

Laun Reinholtz retires

After 30 years as professor and administrator, no one can doubt that Laun Reinholtz has left an indelible mark on the College of Technology. "I can't think of one room that Dr. Reinholtz did not build something for," affirms Arturo Maxwell, Reinholtz's colleague for 14 years. "He hung every door, he built all the desks in the computer room—everything that we have!"



Laun Reinholtz

Friends, colleagues, and family gathered in the Howard Performing Arts Center on December 9, 2004, to celebrate the retirement of the longtime professor and chairman of the department of digital media and photography. The native Californian now claims Berrien Springs as his home, maintaining that he and his wife of 45 years, Barbara, "aren't going anywhere. We're staying at Andrews."

Reinholtz graduated from Monterrey Bay Academy in 1957 before heading to Pacific Union College to complete his BA in industrial arts education in 1962 and his MA in industrial arts in 1964. Reinholtz joined the Andrews University technology education department in 1971. During the next 33 years he taught over 30 different classes including machine shop, welding, plumbing, and various education courses.

Reinholtz served as chairman of the department from 1973 until his retirement, completing an EdD in educational administration in 1978 at the University of Missouri.

Former coworkers have enormous respect and admiration for the outgoing chairman. "Dr. Reinholtz is one of the greatest sources of inspiration that I have," states Maxwell, who is taking over as department chair. "You cannot imagine all he did for our department; it's amazing!"

In retirement, Reinholtz has already begun remodeling his house and is drawing up plans to set up his own woodworking and metal shop. He and Barbara also plan to spend more time with their son and daughter-in-law in Grand Rapids, Mich., and their daughters who live with their families in Florida and Hawaii.

Whitehead to coordinate campus spiritual life

In January 2005, Ron Whitehead, director of the Center for Youth Evangelism and assistant professor in the Christian ministry department of the SDA Theological Seminary, began functioning in his newly appointed role as the assistant to the president for spiritual life at Andrews University.

Whitehead has served as the associate youth director for the North American Division and has been the director of three international Pathfinder camporees, including the most recent "Faith on Fire" camporee in Oshkosh, Wis.

While still keeping his position and office in the CYE, Whitehead will work together with student services, campus ministries, and the office of the president in coordinating the various spiritual life activities and programs on campus.

In this role, Whitehead will focus on reorganizing the structure of the spiritu-

al life on campus in several different areas. Whitehead hopes to create better communication, keeping students, faculty and staff informed internally, as well as sharing what is happening on campus with the community, prospective students and alumni. He aims to create a strong, talented pool of both staff and student leaders. The current campus ministries office will be remodeled to better equip student leaders with the office space needed to help them work on their individual ministries.

A key aspect of support will come from the spiritual-life committee. His goal is for this committee to be a 'one



Ron Whitehead

stop shop' where ministry leaders can come to get the required help or permission necessary to perform their ministry. Whitehead plans to increase student representation on the committee to an equal level with that of faculty/staff representation.

As a member of the president's cabinet, Whitehead will work directly with the president, bringing the spiritual life of the campus to a higher level of attention, identifying its importance.

In short, Whitehead's vision is to "make it easy for every student to be a part of or lead out in a ministry."

Golden Acorn Awards winners

Three Andrews University faculty and staff members were honored by the Berrien County Foundation at the 2004 Golden Acorn Community Awards, held in the Howard Performing Arts Center on November 18, 2004. The Foundation offers five annual Golden Acorn Awards, each accompanied by a \$1000 grant, in recognition of the contributions of Berrien County volunteers and educators.

Desmond Murray, professor of chemistry, received the 2004 Youth Leadership and Volunteerism Award for his indelible contributions to youth and community development in Benton Harbor, Mich. In addition, William and Patricia Mutch, chair of the chemistry department and vice president



Pat Mutch, Desmond Murray and William Mutch

for academic administration, respectively, were honored as members of the Race Relations Council of Southwest Michigan.

New recruiters join Enrollment Management

Two new recruiters—Maria Long and Elia King—joined the staff of Enrollment Management as of January 2005. Maria Long, church enrollment coordinator, is a graduate of Southwestern Adventist University,

where she received a degree in elementary education. While a student at Southwestern, she worked for the school as a recruiter for five years.

In her new position, Maria will focus



Elia King



Maria Long

on the non-academy youth in churches in the Lake Union. She will organize a variety of youth retreats and programs throughout the year, getting the opportunity to minister to young people as well as share information about Andrews.

Elia King, public school recruiter, is a recent graduate of the religion department here at Andrews University. While an AU student, Elia has been active in leading out in worship in local churches as well as on campus. A musician, Elia has his own independent music ministry, writing songs, playing the guitar, and singing.

Elia will target Adventist youth in public high schools and junior colleges within a 50-mile radius of Andrews.

One of his goals is to give Andrews more of a presence among area high school students, as well as working with departments on campus, promoting the academic side of Andrews.

Morrow and Bielas retire from Plant Service

On January 26, 2005, two of Plant Service's beloved employees retired, Steve Bielas and Robert Morrow.

Bielas has been a part of Andrews since 1992 when he joined the Plant Services crew as the plumbing foremen. In 1997, he became assistant superintendent.

Before coming to Andrews, Bielas, a Michigan native, worked a total of 34 years in the areas of carpentry, plumbing, and brickwork in Florida, Tennessee, and Michigan. Bielas also spent time in the mission field, working two years in Nigeria and three in Rwanda.

"He's a great guy who can fix anything!" says Jeff Trubey, welder. "We wish he hadn't retired!"

Robert Morrow also joined the Plant Services staff in 1992 as an HVAC technician. Morrow, a Benton Harbor, Mich.



Robert Morrow and Steve Bielas

native, worked in the area of heating and air conditioning for over 20 years before joining the Andrews staff.

"He was such an asset to us," says Walter Bowen, HVAC/Power Plant foreman. "We wish he'd come back."

Condon named director of alumni services



Tami Condon

What do Mohammed Ali and the inventor of kitty litter have in common? Both have previously employed Tami Condon, Andrews' newly appointed Alumni Director, as an interior design consultant. It would be fair to say that, since graduating from Andrews in 1991

with a BS in interior design, Condon has worn many "hats," working variously in design, management, marketing, and development. In the process, she's honed the rare ability to connect with people that makes her such a valuable asset to Alumni Services.

Condon put this ability to good use as director of guest relations on the enrollment management team. During her five years at the guest relations desk, she helped revamp university recruitment protocol, acted as liaison to prospective students during their Andrews preview visits, and pioneered the successful Student Ambassadors program, which pairs prospective students with current student mentors.

As alumni director, Condon's invaluable connecting abilities will merely shift their focus from future students to former students. "I'd like to look for creative ways to communicate and keep our alumni connected," she explains.

"I'm anxious to hear what their hopes and dreams and expectations are because I'm here to serve them—that's my job." In her first month, Condon has already begun devising new ways to achieve this sense of community within the Andrews family. She plans to initiate a mentoring program in which established alumni can work with graduating seniors as they transition into the workforce, providing career advice and even posting job opportunities on the website, which Condon also plans to update.

Condon looks forward to the challenge of keeping 28,000 worldwide Andrews alumni connected to each other.

"Andrews has always been a passion of mine, and I just think this is the greatest honor," Condon states. "I have a passion for people, for making a difference, and this is a great way to make a difference."

Professor pioneers research on alloys

Boon Chai Ng, associate professor of engineering, likes to spend his time looking at the world through the lens of an electron microscope.

Ng's work with the small things in life has produced research that could greatly benefit the world of space aeronautics. As part of his doctoral work at Michigan State University, Ng has developed a way to predict the paths of cracks in gamma-titanium aluminide (TiAl) alloys.

Gamma-TiAl alloys are being looked at as a potential replacement for current alloys used in the automotive and aeronautics fields due to their light weight, strength, and ability to withstand high temperatures. However, they have not yet been put into use due to their low

level of toughness, which is associated with the ability to resist cracks. Through his study of gamma-TiAl alloys, which



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is sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Ng has discovered a

way to predict the propagation of cracks. This breakthrough leads to a greater understanding of gamma-TiAl alloys and opens the door for other researchers to now find ways to stop/prevent cracks from forming. The use of gamma-TiAl alloys will decrease the weight of aircraft significantly, enabling them to fly faster and reach greater heights. The understanding of the formation of cracks will also lead to the creation of a safer machine.

Ng's work has resulted in more than a dozen publications in technical journals such as *Metallurgical and Materials Transactions*, *Ultramicroscopy*, *Intermetallics*, and *Materials Science and Engineering*. Before joining the AU faculty in 2002, Ng worked as an intern for General Motors in their research and development center.