

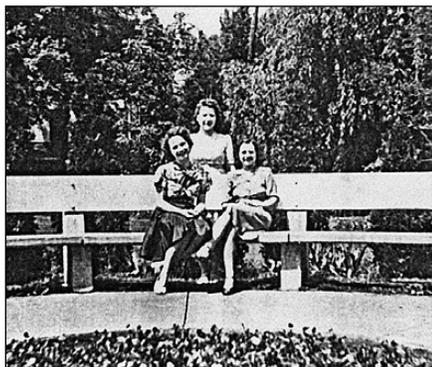
LETTERS

CAMPUS UPDATE

The Partain sisters, ca 1944

I enjoyed seeing the pictures of the Beavons on this bench in a recent Focus. This picture was taken in 1944 when we three Partain sisters were all at E.M.C.

Evelyn, on the left, was a pre-nursing student then. (She later finished with a BS in nursing in 1951.) Sibyl graduated in 1945 with a BA in business. Hazel finished in 1942, and was on the staff at E.M.C. as assis-



tant registrar and an E.M.C.A. academy teacher when this picture was taken.

Sibyl Richards
Worthington, Ohio

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New institute opens

Andrews University is proud to announce the establishment of the Institute of Diversity and Multiculturalism (IDM) on our campus. Its official opening was celebrated October 15 with a luncheon and seminar titled, "Achieving Bottom Line Driven Diversity Goals," by Dr. Samuel Betances. Nearly 300 campus and community individuals attended.

The inspiration for such an institute is twofold. First, Andrews is blessed with an exceptionally diverse campus. Approximately one-third of our students represent minorities in America and about one-fifth have international backgrounds, representing 95 countries. Such diversity requires dynamic creativity to ensure effective interaction among all members of its university family. The IDM will assist the university in fulfilling its goal of strengthening its programs, enhancing its services and facilitating its mission as a world-class institution of higher education.

Second, because Andrews University is located at the crossroads of an international com-

munity, it seeks to provide the communities it serves with an effective and forward-looking approach to diversity in education. The Institute will serve people from a wide range of backgrounds who are interested in discovering the value and benefits of diversity, and in gain-



MOTIVATIONAL HUMOR: *President Niels-Erik Andreasen (left) introduces Dr. Samuel Betances, guest speaker. A Harvard-educated motivational speaker who specializes in the areas of educational reform and multicultural education, Betances shared with the crowd his expertise from working with numerous Fortune 500 companies and governmental agencies on multicultural issues.*

ing a competitive advantage in the work force and the community.

Dr. Walter Douglas serves as the director of this latest addition to our campus.

H.M.S. Richards Lectureship

This year's guest speaker for the H.M.S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching was Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Seventh-day Adventist Church, Alexandria, VA. Presented October 28-29, 2001, the Lectureship brought seminary students, faculty and alums in from near and far. Several alums traveled from as far away as Buffalo, New York, and Toronto, Canada.

Kenneth Stout, professor of preaching and coordinator of the lectureship series, said, "This seminary-sponsored program is provided annually to help seminary students, undergraduate religion majors and



Henry Wright

related faculty enhance their preaching knowledge and skills."

Wright has taught homiletics for many years both at Oakwood College and Columbia Union College. He currently serves as the pastor of one of the fastest growing churches and is widely recognized as one of our denomination's finest preachers.