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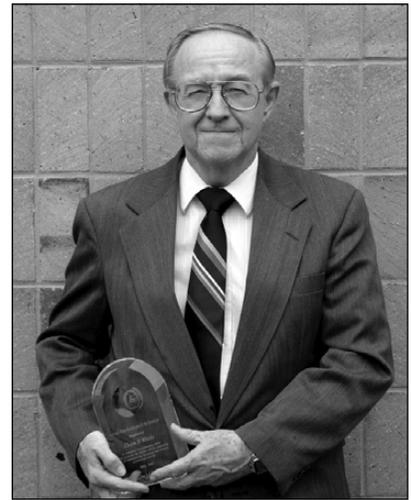
Service awards announced

Springtime is the season for various awards at Andrews University. The University recently announced the recipients of eight service awards at the annual Board of Trustees banquet on March 9. Each year, the faculty and staff are given the opportunity to vote for salaried and hourly employees that they feel are doing exceptional work for Andrews. This year, Cleon White, vice principal of Andrews Academy, and Ruth Chobotar, food service production manager, received the prestigious awards.

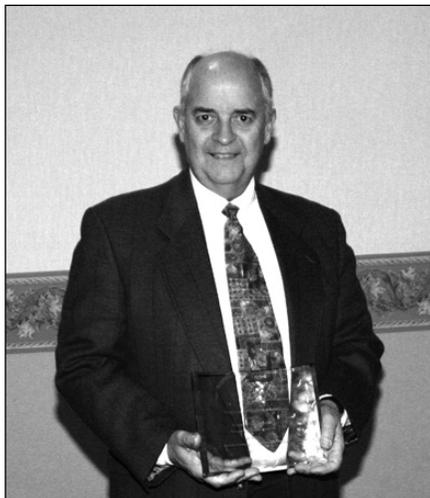
In addition, several individuals were also recognized and recognized with honorable mentions in the hourly and salaried categories.



Ruth Chobotar



Cleon White



Gregory Constantine

Architecture. Recipients included: Dr. Ranko Stefanovic, associate professor of religion, College of Arts and Sciences; Sharon Prest, assistant professor of technology education, College of Technology; Philip H. Bess, professor of architecture, Division of Architecture; David Vlosak, instructor of information systems, School of Business; Dr. Candice C. Hollingsead, chair of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum, School of Education; and Dr. George R. Knight, professor of church history,

vice to the university. Frederick Kosinski, Educational and Counseling Psychology,



Bill Chobotar and David Wilber

ries. Those honored for their performance as hourly employees included Lori Guerrero, Dixie Scott, Valerie Boger and Dorothy Show. Salaried employees who were recognized for their contributions to the university included Lorena Bidwell, Martin Bradfield, and James Lim.

The Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award was given to one teacher from each of the five schools and the Division of



Jan Wrenn and Susan Zork

Theological Seminary.

Dr. Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration, presented the Teacher of the Year awards and said, "[These teachers'] excellent work in their departmental environments makes Andrews a very special place to learn. We are very proud to honor them in this way."

A number of awards were also given to individuals for length of ser-

and Ilea McDaniel, Custodial Services, were honored for 30 years of service. Bill Chobotar, Biology, and David Wilber, Plant Administration, were both recognized for 35 years of service, and Gregory Constantine, Art and Design, was awarded for his 40 years of teaching at the university.

At the Awards Assembly on Thursday, April 24, Jan Wrenn was awarded the Advisor of the Year Award. Susan Zork shared student comments praising Wrenn at the ceremony. Wrenn's advisees described her as "awesome," "intelligent," "always there to help when needed," and "wonderful."

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Atkins appointed new Honors Director

Gordon Atkins, associate professor of biology, has been appointed the new Society of Andrews Scholars director at Andrews University, replacing Malcolm Russell. Atkins has taught at Andrews since 1989.

Born in Ottawa, Canada, Atkins graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor of science degree in zoology in 1981, and in 1984, received a master's degree in biology from Andrews. He earned his doctorate from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in 1987. His dissertation is titled: "Identified Sound-Sensitive Interneurons in the Cricket: Response Properties, Morphology, and Relationships Between Structure and Function."

Atkins has been a visiting researcher to the Max Plank Institute in Germany. He is a member of the Society of Neuroscience, the

Society for Neuroethology and Sigma Xi. Atkins has received many academic awards, including postdoctoral fellowships from the National Science Foundations (NSF) and National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

Atkins is excited about meeting and working with a new group of students with whom he wouldn't usually interact. Serving as the undergraduate research coordinator for the Biology Department, Atkins has been very successful in involving students in ongoing research projects. "I would like to augment more research into the regular honors curriculum," Atkins said. He plans to do that by encouraging honors students to attend more conferences off-cam-

pus and submit more research papers.

SAGES (Scholars' Alternative General Education Studies), a new program started by Dr. Malcolm Russell, seeks to give honors students a well-rounded general education experience and is an excellent program, said Atkins. Dr. Gary Land, chair of the History and Political Science department, has been named assistant director of SAGES, maintaining a committee to oversee the program. Atkins also hopes to develop a more comprehensive service component to the honors program.



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Onsager named Dean of Libraries

Larry Onsager, associate professor of library science and head of patron services for James White Library at Andrews University, has recently been named Dean of Libraries, following the retirement of current library director Keith Clouten.

Onsager is enthusiastic about assuming his new responsibilities. "I am looking forward to working with the experienced and professional James White Library staff and taking advantage of the opportunity to create a 21st century library through the development of an Information Commons." According to Onsager, "An Information Commons provides state-of-the-art computing equipment and combines desktop computing with access to library reference staff and a computer help desk, a reference and circulating collection of library materials, and an increasing selection of



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online information resources to support faculty and student research."

Onsager earned his master's of librarianship from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1972, and in 1985 he received a master's in history from Loma

Linda University. Onsager joined the faculty of Andrews in 2001 after serving as a librarian at several educational institutions: Loma Linda University; Union College; and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Mo., where he also served as assistant professor.

A member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, the Medical Library Association, the Midcontinental Chapter of MLA and the American Library Association, Onsager has published articles and presented papers in a number

of venues, including *The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*, *Adventist Heritage* and *Show-Me Libraries*. His most recent book is titled "The Juneau County, Wisconsin Bygdebok: A Family History of 100 Years of Norwegian Settlement, 1850-1950," published by Lemonweir Valley in 2001.

K16 Collaboration Symposium



Marva Collins, nationally recognized educator and speaker, was the featured presenter at the K16 Collaboration Symposium, March 4, at Andrews Academy. Collins teaches her students to be "self-motivated, self-generated and self-propelled."