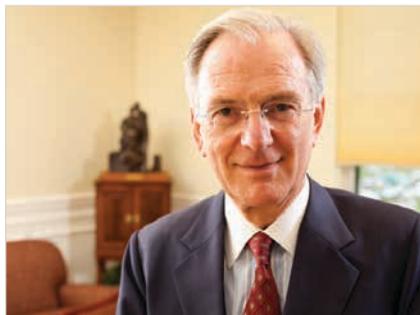
FOCUS

inside:

Value-Added Education | Living the New Dispensation: Year One in the ULC | Bye, Bye!

Vol 48 No 2





Niels-Erik Andreassen
President

Learning is a love affair

Elie Wiesel, Romanian born Jewish thinker, Holocaust survivor, Nobel prize laureate, philanthropist and author of more than 50 books, once said the following about learning: "There is divine beauty in learning...To learn means to accept

the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps. The books I have read were composed by generations of fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, teachers and disciples. I am the sum total of their experiences, their quests."

In this issue of *FOCUS* you will read little notes of appreciation, love letters one might almost call them, from both teachers and students who have made their way to the new Buller Hall and the recently remodeled Nethery Hall for almost a year now. Some of these notes mention the much-improved spaces for work, study, conversation and quiet meditation. Others go further by implying that such beautiful spaces encourage the meetings of minds between students and teachers in a whole new way—they make learning into a love affair, like meeting a beautiful person for the first time.

And that in fact is what we intended by these two attractive buildings and the charming bridge connecting them. Perhaps that is also what Elie Wiesel had in mind when he said that there is beauty in learning. His best-known book is entitled *Night* (MacGibbon & Kee, 1960), a reflection on memories of his teenage experiences with his father in a Nazi concentration camp. How does young innocent faith in God survive in such a horrible place? Well, Wiesel survived the camp, ended up in a French orphanage and eventually entered the university and began a life of writing, speaking and teaching while the whole world listened attentively. His faith in God survived thanks to a life of learning. That makes it beautiful.

Professor C. Warren Becker, former long-term organist in the Pioneer Memorial Church, used to complain that the old electronic organ was merely an appliance, functional and reliable. But the new Casavant organ is a musical instrument. Yes, Becker played well on the old appliance, and yes, students can learn in nearly any environment. But in surroundings of beauty learning can become like falling in love all over again. That is when students stop thinking they are the center of the universe and they know life did not begin with them. They are delighted being surrounded by those who went before; mothers, fathers, teachers—scientists, historians, writers, orators, doctors, missionaries and reformers, agriculturalists, engineers, lawyers, caregivers, explorers, leaders—all the people who helped shape the world in which we now live. With encouragement from their teachers, our students will meet these people who went before in their imaginations as they walk the hallways of Buller or cross over or under the bridge to Nethery between classes.

On the way they will stop by the religion department as a constant reminder that the Creator Himself placed this love affair with learning in us. It is not a forbidden fruit, as some have warned. Trying to be God, by pretending to know good and evil (everything) is not allowed. To attempt that would be arrogant and presumptuous in the extreme. But as it happens, the best protection from this error is to fall deeply in love with learning, serious, penetrating learning in the presence of God and in the company of good teachers, as the poet wrote:

*A little learning is a dang'rous thing;
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring;
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again.*

~Alexander Pope (1709)

It is my hope that these new facilities, beautiful and functional as they are, will also lead our students to fall in love all over again with the beauty of learning. That is really what we had in mind with our "Undergraduate Learning Center."

FOCUS

The Andrews University Magazine

Editor

Patricia Spangler (BS '04)
focus@andrews.edu | 269-471-3315

Contributing Editors

Tami Condon (BS '91)
Keri Suarez (BA '01)

Designer

Matt Hamel (AT '05)

Writers

Christian Bacchiocchi
Amante Gonzalez
Scott Moncrieff (MA '84, current faculty)
Keri Suarez (BA '01)
David VanDenburgh (BA '00)

Photographers

Steven Atkins (BS '84, MS '88)
Darren Heslop (BFA '10)
Austin Ho
Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA '06, MBA '09)
Martin Lee
Sarah Lee (BT '02)
Jason Lemon (BFA '12)
Esther Nooner (BFA '12)
Gary Younkens

Andrews University

President

Niels-Erik Andreassen (MA '65, BD '66)

Provost

Andrea Luxton (MA '78)

Vice President for University

Advancement

David A. Faehner (MA '72)

Vice President for Student Life

Frances Faehner (BSW '76, EdD '07)

Vice President for Financial

Administration

Lawrence E. Schalk (BS '64, MBA '71)

Vice President for Enrollment

Management and Integrated

Marketing & Communication

Stephen Payne

FOCUS (ISSN 1077-9345) is published quarterly, free of charge, for alumni and friends of Andrews University, an institution owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The magazine's address is FOCUS, Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication, Andrews University, 8700 W Campus Circle Dr, Berrien Springs MI 49104-1000. Copyright © 2012 by Andrews University. Reproduction in whole or part without permission is prohibited. Printed by The Hamblin Company, Tecumseh MI. Periodicals postage paid at Berrien Springs MI and at additional mailing offices. Please send address changes to FOCUS Magazine, Office of Alumni Services, Andrews University, 8714 E Campus Circle Dr, Berrien Springs MI 49104-0950, e-mail alumni@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3591.



18
Space, glorious space

©Gary Youngers Photography



Thomas Baker
26

features

16 Value-Added Education

by Keri Suarez

The Undergraduate Leadership Program is proving to be a valuable asset on students' resumes. Jonathan Cobb and Michael Swenson were the first two undergraduates to earn their Undergraduate Leadership Certificates.

18 Living the New Dispensation:
Year One in the Undergraduate Learning Center

by Scott Moncrieff

Residents of the Undergraduate Learning Center: Buller Hall and Nethery Hall share their joy and appreciation for new and improved learning and living spaces. All agree that working and studying there has expanded their thinking and added enjoyment to their lives.

26 Bye, Bake!

by Amante Gonzalez with David VanDenburgh

Mr. Baker has taught at Andrews Academy for more than 36 years, instilling the fundamentals of good writing that have produced generations of thankful scholars. Christian Bacchicchi also shares a personal tribute.

departments

- 2 from the President's desk
- 4 letters
- 5 campus update
- 9 Howard happenings
- 12 Andrews life
- 14 faculty & staff
- 28 alumni calendar
- 29 alumni news
- 30 class notes
- 32 life stories



On the cover: The Andrews University mosaic viewed from the second-floor rotunda is a showcase feature in the new lobby of Buller Hall. Photograph by Darren Heslop, IMC staff photographer.