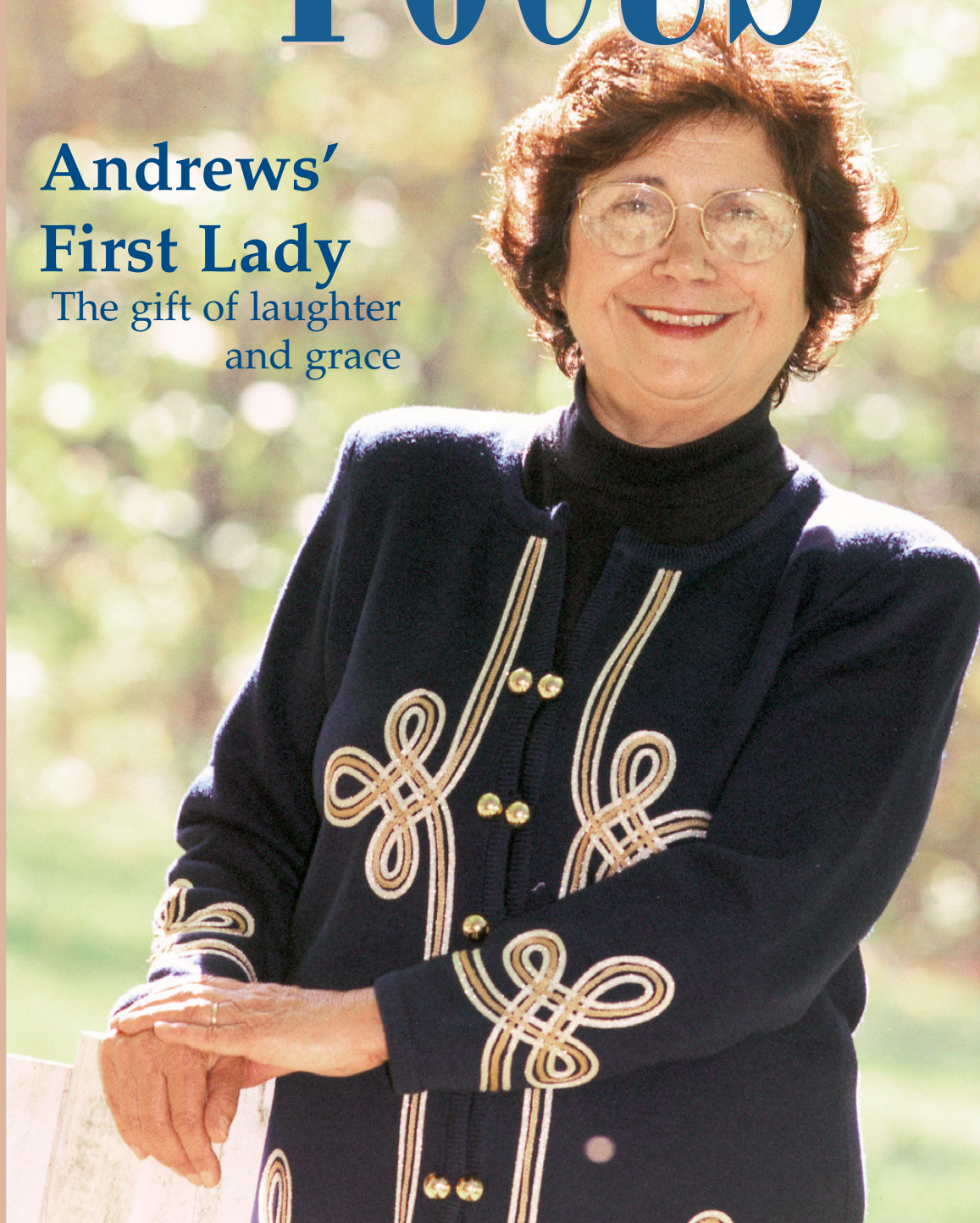


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Andrews'
First Lady
The gift of laughter
and grace



An incomparable gift

Every once in a while, someone will ask me quietly what it's like to work with the president's wife when they hear that Mrs. Andreasen, coordinator for community relations, has her office in the university relations building. I'll look at the person quizzically, smile and say, "She's wonderful to work with!" Truly, one of the great blessings for me in my job is working closely with Demetra, a truly classy lady. And so I'm delighted that Beverly Matiko, associate professor of English and communication, agreed to write an article on our first lady. In her profile of Mrs. Andreasen, Bev introduces us to a woman who brings to campus the incomparable gift of grace and laughter, a dedicated woman who says she feels most comfortable behind the scenes, but who shines in the public spotlight her husband's position requires.

Tyson Thorne's cover and inside photos of Mrs. A capture our first lady's pleasing style and personality.

Scholarship for Service since 1874 has been Andrews' slogan for awhile, but this year it has special significance in that we are celebrating 125 years as an institution of Christian higher education.

We share with FOCUS readers the fun we had—even though it poured—on August 24 at the Founders' Day Picnic. We had to move the food into the cafeteria and the line of party-goers wound down the staircase and into the Campus Center lobby—but we had enough food and birthday cake to celebrate the occasion in grand style. And then, once the rain cleared a bit, we moved the party to a makeshift diamond behind the Alumni House on Seminary Drive and watched the Centennial Sluggers go toe-to-toe with the local Berrien County Cranberry Boppers in a match of vintage baseball. One-hundred-and-twenty-five years is a long time, and at Andrews we're making the most of the occasion to celebrate our roots and heritage.

At the risk of jumping on the Y2K bandwagon and, thus, adding more hype to the cliché the end of this year has already become, we're running a story by Chris Carey about how the campus intends to cope with potential glitches attending the upcoming cosmic rollover to Y2K. He explores campus preparations and concerns, and more significantly he discusses Seminary professor Jon Paulien's timely book *The Millennium Bug*.

Not many people know that Andrews is practically next door to a site important to American hymnology. In the little town of Pokagon—hardly even a wide spot in the road any more—you'll find the old, wooden church where "The Old Rugged Cross" was first performed in public. Madeline Johnston's two photos offer a glimpse of this historic landmark that's being saved by a local foundation.

In this issue we introduce a new department—Faculty & Staff will follow Campus Update from now on. In this section we intend to feature Andrews personnel, their teaching, their research their achievements. Over and over again, it's the staff and faculty at Andrews that receive rave reviews, and we're happy to give them special recognition in FOCUS.

And to round out this issue, in "At Random" we print Professor Elly Economou's comments upon her receiving the J. N. Andrews Medallion in September. I guess this issue of FOCUS could be called our "Greek goddess" issue since we feature two women of Greek heritage who make a great difference at Andrews University.

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