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Class of '99 celebrates new alumni status

Was it the burritos? Or was it the two cash prizes of \$99 that brought almost 100 graduates to the alumni house on Thursday, June 3?



BURRITOS R Us: Hungry seniors get serious at the Alumni House picnic before heading over to the church for graduation rehearsal.

"In the past we have invited the graduates to attend the Gala Banquet during homecoming weekend as a gesture of



STAR POWER: Kelly Payne and Amanda Gebhardt bask in the glow of their impending graduation.

welcoming the newest alumni into the association," according to Rebecca May, director of alumni services. "But we've decided that at the end of their final test week, just before the festivities of commencement weekend begin, is when our graduates are ready to relax and start celebrating—that's when we'd like to

treat them to something special and let them know we're glad they're part of the Alumni Association."

Graduates were treated to live music, a burrito bar, and a drawing for door prizes held in the backyard of the Alumni House. Dr. Andreasen was on hand to celebrate with the graduates, and so were several vice presidents.

Growing alumni volunteers

To build class loyalty before it's time to plan a class reunion, the office of Alumni Services has volunteered to organize the election of class officers and offer support to the officers and their sponsors during the school year.

Class elections for next year's officers took place May 20 during the dinner hour in the cafeteria. Those students who took the time to vote were rewarded with a strawberry sundae, served by the candidates for offices.

"Building a stronger class structure builds a stronger campus community," says David Steen who has served, with his wife Lynn, as sponsor of the class of 2000 since their freshman year. "The kids have been fun to work with. I hope they invite us to their ten-year reunion in 2010!" he laughs.

Elections for freshman class officers will take place in the fall during new-student orientation.

Retirees meet at Andrews alumni fete

The skies were sunny and bright as Andrews alumni gathered at the Adventist Retirees Convocation held late in June on the campus of Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif.

The group was hosted by **PAUL SMITH** (BBA '93) and **MONIQUE PITTMAN** (BA '91).

About 45 alumni got together to reminisce and enjoy an update of

goings-on at their alma mater.

The Andrews alumni director, Rebecca May, says that her office plans to host an alumni gathering at future meetings of the retirees association.



ANNUAL GATHERING: Andrews alums gathered at Pacific Union College in June.

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Volunteers pitch in

With thousands of annuals to plant each spring, the Arboretum Grounds crew could use a little help. So on May



WEED WHACKERS: *Tending the flower beds on the campus commons are (front row, l to r) Xiaoming Xu, Don May, Pat Spangler; (back row, l to r) Demetra Andreasen, Jess Oliver, and an unidentified student.*

19 the campus was invited to participate in the first annual volunteer clean-up day.

One group planted flats of begonias along the flag walk; another group weeded the shrub beds behind Harrigan Hall. A group of biology students earned extra credit for planting cannas in the beds in front of the Science Complex.

In total, campus volunteers donated approximately 80 hours of labor for this event.

"Our outdoor spaces are award-winning, and we're proud to provide a pleasant environment for our campus community," says David Nelson, manager of the Arboretum Grounds depart-

ment for the last 17 years. "So it's encouraging when people care enough to take the time to volunteer in campus arboretum maintenance. I hope the number of volunteers will grow as we continue this tradition."

Alumni gather at campmeetings

David Faehner, vice president for university advancement, hosted more than 70 enthusiastic alumni at an afternoon reception Sabbath, May 29, during **Florida campmeeting** at Forest Lake Elementary Education Center.

Alumni enjoyed refreshments, a video



BEAT THE HEAT: *Alumni at Michigan campmeeting cooled off at the Andrews Alumni Open House at GLAA.*

about campus life, and a chance to catch up with friends. Dr. Faehner also gave an update on university activities and offered an opportunity for alumni to ask questions.

Michigan campmeeting, held at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, was the site for another Andrews alumni gathering this summer.

Sharon Dudgeon, WAUS manager, hosted the event and reports: "It was a beastly hot day, so the chance to sit in an air-conditioned room and drink cold punch made us a popular event!"

Other Andrews faculty on hand included Dan and Lorena Bidwell, both from Information Technology Services, and Lew Seibold, director of the Division of Architecture.

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Celebrate 125 years!

Aug. 24, 1999, will be the 125th anniversary of the beginning of classes for Battle Creek College. To kick off the year-long anniversary celebration, you and your family are invited to attend a Founder's Day Picnic on Aug. 24, at 5:30 pm, on campus. Vege-hot dogs and lemonade at bargain prices. A vintage baseball game between the Berrien Springs Cranberry Boppers and an alumni team starts at 7 pm (bring your Andrews school pennants to cheer on the alumni). The evening ends with birthday cake and fireworks.

