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**In some respects it seems like we've skipped summer, but our full campus says otherwise. As we embark upon a new school year, we are glad so many students chose Andrews for quality Christian higher education. This, our 50th year as a university, is a time to celebrate Andrews' contribution to the world church and turn our sights to training future generations.**

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## Selfless commitment

While I too congratulate Peter Wong on his upcoming retirement, there is a side of this wonderful man and his lovely wife that would never be told unless I do so. In the early 1970s, Dixie and Peter held social gatherings in their little house in the village for the Asian undergrads. We used to play board games on their dining room table Saturday nights. I know of at least two happy marriages as the result of Peter and Dixie's dedication to the Andrews student body outside of the classroom. My wife **Shelley** (BS '74) and I were married in 1976. **Jocelyn Liu** (BS '75) and **Philip Tsui** (BS '75) were married in 1977.

I treasure my years at Andrews because of the selfless commitment of so many professors at so many levels. I certainly hope that this atmosphere is alive and well today.

**Kenny H. Chan** (BS '74)



The Wongs' spirit of hospitality is still in full swing based on this 2006 photo.

## SAVE THE DATES

October 15–17, 2009

From 1973–1991, Richard T. Orrison served Andrews Academy as principal, along the way helping hundreds of young people receive a first-class Christian education. But it was always about more than books with “Dr. O”: it was about character and helping all who exited AA leave as even better people than when they entered the hallowed halls.

In honor of his decades of service and for his contributions to each of our lives, please plan to join us leading up to and including the 2009 Andrews Academy Alumni Weekend for: Celebrating Dr. Richard T. Orrison: A Tribute to Leadership, presented by the Andrews Academy Leaders on Leadership Forum.

A benefit dinner program on Thursday night at the Howard Performing Arts Center will honor Orrison and raise funds for the Richard T. Orrison Endowment Fund. The keynote speaker that evening will be Andrews Academy alum Derek Douglas '90, Special Assistant to the President of the United States for Urban Affairs.

On Friday evening, there will be a special vespers concert featuring favorite songs, performers and memories from Orrison's years at Andrews Academy. On Saturday afternoon, there will be a meet and greet open house.

More details will follow, but please send an e-mail to [rdpoole@gmail.com](mailto:rdpoole@gmail.com) to indicate whether you'll be able to attend the Thursday evening dinner program. Either way, we'd like for you to e-mail us with favorite anecdotes/stories/memories about your interactions with “Dr. O.” We're preparing a special video and memory book to honor him and your contributions are needed! For more information visit [www.andrews.edu/aa/alumni/tributes/](http://www.andrews.edu/aa/alumni/tributes/).

**We look forward to hearing from you!**

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Judy Curry Nowack '76  
Dana Wales '82  
Debbie Weithers Poole '82



## Thanks for writing

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