

CAMPUS UPDATE

Life at AU better than ever

You can feel it in the crisp autumn air. Electricity buzzing from student to student, faculty to administrator—everyone is thrilled about being at Andrews University! The excitement officially started August 19 with 319 wide-eyed, first-time freshmen unloading, unpacking, and finding their way around campus.

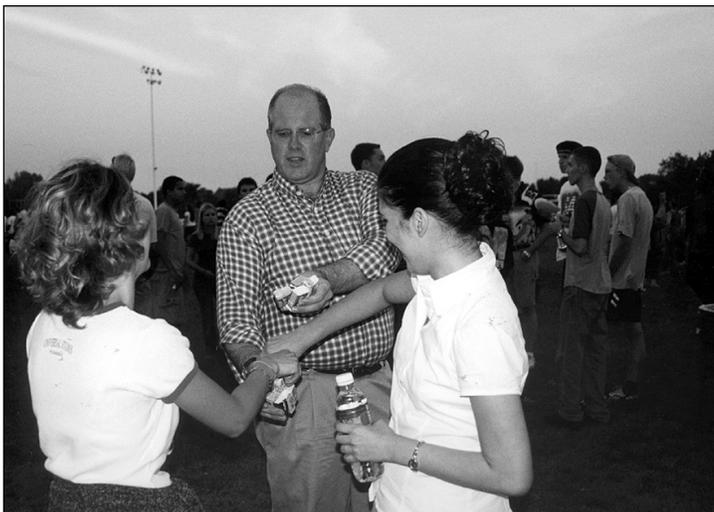
"All Fired Up," AU's welcome weekend for the freshmen and new transfer students, was a hit! "Thank you for making me feel at home," said freshman speech pathology major, Kristyn Joseph.

Once parents had a chance to return home from dropping off their students, Don May, director of retention, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and an instrumental player in making things work smoothly for all freshmen and parents

involved, was inundated with e-mails from happy moms and dads. "You made the whole process much more pleasant, as well as giving the feeling to our daughter that you were glad

she came," said one parent.

School officially began August 26, and enrollment is up with the current headcount at 2,779 students. The Society of Andrews Scholars honors program is bursting at the seams. Applications from last year's freshman class totaled 42. This year, an unprecedented 80 first-year students were clamoring for acceptance into the prestigious Society. Dr. Malcolm Russell, honors director, attributes the rise to the redesigned honors curriculum,



GUM GUY: *Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management (a.k.a. Gum Guy), passing out his wares to students at the Labor Day Welcome Back Party*

SAGES (Scholars' Alternative General Education Studies). "The percentage of undergraduates enrolled in Honors probably exceeds that of any time in the past decade," said Russell.

Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, University president, said, "Seeing students on their way to the library or labs to learn, discussing topics of interest and praying with them is one of my greatest pleasures, and this year I seem to be experiencing these things more than in the past."

Ask most any student about life at AU and they'll reflect the positive attitude on campus. "The freshmen are really excited, it seems, and even the older students are happy because we can sense that the mood has changed and Andrews is getting a lot better," said Bjorn Karlman, junior international public relations and French major. Juan Perla, president of Sigma Phi Delta, the men's residence hall society, said, "I am a returning transfer student, which says a lot for me because I have changed schools every year of my college career until now. There is a sense that we [the students] can make a difference, almost as if we're more empowered than ever before."

Karlman states that another important feature contributing to better campus life is the reformatted Student Movement, the University's newspaper. "People are reading the paper and it's full of good news!" Michele Krpalek, newspaper editor, made this statement in a recent editorial: "I have noticed a different spirit on this campus—one that is alive and enthusiastic and excited about life."

2,779 students can't be wrong: Andrews must be doing something right this year!

Architecture team takes third place

A team from Andrews University's Division of Architecture won third place in the State of Michigan Zero Energy Home Design Competition 2002. The awards for the competition, which lasted the entire summer semester, were announced on Wednesday, September 25, at the end of the three-day National Conference in Technology Exhibition at the Renaissance Center, Detroit, Mich.

David Johnson, a fifth-year student, and Keith Ockerman, a fourth-year student, teamed up with associate professor of

Architecture, Tom Lowing, to construct the prize-winning design. A \$3,000 prize for scholarships and continued research was awarded to the AU team.

Those competing had to design a 12,000-square-foot single story residence for Michigan climate that would not use any non-renewable fuel as an energy source. The various teams had sought to create a design for a house that incorporated effective insulation, passive solar energy (using or restricting sunshine coming through windows), and solar voltaic technology that transforms sunlight into a useable energy form. The bottom line was to design a house that would have no utility bill. This would be ideal for low-

middle-class families where cutting living costs would be especially important.

"This win speaks well of the mission of Andrews," said Lowing.

Nine judges, all professionals in related areas such as industry, construction, architecture, and engineering, presided over the competition. The various designs will be displayed at different expositions across Michigan. "The exhibit will make people aware of the energy concerns that the state has, as well as portraying Andrews as a prize-winner in the competition," said Lowing.

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Landmine victim gives moving testimony

Dr. Kenneth R. Rutherford, who lost his legs to a landmine in Somalia in 1993, spoke to a packed Johnson Gym, on Thursday, September 26, at the 10:30 a.m. University Forum. In the nine years since his accident, Rutherford has dedicated his life to promoting awareness of landmines and the mass suffering caused by these weapons of war.

Rutherford was working in Somalia in 1993 with the United Nations when, on a short car trip, his vehicle struck a landmine. "I was looking down at my lap at some papers and remember the car filling with smoke," Rutherford said. "I saw a foot on the floorboard and thought it belonged to the person riding next to me." Rutherford radioed for help and was airlifted to a hospital in Nairobi a few hours later.

After returning to the States, he spent the next few weeks in a Colorado hospital sur-



SURVIVOR: *Following his talk, Dr. Rutherford was presented with an Andrews sweatshirt by Heather Ferguson, senior math major.*

rounded by family, friends, and his fiancée of two months. "I asked everyone to leave my room but my fiancée," he said. He asked her to move on with her life, without him. With tears in his eyes, he said, "She refused to leave my bedside until we had set a date for our wedding."

Rutherford has now devoted his life to his

first passion, teaching political science at Southwest Missouri State University, and to increasing awareness of the inhumanity of landmines. "Landmines kill or maim 20,000 people every year," he said. Over 90% of landmine victims are civilians, children that play or men and women that work in these fields after war is over.

"It costs \$3 to place a landmine in the ground and \$1000 to dig it up," Rutherford stated. With 100 million landmines embedded into the Earth, this seems an almost insurmountable task. Rutherford spent one week in Bosnia visiting landmine victims with Princess Diana during the last week of her life. He and his wife attended her funeral, and he then assumed her position as chair of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines.

"Most people wonder if I am bitter," he said. "But at this point in my life, I have all that I want. I am a husband, father, and teacher. God has been good to me."

Mission of mercy

"Lifeguard November 95 15 Bravo," crackled the message from the tiny plane to the air traffic controllers. The plane was on an emergency mission to help Alan Schmaltz of St. Joseph. He had been given 5 hours to get to Cleveland, Ohio, to undergo liver transplant surgery. Several months ago, Alan had been diagnosed with cryptogenic cirrhosis, a condition that was causing scarring of his liver tissue making it less and less functional. Without a new liver he could die.

Soon after the diagnosis, Alan had been advised by his organ transplant coordinator to find a plane to fly him to Cleveland Clinic in the event of a liver being located. As Alan and his wife Sandy were thinking about an appropriate airport to contact, Sandy's cousin suggested that they try the Andrews University Airport. This they did and soon Dan Thompson, Andrews' Chief Flight Instructor, and Jim Doran, Assistant Chief Flight Instructor, were, dangerous weather conditions aside, on 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week standby to make the emergency flight to Cleveland.

"We were almost planning the trip every day," said Thompson about the very thorough

preparations he and his colleague went through in anticipation of their first-ever emergency medical flight.

The call from the clinic saying that there was a liver available finally came on July 3 and the little team rushed to get ready.



EMERGENCY PILOTS: *Dan Thompson, chief flight instructor, left, and Jim Doran, assistant chief flight instructor, right, flew Alan & Sandy Schmaltz to Cleveland for a liver transplant*

Just before midnight, Thompson, Doran and the Schmaltz's paused for a prayer as they got ready to take off. "I thought that was so heartwarming," said Schmaltz. "I will never forget that. It calmed me and settled me down."

The pilots did their best, the weather was merciful, and the flight went well, taking about an hour and three quarters.

Schmaltz was immediately rushed to the Cleveland Clinic after the plane landed. He underwent a problematic yet successful surgery, giving him a new liver. "We couldn't have done this without the Lord on our side," said Schmaltz. "There were just so many things that could have happened. I feel so blessed."

"I can't say enough for Dan and for Jim," he said looking back at the ordeal. "I think the world of these guys."

Reflecting on his organ transplant surgery, Schmaltz feels very strongly about the importance of organ donation. "There are so many people waiting for organs," said Schmaltz. "I probably would have died without the transplant. It's literally life and death."

For more information on organ donation and how you can help, call The Gift of Life Agency at 800-482-4881 or visit www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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"JUST JESUS:" Pastor Carlton Byrd gave a stirring message at the Fall Week of Spiritual Emphasis, September 16-21, 2002.



PRAISE WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR: The University Singers, two smaller Andrews musical groups and artist Arnol Diaz joined the Christian Arts Chorale for the International Festival of Praise, October 26, 2002.



WINNING EVENT: James White Library hosted their second annual Library Fair September 8, 2002. Patrons were encouraged to enter drawings to win prizes celebrating Michigan and the Great Lakes.



TRY A CAREER: A University Preview weekend for high school and academy juniors was held October 20-21, 2002. A career fair in Johnson Gym encouraged the students to try several different majors in a hands-on environment.

Former ambassador speaks on religious freedom

Robert A. Seiple, president and founder of the Institute for Global Engagement and former Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the Department of State, spoke on religious freedom to a small group of Andrews University faculty and students on Tuesday, October 1, 2002. Seiple was invited by the International Center on Religion and Government, a part of the university, to give a report on his work with this sensitive issue.

The International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 created the Ambassador-at-Large position to monitor international religious freedom. Seiple was the first holder of this title and occupied the position for two years. The Ambassador-at-Large is charged with "promoting religious freedom worldwide, promot-

ing reconciliation in those areas where conflict has been implemented along religious lines, and making sure that this issue was woven into the fabric of U.S. foreign policy," states Seiple's website.

The Institute for Global Engagement was established as a "think tank with legs," said Seiple. "We equip young people with the resources they will need to be most effective in implementing faith-based methodologies." Seiple emphasized that being a missionary is far more than going to a country and evangelizing; "you must be gentle as a dove, but shrewd as a snake," he said. Seiple made an example of Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry, the two missionaries to Afghanistan who were captured while showing a presentation about Jesus on their laptop. "I'm almost certain that, while they were able to gain their freedom, the Afghans that were watching the presentation with them are all dead now."

Afia Donkor, junior political science major,

commented, "In our rush to preach God to the world, we have got to remember that we are accountable to our brothers, and that our words and actions may impact them in an unalterable way."

Seiple shared his belief that the right to freedom of religion is the most important of human rights. "There is no legitimacy to the rest of the Bill of Rights if our religious freedom is taken away."

The Institute for Global Engagement is housed on the campus of Eastern University, near Philadelphia, and is largely funded by individuals. Seiple, a Christian, expressed his faith during the brief lecture he presented. He stated that his reason for involvement in the cause of religious freedom was his answer to God's "Go ye" call to all the world.

For more information on the Institute for Global Engagement, including internship opportunities, log on to www.globalengage.org.

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Mission and money

"Since we are rich, what the Bible says about the rich and to the rich applies to us," said Dr. Jonathan Bonk, regarding the work of western missionaries in the developing world. Bonk, a Mennonite, was the speaker for the 7th Swallen Mission Lectureship weekend that

took place September 13-14 at the Seminary. His title for the series was "Mission and Money: Western Affluence as a Missionary Problem."

Since western missionaries are, in relative terms, wealthy, they must practice a "theology of the righteous rich," he said. These missionaries should share as much as they can, portraying Christ-likeness and participating in what he calls an "ecclesiology of interdependence." "We need each other," says Bonk. "We are all part of the same body."

"One tendency is for people who have money to control," said Bonk. "Nothing gives

the illusion of intelligence like an association with large sums of money." However, there is "no need for Western missionaries to dominate the scene," said Bonk. "Our actual spiritual gifts may not warrant the positions we find ourselves in."

During the Sabbath afternoon program, Bonk made concrete suggestions regarding the use of wealth in the family setting, including learning to be content with an older car. When entertaining, Bonk encouraged those who attended the lecture to "entertain simply and not lavishly, using a non-patronizing kind of entertainment" for guests that might not be able to reciprocate on the same level.

Associate professor of World Mission, Dr. Rudi Maier, brought the weekend of lectures to an end by presenting a Citation of Appreciation for Bonk who, "through word, deed and example, inspired participants in the 7th Swallen Mission Lectureship."



MONEY PROBLEMS: Dr. Jonathan Bonk addresses the problem of Western affluence in mission work.

Behe explains life by intelligent design



INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION: Dr. Michael Behe addresses questions about intelligent design during PMC vespers, Friday, Oct. 18, 2002

Vesper attendance at Andrews University's Pioneer Memorial Church does not get much better than it did Friday, October 18, when about 1,000 showed up to hear Dr. Michael Behe speak on the topic of intelligent design in nature. At the program, the Lehigh University professor of biochemistry spoke about his book *Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*. According to his thesis, living systems at the molecular level are most accurately seen as the result of intelligent design.

Behe described biological systems that he called "irreducible complexities" by comparing them to a standard mousetrap. Just as the mousetrap could only function if all of its parts were present at the same time, irreducibly complex biological systems, such as the eye, could not work without all its parts. Such complex systems created what the professor called "big headaches for Darwinian evolution" since Darwinism supports the idea of gradualistic evolution. "There are many checkpoints that will prevent the construction of an inoperable machine," said Behe, arguing that these biological systems were the product of intelligent design rather than the development of an inoperable system into an operable one.

"Imagination is a two-edged sword...sometimes an imaginative person sees things that aren't there," said Behe, explaining why certain scientists turned to Darwinism to explain the systems he felt were irreducibly complex.

"I should pause for a moment to say that I do have critics," said Behe, drawing laughter from the audience. Behe concluded by saying, "I have yet to find an argument that really addresses the problem of irreducible complexity."

Fall Festival a smashing success

The annual Fall Festival (formerly Barn Party) drew quite a crowd. Students were encouraged to dress as "hicks" and enjoy mechanical bull-riding, a pie-eating contest and lots of other fun activities.

