

Summer graduates number 294

On Sunday, August 6, 2006, Andrews University added 294 undergraduates and graduates to its almost 30,000 alumni. David Faehner, vice president for advancement, spoke at the 8 pm consecration service. The title of his presentation was, “Honestly, What’s it all About?”

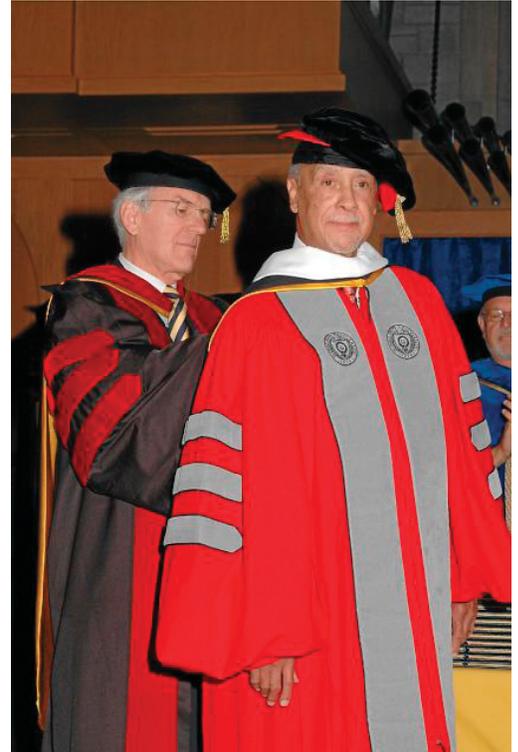
The baccalaureate service took place Saturday, August 5, at 11:20 am in the Pioneer Memorial Church. Randall Wisbey, president of Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md., spoke on “The Ultimate Obligation.”

Frank W. Hale, Jr. PhD was the keynote speaker for the commencement service. Dr. Hale is vice provost and professor emeritus at The Ohio State University, and his speech was entitled “Now is the Time.” Hale earned a BA and MA from the University of Nebraska in 1950 and ’51 respectively, and took his PhD in communication and political science at The Ohio State University in 1955.

Hale has served on many boards, including the United Negro College Fund, Loma Linda University, Oakwood College, Columbia Union College, the Advisory Board of the College of William and Mary and several others, and he has written more than fifty articles and several books. Ohio State honored Hale’s work by naming the Frank W. Hale, Jr. Black Cultural Center in his honor, as well as calling the building in which it is housed Hale Hall.

Dr. Hale is married to Mignon Scott Hale and is an active member of the Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

For his life-long commitment to higher education and civil rights, the faculty of Andrews University presented Dr. Hale with an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters.



President Andreasen awards Frank Hale with his honorary doctorate (photo courtesy of Chapell Studios)

Dedication of Streeter Family Hosta Garden



Back row, l-r: Dennis Woodland, Stan Beikmann, Edward Streeter, Niels-Erik Andreasen; Front row, l-r: Verna Streeter, Ivan, Beth (Streeter), Noelle & Keith Snyder

On July 27, the Andrews University campus celebrated the completion and dedication of the Streeter Family Hosta Garden located in the plaza between the Administration Building and Nethery Hall. Approximately one hundred faculty, staff and community members attended. A brief dedicatory ceremony was held at the garden, where Dennis W. Woodland, curator of the Andrews University Campus Arboretum, President Niels-Erik Andreasen, Edward and Verna Streeter, as well as members of their family, all participated. Their daughter, Beth, teaches nutrition at Southern Adventist University and son-in-law, Keith Snyder, is chair of the biology department there.

Edward and Verna Streeter worked on the Andrews campus for more than 20 years. Edward, professor emeritus of educational administration and supervision in the School of Education, contributed his expertise in campus master planning to many campuses around the world, including Andrews University. He was also a charter member of the University’s Arboretum Council. Verna Streeter served Andrews in the School of Education and in the graduate dean’s office.

The garden is a gift to the University established from the Streeters’ distinctive collection of more than 200 different cultivars of hosta, grown in their Baroda garden and featured in a 1998 Focus magazine article. Edward and Verna have recently moved to Arizona.

“We hope the new garden on campus will provide enjoyment and inspiration for all those who walk through the Andrews campus for years to come,” says Edward.

Hammills' legacy of giving continues

In the late 1930s, when Richard Hammill and his young wife, Dena, accepted a call to serve as missionaries in what is now Vietnam, the pair had no way of knowing they would get caught in the middle of the turmoil of World War II politics. As the war escalated, the Hammills found themselves Japanese prisoners-of-war in the Philippines. Little did they know at the time how this negative experience would turn out to benefit the futures of so many, years later.



Richard & Dena Hammill on their wedding day, 1936

As compensation for their time spent as POWs, the Hammill family received a sum between \$10–\$12,000 from the Japanese government in 1950. Seeing the unexpected money as a special gift from God, Dr. Hammill chose not to use it for the daily expenses that accrue in the household of a young family, but instead invested it into a special fund.

As the years advanced, so did Hammill's career. In 1963, Hammill was asked to serve as the president of Andrews University, a position he held until 1976. During his presidency, his generosity and heart for the struggling student were demonstrated time and again, influenced by the memory of his own days of student financial stress at Walla Walla College. Hammill went on to work for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, serving as vice president for education. But he did not forget Andrews, Walla Walla, or the struggling student.

Due to astute investing, the money Hammill had received from the Japanese continued to steadily grow. In the 1980s, the Hammills made the decision to give the bulk of their estate to Andrews, setting up the Richard and Dena Hammill Endowed Leadership Development Scholarship. With the passing of Dr. Hammill in 1997 and his wife, Dena, this past winter, \$800,000 will be passed on in the form of scholarships to international seminary students, preferably those from Third World countries studying for their doctorate. Never forgetting their days as missionaries or their passion for education, the Hammills believed strongly in building effective church leaders around the world.

The legacy that the Hammills leave Andrews University and the world church is not simply one that can be measured monetarily, but rather is an example of unending dedication and passion for a cause they believed in, and the power for good in a mind-set that believes even something as awful as war can somehow be turned into something beautiful.

New students arrive en masse



Whether competing in Beach Olympics at Warren Dunes, scoring at CM Radio's Extreme Bowling Party, or lending a hand with one of several community service projects, the group of new students who participated in the 2006 All Fired Up! Orientation Week were never at a loss for fun things to do.

Running from August 20–27, this annual prep-week is the perfect opportunity for new freshmen and transfer students to get a taste of life at Andrews and Southwestern Michigan, while building friendships that often last a lifetime. The week kicked-off with First Stop (*pictured above*), held for the first time in the Howard Performing Arts Center, where students got the lowdown on college-life essentials like activating their ID cards, parking and financial aid. The week continued with three more days of “business,” such as First Year testing, breakfasting with advisors, Student Success Seminars, and introductions to the library.

On Wednesday night, All Fired Up's family groups met for the first time and students were introduced to their veteran-student “parents.” On Friday evening, new students had dinner at the homes of various Andrews University staff members who will serve as “coaches,” or mentors, for the year ahead.

“Orientation programming offers students important ‘just in time’ college success information, as well as giving them an opportunity to form a social support network,” stated Steve Yeagley, assistant to the vice president for Student Services and orientation organizer. “Many students tell us that friends made in their orientation ‘family group’ remain friends throughout their college experience.”