

Preamble Oh, the weather outside is frightful. But the fire is so delightful. And since the CC has no place to go, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! Andrews University has survived another winter and, if you are reading this, so have you. Of course, “survival” is not really the issue—this was the institution’s 132nd Michigan winter. But people like to make “hardy talk” about the weather, and the CC does not object.

The CC remembers when Andrews University, and the university schools, almost never closed. The CC recalls walking to school in driving snow (but not uphill, both ways). Were we tougher back in the day? Now the CC observes students driving their cars from the residence halls to the science complex—and that’s when it’s sunny. Sigh.

As long as you love the CC so, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

CAMPUS CRAZE

WEATHER EDITION

They say that it always snows during the March board meeting. They are wrong, but they say it nonetheless. The CC is skeptical about who “they” are, but without question they are weather watchers/aficionados.

Snow		It is what makes winter fun.
Lake effect snow		Even better! True, it isn’t as good for snow balls, but as the CC ages, it finds itself rating snow varieties based on how comfortably it can be shoveled.
Rain		The CC’s least favorite form of precipitation. The CC would not object, however, to seeing Gene Kelly lead a Grand March in it...
Freezing rain		It can do serious damage, true, but there may be nothing more beautiful than a bright sun after a freezing rain. The trees sparkle!
Wind		The CC is sometimes accused of blowing the hot variety.
Global warming		The CC thinks that Christians ought to be out front in the campaign to finally do something about global warming. Why isn’t the religious right insisting that the Bush Administration treat God’s creation kindly? To be fair, the CC has not yet seen Dick Cheney’s slide show.
Clouds		The CC likes the cover for its sensitive skin; but everyone who has ever lived in Berrien Springs knows that there are just too many days dominated by cumulus, stratus, cirrus, and nimbus.
Climate change		The CC is all for nice, fuzzy words, but when the Cleaner Air Act permits more pollutants into the air than did the Clean Air Act, the CC thinks it’s time to stop the nonsense and call things what they are.
Snow plowing		Those transportation and grounds guys get up awfully early to make it easy for the rest of us. The CC wishes to give them mad props.
Tornados		The CC prefers its funnel in the form of cake.



Speaking of...

“It’s hard to believe that it has been a year since the last time we nearly had a board banquet.”

—Stephen Payne, serving as Master of Ceremonies at the University Banquet, March 4

“The Board will begin to meet three times per year instead of two.”

—Niels-Erik Andreassen at campus briefing following the Board meeting on March 5

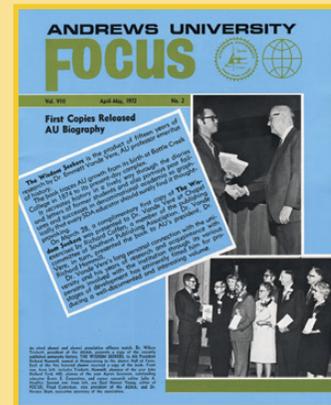
Fun-da-mental facts

The average annual snowfall for Berrien Springs, Michigan is 70 inches. The average annual snowfall for Anchorage, Alaska is 69.5 inches. Who knew?

The fastest surface wind speed ever recorded was 231 miles per hour (on April 12, 1934 at Mount Washington in New Hampshire). At that rate, the smell from the AU dairy would reach Pioneer Memorial Church in just over one second.

According to the *Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins*, being on “cloud nine” (a euphoric state), originated from the U.S. Weather Bureau’s rating of clouds. The highest cloud rating is nine, assigned to cumulonimbus clouds that reach 40,000 feet. The CC hopes that Focus’s arrival in your mailbox transports you to cloud six or seven (the CC is nothing if not modest).

At sea level, a cubic yard of air weighs just over two pounds. At college, a cubic yard of air gains 15 pounds just like everyone else.



Out of Focus

From the April-May '72 issue

An Andrews University Film School? Perhaps not, but the communications department has a longer history of visual media instruction than you might think. In “Film-Making Techniques Offered by Communication Department,” then head of AU’s mass communication program, Dana Ulloth, claimed that the university is “anxious to encourage young film makers to find expression in the film media.” Interesting to note that the program’s production facilities were only then enabling “more advanced students” the opportunity to make “sound films as opposed to ‘silent films.’” The article does not indicate whether Buster Keaton had served the program in an advisory capacity.

A frowsy fallacy

Snow is cold.

A job is what one does to make money.

Therefore, a snow job is the best way to make cold cash.