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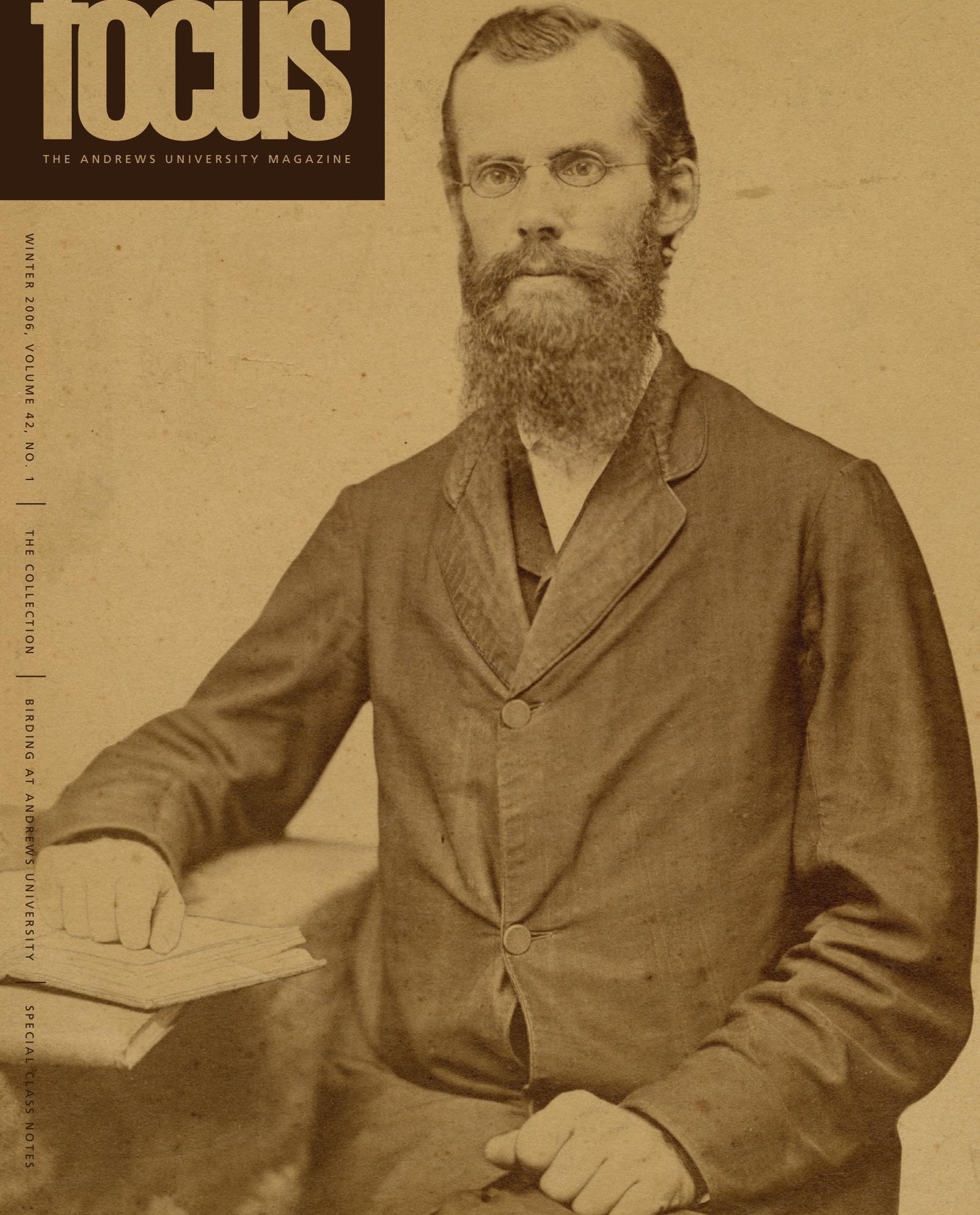
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Transitions

With the resignations of our president (who has since been reinstated) and two vice presidents submitted at the March 6 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it's no secret that Andrews University is undergoing a sudden and major administrative change—as sudden, in fact, as can be imagined at an institution of higher learning.

In press releases distributed by University Relations, the Board has emphasized that no immoral or unethical conduct precipitated the resignations. It appears, simply, that the Board felt the time for new leadership had arrived—that there was an immediate opportunity to facilitate changes in both the short and long term goals of the university. The Board has suggested that these changes have to do with developing and enhancing the university's academic programs, improving the financial management of the university, and perhaps trying some new and more aggressive ideas in both of these areas.

As Focus goes to press, the university is still processing these developments, and that processing will likely last some time. As a result, in this issue, you'll find our coverage of these changes limited to a news story in Campus Update that provides an overview of the Board actions taken in March.

However, in the next issue, and as time and space allow, we will make every effort to examine this important transitional period and what the future holds for Andrews University as God continues to lead.

While there's no easy segue way back to the features in this issue, we certainly trust that your prayers will join ours for all of those involved in the work of this school—its staff and students.

One of the articles in this issue showcases the newly discovered collection of letters and other artifacts of J. N. Andrews, our university's namesake. Just last October, this amazing collection was donated to the university by Andrews' great granddaughter, Jeanne Andrews. In our feature, we've reproduced a few of these letters for you to read for yourself—letters that reveal a personal side to Andrews during his career of service and mission for the church.

If you're a "birder" (or know someone special who is), our other feature should have you flying high. English professor Scott Moncrieff takes a light-hearted look at AU birding and birders, highlighting the shared hobby of so many of us, from former dean of women, Mary Lamson, to current AU student, Cory Gregory. You'll even have a chance to test your own "Birding IQ." (Let's just say, I'll be sticking to the golf course).

And finally, we've also included an extended edition of Class Notes, highlighting the honored classes from Homecoming in October. We hope you enjoy reading about your classmates and fellow alums.



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by Scott Moncrieff

Much more than a hobby among Adventists, the popular pursuit of bird watching, or “birding” in the parlance of enthusiasts, speaks directly to our appreciation of God’s “second book.” English Professor Scott Moncrieff, himself an amateur “birder,” focuses his binoculars on a few fascinating individuals, who along with countless others comprise a rich heritage of AU birders and birding.



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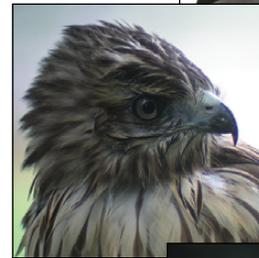
Speaking of rich heritage, imagine discovering a significant collection of letters to and from our institution’s namesake, J.N. Andrews? It’s probably more than most researchers, historians and admirers of Andrews could have hoped for. But that’s just what was realized this past fall, thanks to a generous donation from Andrews’ great-great-granddaughter. Here, you’ll learn a little about the significance of the gift and how it transpired, and you’ll also be able to read a few of the more intriguing letters yourself.



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At Homecoming this past fall, the reunion classes of 1965, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1995 were honored, and many of these honorees shared updated personal and professional information with us. For this issue, we’ve collected much of this information, thanks to the Alumni Office, and the result is a “supersized” edition of Class Notes.



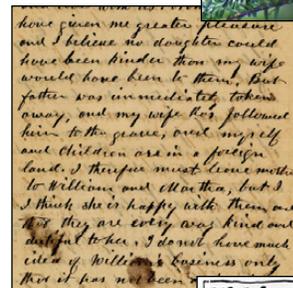
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This portrait of J.N. Andrews is part of a new collection of photographs, letters and other artifacts donated to the university by Andrews’ great-granddaughter, Jeanne Andrews.