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Flagship? Mother Ship?

Recently I attended a committee meeting (the bane of academic life) where a professional development consultant gave an overview of the history of the university's current capital campaign. This individual, who is not a member of the Adventist Church, has a long-standing relationship with Andrews University, and over the years has developed a respect for the faith-based and values-driven education we provide.

As he traveled the country visiting key friends of this university to gauge their level of support for the campaign he came to the conclusion that, in the eyes of many of our alumni and other key friends, we are perceived as the "flagship institution" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He also understood the reluctance some of us had to identify ourselves with that term. The more I think about it though, the designation fits—for many reasons.

The status of flagship institution isn't a matter of boasting. It means we have the biggest responsibility to live up to the ideals of Christian education and set an example of service. As Jesus said in Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you must be a servant." He set the example as the ultimate Servant, helping all those who asked, addressing specific needs, listening and responding to the concerns of everyone.

As President Andreasen shares in this issue, Andrews University was the first higher educational institution established by the Adventist Church. Our beginnings in 1874 as Battle Creek College grew out of a need to educate young people for service. At that time the church was barely established, its identity and mission were simple—to reach people for Christ and prepare them for His imminent return. Meredith Jones Gray quotes Ellen White in *As We Set Forth* (p. 55), "For this reason our schools have been established, that youth and children may be so educated as to exert an influence for God in the world."

One hundred and thirty-four years later that basic underlying vision remains. How that is accomplished has changed dramatically. Career choices have mushroomed to the point where many young people have difficulty deciding what they want to do for the rest of their lives, or even for the first few years after they graduate. When some of them take a year out of their academic program to serve as a student missionary it often helps them to focus their energy and decide what path to take. That's not a coincidence. Training the next generation to catch a vision for service is what true education should be about.

A recent issue of *Time* magazine (May 12, 2008) featured their list of the top 100 "Most Influential People in the World." The list was diverse, including politicians, preachers, scientists, entertainers and business titans. All had accomplished impressive things and made an impact, either in their specific field of expertise or in the broader world arena.

One individual who stood out for me was Wendy Kopp. As a senior at Princeton University in 1989 she came up with a brilliant idea for her senior year thesis. Her professor thought she was "quite evidently deranged," but she chose not to listen. Her idea was to launch a U.S. national teaching corps, Teach for America, similar to the Peace Corp. It would "recruit young teachers straight out of college and sign them up for a two-year hitch working in some of the country's more disadvantaged schools." The next year Kopp raised \$2.5 million to begin the program. Today it has more than 5,000 member teachers who reach almost half a million kids. The power of one idea!

There are more good ideas out there on how to change the world. An Andrews student may even come up with one. In the meantime, our goal is to inspire all of our students to be true servants—to the world and to their Church.



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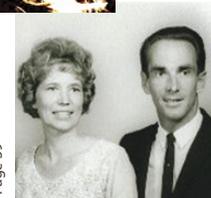
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Irena Nesterova (BA '08, double major in political science & French studies) poses for photographer **Sarah Lee** (BT '02) in the doorway of Pioneer Memorial Church immediately following her graduation, Sunday, May 4, 2008. Irena, who was born in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, plans to further her education in diplomacy and international relations at graduate school.