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2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The President's Report

Not long ago, while I walked through our newly opened Buller Hall, a faculty member stopped me to express satisfaction with this impressive new educational facility. "It gives us confidence," he observed, "that the university is serious about quality education."

It is good during these challenging times for higher education to reflect on the good things that do happen. The challenges are familiar: tight budgets, deferred maintenance, relentless increases in the cost of tuition and fees, uncertainty about learning outcomes and graduation rates. However discouraging these realities may be, there are encouraging signs as well, certainly at Andrews, and this past year has been no exception.

Our four new or renovated facilities have become very good additions to the campus. Buller Hall is fulfilling its promise to be a place where students spend time with their teachers, their books, their laptops or pads and their friends—facilitating a culture of learning. Seventy-year-old Nethery Hall has received a new lease on life, and while the exterior walls and entrances look just like the old Nethery, most of the inside is new and much more functional. Damazo Hall has become a preferred residence hall for women who are attending college in greater number than men these days. And finally the new Griggs Hall has become the home of a growing distance education program at Andrews.

Good facilities do not guarantee good education, but inadequate facilities are nearly always detrimental to quality education. By investing in these facilities last year, Andrews has made yet another long-term commitment to quality education. It has given us renewed confidence in our long-held conviction that the education we offer must be of good quality. Of course that takes much more than facilities and so there are new initiatives underway by the provost and deans that



will strengthen the way we organize some of our educational programs and deliver educational services.

Finally, let me remind our readers that Andrews is a faith-based university, and those who teach and study here believe they are on an important educational mission far out of proportion to our modest size and resources. A friend once observed that we are driven by something like "sanctified impertinence"—a stubborn belief that Christian education at Andrews matters enormously and we will never stop improving upon it. In fact if we dare call our education Christian, it must be good. To this conviction there can be no alternative. Thank you for your support of this good Christian university.

Sincerely,

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president

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This past year has been an exciting one for Andrews University! We have added two new facilities: Buller and Damazo Halls. These additions make our campus an even more attractive place to study and visit.

Buller Hall provides facilities for our undergraduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences. It provides classrooms, offices for the Departments of Behavioral Sciences, Religion & Biblical Languages and History & Political Science, in addition to a large auditorium and lots of space for students to study and visit.

Damazo Hall was built to provide residence housing for graduate women. It also provides 20 rooms for guest housing. Damazo Hall is located next to Burman Hall and is part of the University Towers complex.

With the addition of Griggs University, total alumni numbers are now more than 80,000



and counting. The Office of Alumni Services continues to find ways to communicate with our worldwide membership.

We look with enthusiasm to the future with plans to build a new Health and Wellness Center. That will provide new recreation facilities and a strong focus on health that will include places for fitness and nutrition.

These are just a few ways in which the mission of Andrews University is advancing around the world through the generosity of some of our most important constituents—our alumni and donors. Your support gives Andrews the opportunity to continue to expand on the vision of our founders who recognized the need for the highest quality Adventist education. That need is just as strong today as it was in 1874.

Thank you again for partnering with us to make Andrews University the flagship school of the Adventist educational system.

Sincerely,

David A. Faehner, vice president
University Advancement