



## Cover imagery

People always love to see happy Andrews graduates and the cover of the spring 2008 issue was well received. I'm looking forward to the reaction of our readers from around the world on the image portrayed on the cover of this issue, as well as those contained within its pages. Let us know what you think of the "new look" of Andrews. Hopefully you'll be inspired to come and visit us soon and experience the changes for yourselves.

## Don't forget to write

### Letters to Focus are always welcome.

To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily shared by the editors, university employees, officers and administrators.

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## Study Bible challenge

I have learned from "Focus" about an "Andrews Study Bible Project." I would recommend an excellent study Bible already available. It is the Harper Collins Study Bible, NRSV, copyright 1993. I would suggest the group spend this time working on the "faith vs. history" problem.

Really dig into known history, science and current archaeology. How do we reconcile this knowledge with the stories in Genesis and Exodus? I remember very clearly Dr. Thiele remarking in class that there was a problem with the Biblical record and the historical record. That was in 1951. I haven't heard anything since on this subject.

*Robert C. Fox (BA '51)*

## Stellar role models

The photo of Dr. Ogden on a recent Focus was so typical and brought such fond remembrances that I saved it for my files. I was on the 1966 European tour (I think the second one she organized), which took in the whole summer and included Great Britain, Ireland, N. Ireland, Scandinavia, and most of Central Europe—all for around \$1250, which included study tour graduate tuition! The experience greatly enhanced my academy teaching and exhibited a stellar role model for how to be simultaneously professional and personable. Many hugs to this incredible lady!

*Jean Schmidt Kingry (MA '67)*

It was 59 years ago this month (June 2008) that I graduated from EMC, and receipt of the latest Focus encourages me to write to my alma mater for the first time ever.

My reason: seeing many laudatory remarks of past standout professors/staff members, compels me to add to memory's list the name of Earl Beaty, treasurer and accounting instructor supreme. When I worked in the Business Office for him, there was no person on campus more

highly respected, yet there seems to be a dearth of plaudits for this "prince among men," the likes of which I have seldom seen or heard of since graduating from my alma mater in the "Golden Years" class.

Earl Beaty was a quiet, self-effacing, godly man, and in my more than 85 years of life, no one holds as high status as he in memory's hallowed halls. He was the epitome of integrity.

The examples that he—and my wife of just under 60 years (now deceased)—set for me, determined my personal direction to a life in God's eternal kingdom, and it is my hope and prayer that all of the "Golden Year" graduates will have a superb reunion "over there" soon.

*Earl Seaman (BBA '49)*

## European Tours

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join one of the following 2009 European tours offered by Dr. Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

1. Ukraine, Black Sea and Istanbul Cruise  
June 11–28, 2009  
Cruise on the Dnieper River through the Ukraine and on the Black Sea along the coasts of Romania and Bulgaria, and overland by coach to Istanbul. Visit Kiev, Sevastopol, Yalta, and Odessa in the Ukraine, plus Constanta in Romania, and Nessebar in Bulgaria to Istanbul.
2. Post-Cruise Extension in Turkey  
June 28–July 2, 2009  
Visit Troy, the Seven Churches of Revelation, and the Isle of Patmos.
3. European Holiday Markets River Cruise  
December 7–16, 2009  
Visit Nuremberg, Regensburg, and Passau, Germany, as well as Linz, Durnstein, and Vienna, Austria. The highlight of this cruise will be the festive Christmas Markets in each city, along with holiday music.
4. Pre-Cruise Extension to Prague, Czech Republic  
December 3–7, 2009

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## 2008 summer commencement

On Sunday, Aug. 3, 430 men and women joined 34,000 others as alumni of Andrews University. As the graduates marched into the sanctuary of Pioneer Memorial Church for the final time as students, friends and family of the graduates, who come from all over the world, watched on.

President Niels-Erik Andreasen introduced Provost Heather Knight, who presented citations for the recipients of the J.N. Andrews Medallion. This award recognizes significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers. Roger L. Dudley, professor emeritus in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and Cleon White, principal of Andrews Academy, were each awarded the J.N. Andrews Medallion for their commitment to Adventist education.

Andreasen then awarded a medal not often given out at graduation: the



President Andreasen awards the President's Medallion to Shri. Krishnaswamy Thulasiah Vandayar.

President's Medallion. The medallion was designed to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in causes that the university views as congruent with its own idealism, mission and Christian outreach. The award was given to Shri. Krishnaswamy Thulasiah Vandayar, chairman of A. Veeriyar Vandayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College in India. Andreasen referred to him as a "disciple of Gandhi

and a believer that education should be available to all classes." The medallion includes the inscription, "Live today to touch tomorrow."

**Ganoune Diop** (PhD '95), director of the Global Mission Study Center for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the commencement address. Born into a Muslim family, he later became an Adventist while studying music in Paris. Diop is known for his commitment to share God's knowledge through his teaching, preaching, motivational speaking, books, articles and music.

His presentation, "Remembering the Future," posed a thought-provoking question for the new graduates: "What is the logic of life?" They didn't have to wait long for the answer. "God has secured your future," he said.

**Michael Lawson** (BBA '87), president of the Alumni Board, welcomed the class of 2008 and challenged them to "get involved and give your time."

## University Board of Trustees update

The Andrews University Board of Trustees met for the second of three yearly board meetings on June 2, 2008.

Heather Knight, provost, introduced the action plan for implementing the strategic plan for 2007–2012.

Larry Schalk, vice president for financial administration, reported on the university's finances for the past 10 months. At the end of April, comparative to last year, unrestricted operations fund was running approximately three-quarters of a million dollars ahead of last year. Schalk predicts the university will end the year with a gain of approximately \$3 million or 4% of total operations, which meets the goal set for this year's operations.

A report on campus safety, crisis com-

munication and leadership training opportunities for students was given by Frances Faehner, vice president for student life.

Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication, reported admissions are up by 112 students over last year and there are 146 more incoming freshman for fall 2008 compared to fall 2007.

Gerry D. Karst, chair, commented on the newly established Board Governance Committee, which is charged, according to the bylaws, to recommend and screen names for trustees. Seven names were approved to be invited to join the Board of Trustees, with three alternates.

Among the action items approved were

two capital expense requests: \$421,000 for the expansion of the architecture building and \$181,000 for a Class 850 Forest Forage Harvester, a piece of machinery for the Andrews Farm and Dairy. The formation of a new investment advisory subcommittee, to assist in planning for the University's financial future, was also approved by the board.

The board also voted and approved a new remuneration policy, moving from a rank-specific model to a discipline-sensitive model of faculty remuneration. This new compensation plan became effective July 1, 2008.