

LETTERS

INSIDE SCOOP, PERFECT CIRCLES

Thanks for keeping us far-flung alumni up-to-date with happenings at Andrews. While all of my siblings (KIM—BS, MSPT '87; CHRIS—att.; LESLEY—RMES, AA) were just there this summer, it's nice to get the inside scoop.

Dr. Economou's retirement caught my eye. While she'll always be remembered for her theological acumen and her regular house dinners overflowing with delicious Greek food (and the best baklava!), many of us alumni always seem to bring up how she would draw those perfect circles on the chalkboard with one big circular swing of her arm.

Glad to read that one class per quarter will still get to witness this unforgettable sight.

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Editor's note: Thanks for the memories, Ernie. You'll be interested in our coverage of Dr. Economou's retirement reception and her receiving the J.N. Andrews Medallion in September. Actually, this could be called the "Elly Economou" issue of FOCUS. She's written the "At Random" at the back of the magazine. What would/ will we do without Elly?!

THE GREENING OF AU

Thank you for publishing "It's Not Easy Being Green" in the spring issue.

As urban sprawl creeps over our farmlands, and fresh water in the Great Lakes region is threatened, AU has an increasingly important responsibility to investigate ways to improve profitability while enhancing

the long term health of the campus.

Andrews also has an extraordinarily unique opportunity to impact environmental sustainability around the world. As Christian students learn to preserve and protect their environment through mandatory and volunteer activities, they will take these "best practices" with them when they return home.

Keep up the good work!

Margaret Poole (att. '65-'66)
Berrien Springs, Michigan

NOT EXACTLY SUPERWOMAN

When I read about myself in the Class Notes section of the last issue of FOCUS, I didn't realize that I had so much energy! Honestly, the paragraphs that I sent you were either not clear or something was lost in translation.

It is correct that I am in private practice in psychiatry in Cookeville, Tenn. The teaching part should be in the past tense (part of what I have done in the past since graduating from AU).

I did both hospital and office-based psychiatric medicine in Grand Rapids and in Johnson City, Tenn. (Again, both in the past). I am currently active in community education. The other statements about Wisam and me are correct.

If that sounds less than ambitious, well, we might as well be correct. Managing the only full-time psychiatric practice in several counties keeps me as busy as this old body can stand.

I noticed that in some of the other class notes, more was mentioned about spouses. I'm very proud of my husband, not to mention exquisitely in love for 20 years of marriage. He also is a psychiatrist and the medical director of the Mental Health Center which serves about 15 counties in Tennessee. On top of that, he is angelic in putting up with me and my schedule.

Some church members have asked how I have the time to do all that travelling. I'd love to say "superwoman"—but the commandment says not to lie!

Carol Fisk-Owais (BS '74)
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You'll be interested to know that ED AND VERA STREETER, whose shade garden was featured last summer in FOCUS were highlighted in this summer's issue of *Taunton's Kitchen Gardener*, a first-class gardening publication. The 5-page article, "Versatile Lattice," offers the Streeters' tips on building simple wooden lattice walls, partitions and trellises for kitchen gardens.

AND

Andrews alum RUSSELL STAFFORD (MA '80) is the author of a special issue of *Horticulture*. The magazine (due out this winter) is filled with Russell's articles on perennial gardening. Now a freelance garden writer, Russell has most recently served as head of horticulture at Fernwood Botanic Gardens in Niles, Mich.

