

## Demetra Andreasen honored for community service-learning



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Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) announced in January 2004 that Demetra Andreasen, community relations coordinator for Andrews

University, would be honored with an MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award. This prestigious annual award is the highest MCC bestows on faculty and staff in the state of Michigan.

Andreasen, wife of university president Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, has been designated by peers as the faculty/staff person on campus who made the most outstanding contributions in the area of community service-learning. This award recognizes the influence on or engagement of students to be involved in community service or service-learning through modeling, instruction, and/or special projects.

Andreasen is known to "practice what she preaches" in her work as community relations coordinator. She has coordinated the United Way Day of Caring efforts for a number of years, as well as serving on numerous community boards. Faculty and staff at Andrews know they can call on Mrs. Andreasen to inquire about service projects for students. Community organizations such as United Way and Habitat for Humanity often contact her when they need assistance from the campus family. She serves as a role model for the Andrews University community.

Michigan Campus Compact is a state-level nonprofit organization that pro-

notes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens.

## Andrews professor receives national award

Dr. Gary Burdick, associate professor of physics, was recently awarded the Sigma Xi North Central Regional Young Investigator Award for 2004.

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, is a nonprofit membership organ-



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ization of more than 70,000 scientists and engineers who are elected to the Society because of their research achievements or potential.

Each year, four national Young Investigator Awards go to persons who have had great scientific achievement within the first ten years of receiving their doctorate degree.

A member of the Andrews University faculty since 1999, Burdick has remained active in his research of lanthanide spectroscopy, the study of optical properties of the lanthanide elements. Lanthanides, which appear at the bottom of the periodic table of elements, are important for their florescent and phosphorescent properties. These light-emitting materials are found in things such as televisions and computer screens.

Dr. Margarita Mattingly, chair of the physics department at Andrews, is pleased to have Burdick on her staff.

"We're proud of his research achievements. Research plays a huge role in our department," she said. Research in the department is important not only for faculty, but for students as well and Burdick tries to get everyone involved. "Gary has always made research a priority, for students, as well as for himself," Mattingly stated. Students involved in his research can gain valuable experience for their future careers or degrees.

This is the second time in six years that an Andrews University professor has been chosen for the Sigma Xi Young Investigator Award. In 1998, Dr. Mickey Kutzner, also an associate professor of physics, received the award for his research in theoretical atomic physics.

## Watson shares positive outlook



Elizabeth Watson

Elizabeth Watson, associate professor of social work, and Neal VanderWaal, 1962 alum and adjunct faculty, co-authored a book titled

"Looking for the Good." The book's central theme deals with changing your outlook from negative to positive. "We want people to be touched emotionally," Dr. Watson said. "People may go through a trauma, and change temporarily, but they will only make a permanent change based on experience and commitment. They can change the world by changing themselves and the way they approach people. People respond to positives and react to negatives."

## Long-time faculty and staff retire



Robert Johnston, also a retired seminary professor, congratulates Walter Douglas (right) on his retirement.

After 35 years of service at Andrews University, **WALTER DOUGLAS** retired in January 2004. Douglas served as chair of the church history department and a professor in the department of history of religion in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Having a love for learning, Douglas received his bachelor, master's, and a bachelor of divinity degrees from Andrews. He also received a Master of Sacred Theology from McGill University, Quebec, Canada, and a doctorate from McMaster University, Ontario.

He has been recognized by *Who's Who in Religion in America* and was honored with Andrews University's highest scholarly award, the John Nevins Andrews Medallion in 1993. Douglas has been a contributor to a number of religious magazines and has coauthored and contributed to several books.

In retirement, Douglas plans on staying just as busy as he has in the past. He will continue to serve as senior pastor for the All Nations Adventist Church in Berrien Springs and remain active in the Seminary.

**NEWTON HOILETTE**, former vice president for student services and associate

professor of educational psychology and counseling at Andrews University, retired in 2003 after taking a call to Florida where he is now serving as pastor for two churches. He returned to Andrews in January for a farewell party and to say goodbye to students and friends.

He earned his bachelor's degree in theology from West Indies College in Jamaica and received a master's degree in religion and a doctor of education degree from Andrews.

Hoilette has traveled throughout the United States, Canada, and Bermuda, conducting seminars on stress management,

family life issues, and career development. He is listed in *Who's Who Among Human Service*

*Professionals*. In March 1998, the Adventist Student Personnel Association recognized his work and presented him with the "Excellence in Administration" award, and in 1999, they showed their appreciation for his 15 years of dedicated service to Adventist education.

On Feb. 7, students and colleagues gathered in the Burman Auditorium for a formal roast honoring Dr.

Hoilette. Timothy Nixon, campus chaplain, emceed the evening. Spencer Carter, acting dean of men; Frances Faehner, current vice president for student services; Renee Copeland, Hoilette's former secretary; and a host of other friends paid tribute to Hoilette by telling funny stories and anecdotes about Hoilette. At the roast, Hoilette



Newton and Elaine Hoilette enjoyed a night of memories and friends on Feb. 7.

became the first recipient of the Black Legacy Award presented by the Black History Committee.

**ALLEN FREED**, manager of housing administration and employee at Andrews since 1996, retired in January. Born in Canada, Freed received a bachelor of theology from Canadian Union College in Alberta, Canada and a master's of public health from Loma Linda University. Prior to coming to Andrews, Freed served as a pastor and chaplain in Canada before taking a call to serve in Pakistan for six years. He then came to Andrews and



Allen Freed is looking forward to golf, gardening, and travel.

earned a PhD in Religious Education. In his retirement, Freed plans on traveling to Canada and Arizona with his wife to spend some time with family. He also plans on enjoying his hobbies of golf and gardening. While retirement is nice, Freed has already noticed a problem. "There's twice as much time and half as much money," he joked.