

Caesar and Schmidt honored as Teacher and Advisor of the Year

On Thursday, April 17, the Andrews University student body crowded into the Howard Performing Arts Center for the annual Awards Assembly. In fact, the event was so heavily attended that overflow seating extended to the HPAC lobby, with students listening to the program over the speakers.

The Advisor of the Year Award was given to Gisella Schmidt, professor of nursing. Schmidt joined the Andrews faculty in 2004. Born in Argentina, she graduated from River Plate Adventist University as a registered nurse, and received her baccalaureate in nursing from Rosario National University. She has since received a master's degree in education, and is currently finishing a master's degree in nursing education.

Lena Caesar, chair of the speech-language pathology & audiology department, was chosen as Teacher of the Year. Caesar earned a master's degree in communicative disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a doctoral degree from Western Michigan University. Prior to joining the Andrews faculty in 1996, she taught in St. Lucia and Guyana, and served as program director and assistant professor at the University of Montemorelos in Mexico.

"I am passionate about my teaching," says Caesar. "For me, there is no greater joy than to watch students learn and grow—spiritually, emotionally, academically. I view my role as a teacher as an integral part of my Christian service. I strive to integrate Christian principles into every aspect of my teaching, every moment of my advising, and every nuance of my practice. I believe that though it may not be always practical to integrate faith into the content of every lecture, Christ can always be present in the classroom."



Gisella Schmidt



Lena Caesar

Mistaken identity



The photo included with the story of Ron Johnson's retirement in the Winter 2008 issue was incorrect. The individual identified was actually Glenn Johnson.

The *real* Ron Johnson is pictured left at his retirement party on Dec. 6, 2007. Many readers addressed the mistaken identity. Thank you for your attention to detail. We apologize for the error.

Mutch given award

On behalf of the faculty, **Patricia (Black) Mutch** (BS '65) was awarded the John Nevins Andrews Medallion at the graduate commencement, May 4, 2008.

Mutch joined the faculty in 1972. From 1973–1984, she directed the professional dietetics program. She directed the University's Office of Scholarly Research from 1988–1990. For twelve years, beginning in 1983, she directed the Institute for Prevention of Addictions. She served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and was the first woman



President Andreasen presents the John Nevins Andrews Medallion to Patricia Mutch

to serve as vice president for academic administration from 1998–2006. In the latter position, Mutch brought to the fore the importance of embracing and enhancing diversity in the academic, social and religious spheres.

Mutch, who currently serves as a professor, as well as coordinator of the Emergency Preparedness Curriculum, expressed her appreciation: "I feel highly honored to receive this award and join the other faculty who are John Nevins Andrews Medallion recipients, recognized as significant contributors to the development of the university through the years."