

Preamble

While Andrews University celebrates the Golden Anniversary of its becoming a full university, the CC celebrates Floyd Rittenhouse! Rittenhouse could be revered for simultaneously serving as the president of two institutions in two different states (and this, before the narrowing of the world by the internet, e-mail and other technological and transportation advances). He could be revered as the first president of Andrews University. But mostly the CC just likes to celebrate him as one of the most colorful personalities in this institution's history! The CC has always appreciated humor – and readers tell the CC that they would like to see the CC some day develop a sense of humor – and Rittenhouse certainly had a sense of humor. He is well-known for saying things like: “The door that let you in will also let you out!” and “If you're looking for credit, look it up in the dictionary.” But the CC's favorite is: “There's no problem on campus that couldn't be taken care of by a good prominent funeral.” Wow! Cost of attending EMC: \$1,000. Cost of attending AU: \$2,000. Listening to President Rittenhouse speak: Priceless.



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Establishing a New University Edition

<p>University Name</p>		<p>Andrews University is, by far, the better choice than the other “finalist,” Maranatha University. The school song isn't the only thing that would have suffered with a bad name choice.</p>
<p>Eye of the Beholder</p>		<p>What people in Maryland were calling a “tomato patch,” people in Michigan were calling “the campus beautiful.” The CC thinks both may be right...but the CC loves tomatoes!</p>
<p>Cold War</p>		<p>Although most people don't think fondly of the angst caused by the Cold War, the CC reminds you that the fear of atomic warfare did play a role in moving the Adventist church's flagship university to Michigan. Plus, who doesn't love a bomb shelter?</p>
<p>Libraries</p>		<p>True, the Library of Congress probably had a few more resources than the EMC library in Griggs Hall. We'll call that one for D.C. The James White Library, however, is a truly world-class library. And soon there will be Postum!</p>
<p>Blessing</p>		<p>President Rittenhouse has said: “I think this institution [Andrews University] stands, to a degree, as a witness for the kind of faith that was envisioned by Ellen White and the founders of this denomination. I hope you agree.” Amen! We agree, President Rittenhouse, we agree.</p>



Speaking of...

“I had one section of the building that I had to clean every night. I’ll tell you: there is an enormous amount of education in wastebaskets. And that’s where I began my service for the General Conference!”

Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, explaining some of his experiences as a Seminary student in Takoma Park, Md., during the Andrews University Fall Fellowship, August 14, 2009

“Andrews has found its proper place within the company of real universities.”

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president, during the State of the University address, August 26, 2009

“Number One: The new cash for clunkers program at AU—you give us \$25,000 in cash and we’ll let you drive a clunker for the next four years!”

David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, during his annual “Top 10 reasons why students choose Andrews University,” delivered at the University Convocation, August 27, 2009

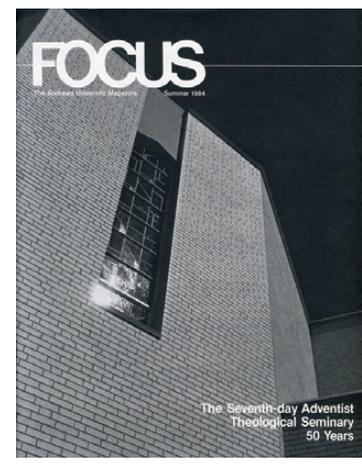
Fun-da-mental fact

What if Andrews University had been named, as President Rittenhouse preferred, Maranatha University? Well, things would certainly be different. Perhaps most unsettling is that we would never have learned the lyrics to “Our Dear AU.” The CC has been able to unearth a copy of the proposed school song had the university become MU. Here, for the first time, that song is revealed (you can sing it to the tune of “Our Dear AU”—just note that every time you see “MU” it is to be pronounced “moo”).

OUR DEAR OLD MU

From North and South from East and West we come to MU,
In Berrien we share our bovine ballyhoo.
Our dairy’s milk puts calcium in our bones,
The butter we spread on our scones,
The profits help to pay our student loans
at dear, old MU.

Our hearts beat hard with high cholesterol
But what else can we do?
Let’s cheer our cows and give a rousing cry of MUUUUU.



Out of Focus

From the Summer 1984 issue

Twenty-five years ago the cover story of FOCUS featured the 50-year anniversary of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The article states that the seminary building was “bursting at the seams” around the time thought was given to rebuilding on 20 acres next to Takoma Academy. The proposed building’s location was even staked out. Then Floyd O. Rittenhouse, the president of EMC, was elected president of Potomac University. He and Jere D. Smith, Lake Union Conference president, presented a “breathtaking offer” to take the whole graduate institution to Michigan at the 1958 Autumn Council. “In two days the dynamic new idea swept through the council to a favorable vote...”

A frowsy fallacy

Rittenhouse’s nickname was “Scribbleshack”

Rittenhouse is credited with leading the new university to full accreditation

Therefore, an accredited school is called a Scribbleshack