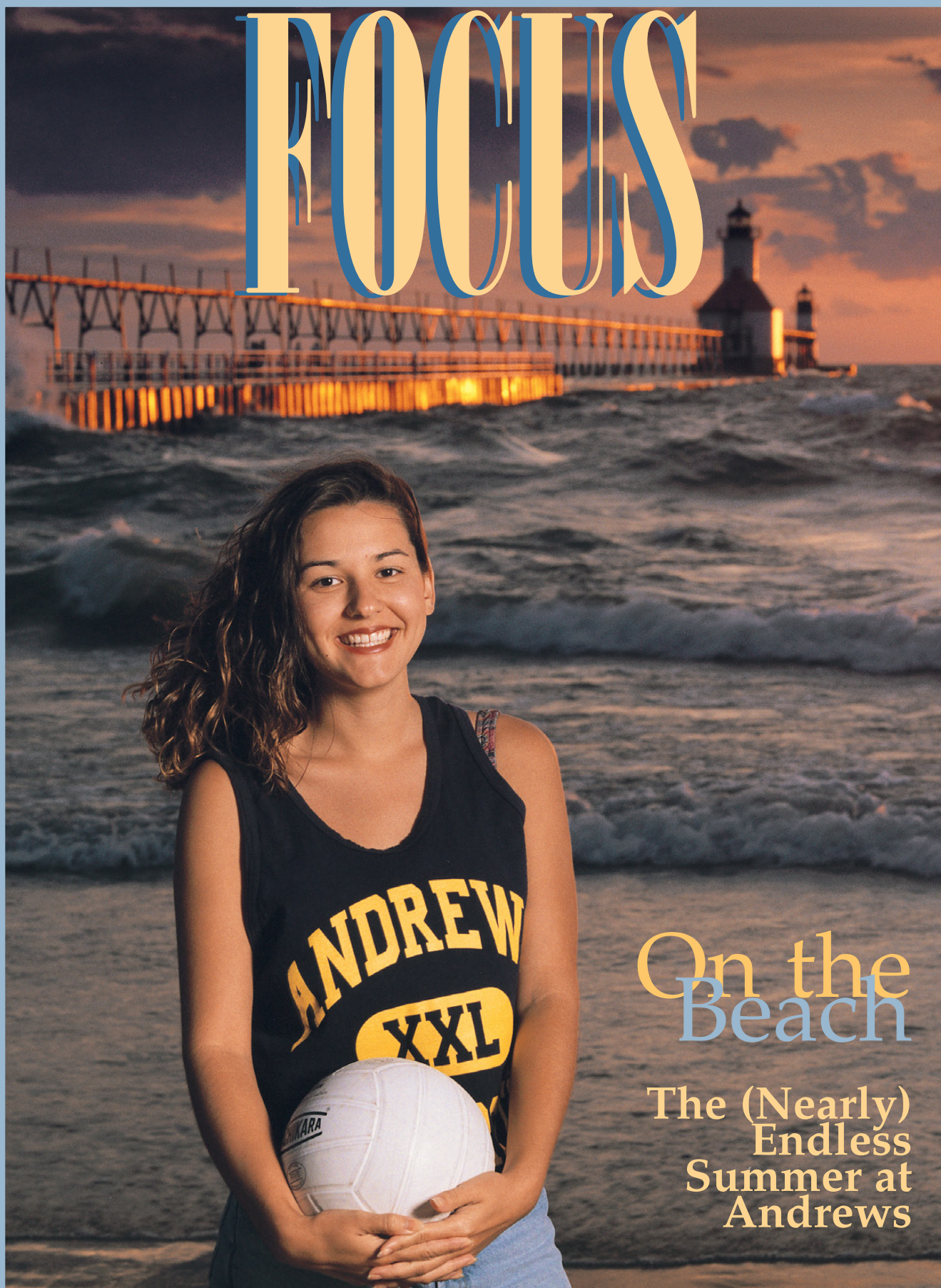


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Summer's pace

Whatever happened to the *lazy* days of summer? I thought summer was supposed to be a time to kick back and relax, a time to reflect (preferably on the glassy surface of a lake somewhere, lying on an air mattress). Not so in the University Relations office. Summer is a time to mop up after the school year and a time to plan and prepare for the new one.

This summer Andrews has hosted about 600 SDA retirees, a faith and science conference, Family Life International, Seeds '98, BSCF reunion, numerous band camps, and assorted gatherings. Convention Services, just across the hallway from FOCUS, has teamed with activity in making arrangements for these visitors.

University Relations—like so many other service departments on campus in the summer—hasn't noticed a slowdown in the pace of university life lately. We've churned out news releases, the '98-99 activity calendar (it looks great, as always!), year-end reports, promotional ads, graduation programs, and assorted projects.

We've travelled the globe on university business (Jordan and Costa Rica, but that's for future FOCUS stories), hosted visiting delegations from around the world and given them tours of campus, and we've staffed the Andrews booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair. And next week the Community Relations department heads up a group of 20 or so Andrews volunteers to spend the day doing landscape chores at Riverwood Clinic in Benton Harbor, as part of the annual community-wide United Way Day of Caring. It's a hectic pace.

And it hasn't been much different at home this summer. My wife Janell finally completed the research and clinical hours required in the graduate nurse practitioner program in the Andrews nursing department. For three years she's been attending night classes, writing papers and juggling work. And on August 9, she graduated with a master's degree in nursing with a clinical specialty emphasis in the adult nurse practitioner curriculum. She's worked hard, and I'm really proud of her.

Meanwhile, back at the FOCUS office, we've tracked down facts and names, proofread copy, arranged for photos, conferred with the printing crew at The Hamblin Company in Tecumseh, and gone on location for pictures and stories. The Alumni Office supplied **Class Notes** write-ups, and we've out-witted slow computers and

put up with slow ink-jet printers. All with grace and good humor. (*R-i-g-h-t!*) But even though our pace is hectic, we hope you're able to find some time to savor this summer issue's stories and news. Two of our features would make it seem that life is relaxed and tranquil. Jack Stenger takes us to the beach. Sit back and enjoy the sound of waves lapping on Lake Michigan's eastern shores. Dig your toes into the warm sand and think back to all the fun you had at the lake when you were at Andrews. And if the sun's too hot, take a stroll through Ed and Verna Streeter's shade garden. You'll enjoy Madeline Johnston's color photos of this retired faculty couple's secret garden. For years I'd heard about the Streeters' wonderful backyard, so I decided to see it for myself—even if I

had to get there under the pretext of work!

Lisa Rollins takes a look at a little appreciated or noticed academic program at Andrews: the women's studies minor. She discusses its value and presents the curriculum in relation to other like programs around the nation.

And another of my former students, Karon Powell, has written a nice piece on time off for **At Random**. Karon's worked hard for her newly-acquired law degree, and I'm glad she was willing to carve out a few minutes from her hectic schedule to reminisce about the great summer we shared not so long ago on an Andrews Literature on Location program in England.

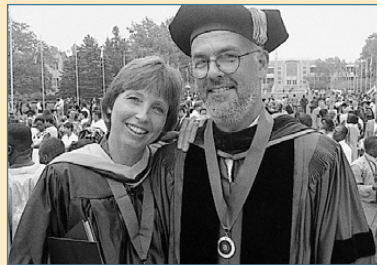


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We're happy to welcome Jeremy Russell to FOCUS as our new staff photographer. Jeremy is a third-year photography major from Berrien Springs—so we didn't have to give him detailed directions to go out and photograph the various beach shots. Jeremy has a good eye for artistic angles; his work is on the back cover—as well as throughout this issue.

The front cover is the work of professional photographer David Sherwin of First Light Studios in Baroda, Mich. We appreciate Dave's willingness to always help out on FOCUS projects. The Andrews student on the beach in St. Joseph is Jessica Medina, a third-year social work major from Crown Point, Ind.

The pace is hectic around here—but FOCUS is in the mail. Time for some vacation!

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