

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Seminary orientation luncheon

Part of the orientation activities for first-year students in the Seminary included meeting a very important bird—our Cardinal! On August 22, at the invitation of the Seminary Orientation committee, the Alumni Office planned and hosted a luncheon to acquaint new seminarians with the broader campus.

During the luncheon, more than 100 seminarians took a quiz about campus history, shook hands and took pictures with our Cardinal mascot, enjoyed fellowship with new friends in the warmth of the new Seminary Commons, and some even won door prizes of items from Michigan (including a membership to Fernwood Botanic Gardens, a half-bushel of fresh peaches from a nearby orchard, and a "Taste of Michigan" gift basket).

In addition to welcoming this international group of new students, Rebecca May, Alumni Services, encouraged them to fully embrace

their time at Andrews—"get to know some undergraduate students, explore the lakes and forests in this corner of the Midwest, and I



**BIRDS OF A FEATHER?** *The Andrews University Cardinal consults with incoming seminary students during the Alumni luncheon.*

encourage you to find some ways to enjoy winter while you're here!"

## Fall bonfire

Three years in a row we have been blessed with lovely fall weather for what is now known as the annual Fall Bonfire for local alumni. On the evening of September 26 more than 100 people gathered around the warmth of the giant fire to enjoy music by the Mickey Kutzner family, have some hot cider, and to roast marshmallows for a s'more (calories removed!). Children played tag in the twilight, retired folks brought their lawn chairs, and young alumni caught up on the news with friends.

"So many of the people I got to chat with I'd never see otherwise than at an alumni gathering. We live hectic, scattered lives, don't we?" wrote Brian Strayer in a thank-you note after the event.

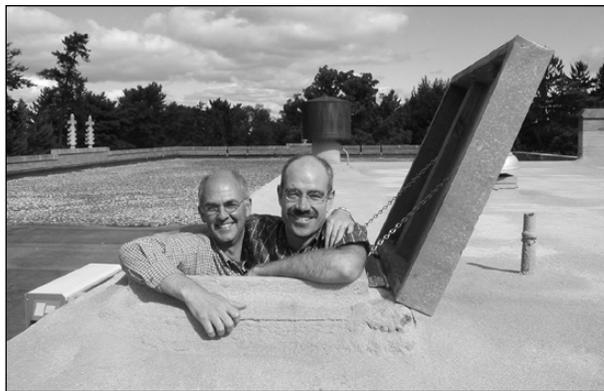
## What do these stones mean?

Yes, students, faculty, and staff who are new to the Andrews campus need to find out where the business office is, and where the best place to make photo copies on campus is. But the Alumni Office also wants the campus community to learn a bit about the campus history we walk by every day.

This fall campus history tours were offered during Fall Fellowship (for new and returning faculty/staff), during Seminary Orientation, new Faculty Orientation and New Staff Orientation, and as one of the Chapel Choices for undergraduate students.

The tour usually begins at the J. N. Andrews sculpture with the story of the Andrews family "Legacy of Leadership" and a few details

about the founding of Battle Creek College, both transpiring in the fall of 1874. A few of the items participants can view are "Option



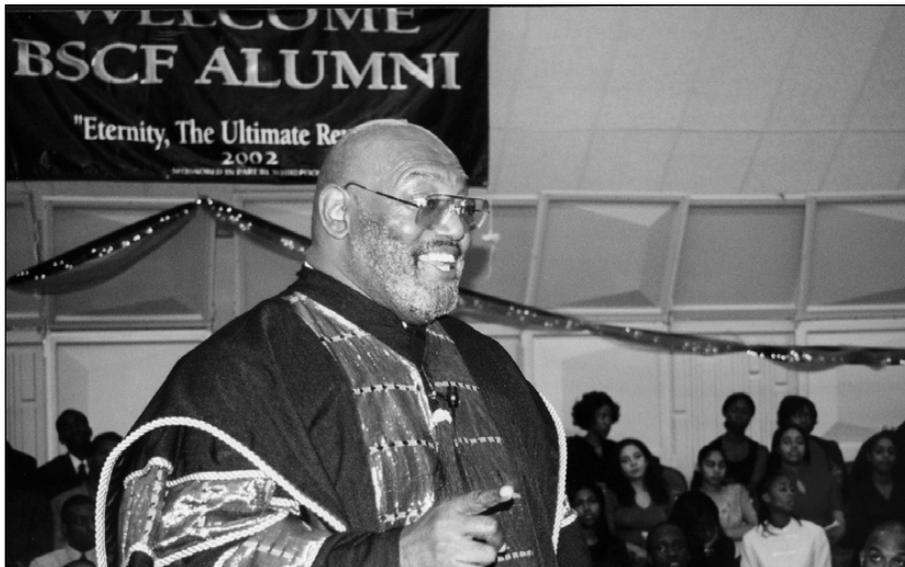
**HISTORICAL PILGRIMAGE:** *Professors Doug Jones and Scott Moncrieff emerging onto the roof of Nethery Hall during the fall campus history tour.*

Elm," the huge Norway Spruce trees planted by E. A. Sutherland that formerly lined

College Avenue, the "Lux & Veritas" boulder given as a class gift from Battle Creek students, and the "deluxe" tour includes climbing up on the roof of Nethery Hall for an opportunity to ring the Battle Creek Bell.

"What do these stones mean?" is a question posed in Joshua 4. The stones were fashioned into a monument, at God's instruction, so that future generations will ask about their past, and opportunity will be opened to tell the story about God's providential leading through the Jordan River. There are many "dry riverbed" stories to tell about this campus and the individuals who live here. It is our prayer that the "monuments" around campus will help us tell those stories of God's providence to each person who comes through our gates.

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## BSCF Alumni Reunion 2002

*Above: Pastor Randy Stafford, giving his presentation during the divine service. Stafford was the keynote speaker for the rousing BSCF Alumni Reunion Weekend. He challenged those in attendance to define themselves as witnesses of Jesus Christ.*

*Right: Deliverance choir performing on Sabbath morning. BSCF Alumni were treated to many performances by the Reunion Deliverance Mass Choir throughout the weekend.*



"If I were in a car I would tell you to buckle your seatbelts," said master-of-divinity student Darriel Hoy, as she introduced back-to-back preachers, Michael Kelly and Paula Fils-Aime, at the 7:00 pm BSAS (Black Student Association of the Seminary) vespers on Friday, October 11. The program, held in the Seminary Chapel, kicked off the BSCF (Black Students Christian Forum) Alumni Reunion. The alumni, visitors and current students who flocked to the festivities would have done well to keep their seatbelts buckled for the next two days.

Saturday's programs were held in Johnson Gym. Following Sabbath School hosted by Quiet Moment Ministries from the Ypsilanti, Michigan Church, the 11:10 am divine service drew several hundred alumni and friends.

Current Andrews student and Public Relations officer for the BSCF Alumni organization, Philip Denzel, gave a brief history of BSCF, celebrating its 30-year anniversary.

During the service, the Sankofa BSCF award for alum of the year was

given to Deborah Dorene Shorey Young, who graduated from Andrews in 1982 with a BS in Nursing. The award symbolized wisdom and learning from the past in the forming of the future.

The speaker for the day was Pastor Randy Stafford, assistant to the president for public evangelism at the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Stafford opened his sermon by saying that, despite the fact that he was suffering from severe sleep deprivation, the service thus far had been such that "no sleeping was possible." Stafford centered his message around the lack of a sense of definition for black people in America and said that God gives them definition as His witnesses.

Saturday night saw hundreds coming back to Johnson Gym for the Deliverance Mass Choir Reunion Concert. The concert featured all past directors, current members and around 50 former members. On Sunday, a late-morning basketball game, brunch with BSCF Alumni President and an evening skating party in Stevensville drew the weekend to a successful close.