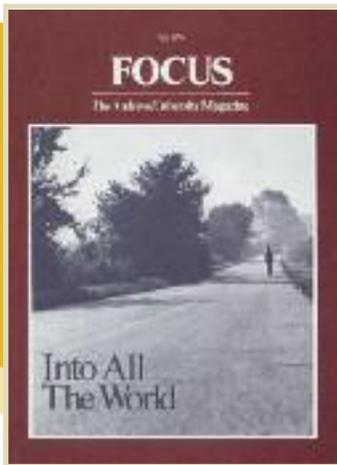


PREAMBLE

Focus is commemorating 40 years? How sweet. Lots of good memories. And that ends the pleasantries. The CC is nothing if not a paragon for “keeping it real.” So let’s be honest. Much of the decline of standards in the last forty years lies at the feet of...Ernest Lehman. You don’t even know that name, do you? That’s how the decline operates—with subtlety, under the radar. Mr. Lehman wrote the screenplay for *The Sound of Music*, a movie to which the CC attributes pernicious consequences. How can such a sweet movie be so evil? Glad you asked. You see, when we saw *The Sound of Music* we (this is the collective, royal “we”) thought: “Hey, movies aren’t automatically evil. In fact, they can be pretty good. We can go to movies. We can watch people dancing. And...no lightning strikes. We might even learn more and have our lives enhanced.” *The Sound of Music* is to us what the apple was to Eve. It was an innocent-seeming enticement. “hills are alive”? For the naysayers, the CC would like to ask two questions: (1) What is the name of this university? And (2) What is the name of the lead actress in *The Sound of Music*? Mmmmmmm.



OUT OF FOCUS

FROM THE FALL 1979 ISSUE: In the Fall Issue of 1979, the staff at *Focus* celebrated the magazine’s 15th anniversary. In a retrospective article, “After 15 Years: A Still Wider Circle,” Sandra Doran highlighted a few of the regular columns appearing during the early years of the magazine’s existence. Among these was the forerunner to “Class Notes,” which was perhaps more aptly entitled, “You Who Move or Marry.”

CAMPUS CRAZE

40-Year Anniversary Edition



Medicaid

Will it still be a great program if it bankrupts the country?



Gateway Arch

Is there any symbol in America that more clearly identifies a city? When all you AU alums visit it during the GC session, the CC dares you not to think of *Focus* while you’re up top. You won’t be able to resist.

Births

Well, it’s hard to say that a crop that includes Adam Sandler, Courtney Love and Brooke Shields was “stellar”...



Watts Riots

The CC never understands rioting.



Space Travel

A Russian was the first to walk in space. Space travel also gave us one of the best presidential lines of all-time. In 1986, following the Challenger disaster, Ronald Reagan ended his speech to the nation by saying: “We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved good-bye and ‘slipped the surly bonds of earth’ to ‘touch the face of God.’”

Vietnam War

Did we not learn any lessons?



Voting Rights Act

Democracy is healthier when all people are part of “We the People.”



Sandy Koufax

He refused to pitch on Yom Kippur during the 1965 World Series (during which he went on to win the Series MVP); how can the CC not love a devout sportsman?



Epcot Center

It’s like the AU International Food Fair ...with higher prices.



A FROWSY FALLACY

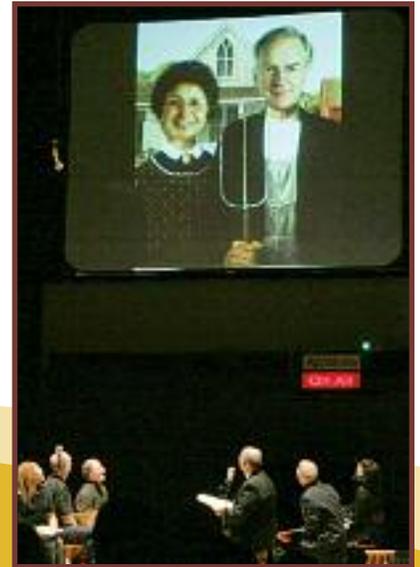
Forty is over the hill.

There are no hills in Michigan.

Therefore, all Andrews graduates are youthful.

ANDREASEN "GOTHIC"

President and Mrs. Andreasen found themselves "photo-shopped" into a legendary (and much parodied) painting—Grant Wood's American Gothic—at the recent faculty /staff/ board banquet, March 7, 2005.



FUN-DA-MENTAL FACTS

ERA? Since 1965, only four men have held the office of President of Andrews University. During the same 40-year period, four women (among nine total) have edited Focus.

INDEBTED In 1965, Larry Jackson, a freshman biology major, received \$20 for suggesting the name "Focus" in a contest to determine a title for the new alumni journal. According to inflationdata.com, Jackson's \$20 would be worth approximately \$102.25 by today's standards, or slightly more than enough to pay for 10 voluntary subscriptions to the magazine he named.

SPEAKING OF CASH..

The Newmyer Classic is earning something of a reputation as a cash "cow" around campus. The basketball tournament, which pits undergraduate classes against each other in men's and women's divisions, offered multiple chances for students to win big money during the week-long event. Not only did the tournament directors give lucky spectators over \$600 during the championship night festivities on March 5, but five students (three of whom are shown above) won opportunities to shoot for additional cash, including a half-court shot worth \$10,000 (which it turns out, would almost cover tuition, room and board for a semester at AU). Sadly, the \$10,000 student-shooter failed to draw iron.

