

Gymnics participate in mission project

Working at the San Francisco Family House and San Francisco Food Bank

The Andrews University Gymnics spent their spring break participating in a mission project in California from March 11–21, 2010. They divided their time between the San Francisco Family House, a nonprofit organization that houses families of young cancer patients who do not live locally but cannot afford to stay in the area for the time the treatments require; and the San Francisco Food Bank, which distributes food to all the soup kitchens and homeless shelters in the Bay area. They also spent time at Monterey Bay and Mountain Valley academies, and weekends at Yosemite and Big Sur National Parks, performing all the while.

At the Food Bank, they sorted and packaged the food received from area donors. The

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Gymnics spent three days at the San Francisco Family House, painting, gardening, and cleaning the rooms to make them safer for patients. The time spent at the Family House made memorable impressions on the Gymnics. Christine Lairson, sophomore English and journalism major, met Christian, a five-year-old from Hawaii who she talked and played



Far left: Brianna Richards flies high above the sandy beaches of Big Sur, thrown by Jon Martin, Blake Martin, Justin Reece and Jeremy Yansen

Left: Krista Tate, Justin Reece and Eliel Cruz, base, used their gymnastics skills to get the job done at the San Francisco Family House

with. On her last day, Christian “ran up to give me a hug, but said, “Be careful of my heart!”” before hugging her. His grandmother told her that he had a two-hour heart surgery that day. “I couldn’t believe the joy this little boy had; I know I

would have been moping around...crying if I were him,” said Christine.

Although the group is known for their gymnastics, they had no scheduled performances. “We performed in the streets everywhere we went...also on the beach or in parking lots.” The group also did an impromptu performance for the kids at the

Family House, which had effects beyond what they could imagine. Caleb, a 13-year-old living at the house, had been battling cancer since he was two. He had been in remission but then the cancer returned, and treatments weren’t working. “When we performed for him,” recalls Christine, “he started laughing and smiling. He thought the moves were so cool. His mom came up to me, crying, and hugged me. She said, ‘Chrissy, I haven’t seen my son smile in months. Thank you so much for what you’ve done for him and my family!’”

For further information and photos from the Gymnics mission trip visit the Andrews University Gymnics Facebook™ page.

Online MBA available this fall

Special tuition rate also offered

The School of Business Administration will be offering an online Master of Business Administration (MBA) beginning August 2010.

The online program mirrors the on-campus graduate degree and was designed with the convenience of its students in mind. “A number of prospective MBA students have contacted us and expressed an interest to avail themselves of the high-quality MBA program offered by Andrews University, but are unable to come to campus because of job, home, family and other commitments,” says Allen Stembridge, dean.

The program will consist of 11 courses (three credits each) and can be completed in a minimum of two years (with all prerequisites met). The last two courses must be taken as a three-week intensive on the campus of Andrews University and will culminate with graduation exercises. The mission of the program is to prepare students to hold responsible positions in domestic and international business, in government and for non-profit organizations.

“We believe that it is important for our online students to have the opportunity to feel part of the Andrews University family by spending these three weeks on our campus and then participating in the August graduation exercises,” says Stembridge.

A special tuition rate of \$495 per credit hour will be offered to all accepted online MBA students. Applicants must meet University graduate admission requirements and have access to sufficient computer hardware, software and Internet connection. For additional information about admission requirements and/or other information, visit www.andrews.edu/sba or e-mail mba-info@andrews.edu. To apply for the MBA online program, visit www.andrews.edu/apply.

Andrews University has accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), located in Olathe, Kansas.

Summer 2010 board report

Feasibility of proposed alliance of Griggs University and Andrews University, admissions and financial reports

The summer meeting of the Board of Trustees came earlier than usual due to the General Conference Session, which begins June 24, 2010, in Atlanta, Ga. The purchase of a new motorcoach, a budget update and Griggs University were among the items on the agenda.

Larry Schalk, vice president for Financial Administration, reported on operations up to the end of March, which is 11 months of operations into the fiscal year. The recovery of endowment investments is at \$7.5 million. Andrews is currently \$1.2 million behind budget due to low milk prices and a shortfall in performance to budget in auxiliary services. Investment income increased to \$7.6 million since March 2009.

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Schalk also reported on the financials of the Undergraduate Learning Center project, giving an overview of the bond and two loans used to cover the construction costs.

Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management, reported overall admissions are ahead of last year by 2% and applications are up 10%. FTIAC admissions are up 6% and applications are up 4%.

Per a recommendation for information presentations, Interim Provost Bill Richardson reported on the process of achieving rank, promotion and tenure (or continuous appointment).

Then came the action items on the Board’s agenda, including a vote on three capital requests: new furniture for Meier Hall rooms, new windows for Meier Hall and a new motorcoach. All three were approved.

Next, Andreasen read to faculty and staff the same statement he presented to the Board regarding a motion for endorsement of a request. It read: “Since our last board meeting, first the Michigan Conference and later the Lake Union Conference committees voted to adjust the Michigan Conference subsidy to Andrews University downward from 5% of tithe to 3.6% of tithe. The current financial impact on Andrews is \$400,000 annually. Andrews University has requested the assistance of the Lake Union Conference in exploring ways to implement that change over a two-year period in a step-down process, at 50% this fiscal year and 50% next. Don Livesay, president of the Lake Union and vice chair of the Board, supported the request for assistance and suggested Andrews ask the Board for formal endorsement of the request.” According to Andreasen, this was brought before the Board due to the short lead time before the reduction in subsidy goes into effect. The Board voted to endorse the request.

The final action item was the introduction of the proposed alliance of Griggs University



Groundbreaking for the new residence hall tower took place on April 30, 2010

and Andrews University. Board discussion, endorsed by several Board members, was to look not only at the tertiary part of Griggs University but also the potential as a feeder line of recruitment to Andrews University. Due to this, the motion authorizing Administration to look at Griggs at the collegiate level was amended to find the most feasible strategy to keep the primary and secondary part of Griggs operations together. The amendment was voted.

According to Andreasen, if the report includes the alignment of the two institutions, the response from Andrews will be presented for ratification by the Andrews Board of Trustees at the October 2010 meeting.

The Board was also introduced to the new co-chair of the President’s Council, Chuck Randall. He serves alongside co-chair Paul Stokstad, who is also a trustee.

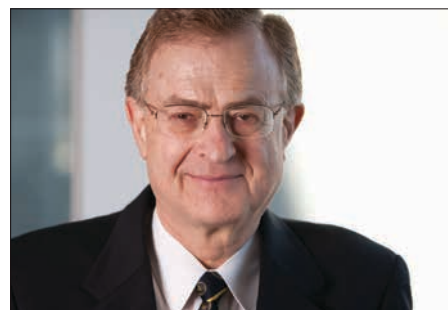
Board chair retires

Gerry Karst retires after 10 years as chair

Nearly 50 members of the Andrews University Board of Trustees and Andrews colleagues attended a recognition dinner to honor Gerry Karst on Sunday, May 16. Karst, who is a general vice president for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, retired as chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees after 10 years of service. The recognition dinner, held in the Lincoln Room of Dining Services, included a tribute read by Brent Geraty, general counsel.

Attendees learned Karst not only plays the piano, but also the saw. An avid gardener, friends say, “If you get a jar of Gerry Karst jam at the end of the summer, count yourself blessed.” Barb Randall, a member of the Board, reflected upon how she looked up to Karst and his leadership role.

President Andreasen presented him with a J.N. Andrews Legacy of Leadership minisculpture inscribed with, “Thank you for your service and leadership to Andrews University.”



Gerry Karst