

CAMPUS UPDATE

Andrews' ranking improves among nation's best

For the tenth consecutive year, Andrews University has placed among the best colleges in the United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

The university's standing improved from being among the top 228 national universities last year to a ranking among the top 176 national universities this year.

Andrews has been listed every year since 1989, when the annual "Best Colleges" issue was first published by the Washington, D.C.-based news magazine. The 1999 rankings were published

in the magazine's Aug. 23 edition.

"The rating verifies that Andrews



University sets its course and pursues it over the long haul," said Dr. Gary Ross, assistant to Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen. "We are not trendy and ephemeral in what

we do, but we definitely attend to the trends in American higher education and shape our course with them in mind, even as we honor our tradition and especially our traditional mission," Ross said.

Tech buildings erected

The Andrews University Airpark celebrated the completion of a new airplane hangar this fall.

The hangar, which measures 90 feet by 175 feet, enables the aeronautical technology department to house all nine planes operated by Andrews securely. It also provides rental space for eight other planes.

An additional structure on campus is a solar barn, a unique greenhouse-style structure manufactured exclusively for animal housing at the farm.

Designed to let in sunlight and fresh air, the barn will allow the agriculture department to conduct long-term studies on livestock environments.

Students register online for fall term

For the first time in its 125-year history, Andrews University students were able to register for fall quarter classes via the World Wide Web.

"A total of 2,968 students were registered," said Emilio Garcia-Marenko, university registrar and chair of the quality improvement team which oversaw integration of the new system.

"Web registration was the method used totally or partially by 881 students. This is 29.5 percent of the total."

Katie Widner, a senior English major, gave the new process two thumbs up. "Web registration was really efficient and easy. It's much smoother than before, and there are no long lines to stand in. Plus, now you can order your textbooks online which makes the whole process much faster."

According to the Office of Academic

Records, the total 2,968 students registered for 35,572.5 academic credits, which makes for a total of 2400.9 FTEs, or full-time equivalents.

Garcia-Marenko notes that Andrews has enrolled 67 more students this fall than last fall quarter, but that the FTE total was higher last year by 61.69. However, he says that this year's number of first-time college students is higher than that of the last three years.

To ensure another healthy enrollment next fall—when the university changes over to semesters—the Office of Enrollment Services has launched an aggressive recruitment campaign.

On Oct. 17 and 18, approximately 360 secondary school seniors from the upper Midwest visited campus to get acquainted with potential teachers and deans—and to renew friendships with former classmates who now attend Andrews University.



32 YEARS OF SERVICE: President Andreasen presents the J. N. Andrews medallion to Elly Economou, professor of biblical languages, upon her retirement from teaching at Andrews University. Vice president Patricia Mutch looks on during the Sept. 20 event in the Seminary Chapel. Read Dr. Economou's acceptance speech on page 30 of this issue.

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Discipleship the theme of fall Week of prayer

Traveling and preaching since the age of 15, Jonathan F. Henderson, outreach ministries at Pacific Union College in California, spiritually inspired students and faculty members during fall quarter's Week of Prayer Oct. 11-16.

Speaking on the theme "Discipleship: Synergy, not Cynicism," Henderson adeptly illustrated the triumphs and trials of such noted Biblical figures as



SYNERGISTIC: Jon Henderson addresses students in PMC.

David, Gideon, Elisha and Naaman.

Henderson's personable and engaging approach to spiritual values was "attractive to the undergraduates at Andrews," said Kelly Schmitt, coordinator of convention services in the Office of University Relations.

Students commented on Henderson's approach, as well. "His original approach kept my attention," said Trisha Ramel, sophomore public relations major from Hinsdale, Ill.

PRESIDENTIAL PAINTING: President Andreassen presented the official portrait of J. Grady Smoot, president of Andrews University from 1976 to 1983, to a small gathering of friends, family and former colleagues Monday morning, Oct. 18, in the reference room of the James White Library.



Dr. Smoot, who recently retired from Pittsburg State University in Kansas (shown at left with his son Christopher), joined the group that included the portrait's painter Harry Ahn and immediate past Andrews president Richard Leshner.

Holocaust remembered

It was 1972 at a train station in Riga, Latvia, when eight-year-old Anna Gerasimova said a tearful goodbye to her grandfather. He had told her it would be the last time they would ever see each other.

He was wrong.

Twenty-seven years later, Anna and her grandfather again came face-to-face. . . at the James White Library at Andrews.

"I went to the library to check out a book," said the now-married Anna Galeniece, a doctoral student in the Seminary. "I stopped to look at the Rescuers Holocaust exhibit and the second picture I saw was of my grandfather. My heart was trembling. I didn't think I would see Grandpa in America!"

Anna's grandfather, Amfian Gerasimov, is one of 49 rescuers whose picture and story comprise "Rescuers: Moral Courage in the Holocaust," a fall quarter photo exhibit at Andrews. The exhibition is currently touring the U.S. and Europe; it has been housed at the New York Museum of

Modern Art, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and the U.S. embassy in Switzerland.

Amfian would frequently say to his grandchildren, "Do not live for yourselves, but live for others." With great pride, peppered with heartfelt emotion, Anna recalls, "There was a hole in the wall of the living room that was covered by a shelf. My grandparents hid a Jewish person in there. No one knew he was there—not even their six children. If they were caught, they would have met the same fate as the Jews."

Other courageous deeds would follow, such as hiding other Jews and feeding Jews on the street by dropping breadcrumbs on the sidewalk through a hole in his pocket.

Amfian's most self-sacrificing act is the one Anna remembers the most. In 1972, with the blessing of his wife and family, he boarded a train and moved to Jerusalem where he served as a missionary to the Jews until his

death in 1986. The law in Communist countries then prohibited Amfian from ever returning to his homeland of Latvia.

"He was a very generous Christian," Anna says.

In her eight short years with him, Anna remembers well her grandfather's words. But she cherishes most what he did.



RESCUER REMEMBERED: Andrews student Anna Galeniece stands by a portrait of her grandfather in the photo exhibit of Holocaust rescuers in the James White Library.

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Summer graduation: degrees and awards

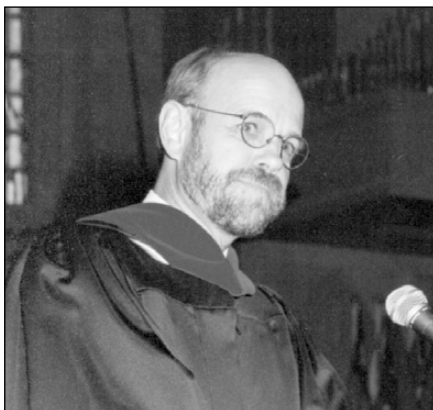
More than 250 students celebrated the completion of their studies at Andrews at the university's summer 1999 graduation.

The combined commencement service for both undergraduate and graduate students was held Aug. 8 in Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews campus. Charles Sandefur, president of the Mid-America Union of Seventh-day Adventists, provided the commencement address entitled, "Pilgrims Forever."

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, was presented to Marion Corwell-Shertzer who is best known for using her broad university training in music, communication arts, finance and human relations for social reform.

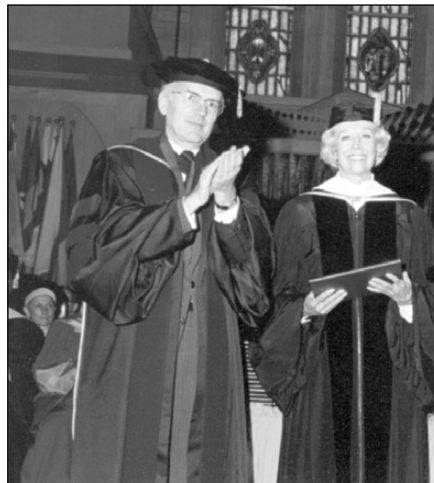
The J. N. Andrews Medallion, presented to SDA teachers, scholars and writers who have distinguished themselves in the advancement of knowledge and education, was presented to Atilio R. Dupertuis, Andrews professor of theology and director of the Institute of Hispanic Ministry.

Friday evening's consecration service



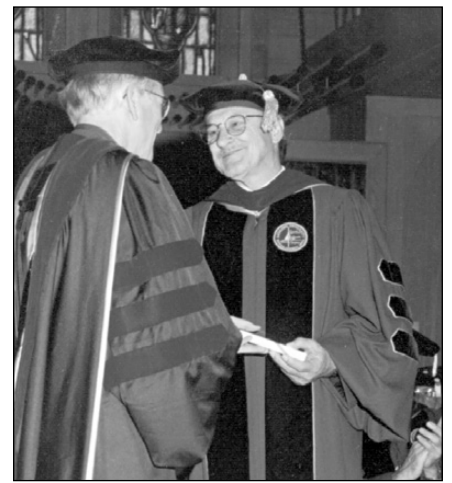
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER: Charles Sandefur addresses summer graduates.

featured School of Education dean Karen Graham's presentation "Create in Me..." and Sabbath morning's baccalaureate sermon was delivered by asso-



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS: President Andreasen applauds Marion Corwell-Shertzer's honorary degree. Seminary professor Atilio Dupertuis accepts the J. N. Andrews Medallion during summer graduation ceremonies.

ciate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary John McVay.



Fall fellowship features noted author

"Worldview Formation" was the topic of discussion during the annual Fall Fellowship held at Andrews University for faculty and staff, Sept. 17 and 18.

Noted Christian author James W. Sire was the featured speaker for the weekend's sessions held in the Lamson Hall Chapel.

Until his recent retirement, Sire served as senior editor and campus lecturer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

His book *The Universe Next Door*, now in its third edition, is required reading in over 200 schools, and his book *Habits of the*

Mind is scheduled to be published in 2000.

Fall Fellowship, which was coordinated by executive committee of the Center for College Faith, featured music by the music department.



WORLDVIEW FORMATION: James W. Sire's presentation to the staff and faculty at Fall Fellowship dealt with how Christians see the world.