

Preamble

On October 16 & 17, 2005, leadership was either the text or the subtext for discussions that took place during the Andrews University constituency and board meetings. Can trustees fully and faithfully serve two institutions at the same time? Are AU's financial challenges a product of the times, or do they reflect an inability of a leadership team to pull in the same direction? The discussions caused the campus to take a deep breath. And from where did that breath come? Andrews University is committed to following the leadership of Jesus Christ. We do our best to place effective human leaders in responsible positions, but, ultimately, Andrews is God's school. That gives the CC every reason to be confident. Now, how would Jesus create the budget?

Fun-da-mental facts

- ▶ The second president of Battle Creek College, Alexander McLearn (1881-82), never joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. That would never happen today, although the CC would love a chance to work with that surname. McUnderstand?
- ▶ Guy Wolfkill, the president of Emmanuel Missionary College from 1924-30, lost his left hand in a buzz-saw accident. The rumors that he said: "I'd give my right arm for a decent blade!" are untrue. (And why, oh why, don't they make surnames like they used to?)



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LEADERSHIP EDITION

Napoleon once said: "A leader is a dealer in hope." Adventists, then, ought to be natural leaders. We have this hope that burns within our hearts....

Follow the Leader	👍	The CC remembers fondly the simplicity of this childhood game.
Authoritarianism	👎	Efficient? Yes. But efficiency is not the end goal.
AU President	👍	The CC is proud of the vision President Andreasen articulates for Adventist higher education. Plus, admit it, the Danish accent is cool!
AU Board	👍	Now that's a group that knows how to grab someone's attention!
U.S. President	👍	Recent months have not been kind to our president...so the CC will be. Gotta give W this: he's loyal. (Now let's see the angry letters from the liberals start pouring in).
U.S. Vice President	👎	Add "Top aide criminally indicted" to his DUIs, Halliburton and his defense of torture.
Leading by Example	👎	Too quiet for the CC's taste. A little bluster is O.K.
AU Leadership Program	👍	Based on the belief that good leaders are made, not born.



Speaking of...

"We have a responsibility...to find better ways than we have used in the past to achieve our goals.... We must be equipped to move from internal struggles to a path of success. The trustees want to help create a new synergy among the administrative team to achieve our mutual goals."

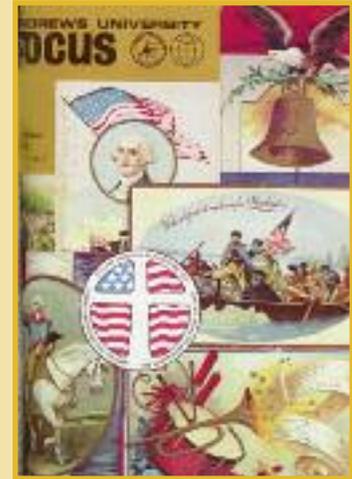
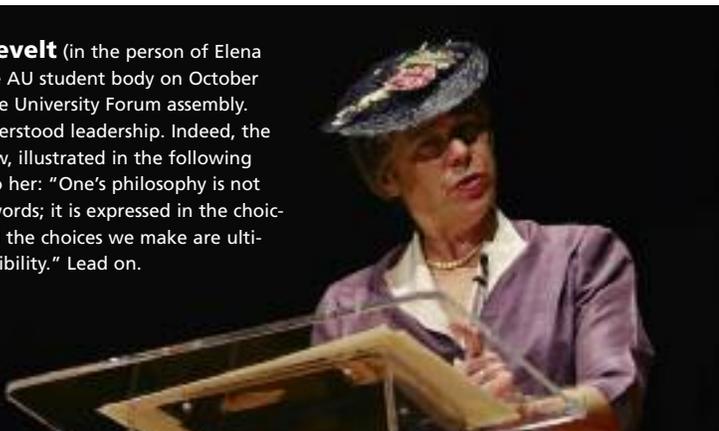
Gerry Karst, Board of Trustees Chair, at University Board Briefing, October 17, 2005

"There are no 'ifs' in my administration. We have set a course that we can achieve together with the love, respect and support that comes from the owners and stakeholders of Andrews University."

Niels-Erik Andreasen, President, at University Board Briefing, October 27, 2005



Eleanor Roosevelt (in the person of Elena Dodd) spoke to the AU student body on October 15, 2005, during the University Forum assembly. Mrs. Roosevelt understood leadership. Indeed, the CC seconds her view, illustrated in the following quote attributed to her: "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words; it is expressed in the choices one makes...and the choices we make are ultimately our responsibility." Lead on.



Out of focus

From the Oct/Nov 1975 Issue:

Speaking of leadership, then-President Joseph G. Smoot lent a portion of his extensive postcard collection, "numbering over 15,000," to be featured on the cover of FOCUS, ostensibly an acknowledgement of the upcoming American Bicentennial of 1976 (the patriotic cover theme continued through the April-May 1976 Issue). Along with postcards featuring George Washington, the "liberty bell," and Benjamin Franklin, the back cover oddly mixes in cards depicting Santa Claus. Upon further reflection, however, the choice of cover art invariably calls to mind our founding fathers' enthusiasm, cooperation, and ideology, what they generally came to regard as the "Christmas Spirit of 1776"!

A frowsy fallacy

A leader is someone in front.

A façade is something in front.

Therefore, leadership is a façade.