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In some ways we feel like we jumped the gun with the R.I.P. photo of Griggs Hall on the winter issue. Even though buildings disappear, the memories live on. Likewise, those who sent a letter have reiterated the inspiring impact of dedicated professors who work in those buildings.

Extraordinary professors

Kudos on another excellent issue of *Focus*. Much is happening at Andrews; thanks for keeping us informed.

After so many years of planning it is wonderful to see that Buller Hall will soon be reality. But buildings are only what house the heart of the university the faculty and staff. “One Woman’s Journey” was a delightful glimpse into an extraordinary woman’s life (Leona Running) and her contribution to the Seminary education of so many. And the article on Service Awards was an appropriate reminder of how many talented and energetic people have chosen Andrews as the community in which to make their contributions.

And one last thanks to the writers and graphic artists who make each story one that just has to be read. Communication at its finest. Keep up the great work, it is very much appreciated.

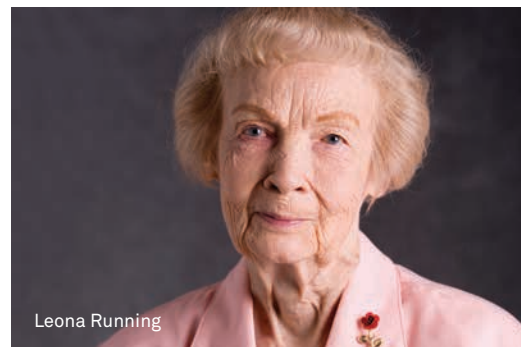
Paul Stokstad (att., Board of Trustees member)

Thanks very much for the story on Gary Land’s service at Andrews. I remember Land for his willingness to sit and talk politics and folk music with me during my undergraduate years from 1976–1980. His love of baseball was another common interest for the two of us. He also had a big impact on me when I revealed some of my struggles with my faith. He put it very simply. He said, “There is good historical evidence for the resurrection.” How true! I’m very thankful to have had such a dedicated Adventist Christian as my mentor.

John Bedell (BA ’80, MA ’97)

What a delightful experience to read the *Focus* winter issue and catch up with the many stories and news of our alma mater.

I was particularly touched to read the story of my former Hebrew teacher Leona Running. I agree with many of the comments that her name should be Dr. Walking and not Dr. Running. She kept us running and you would not dare to fall behind in her Hebrew



Leona Running

classes. This meant hours and hours of preparation! One of my great satisfactions was to receive a note from her and say that my final grade was an A! She made me love Hebrew more than Greek!

However, I [also] remember Running for her relationship with my father-in-law, the late Roberto M. Rabello, speaker for the *Voice of Prophecy* in Brazil for more than 45 years. Running was his first secretary when he was called by H.M.S. Richards to be the speaker for the Portuguese language. It was the first religious radio program in Brazil and he spoke highly of Leona.

I’ve noticed that Running completed four of her comprehensives at Johns Hopkins and also moved to Andrews at the same time. I was lucky to have her as my Hebrew teacher.

Leo Ranzolin (MA ’60, BD ’62)

What a keeper! History, biography, pathos, future, purpose! All in 42 pages. What captured my soul was *One Woman’s Journey*. Thank God there were a few men with vision even then. The best short story was Cow #4181. I milked four cows back in the middle 30s and wasn’t rewarded with that much milk. Then a week’s production netted \$5. But the Buller Hall and Nethery Hall really caught my eye. I was 15 years old when Nethery Hall was dedicated. Big-time campus then! I am glad *Creation and Evolution* got headlines. No creation, no gospel, no future. Thanks for an excellent publication.

Thomas J. Zwemer (att.)



Thanks for writing

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