

## New endowments & named scholarships

### The James Smith and Carolyn Hall Russell Endowed Scholarship

June 2010: This scholarship was established by the Russells in their estate. It is to be used for scholarships for needy and worthy Seventh-day Adventist students from the Middle East who are enrolled at Andrews University and will be returning to live and work in the Middle East. In the event there are no eligible students from the Middle East who apply for scholarship benefits, then, the proceeds shall be applied to the Andrews Academy worthy student fund.

### Harold Buhalts and Jean Stewart Boyd Endowed Scholarship

September 2010: This scholarship was established by Jean and Margaret Lowry in honor of their parents to assist students pursuing a major in science or mathematics.

### June Bascom Music Scholarship

October 2010: Established by her husband, Merle, and her children, Teresa and Kimber. The funds will be awarded annually to some worthy and deserving student(s) enrolled at Andrews University who is/are pursuing studies in music, not necessarily a music major, to the extent that there are students who qualify for this scholarship.

## FACTS ABOUT ENDOWMENTS

- There are currently 424 endowments
- The total value of Andrews University's endowments is \$37,662,450
- Scholarship donations and endowments provided \$1,446,001 in scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students during the 2010–2011 school year
- If you would like to start an endowed scholarship fund, please contact the Office of Development at 269-471-3124



## The Ronk Award

by Samantha Snively

For the past 20 years, retired English faculty Bruce Ronk has been quietly funding an award that encourages English professors to publish and present their research. The Bruce A. Ronk Award goes yearly to a professor who publishes a paper in a professional journal or presents at a national professional conference, such as the Modern Language Association.

Ronk, an English Renaissance literature specialist, taught literature and composition in the English department from 1970 to 1990. During his time teaching, he noticed something: although the



Bruce Ronk

quality of teaching was excellent, external demands were taking up the professors' time usually devoted to research and creating "an impoverished production level. There was some writing going on, but not a lot." As opposed to most universities that maintain what Ronk calls a "publish-or-perish" policy, Andrews University has traditionally not upheld this approach. However, research publication still remains the hallmark of flourishing scholarship, and signifies a department's dedication to increased learning.

To that end, Ronk began awarding "nominal at first" amounts of money to those professors who published scholarly work, beginning with Raymond Leadbetter's "Scandal and War: Reticence in Mary Chestnut's Civil War" in 1991.

"The results were gratifying," says Ronk. "People started publishing," and since its establishment over 20 years ago, the award has had a recipient almost every year. Ronk has since expanded the award's criteria to include creative writing as well, and Scott Moncrieff has won the award several times for his published poetry. Nearly every current English professor has received some form of award for his or her work, and most recipients were Ronk's students in the past.