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Andrews receives major drug research contract

Andrews University has received \$978,000, the single largest research contract in the history of the university, to conduct state illicit drug research as part of ImpacTeen, a policy research partnership to reduce youth substance use.

"This research is a really exciting opportunity for Andrews University to influence illegal drug policies at the state and national level. It's really an honor for us to be selected as part of such a significant national project," said **Curtis VanderWaal**, associate professor of social work at Andrews and the project director for the illicit drugs research team.



Curtis VanderWaal



Duane McBride

Established in November 1997, ImpacTeen is building on existing state- and community-level information about youth alcohol, tobacco and illicit drug use and abuse. Data on trends, markets, policies, legislation, enforcement, treatment, educational programs, advertising, and other environmental factors will be collected from the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and a nationally representative sample of about 1,000 communities. The data will then be merged with nationally representative surveys of youth to evaluate the relative

effectiveness of specific prevention programs and policies in reducing the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs by children between the ages of 12 and 18. ImpacTeen is supported by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and healthcare, and administered by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC).

ImpacTeen is part of an interdisciplinary partnership of nationally recognized substance abuse experts with specialties in such areas as economics, etiology, epidemiology, law, political science, public policy, psychology, social work, and sociology.

"Andrews University scholars and graduate students will spend the next three years working to determine what works and doesn't work to reduce adolescent drug use and its consequences," said **Duane McBride**, chair of the behavioral sciences department at Andrews and principal investigator for the project.

"We're trying to figure out what's behind the increases we've seen in youth substance use during most of the nineties. Given that substance abuse starts early, if we can find ways to prevent kids from starting, we can have long-lasting health and social benefits," says Chaloupka, codirector of ImpacTeen.

Communication chair lectures in South Africa

During fall quarter, **Janice Watson**, the communication department chair and Dr. Delyse Steyn, communication professor from Helderberg College in South

Africa, exchanged teaching responsibilities.

While in South Africa, Dr. Watson was responsible for three classes—Interpersonal Communication, Intercultural Communication and Conflict Management. Because of the wide variety of cultures present at Helderberg, each class became an intercultural experience, Watson reports.

All of Watson's classes taught her as much as she taught her students. "There's a different cultural context. Family communication is very different. Rules for self-disclosure are different. I had to rethink how to teach my classes. I would point out what the textbook suggested and ask my students if it would work in their culture and if not, how they would deal with the issue in their culture," she said.

Watson says she struggled with how to mesh her teaching background with the Helderberg school system.

"Ultimately what we ended up with was true to my philosophy of teaching and methodology, but tailored to Helderberg," she said.



Janice Watson

If you're flying on Northwest Airlines in April, be sure to listen to the in-flight audio program that features Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreassen. He'll be interviewed about the distance education program in leadership available at Andrews. The in-flight magazine will also note Andrews, and the Northwest Airlines website will provide a link to the Andrews distance education website.

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Knott named new press director

Ronald Knott has been appointed director of University Press, an academic publishing entity operated by Andrews University to publish scholarship important to the mission of Andrews and the church.

Knott has a background in publishing, editing, and freelance writing, having edited and authored several books, including *The Makings of a Philanthropic Fundraiser* and *College Faith*.

Knott was previously employed by Andrews in a number of positions; he was director of public relations from 1987 to 1990, when



Ronald Knott

he moved to the Washington, D.C. area to pursue freelance publishing.

He is married to Esther Ramharacksingh Knott, a pastor on the Pioneer Memorial Church staff, and they have one daughter, Olivia.

The University Press is the only formally organized academic publishing operation in the Adventist Church.

The press offers about 90 titles in biblical archaeology, theology, Adventist studies, educational philosophy and other specialized areas.

Knott replaces Carol Loree, who has assumed duties at Southern Adventist University in the area of alumni services.

Blythe Owen: One Woman's Century in Music

"I could write an interesting biography if I had the time," Blythe Owen wrote to Andrews alum Alfendy Mamora in 1978.

Alfendy finished his dissertation devoted to her numerous sacred choral compositions, but Blythe never found the time to write the biography.

The James White Library received Dr. Owen's personal papers, awards, manuscripts of her compositions, and over 1000 letters (from 1912 to 1962). "These materials will help us tell her story, but we need your help as well," says Linda Mack, associate professor of library science. "I'm coordinating the publication of a book that will include biography, compositional style, and a catalog of her works. In order to prepare the catalog, we need to locate works that we know exist, but don't have in our library." Mack adds that the library would like to bring more of Owen's fine work to publication.

Do you have correspondence from Dr. Owen? Do you have stories to share? Perhaps she gave you some of her music. Please contact Linda Mack if you can help. Also, check the website www.andrews.edu/MUSIC/bowen.html for information on the compositions missing from the library's collection.

Or contact Linda Mack, music librarian, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-0230. E-mail: mack@andrews.edu Phone: 616-471-3114.

At press time, the editors learned of Dr. Owen's death at age 101. A complete obituary will appear in the next issue.

Nursing chair included in national academy

On the evening of Nov. 20, 1999, in Washington, D.C., nursing department chair Karen Allen, PhD, RN, FAAN, was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

The American Academy of Nursing is the most prestigious nursing organization in existence. It is an organization of distinguished leaders in nursing who have been selected to be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing as well as to health care.

The Academy was established in 1973 under the aegis of the American Nurses Association. Its members provide visionary leadership to the nursing profession and the public in shaping future health policy, advancing scientific

knowledge, and influencing the development of effective health care policies and practices. The American Academy of Nursing is comprised of 1300 nursing leaders in education, management, practice and research. There are 2.6 million nurses in the United States, so for Allen to be selected and inducted into this august group is a real honor.



Karen Allen