

# PHILANTHROPY

## Well endowed

The second Andrews University Endowment Appreciation Brunch was held in November. Forty student scholarship recipients met with 45 scholarship endowment donors to thank the benefactors for the money they receive in endowment scholarships.

According to Sallie Alger, director of development of major gifts and coordinator of the brunch, the event has dual importance.

"It gives recipients a chance to meet and thank the individuals who have established the endowment from which they received their scholarship. It also helps the students better understand the endowment process and how an endowed scholarship differs from a regular



*To find out more about establishing an endowment at Andrews University or about applying for scholarship monies, contact the Development office at 616-471-3592.*

scholarship," Alger said. "The brunch gives the donors a chance to meet the student recipients and begin to develop a relationship with them," she said.

Andrews University has 272 established endowments, up from 262 last year. "Our goal is to raise the endowment level to 100 million within 15 years," Alger said. "Our current endowments are at about 19 million. One of the best ways that friends of Andrews can directly help students is to begin an endowment or add to an existing one," she said. "An endowment can be started with any amount and must reach \$15,000 within five years. But really our goal is to see all endowments increase to at least \$25,000."

## eXtreme trucking

From its beginnings in 1998, Youth Net eXtreme has traveled more than 140,000 miles back and forth across North America in a 1-ton Ford Crew Cab towing a 36 ft. trailer for their equipment. As their ministry has grown, so has their equipment and the need for proper transportation to carry it from place to place.

While Brian Yeager, Youth Net eXtreme director, and others had been praying, God had been preparing an answer. Ron Whitehead, Director of the Center for Youth Evangelism at the Seminary, and cofounder of Youth Net eXtreme, contacted Buddy



*Sean McElroy, Jay McElroy, J.C. "Buddy" McElroy, Jr., Brian Yeager, Julie MacLafferty, Don MacLafferty and Dan Tilstra*

McElroy, an Adventist businessman in Alabama and owner of a large trucking company, serving most of the Southern and Eastern U.S. The group's prayers were answered when Buddy and his company donated a used '96 Mack truck to the ministry. "Now it will be possible to carry all the equipment we need, plus have a mechanically sound vehicle," said Ron.

In spite of this wonderful donation, operating expenses of \$110,000 for the year must still be met. This includes staffing and travel expenses, a trailer for the new truck (\$12,000), and another vehicle (\$35,000) for the team to travel in.

This season's launch date for the eXtreme Team is scheduled for June 1, 2001 if the needed funding and staffing become available. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, contact Ron Whitehead at (616) 471-9881.

## Chemical partnership

Andrews University continues to build a growing relationship with business and industry to foster integral connections for the welfare of the University's faculty and students. Opportunities for faculty experience through consulting and research create a favorable tie to the workplace.

Through the initiative of its officers, Dow Chemical has performed a leadership role among those corporations that have forged a special relationship with higher education in Michigan. Andrews University, in particular, has shared in this partnership. This partnership has benefited the University in a variety of ways from Dow Chemical's donations of special research, Dow Chemical employees who have generously shared their expertise with our students and faculty, the Corporation's financial support of Andrews educational programs and graduates of Andrews being employed by Dow Chemical

or its subsidiaries. The Foundation, through its Chemistry Undergraduate Scholarship Program, annually provides scholarships to four chemistry majors (\$4,000 per student per year for four years).

Alumni who have worked with and for Dow Chemical have contributed through the years \$384,586 through company matching gifts and supporting proposals submitted by the University for a variety of projects. Some of the alumni in the Midland area that have participated in supporting Andrews through Dow Chemical are members of the Blosser, Sarr, Moll, Schell and Tait families.

Andrews University has received numerous restricted and unrestricted corporate gifts and matching gifts both annually and in special capital campaigns. These gifts have enabled the University to add to its facilities, acquire instructional equipment, provide scholarships, and finance academic support needs.