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Andrews bids farewell to three long-time professors

Three beloved members of the Andrews University family have retired recently: Dr. Robert Johnston, professor of New Testament and Christian Origins for the Seminary; Dr. W.



Robert Johnston and his wife, Madeline, look on as Denis Fortin, assistant dean of the seminary, honors the long-time professor

Larry Richards, professor of New Testament Exegesis for the Seminary; and Bill Habenicht, chair of the department and professor of Physical Therapy. Each of them devoted all their energies to the university and to educating students and for that, Andrews is truly grateful.

Dr. Johnston received his undergraduate degree from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., in 1953, and a master's in religion from the SDA Theological Seminary when it was still located in Takoma Park, Md., in 1955. He obtained his doctoral degree from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., in 1977, completing his dissertation entitled, "Parabolic Interpretations Attributed to Tannaim."

At his retirement party, it was announced

that an endowment had been set up in his name that would award monies to the master of divinity student each year that scored the highest on the Bible Knowledge Test that Johnston implemented several years ago. He taught at Andrews for thirty years and is now looking forward to settling in a new house with his wife, Madeline, traveling to Korea and Europe, writing, and teaching half-time.

Dr. Richards received his undergraduate degree from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., in 1962, and a master's in Old Testament and master of divinity from Andrews University in 1963 and 1968, respectively. He did his doctoral studies at Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill., in 1974 and titled his dissertation, "The Classification of the Greek

Manuscripts of the Johannine Epistles." He has been published

extensively and is looking forward to spending more time with his writing. Since he is not teaching full-time anymore, Dr.

Richards plans to enjoy his free time.

He will teach half-time, do some flying with his private pilot's license, golf, travel, work with the Greek Manuscript Research Center and spend more time with his grandchildren.

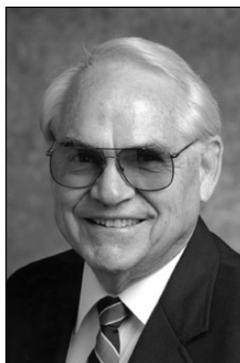
Habenicht received his undergraduate degree from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., in 1960, and his advanced master's in physical therapy from the University



Bill Habenicht (right), founder of the physical therapy program, celebrates his retirement with Brent Geraty, general counsel.

of Southern California, Los Angeles, after completing post-graduate work at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif.; Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.; and New York University, New York, N.Y. He also obtained his Registration in Respiratory Therapy at the University of Chicago, Ill., in 1971. In 1979, he earned a master's in public health from Loma Linda University.

In 1983, Habenicht came to Andrews to develop and implement the physical therapy MSPT program. After many intense months, the first class began on July 8, 1985. Under his leadership, the department also opened an off-campus MPT program in Dayton, Ohio, on September 1, 1994, and, more recently, a DPT and DScPT program in Berrien Springs. He has some projects around the house to occupy his free time, and he and his wife, JoAnn, plan to travel to Walla Walla, Wash., to visit their son.



W. Larry Richards

Gibson receives AAW award

Ann Gibson, dean of the School of Business, was given the Professional Life Award at the October 17-20 meetings of the Association of Adventist Women (AAW) in Portland, Ore. Gibson is one of only a handful of women deans of a school of business in private and public institutions in the United States. The AAW honors ten women each year who are nominated by their conference and those nominations are reviewed and selected by a panel of judges.

Lisa Beardsley, one of the judges and vice chancellor for academic affairs at Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif., said: "Ann is a model of integrity and high ethics, and is vocal about the need for transparency in all financial transactions. Hers is a much needed voice in the Seventh-day Adventist Church—and in the work of local churches and other non-profit organizations."