

Staffing changes in Student Services

According to vice president for student services, Frances Faehner, a number of staffing changes have taken place over



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the summer, including the hiring of David Jardine, who will head the recently reconfigured area of social recreation and athletics. Faehner believes Jardine, who joined student services on July 19, has the "passion and understanding...to enrich the lives of our students by building community and character and by promoting balanced lifestyles."

Another change in the division of student services will see both Patricia Stewart and Steve Yeagley become assistants to the vice president. Formerly,

Stewart had served as director of career planning and placement, while Yeagley had worked as a local recruitment coordinator in enrollment management. "In addition to providing leadership in traditional student service areas," according to Faehner, these two individuals "will develop a set of programs that will grow and enhance student life."

Other appointments include the hiring of Willyta Wamack as director/coordinator of residence hall student housing and convention and guest services, and Alfredo Ruiz as director of university apartment life.

New appointment for Garcia-Marenko

Emilio Garcia-Marenko has recently been named associate vice president for academic administration. Garcia-Marenko has been university registrar since 1997 and will continue in this role.

Garcia-Marenko's new duties include the oversight of the distance education and the affiliation and extension programs. The position change has also required a reorganization of the office of academic records. Gary Williams, associate registrar, and Lois Forrester, assistant to the registrar, will be taking on larger

responsibilities, and Charles Tidwell, director of affiliation and extension programs, will become an associate registrar, in charge of academic records for the affiliation, extension, and graduate programs.

Andrews University has played a significant role in the development of many Adventist institutions all over the world, providing support through affiliation and



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extension programs. Garcia-Marenko notes that the needs of these institutions are changing and desires for Andrews to continue in its role as a leader in their development. "We need to create new paradigms and models for partnerships with other Adventist institutions so we can continue to be relevant."

Poole to direct Howard Center

R. Deborah Poole has been named the new manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center. Poole came to Andrews from American Express Financial Advisors in St. Joseph, Mich., where she was office manager and associate financial advisor. Previously she worked at The Boston Consulting Group, a leading consulting firm, and The Financial Relations Board, a major public rela-

tions company, both in Chicago, Ill.

Creating a partnership between the community and the Howard Performing Arts Center is Poole's main goal in her new position.

"Andrews University wants to share this wonderful facility with people in the greater com-



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munity," she said. Poole intends to make the building accessible to community, church, and school groups. She is planning to host an open house in the fall.

Additionally, Poole hopes to increase the visibility of the Howard Center by joining local organizations.

New COT dean

Verlyn Benson joined the faculty of Andrews University in July 2004 as the Dean of the College of Technology.

Benson comes to Andrews from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. where he taught in the department of technology for sixteen years. From 2002-2004, Benson also served as chair of the



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department. Before coming to Pacific Union College, Benson was the director of the technical school at what is now Bolivia Adventist University from 1981-1987. Benson also taught five years at Platte Valley Academy in Nebraska.

Benson received his undergraduate degree in industrial technology from Pacific Union College. It took Benson only nine months to complete his master's degree in industrial technology with an emphasis in graphics from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo, Calif. in 1987. "I was motivated," Benson comments.

During his time at PUC, Benson took a two-year study leave to complete his doctorate of industrial-technology degree from the University of Northern Iowa, finishing in 1998. While studying for his doctorate, Benson worked as a graduate assistant doing research for John Deere's engine division.

As dean, Benson wants to focus on how Andrews University can better communicate and relate with the community, helping the university grow to become a leader in technological education among Adventist institutions.

Benson joins the Andrews University community with his wife, Anita, a surgical nurse on the heart team at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Ind. They have two children, Genaida, a senior piano-performance major at Pacific Union College, and Sedic, a senior at Fountain View Academy in British Columbia, Canada. Benson notes that "I've never been more warmly welcomed than here at Andrews University."

News from Center for Adventist Research



On July 13, CAR hosted a retirement celebration for Pauline Maxwell and Lucille Haagenrud (pictured front). Back row, l-r: Merlin Burt, James Nix, and William Fagal

Last fall, Merlin Burt became director for the Center for Adventist Research, housing two formerly separate entities: the Ellen White Estate and the Adventist Heritage Center. While the two departments have been sharing space in the lower level of the James White Library since 2000, they were under separate directors until Burt's arrival.

Burt, who holds a PhD in religion from Andrews, also has a teaching appointment in the church history

department and will teach a course of the development of SDA theology.

Among the many changes underway, an endowment fund has been started with hopes to support future outreach programs, a new website has been created: <http://www.andrews.edu/library/car/index.html>, and a scholars program has been instituted, allowing registered scholars of Adventist history and Ellen White the chance to study at the Center.

Two other major personnel changes took place recently. Pauline Maxwell, who had been with the Ellen White Estate for 32 years, and Lucille Haagenrud, who had served for 20 years, retired in July.

Pauline is responsible for many areas of expanded access at the estate, including approving new portions of manuscripts, letters, and sermons. Along with conducting tours, helping students and running the office, Maxwell also played a major role in developing the E. G. White Periodical Index. Pauline worked through the sometimes turbulent 70s and 80s, a period that included controversies ignited by Ron Numbers and Desmond Ford, along with challenges to E. G. White's authority.

Haagenrud arrived at the estate in March 1984, after having served as a secretary to the South American Division Secretary in Brazil. At the White Estate, Lucille, who speaks three languages, was responsible for leading groups on tours of the estate vault and for tracking incoming periodicals.

Colleagues at the estate appreciated Lucille's ability to remember hundreds of important dates, including birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and even baptismal anniversaries.