Guardians of truth and good sense

Recent education news items have disclosed that some institutions of higher learning, even prominent ones, law schools among them, and in the Midwest, reported higher than actual admission scores for their incoming class of new students and in some cases claimed better than actual job placement results for their new graduates.

Administrators immediately expressed regret over this misrepresentation of the truth and attributed it to the pressure of moving their institutions up in the national rankings, and in the hope of attracting better students eager to attend a school offering “guaranteed” job placement after graduation. Of course these are noble goals for any aspiring college or university, it is just not right to let go of the truth to achieve them; in fact it is outright dangerous.

Universities and colleges may be among the last remaining keepers of truth and good sense in our time. The former means they are committed to seeking and teaching the truth, no matter how inconvenient. The latter means they are committed to promoting and preserving good sense by recognizing what we actually know and what we do not know, and the difference between the two. In short, universities work hard at guarding the tried and tested truth in their teaching, and they are committed to fostering good sense through their work of research and discovery.

Not many institutions and organizations committed to guarding the truth and promoting good sense at all cost are left in our society. Think of some potential candidates, such as political, social or financial institutions, and sad to say, at times even religious institutions. They no longer seem to be widely and consistently trusted by the public as having truth and good sense. If universities and colleges also let go of the truth and abandon good sense simply to beat the competition, we are all in a bad way.

That is why it was so troubling to read that even prominent universities have been tinkering with the numbers they report to the public. Perhaps the many ratings of colleges and universities…

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On the cover: Found among the Small Magellanic Cloud’s clusters and nebulae NGC 346 is a star-forming region about 200 light-years across, imaged by the Hubble Space Telescope. A satellite galaxy of the Milky Way, the Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC) is a member of the southern sky, a mere 210,000 light-years distant in the constellation of the Tucan. Image Credit: NASA, ESA, A. Nota (ESA/STScI) et al
Mission has always been a core value of our university. For the past 40+ years, hundreds of missionaries have been trained at the Mission Institute and students, faculty and staff have been challenged to incorporate mission service into their academic programs and careers. The goal has always been the same—to spread the Good News of Jesus.

Recalling the “giants” of AU

All of us spawned by the Old Dispensation rejoice in the New. To the New Generation I strongly suggest that you give reverence to those who laid the foundation of your University. Without doubt, your current president is peerless, your physical plant is top drawer, and your faculty academically seasoned and emphatically oriented. Nevertheless, they and you all stand on the shoulders of giants.

So Griggs Hall is history. It began life as the James White Memorial Library and was state of the art in 1937. If you want to know the history of Old E.M.C. you must read the obituaries. The likes of George E. Eilstrom, Bruce Douglas Oliver, and Robert W. Cash. My roots are deep in old E.M.C.—the Normal School, the Academy, and Prendtel—in 1937. I have come a long way since, but still E.M.C. is home.

If one wants to recall a few of the giants, look at the list of contributors to the SD Bible Commentary: Otto Christensen, Edward Heppenstall, Frank Marsh, William Murdoch, Edwin Thiele, Charles Werner and Lynn Wood to name a few.

One should not let the name Griggs die—he was a master builder and visionary. There is an Andrews University today because of two men: Griggs and Wood. The west are merely part of the train.

Thomas J. Zwemer (att.)

A reason to feel proud

I so enjoyed the recent FOCUS magazine. The pictures are engaging and tell stories. It is easy to read and captures important things happening on campus, and just made me feel proud. The Butler Hall report and the Leadership Medallion report were, of course, special to me.

Good product! Thanks!

Barbara Randall (BA ’66)

CORRECTION: On page 9 of the spring 2012 FOCUS the bottom left photo was incorrectly identified as the La Sierra Academy Band. It was actually the Loma Linda Academy Symphony Band. We apologize for the error.

Thanks for writing

Letters to FOCUS are always welcome. To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space.

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Summer commencement
August 3–5, 2012

The day of commencement dawned cloudy after a tornado warning had caused concern the night before, but the graduating class of summer 2012 was greeted with beautiful blue skies as they donned their robes and gathered outside of Pioneer Memorial Church for commencement on Sunday, August 5.

David Steen, emeritus professor of biology, gave the commencement address entitled, “A Firm Faith,” on Friday evening, August 3. The baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath morning, August 4, was offered by Japhet De Oliveira, University chaplain, who presented “One Firm Faith,” on Friday evening, August 3. The commencement on Sunday, August 5.

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Herta von Stiegel, CEO of Ariya Capital in London U.K., provided the commencement address “Catastrophe, Complicity, or Courage,” challenging graduates to reassess their lives as they leave the university. “Invest in yourself...focus your energy...ruthlessly prepare (there are no shortcuts to success; only in the dictionary does success come before work)...trust God to be at the helm of your life,” she advised. “Your future may look uncertain...I don’t know what you are facing, but God is calling you to a life of excellence, a life where you do your best.”

Von Stiegel was also the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Human Letters. She is the founder of Ariya Capital Group Limited, a fund management firm that focuses on clean energy, financial institutions and telecommunications in Africa. She earned bachelor degrees in history and German from Andrews University and completed her Juris Doctor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She received her Master of Laws in taxation from New York University School of Law and finished the Executive Program in Corporate Finance at the London Business School. She is a member of several corporate and non-profit boards and is frequently featured in the media. Von Stiegel is also the author of the book and co-producer of the award-winning film The Mountain Within, based on her experiences climbing Africa’s Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Andrews University Press releases book on homosexuality and the church
Largely based on presentations at a conference held at Andrews University in October 2009

The first major book from an Adventist publishing house addressing the complex issues surrounding homosexuality and Adventist life and faith has just been released by Andrews University Press.

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University and chair of the University Press board, said the topic of this book is timely and needed. “Recent developments in our faith community, religious organizations, American politics and secular society require careful thought on this sensitive subject. Andrews University is pleased to help sort out some of these issues by bringing together a range of perspectives on this subject within our church.”

Titled Homosexuality, Marriage, and the Church: Biblical, Counseling, and Religious Liberty Issues, the nearly 600-page book was released in early August. It is a collection of 14 major essays on a range of topics, and six additional personal testimonies from individuals who have struggled with homosexuality in their personal lives. The content of the book, including the testimonies, is material largely based on presentations at a conference on the same subject held at Andrews University and sponsored by various entities of the Adventist Church in October 2009.

“As much as it might like to, the church can no longer evade questions about Adventist theology, sexual identity, and same-sex marriage,” says Nicholas P. Miller, lead editor of the work, along with Roy E. Gane and Peter Swanson, all of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews. “Society, with increasing

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Planning a Campus for the Next Generation of Seventh-day Adventist Education
This fall semester, the Campus Design Studio from the School of Architecture, Art & Design is taking the lead to chart a course for the next 10 years of campus development. This is an unprecedented campus-wide planning process where students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members will be considering ideas and actions to help shape the next generation of buildings and spaces for a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist Christian education at Andrews University.

The goal is to shape an updated and revised Campus Master Plan and supporting design guidelines by January 2013. The Campus Design Studio was created for this purpose and will work with the campus community through a series of interactive meetings and workshops. This effort builds into Strategic Initiative #6 of the new Andrews University 2012–17 Strategic Plan. This project is intended to help shape the environment and facilities that support the operation of a quality academic and student life program here at Andrews University.

A detailed schedule of events and information about the project and its interdisciplinary team is available online at www.andrews.edu/campusplan.
One of the newest international programs offered at Andrews University is Action America for Teens, an English-language program that ran during the month of July. Twenty-four teens from mainland China, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan spent a month on the campus of Andrews University taking intensive classes in language arts, SAT prep, conversational English and being exposed to American culture.

A mix of language arts teachers from Andrews Academy, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and graduate students from the Andrews University Department of English taught the teens. These students have been working towards a United States high school diploma and all their classes have been taught in English.

Their time at Andrews gave them a chance to not only experience American culture but also visit other universities and attractions. Teen Action America is just one of the programs established by Griggs International Academy, an affiliate of Andrews University. GIA offers the U.S. High School Diploma in more than 20 educational institutions worldwide.

Computing program now ABET accredited

Affirming the strength of the program

The Department of Engineering & Computer Science’s computing program is now accredited through the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology).

The computing program offers a Bachelor of Science in Computing with emphases in computer science and software systems. The engineering programs have been ABET accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET since 2006.

"The Department of Engineering & Computer Science is a family and through a team effort, including the support of Verlyn Benson, immediate past dean of the College of Technology, and Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, ABET accreditation of the computing program has affirmed the strength of our program," says George Agkis, chair. “We plan to use the processes of accreditation, which includes assessment, to keep our computing and engineering programs on the cutting edge. ABET accreditation is valuable to Andrews University, but more importantly to our students as they continue their academic or professional journeys."

ABET is the nationally recognized accrediting body for college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology. ABET is a federation of 31 professional and technical societies that contribute funds and volunteers to set policy, develop strategy and conduct ABET accreditation activities worldwide on behalf of their professions.

There are more than 1,500 ABET-accredited programs at over 660 colleges and universities in 23 countries. ABET is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

State of the University

Addresses core educational principles

This year’s State of the University took place on Thursday, August 16, in the Newhold Auditorium of Buller Hall. Many staff members joined the faculty, who had already spent the day attending Faculty Institute.

After a brief presentation by Susan Matheny of United Way, President Niels-Erik Andreasen inspired those in attendance to think about the question, “Where is the learning in higher education?” He issued a challenge to Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, to plan “inside-out” change to focus on the core of education: faculty from across the campus.

Andreasen also spoke about the ethos and culture of graduate education at Andrews and the need to maintain programs of consistently high quality.

Provost Andreasen also talked about the expanding international footprint of Andrews University, the importance of research and innovation, and the new Strategic Plan for 2012-2017 which was handed out at the conclusion of the meeting.

Don Livsey, Lake Union Conference president, offered inspirational reflections and a prayer of dedication for the new school year, inviting Divine wisdom, energy and patience for the road ahead.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the lobby and hallways of Buller Hall following the event.

Kick-off to the new school year

Featuring the first Faculty Institute, State of the University and Fall Fellowship

This year’s school year got off to a great start with three pivotal events for faculty and staff. The first-ever Faculty Institute was held in Buller Hall on Thursday and Friday, August 16-17. It was an opportunity to engage the entire faculty in professional development around themes important to them in an academic community. This first Faculty Institute was centered on the integration of faith and learning, assessment, high tech teaching and pedagogy.

Plenary sessions held Thursday and Friday mornings featured guest speakers Kelly Monroe-Kullborg and Susan Hatfield. Monroe-Kullborg is the founder of the Veritas Forums and has authored several books, including Finding God at Harvard, Finding God Beyond Harvard, Faith and Culture, and A Faith and Culture Devotional. Her topic was Faith Development in College Students. Susan Hatfield spoke on the importance of assessment. She is a professor of Communication Studies at Winona State University and a Visiting Scholar at the Higher Learning Commission of the NCA, and a board member of the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education. In addition, there were six workshop sessions, with the choice of nine topics to choose from each session. They covered a wide range of topics including learning how to use Moodle, spiritual nurture, applying for faculty grants, designing interactive discussions online, dissertation mentoring, and much more.

The State of the University Address was presented at 4:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon.

All faculty and staff were invited to hear the president’s and provost’s vision for the new year.

Fall Fellowship began with “A Healthy U” lunch on Friday, followed by 45-minute exercise options, using part of the newly-improved 11 miles of campus walking and biking trails. A corn roast supper was held on the back lawn of the Howard Performing Arts Center that evening, followed by a vespers service in the HPAC Auditorium.

The keynote speaker for the weekend was Roscoe Howard III, vice president for missions and ministry for Adventist Health System. He challenged everyone to maintain a close connection with God during the upcoming school year.

A Student in the Backyard of Buller Hall. The Student is sitting on a bench with a book in her hands. The building in the background is Buller Hall.
Terry Dodge Jr.
BIT '91, ITS computer support specialist, filmmaker

How long have you worked at Andrews?
I’m starting my 15th year as an Andrews employee. Computer support has been my main job and I’m currently responsible for supporting the Science Complex, Art & Design Center, RMES, AA and the Airpark.

Tell us about your journey after graduation.
I graduated in 1991 with a degree in aviation flight and maintenance, but it was difficult to find a job in that field which didn’t involve working on Sabbath. I got involved with a search and rescue organization in Lansing, Mich. They wanted to have a faster ELT (Emergency Location Transmitter) response time. They sent me back to Andrews to study computer programming and electronic engineering.

You have undertaken an ambitious sideline film project. Who is your subject of interest?
Sam Campbell, author of the Living Forest Series (12 volumes), who wrote books about the animals of his wilderness home.

How did you develop an interest in Sam Campbell?
I’ve always liked taking pictures, but there was a missing element. I wondered if anybody else would be interested and that’s kind of how it got turned into a film project.

How did you develop the Sam Campbell project? If I can raise the funding needed ($130,000), the target deadline would be fall 2014. If I don’t raise it then I have to decide where to pare back, what to leave out—that’s where it starts getting tricky. To begin with, I have an estimated 23,000 feet of Sam’s films that need to be transferred from 16mm to digital. Next summer I plan to go to the Boundary Waters in Minnesota in a makeshift studio. That was an interesting and really neat experience. This past summer I was in Israel for just over two and a half weeks filming for BRT/AVS. Workdays are 18–18 hours long but you don’t notice that when you’re enjoying what you’re doing.

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How did you develop an interest in Sam Campbell?
I was interested in Sam Campbell’s work and the Living Forest Series. I wanted to film and document some of his films and property.

How did you obtain permission to access his films and property?
Campbell didn’t have any interest in his films being shown at film festivals and he didn’t want his name associated with them. However, I met a retiredEO (Extraterrestrial Officer) who was interested in Sam Campbell’s films and property. We were able to film and document some of his films and property.

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I started the film project by creating a budget for the project and raising the necessary funding.

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Wayne Perry receives J.N. Andrews Medallion
For professional contributions to the Department of Physical Therapy and active involvement in campus life

During the summer 2012 commencement service, Wayne L. Perry, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, received the prestigious John Nevins Andrews Medallion.

Provost Andrea Luxton read the citation, that stated in part, “Wayne L. Perry is a man whose contributions to the field of physical therapy and dedication to the success and professional development of his students have distinguished him among his colleagues.” Perry completed a BS in Physical Therapy from Loma Linda University in 1985. He earned an MBA with an emphasis in Human Resource Management from California State University (San Bernardino) in 1992, and a PhD in Educational Administration from Andrews University in 2000. His dissertation was entitled, “The Role of the Academic Physical Therapy Department Chair as Perceived by Physical Therapist Teaching Faculty and Chairs.” Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, Perry worked with spinal cord injuries in the neurology department at Loma Linda University Medical Center and in the Department of Physical Therapy at Loma Linda University. In 1994, Andrews University was successful in recruiting Perry and bringing his leadership talents to the Department of Physical Therapy.

Under Perry’s leadership, the department has experienced continued growth both in student enrollment and program quality. He is a regular presenter at physical therapy associations, and despite his heavy involvement in departmental administration he has chaired one or more thesis or capstone committees every year since 1999. He is also active organizing and presenting continuing education workshops on educational topics.

Perry is not only passionate about his department and student learning, he is actively involved in University and community life. He is known for his competent, candid and energetic leadership qualities. He serves on numerous University, school and department committees and is frequently engaged in professional consultation and advising activities.

Perry presently serves on a number of boards and committees for physical therapy higher education and chairs the Outstanding Student Award Selection Committee of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association.

Mary Jane Cunningham celebrates her 90th
On Wednesday, August 15, 2012, family and friends came to the Andrews University Bookstore to celebrate Mary Jane Cunningham’s 90th birthday and thank her for 47 years of service at Andrews, the last 16 at the bookstore. Before she was employed at Andrews, she was a student at what was then Emmanuel Missionary College.

The Andrews Bookstore was decorated with balloons and refreshments were served with treats brought by friends. The event was filled with laughter and smiles as people gathered together to celebrate Mary Jane. Mary Jane attended Andrews in the early mid-1940s and met Loren Cunningham while she was a pre-nursing student. They married in 1947 and were together 26 years before Loren passed away in 1973.

In the 47 years that Mary Jane has worked at Andrews, she has held several jobs. Her first job was as a bookkeeper in the student lounge. She supervised students for approximately three years before starting work at Dining Services as a hostess for an additional 30 years. At the age of 76 she was offered a position at the Andrews Bookstore, where she still works today. She keeps the bookstore neat and organized and she interacts and learns about the students on campus.

Mary Jane enjoys meeting students and working at Andrews, and hasn’t given much thought to retirement. “I plan to keep working for years to come,” she says.

“Mary Jane is our inspiration. Love shines all around her as she freely gives it. God must be so proud of her as she is His faithful helper every day!” says Cheryl Beal, manager. “If anyone ever needs a warm smile and a kind word, just stop by the Andrews Bookstore between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.”

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Wayne Perry receives the J.N. Andrews Medallion from President Andrews at the summer commencement service
With a total of 146 years of service to Andrews University and 164 years of service to Adventist education, four long-time biology faculty retire. They can retire knowing they have left a lasting legacy, a team of dedicated colleagues striving to provide the best biological training for thinking, educated, Christian young people...”

Dennis Woodland

“With more margin in my life, I intend to be ready and available, open to ways that God wants my wife and me to serve others.”

David Steen

“This is perhaps Andrews University’s premier academic advisor, usually with 90-120 advisees and mostly pre-med track students.”

John Stout

“For 44 years, Andrews University has been my home, from the Andraeanum to the present day, from undergraduate to graduate level.”

Bill Chobotar

“My greatest blessing and reward comes from the opportunity and privilege of working with and mentoring thousands of students over 44 years.”

Bill Chobotar

“You will make me glad to serve others, and to watch the Grand March of Commencement week with all the excitement of a young man’s first college graduation.”

John Stout
Gordon Atkins began teaching at Andrews University full-time 22 years ago after three years of post-doc work and contract teaching. He team-taught Foundations of Biology for many years with Dave Stien, as well as teaching a neurobiology course and several field courses. He was very influential in the acquisition and development of a working laboratory for his neurobiology course, which is now being replicated in many other schools. In January 2013, Atkins will be transitioning to a newly created position for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

For several years, Atkins served on a committee whose goal was strategic planning for the nature center at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Mich. Due to his active involvement and educational background in biology, the Michigan Conference recently asked him to create a job description for a Director of the Center for Natural Science Education. In addition to operating and continuing to develop the Nature Center for summer camps and various school visits, the director would also strive to take a more “hands-on” approach to studying biology, utilizing the variety of natural environments available at Camp Au Sable. The person chosen would have to stay active in research and continue to develop professionally to keep his teaching up-to-date. Responsibilities would also include the creation of traveling biology tours and teaching out to area schools, offering both educational teaching materials for science classes as well as developing a lending library of equipment and tools for schools that might not have access to them. The conference liked what he put together and formally asked Atkins if he would accept the position. In his own words he describes how he made his choice:

“It was a difficult decision because I wasn’t looking to leave Andrews University. I was imagining I would work until I retired here. My wife and I took the weekend to decide, and I remember going to church and the first words out of the preacher’s mouth were: ‘When God calls you, you must go.’ I don’t remember a word of the rest of the sermon, but I called up the conference the next week and said yes.”

Atkins’ upcoming position will bring several additional opportunities due to his connection with Andrews University. He is working to collaborate with the biology department to use the camp as a field station. He envisions bringing Andrews students up to help with some of the projects and to give them hands-on experience, especially those who are interested in education or science. The Andrews Department of Biology has already donated a lot of lab equipment to the program as they update their current inventory. Atkins will retain adjunct professor status at Andrews University and believes this collaboration will help with his research and credibility in the scientific community.

Jerry Chi appointed new associate dean of SBA

He will also serve as director of SBA graduate programs

Jerry Laiu/Yueh Chi has accepted the position of assistant dean for the School of Business Administration and director of graduate programs.

Chi completed a BA in theology in 1987 and a BBA in 1989 from Taiwan Adventist College. He received both an MBA in 1991 and a PhD in Leadership and Administration in 1995 from Andrews University, as well as a PhD in Research Evaluation (Quantitative and Qualitative Methods) in 1999 from Illinois State University.

Chi comes to Andrews from Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) where he has worked since 1995 in various positions, including professor, chair of the Business Administration Department and director of the MBA Program. He was the recipient of the Educator of the Year Award in 2007 and helped develop the e-Learning System. He also served as the advisor for both the SWAU Asian Students Association and the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) group.

In addition to research and teaching, Chi has a strong commitment to student success. He has served as president of the Student Government, as a member of the Diversity Council, and as the advisor for the SIFE group. He is also a member of the American Marketing Association and the Academy of Management.

Chi joins the Andrews University faculty along with his wife, Grace Chi, who is a new assistant professor of nursing.
international missionaries is what we are trying to be,” says Upendo Mbwana, whose first name means “love” in Swahili and who is a college sophomore planning to major in urban studies. “We don’t lose the rich input that we have received from the church’s mission operations.\textsuperscript{2} The church initiated its plan for a Missionary Orientation Program\textsuperscript{3} with a discussion and recommendation at the Autumn Council of 1956. The leaders envisioned a training session that would address topics such as “personal evangelism,” “healthful living for missionaries” and “human relations.”\textsuperscript{4} The idea was implemented ten years later when Andrews University announced its first Mission Institute for the summer of 1966 under the direction of Myrl O. Manley.\textsuperscript{5} Gottfried Oosterwal, Andrews professor of missions, taught a course in cultural anthropology, while other instructors contributed their expertise on topics such as linguistics, community hygiene and world religions.\textsuperscript{6} The 2012 Mission Institute participants at Andrews University, along with three leaders, teachers and coordinators.

From that first Mission Institute of about 25 participants the endeavor of preparing missionaries for effective service has grown to as many as 125 in one session, as during the summer of 1978.\textsuperscript{7} To date more than 4,000 workers have attended Mission Institutes.\textsuperscript{8} This summer of 2012 the group includes 50 adults—including six college-age, young adult dependents—and 25 children.\textsuperscript{9} From one session per year, the program expanded to offering as many as six, but has currently settled at three. That first year the attendees were almost all North Americans under appointment to work outside North America. Today 70% of the inter-divisional employees who attend Mission Institute do not come from North America, and many of those who do are not native born, a change which has occurred within just the past decade, according to Doss. The IWM has also expanded and changed its curriculum and methodology over the years. When Doss began her work with the Institute in 2000, she first turned her attention to developing children’s programs for the missionary children whose parents were attending the institutes. Children have always been a part of the mission experience and of mission institutes, but the program has moved from simply providing day care so that parents could attend classes to providing age appropriate training for the children as well. As Doss says, “We don’t believe that God calls just one person in the family. When he calls a family, he calls every person to be a missionary.”\textsuperscript{10} Doss’s work on a mission curriculum for children has resulted in programs for pre-school, school age and teen participants. The children attend classes at the same time as the adults are in their meetings and engage in activities that emphasize issues such as cultural identity and cultural differences. The methodology for the adult curriculum and the children’s curriculum are intended to centralize and streamline the church’s mission operations.\textsuperscript{11} Cheryl Doss, director of the General Conference Institute of World Mission, confirms, however, that the attendees of the intensive training sessions known as Mission Institutes will still receive Andrews University credit, and the Institutes will continue to take place for the foreseeable future on the Andrews campus in the summers.\textsuperscript{12} Currently, says Doss, IWM holds Mission Institutes three times a year: in the southern hemisphere in January at locations such as Kenya, Brazil and Australia; in Asia, most recently in Thailand, in April or May; and in Berrien Springs for the summer session. Doss and her colleagues have felt that one of the great strengths of housing IWM at Andrews has been the scholarly and professional stimulation that is provided by the close connection with a learning context. One of their goals in this move, she says, “is that we don’t lose the rich input that we have received from the educational environment.” The mission of educating and supporting these missionaries to the world is undergoing a major transition. The IWM, on the recommendation of the newly formed General Conference Mission Board, is moving from Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, where it was founded and has been headquartered since its inception. This summer the IWM offices will leave the campus and join the world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. The move is just one in a series of changes

SHAPING INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

BY MEREDITH JONES GRAY

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The mission of educating and supporting these missionaries to the world is undergoing a major transition. The IWM, on the recommendation of the newly formed General Conference Mission Board, is moving from Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, where it was founded and has been headquartered since its inception. This summer the IWM offices will leave the campus and join the world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Md. The move is just one in a series of changes
has also shifted over the past ten years, becoming more interactive and moving from mere “head knowledge” to the “heart.” Doss points out, “When you’re in a cross-cultural conflict or any other high-tension experience…you don’t act out of what you read in a book, you act out of what you are.”

The participants, in addition to reading, listening and discussing, for example, create several group “cultures” and visit the cultures of other groups, learning quickly by this “hands-on” experience about principles of cross-cultural interaction such as negative attribution. They also participate in contextualized worship experiences that are alien to them but which they might encounter.

Geoffrey Mbwana, who already had a rich history of mission work but mostly within an African context, was elected a general vice president of the General Conference in 2010 and attended, with his family in the United States on December 31 of that year, ready to embark on their new life. For Upendo, that winter was the first time she saw snow “except on television” and she found it “amazing,” but the family admits that the winter was difficult for them. Other adjustments proved hard as well. Nakku, who now works for Adventist Risk Management, notes how different are the customs of socializing between Africa and the United States, “In Africa we live as a community— you can just go to anybody… “And say I want a pinch of salt!” chimes in her husband. Here, says Nakku, “You can’t just show up. So we are still learning.” But she has also found Americans “so friendly.”

Geoffry had come to the U.S. frequently over the past ten years in connection with his work, but, he says, “Coming to live was a different experience. I think the largest shock I went through was the bureaucracy. I don’t know how many papers we have signed!”

When the Mbwanas had the opportunity to attend the Mission Institute, they had already lived in the United States for a year and a half and actually wondered whether it was worth while to learn about something they had already experienced, but they are very glad they came. For them the great value has been reflection and analysis and being able to put things in perspective. Upendo found it reassuring to read about culture shock and to recognize the experience of feeling left out at school when other students laughed at jokes she didn’t understand. Then she said, “What’s so funny?” Now she can say, “That’s something normal when entering a new culture...I have seen that side of it. I’m even wanting to be there, to see if some of the principles we have acquired here we can put to use. We have the tools.” When asked if his attendance at the mission institute as an incoming General Conference officer signals a fresh direction for the church, Mbwana says, “I think there will be a new emphasis in seeing that the newer families that join the General Conference should be given the privilege of accessing this same experience. I would endorse that.”

The Mbwana family has also appreciated the fellowship they have enjoyed at the institute with other missionaries and the mutual sharing of experiences. Orupa, now a junior at Washington Adventist University with a major in computer science, says it has brought home to her that the Adventist church is truly a big church with a tremendous variety of people and many different ways of doing things. For her, the main point of the institute has been that when you go into another culture, you shouldn’t judge first. The first thing you should do is get to know people better.

As for living incarnationally, Nakku makes the direct application to her family’s experience: “I know it’s hard to leave home and go to another place. But when I think of what Jesus did—He left heaven and He came here. That was across culture. So I’m going back and I’m praying God to please help me be a good example.”

Now the Whitsetts will be located just north of Bangkok. Greg will be the study center director for the Center of East Asian Religions and Traditions. The Center’s mission is to identify the “best practices” for Christians to reach out to those in the Eastern religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Shinto and Confucianism; to “teach the church to think critically about how we are sharing our faith” with the cultural groups of the region; and to raise awareness within the church of the great need for ministry in Asia. Greg says of his work, “We don’t need to do church the same way in every location. In fact, if we do, many people feel as if they have to become an American, become a Westerner before they can approach Christ, and that’s unfortunate.” He points out that it’s just as difficult to worship in another culture as in a different language.

of IFM remain and form the core of the mission institute sessions. Doss encapsulates them succinctly and eloquently in the five objectives of each mission institute: to grow spiritually, to think biblically, to reason theologically, to live holistically, and to serve incarnationally. Each area still raises the issues that have always engaged the mission institute attendees. For example, under “reason theologically,” the program addresses the anthropological issues of how to read and understand a different culture and how to move beyond observing and judging behaviors to recognizing and appreciating attitudes. In seeking to serve incarnationally, the missionaries wrestle with the question of how to live in another culture in such a way that they reflect Jesus. Even short conversations with the families
The Whitsett's say that the first time they attended mission institute, they looked at everything with fresh eyes and maybe also through “rose-tinted glasses.” The experience of this second institute has afforded them the opportunity to process the experience they have been through overseas and gain a “deeper understanding” of their lives in another culture and their mission. Greg has also been gaining methodological and pedagogical ideas for the training he will be doing in Thailand and throughout Southeast Asia.

One thing they have treasured most, says Amy, is the socializing with other missionaries who have also experienced life and challenging work far from home. Sharing stories lies at the heart of that fellowshipship, like about how Greg almost died just a month after they arrived in their mission field, ending up in ICU with kidney that had almost shut down. Now they can hear stories from the others—also about physical or emotional crises, even about living through war. “You understand each other better,” says Amy.

But all too soon, the fellowship and sharing and learning in a safe and open environment has come to an end. The group that has traveled together emotionally, intellectually and spiritually for these three weeks must all go their separate ways into every corner of the earth. The Institute of World Missions is also making a journey to its new sphere, leaving behind it a long and important chapter of its history. We can only echo the wishes of the Mission Institute children at the end of the video they made for their closing banquet: “God go with us as we go to our missions.”

### ENDNOTES
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FOCUS sat down for an interview with DAVID STEEN, outgoing Department of Biology chair, and TOM GOODWIN, incoming chair, to discuss the changes currently taking place in their department. It was evident that the mission of Andrews biology education in good hands under the leadership of current and new faculty. The stellar contributions are in good hands under the leadership of current and new faculty. The responses showed candor, insight and passion for their discipline and their faith. The stellar contributions cannot be overstated. They leave a legacy of quality Adventist biology higher education.

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PASSING THE TORCH

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I’ll speak to the four faculty replacements in the order they’re coming to campus.

Two faculty arrived this summer and will begin teaching fall semester. Peter Lyons is a molecular biologist who just finished a postdoc at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. He has some really good experience in biological research and teaching. The other one who came this summer is Pamela Coburn-Litvak. She did her master’s and bachelor’s here at Andrews, and went on to earn a PhD at the State University of New York. She’s a neurobiologist who has worked in administration at Loma Linda University and has also been active in service, giving seminars relating neurobiology to stress management. She’s very interested in the application of neurobiology to humankind. In addition, we have a new position the University has opened for us, a laboratory coordinator who will also coordinate our high school science program. Denise Smith, who earned her BS and MS at Andrews and a PhD from Western Michigan University, will fill this position. She’s joining us this summer as well.

Then we have Kenya Long, a virologist doing a postdoc at University of California-Davis, who is currently working in Peru. She works with infectious viral diseases and also has a background in public health.

FOCUS: When does she arrive?

GOODWIN: She’ll come at the beginning of the semester in January 2013. We’re staggering them out over a three-semester term, in a sequence. Ben Navia, who did his master’s here in neurobiology, will join us next summer.

He got his PhD from Loma Linda University, working collaboratively with Gordon Atkins and Jack Stout. He will basically be a replacement for Gordon Atkins. Ben is currently teaching at Kettering College.

Daniel Gonzalez will also be joining us the summer of 2013. He received his master’s from Loma Linda University and is currently finishing his PhD at Duke University. Daniel is an ecologist who studies mammals in Latin America.

FOCUS: What does he do?

GOODWIN: He conducted his research at the University of California-Davis, where he worked with Stuart Seidman.

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GOODWIN: A combination of being self-consciously Adventist, that’s important for what we do, our Christian focus; and being large enough to ask questions about most part, in our areas of strength and mentor students in research in our areas of strength. That’s a rich opportunity for our students.

FOCUS: Some of the other smaller institutions perhaps don’t have enough faculty to be as specialized?

STEEN: That I tell prospective students is that we’re the only Adventist biology program listed in Peterson’s Guide to Top Colleges. Not because we applied to be listed, but Peter- son’s did the research and identified us. We are the only Adventist institution that has a chemistry program approved by the American Chemical Society. Many of our majors have a chemistry minor so having a very strong chemistry program has been great for us. No other Adventist school has that; it’s unique to us.

Also, both the physics and mathematics departments are strong in research and we do a lot of interdisciplinary collaboration. Being housed together in the Science Complex gives great opportunities to work together. For example, Marlene Main, current professor of biology, has been involved in some materials science research with Steve Ng, professor of physics. Students who have students working with Desmond Murray, associate professor of chemistry, on his proj- ects. The Seabird Ecology Team is very strong and give interdisciplinary strength to the whole with the mathematics/biology collaboration.

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STEEN: Community. A community of scholars working together. That strength was confirmed in this study by questions of alumni from the distant past, the recent past and even current students. It was the over- whelming message.

GOODWIN: It’s nice to have that affirmed in an actual statistical study that’s well regarded. Do you feel this can be replicated on other campuses?

STEEN: Yes, Jack Stout is working with a former student of ours, Randy Walikonis, who teaches at the University of Connecticut. That connection has helped us establish a working relationship with the chair of their Department of Physiology and Neurobiol- ogy. Absolutely, UCONN has spent millions of dollars to redo some of their building spaces, but the interdisciplinarity and those collaborations are looking strong and togetherness to contribute toward developing relationships. A follow-up study is already in the design stage to determine the effectiveness of such collaborations in UCONN’s facilities and methodology. Is it possible to get small private school results in a big public institution?

FOCUS: In what ways does the Univer- sity tagline [Seek Knowledge, Affirm Faith. Change the World.] affect the approach you’ve taken as professors, as a department? It may not necessarily be an intentional thought but how do you resonate with it?

GOODWIN: I could mention earlier some of what I really value about Andrews, to me it’s a privilege to be at an institution where seeking knowledge is important. We try to deal with current knowl- edge, even if it’s challenging knowledge we try to deal with it honestly and openly, being in an environment where I can be completely open and active about my faith, that’s just a joy.

STEEN: Yes, it has. And we can thank our students for their role in that doubling. When Jim How ard and I arrived in 1986 we started a departmental newsletter. We were sure that alumni would benefit knowing departmen- tal happenings and we wanted a vehicle to solicit their support in prayers, in recruiting, and in keeping our program strong. In that first newsletter we let alumni know they could make donations to help support the department. A couple thousand dollars trickled in that first year. But more important, the prayer support and word of mouth story telling became intentional.

Twenty-five years later the tradition con- tinues; and alumni giving to the department scholarship and endowment fund is well over $50,000 annually. Some alumni have also targeted specific departmental renovation or improvement projects with their financial gifts. Others give suggestions to improve our program or infrastructure. So in a variety of ways alumni have become a crucial component in our departmental success. We simply could not do what we do without them on our team.

FOCUS: The alumni care and you want them to have an ongoing connection to the University.

GOODWIN: No, I would second that. Clearly, modern biology is so strongly informed by molecular biology. I believe we could strength- en and enhance what we do there, and we’re bringing in some really good people who will contribute in this area. Also, thinking of ways that we can contribute to the world church. I think we have a variety of opportunities.

FOCUS: How do you view the role of a scientist teaching at an Adventist university?

GOODWIN: I think you could use the analogy of a cross-cultural missionary. But in one sense it’s a two-way missionary because you’re representing science—a foreign culture for most church members and many stu- dents—properly to the community of faith, and yet you’re representing the community of faith to the scientific community, which is often very skeptical of the faith community. To do that well can sometimes be a little awkward, but it’s an interesting and rewarding journey. You’re helping students understand sci- ence well, you want to be a good ambassador for science, but you also want to be a good ambassador for faith and help them see the importance of their faith commitments. We’ve got alumni leading all over the place. Most of the new biology faculty we are getting now are coming back to their alma mater.

FOCUS: It speaks highly to the University and the department that they’re interested in returning. What opportunities are there for change and refocus in the department at this time of transition?
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science is that it is so grounded in nature, and both are revelations of God. Teaching science in an Adventist university lets you use the full arsenal of tools (nature and revelation) to teach about God.

FOCUS: What particular and positive opportunities do you see at the intersection of faith and science?

GOODWIN: In the Adventist community, and even in the scientific community, when you speak of faith and science in the same sentence there’s a tendency to automatically assume you’re going to engage in a conflict, a debate. There’s no doubt that for conservative Christians, like our own community, there are areas of tension, that’s part of our experience. But I think there’s an opportunity to also help students realize this is a conversation—I’ve used the analogy of honest friendship. Gary Burdick, dean of research, wrote an insightful article in the July 2001 Ministry magazine that addresses this topic.1

Friends sometimes disagree with each other but that disagreement can actually be a positive thing if it’s approached in an effective way. There are many ways science and faith can be viewed in a positive light. I believe we have an opportunity to reflect on that more with our students so they don’t get trapped in an incorrect model where science and faith are inherently adversaries.

For example, the very foundations of science are rooted in some basic assumptions about nature. Nature has character, that, as far as Genesis goes, humans have a capacity to make sense of and understand. Those foundational assumptions can actually be thought of as theological assumptions rooted in a Christian perspective. I think if students begin to realize this it helps situate the conflict in a bigger picture. I believe we do so in a community that supports their faith.

FOCUS: How do you help students address topics where tensions persist?

GOODWIN: I was helped in this by Ben Crittenden at the California Research Institute, “Scripture first, nature second, and then attempt to bring them together,” he says. Keep the integrity of both, look for the common thread, but don’t force it. The most important thing is that process is humility and gentleness, acknowledging what we do know and what we don’t know, and have a willingness to be upfront with that. None of us quite have this all figured out. When we engage topics we need to do so with courtesy. Do I do that perfectly? No. And I think it’s important to acknowledge that we have room to grow, it’s a vision. For me that’s a priority.

STEN: At times, I’m troubled by the way I observe Christians interacting about areas of tension. It seems so complex. I wonder if either side fully understands the issues. I wonder if the more important question is, “How do I treat my brother?”

Could it be that how we treat our neighbor is more important than what we think about some of these issues?

FOCUS: Please speak to the Theistic Evolution (TE) theory and options for explaining how life began.

GOODWIN: The basic notion of theistic evolution is that God is Creator, but He used the natural process of evolution to bring about the unfolding creation. While this is a very popular view in the broader community of Christian scholars, I believe it is a problematic view within the context of Adventist faith. One issue in the area of theology, the question of pain and suffering in the world. Adventists understand this to result from the fall, whereas theistic evolution has this whole long history of pain and suffering before there are humans who fall.

Another issue that arises is how to tell the story of Redemption in the context of theistic evolution. How does Salvation work? While thoughtful people have attempted to engage those questions, I haven’t been satisfied with the answers. With those kinds of big questions left insufficiently answered, in my assessment, it would be unwise for Adventists to simply say, “This is our model.”

FOCUS: You’re dealing with impressionable minds that are forming their own beliefs systems so it’s critical, I think, for them to understand that, how you live out your faith with full integrity. But to me that’s what it’s about, how you live out your faith with full integrity. But to me that’s what it’s about, an insidious form of idolatry. On many of the important big questions there are two options. There are some of these issues where we need the dynamic.

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T he Jordan Field School—an Andrews-led experiential learning collaboration in Jordan aimed at presenting the cultural heritage of the archaeological site of Tall Hisban—has had a productive summer! Not only have they made great strides toward making the site more accessible and visitor-friendly, but the archaeologists have also arrived at a new theory about the significance of the large Iron Age reservoir that has been a long-standing puzzle for the excavators. The anthropological approach to studying the past in Jordan pioneered by Øystein LaBianca, professor of anthropology and founding director of the field school, also was the subject of a two-page editorial in the July/August 2012 issue of Biblical Archaeology Review.

The summer’s main goal was to improve the way the site’s summit is presented to visitors. To assist with the work of turning Tall Hisban into a tourist-friendly archaeological park, LaBianca invited an expert facilitator for Beikmann and his team.

Beikmann’s landscape design team also developed a proposal for a welcoming area near the entrance to Tall Hisban. The proposal includes an expansion to the current greenhouse, an installation of a traditional water cistern and an interpretive garden of herbs and socioecologic plants that have been part of the local landscape since ancient times. An amphitheater made from displaced ancient stones will allow a local resident to explain about water harvesting, food production and the uses of various plants by local households in the recent past and today. Throughout the fall semester Beikmann will continue to work with his students on finalizing plans for this welcoming area. The team hopes to be able to return to Hisban next summer to implement this plan.

One of the greatest challenges to presenting the story of Tall Hisban during Old Testament times is how to account for the enormous Iron Age II water reservoir right below the summit. Although no excavation during that season was undertaken in the reservoir area, LaBianca, Beikmann, Jeffrey Hudon, field supervisor for the project and Terje Stordalen, professor from the University of Oslo, Norway, spent a great deal of time inspecting the exposed bedrock and dimensions of the structure. Based on his earlier excavations at a similar site in Israel, Hudon had raised the possibility that the large reservoir might have been part of a royal palace garden of some sort. This suggestion made good sense to LaBianca, and also to Beikmann, who for several years has been doing research for his classes about landscape designs and royal gardens during Old Testament times. The palace garden hypothesis gained further traction with the arrival of Stordalen, author of Echoes of Eden, an extensive comparative study of gardens and garden symbolism in the ancient world. These researchers agree that this new theory about the Iron II reservoir is the most plausible interpretation for the 10th/9th century reservoir in Hisban.

Added support for this interpretation comes from the geographic and historic importance of Tall Hisban’s summit when viewed over the long term. At 885 meters above sea level, Hisban is one of the highest peaks along the chain of mountains that lines the two sides of the Jordan River where it empties into the Dead Sea. With its high elevation comes a stunning panoramic view of the surrounding lands. Over the centuries and millennia, the symbolism of occupying the summit of Hisban through impressive building projects has not been lost on those who would dominate the lands east of the Jordan. Thus, while the quest for Sihon, the Amorite King of Heshbon, is no longer what is animating archaeological research at the site, this past season the 40-some biblical references to Sihon, the mighty king of Heshbon, and to the Israelite victory over this king, have gained new significance as a prototype for understanding and interpreting the long-term history of this summit. The significance of the Sihon story is that it foreshadows these millennia of projection of power and prestige by would-be rulers animated by the possibilities for regional domination and control through building impressive structures on the summit of Tall Hisban.

This new understanding of the importance of the Tall Hisban summit as a favored location for power-hungry rulers is what LaBianca takes to be the most important “find” of the 2012 season of fieldwork. This coming school year the Field School plans to return in greater depth and present in an article the archaeological evidence for a succession of projects on the summit of Hisban that fit the prototype of Sihon. They will also consider the implications of their new discoveries on the deep time story of Hisban as a window on global history and for the presentation of Hisban as a tourism site.

The Field School plans to return to Tall Hisban next spring, beginning May 17 and ending June 10. Volunteers are welcome to apply to participate by visiting www.madabaplains.org/hisban. The fee of $2,000 covers all in-Jordan expenses. Weekly rates are also available.

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Schedule of Events

HOMECOMING 2012

Thursday, September 27

1:30–5 p.m.
Alumni House
Even if you register online, take advantage of the cozy atmosphere to sit and page through yearbooks and enjoy refreshments as you visit with classmates. Sabbath meal tickets will also be available for purchase.

4 p.m.
Rubber Cutting and Open House
Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, Bell Hall, Room 114
Come see the ready expansions and expanded facilities for the Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology. Meet the faculty & students and network with area healthcare providers. Open House will follow ribbon-cutting.

6 p.m.
Spirit of Philosophy Homecoming Dinner
Campus Center, Hoosier Room
Tickets: $25. All alumni are encouraged to attend this special Homecoming event. We will recognize faithful friends of the University and Honored Alumni 2012. Members of the class of 1982 will also be inducted into the Golden Hearts Society. RSVP required.

8 p.m.
Multimedia Presentation: Jordan Field School Progress
Buller Hall, Newbold Auditorium
Photograph by Sarah Lee (BT ’02) and Nick Jones (BFA ’02)

Friday, September 28

8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Registration
Alumni House

1:30–5 p.m.
Committee Brunch
Bolger House, Dining Services
Guest speaker: Marcus Kiclyk (BS ’91, MS ’93, PhD ’05), chair, Department of Mathematics & Computer Sciences. RSVP required. For more than two hundred, brunch has been involved in international work with academic institutions, governmental and healthcare fields in a number of countries.

9 a.m.
Shortgun start
(8 a.m.)
Wes Christiansen
Golf Section
Buller Golf Club
South Bend, Ind.
$60 AU students. RSVP required: alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

10 a.m.
Campus Cloth Tour
Bike will be on the Alumni House of 1904 a.m.
Take a trip down memory lane, while being introduced to several new developments on campus.

12:30–2:30 p.m.
Alumni Reception to Honor Retirements of Bill Chobotar, John J. Andrews, Dennis Woodland and David Stein
Buller Hall, Mary Hall
RSVP required: alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

1:30 p.m.
Academic Appreciation for Biology Faculty Retirements
Buller Hall, Newbold Auditorium
Audience to attend the time of appreciation and blessing from Andrews’ administration and the Department of Biology for Bill Chobotar, John J. Andrews, Dennis Woodland and David Stein. Submit your tributes, memories and best wishes to alumni.andrews.edu/biology.

2–5 p.m.
Academic Tribute Presentations
Buller Hall, Newbold Auditorium
Four former students of our honored biology professors will make presentations.

3 p.m.
Benecke Ring II
Science Complex, Chemistry Auditorium, 107/Hazen Hall
The short video, Benecke Ring II, will be shown. A specially made chimeographed and acted by a group of chemistry students in 1977.

5 p.m.
Homecoming Parade
(Lineup for entries at 4:30 p.m. in the SAC parking lot)
Campus Circle
There will be bleachers and commemorative items available.

6:30 p.m.
International Flag Raising Ceremony
Flag Mall
The short video, Benzene Ring ii, will be shown. A comedy skit choreographed and acted by a group of biology professors will make professional appearances.

7:30 p.m.
Pioneer Memorial Church
Speaker: David Franklin (MDiv 01), co-host of Let’s Pray! on the Hope Channel and assistant pastor of the Iowa City First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Baltimore, Md.

Sabbath, September 29

9 a.m.
Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church
Speaker: Jon Beegle (BA’03), associate chaplain, Andrews University

10:30 a.m.
Sabbath School
Pioneer Memorial Church

11:30 a.m.
Church at Worship
Pioneer Memorial Church
Speaker: Joes Harnett (BA’01), associate chaplain, Andrews University

11:45 a.m.
New Life Fellowship, hosting the BSFC Reception
Pioneer Performing Arts Center
Guest speaker: Kent and Carol Cady (B’78, this new BSFC chaplain). Bring your plans and ideas.

12:30–1:30 p.m.
Alumni Luncheon
Campus Center, Dining Services
Hosted by your reunion leaders. Sit by classes for an all-inclusive cost of $14 per person.

Private Buffet—Cost—$15 Class of 1962, $10 Class of 1972, $5 Class of 1982

1:30 p.m.
Dinner at Nutrition & Wellness International Cuisine
Marsh Hall, third floor
A special luncheon including vegetarian dishes from various cultures around the world.

3–5 p.m.
Museum and Open Houses (subject to change)
- Architecture Resource Center, Architecture Building
- Art & Design College, South Hall
- Center for Adventist Research, Andrews Bible College Center
- Department of Biology, Science Complex, Priee Hall. Bring your family and friends to visit the department, BST with retired faculty and meet the new faculty members. The Natural History Museum and Greenhouse will also be open.
- Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology, the mall, Studio 114
- Institute of Archaeology and Skegved H. Horn Museum, 3047 U.S. 27
- James White Library Celebrates 75 years. Tours every 15 minutes.
- Natural History Museum and Science Complex, 1002 Price Hall
- Ruth Mangaak Elementary School

12:30 p.m.
Committee Luncheon
Campus Center, Dining Services
Complimentary programming for alumni.

1 p.m.
Eagan Auditorium, Bell Hall
Schools: Alumni and friends to share your memories and best wishes to alumni.

5 p.m.
Alumni Homecoming Gala
Howard Performing Arts Center
Featuring University Singers, University Symphony, UMS and University Wind Symphony.

5 p.m.
Alumni, Students, Basketball Game
Johnson Gymnasium

Sunday, September 30

8 a.m.
Agrology Breakfast
Smith Hall, Room 714

8 a.m.
School of Education Alumni Breakfast
Bell Hall, Room 180
Hosted by the Department of Graduate Psychology & Counseling. Come see the new changes in the School of Education.

8 a.m. to 13 p.m.
Aviation Breakfast and Fly-In
Andrews University Airport
Alumni $10 (age 10 and under $3)
Food served until 11 a.m.
Enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast, then learn more about aviation as you tour the Airport. Check out our fleet of planes; and, visit the Flight Simulation Center.

9 a.m.
5K Run/Walk & 10K Run
“Where to the Stars Dwell”
Johnson Gymnasium
Registration fee: $15 or free for Andrews University students.
Registration pick-up: from 7:30–9:15 a.m.
Registration fee: $15 or free for Andrews University students.

10 a.m.
Bus tour of U.S. 31
Depart from Alumni House and escort us. So sign up early, invite all your friends to join you.

2 p.m.
Howard Awards Ceremony
Howard Performing Arts Center
Featuring University Singers, University Symphony, UMS and University Wind Symphony.

4–5 p.m.
Class Reunion Photos
Cedar Lake Acres

4–9 p.m.
Wellness International Cuisine
Marsh Hall, third floor
A potluck luncheon including vegetarian dishes from various cultures around the world.

9:45–11:30 a.m.
Fitness Expo
Johnson Gymnasium
Please allow an hour for participation.

1 p.m.
Adults: $7 (age 10 and under $3) 5K run/Walk & 10K run
Andrews University Airpark
Learn more about aviation as you tour the Airport. Check out our fleet of planes; and, visit the Flight Simulation Center.

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3:30–7:30 p.m.
Harvest Tours
Alumni Homecoming Backyard
Tours depart every half hour.

6 p.m.
Harvest Picnic
Alumni Homecoming Backyard
Complimentary supper served in the big tent, menu by Jared Climb.

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Honor Alumni 2012
Max Taylor (BA '50)
Tommy Thott (BS '91)

Find your family recognition:

The Worley Family:
Alicia Worley de Palacios (BS '97, MAT '04)
husband, Juan de Palacios, MA (95)
Celia Worley Dawson (BS '94)
Clayton Worley Sproul (BA '92, MDiv '98)
Dertshia Worley (BA '92, MA '90)
Donna Worley (PhD '95)
Richard Worley (MA '92, EdD '93)
**Alumni news**

**September**

12 **Alabama Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Phuket, Four Angel Room
475 Providence Main St. #102
Huntsville, Ala.

13 **North Carolina Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Asiana Grand Buffet, Fortune Room
1968 Hendersonville Rd
Hendersonville, N.C.

14 **California Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Compdados Rio Grille
505 Lincoln Avenue, Napo, Calif.

23 **Florida Regional Event**
January
Set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
A Caribbean cruise, a mission trip, and a spiritual retreat, all wrapped up in one meaningful adventure! For more information visit www.cye.org/cwm/.

27 **California Regional Event**
11 a.m.
Sam & Harry’s Newport Beach Marriott
900 Newport Center Dr
Newport Beach, Calif.

28 **California Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Asiana Grand Buffet, Fortune Room
1968 Hendersonville Rd
Hendersonville, N.C.

29 **Florida Regional Event**
The Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant
2311 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, Calif.

30 **Florida Regional Event**
1911 13th St, Tampa, Fla.
The Spaghetti Warehouse Restaurant

**October**

7 **Massachusetts Regional Event**
11 a.m.
Old Mill
69 State Rd E, Westminster, Mass.

8 **New York Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Nic’s Pizza
1814 2nd Ave, New York, N.Y.

9 **Maryland Regional Event**
6 p.m.
Blair Mansion Restaurant
7711 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring, Md.

11 **New York Regional Event**
November
6 p.m.
Highland Manor
604 East Main St, Apopka, Fla.

23 **California Regional Event**
6 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
275 5th Ave, San Diego, Calif.
We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those attending the ONE Project.

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9–16 **Cruise with a Mission**
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10 **Chicago Regional Event**
Rizzo’s Restaurant
40 N Tower Rd, Oakbrook, Ill.
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**Regional events**

**Alumni Association Board Meeting**
Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Members of the 2012–2014 Alumni Association Board of Directors posed for a photo on the grounds of the newly acquired Lake Union Conference property before their July 2012 board meeting.

**Back row, L–R:** Norma Greenidge (BS ’92, MA ’93), Andriy Khakhovyy (BBA ’90, MBA ’96), executive director, Patricia Spangler (BS ’91), executive director; Patricia Spangler (BS ’91), exec. off.; Scott Schaltz (BBA ’92, MBA ’93). 

**Front row, L–R:** Rachael Unutoa-Silafau (BSW ’06, MBA ’09), executive assistant director, Tami Condon (BBA ’09, MBA ’11), executive assistant director, Bruce Wrenn (BS ’80, MA ’92, PhD ’00), ex-officio, Scott Radivojevic (BS ’96, MSPT ’96), president Not pictured: Bruce Whren (current faculty), Alex Markovich (BS ’96, MSPT ’97)

**We’d love to include you!**

Typically, the Andrews University Alumni Association partners with the company Harris Connect to publish a print alumni directory approximately every five years. You will receive a postcard or email from them shortly, requesting a call to update your alumni information. New features in the upcoming directory include photos and essays submitted by alumni.

We appreciate your participation to make this publication as complete as possible and thank you in advance for responding to this request. Harris Connect will offer you the opportunity to order a personal copy of the directory, but you are under no obligation to purchase one.

Thank you again for your participation!

**Lend-a-Hand Move-in**
Sunday, August 19, 2012

Mimi Wethers-Bruce (right) and Norma Greenidge pitched in to help new students move their belongings into the residence halls.

**Tennessee Regional Event**
Monday, August 6, 2012

Local alumni, as well as those who attended the NAD Teacher’s Convention in Nashville, Tenn., were treated to a regional event at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Monday afternoon, August 6.

**American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) national meetings.**

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**Attn.**

Would you be interested in serving as a local host for an alumni gathering? Or maybe you’d be willing to sponsor an event in your area? How about serving on our Alumni Board of Directors? Connecting with students as a mentor? We’d love to hear from you! Email alumni@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3591.

For more information visit www.andrews.edu/alumni/ or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4:30 p.m.
Conference Room, Briggs Hall
Andrews University

27–30 **Alumni Homecoming Weekend**


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1960s
Joy Dutton (BA '67) lives in Scottsbluff, Nebr., and recently published a book through TEACH Services, Inc., titled Peace in Prison. Involved in prison ministry since 1980, Dutton wrote the book in hopes of sharing the love of God with those behind bars. Dutton is retired after teaching music for 60 years.

Leo S. Ranzolin Sr. (MA '60, MDiv '62) recently served as interim pastor of the Fort Myers Church in Fort Myers, Fla., for six months prior to retirement. He served as pastor of the First church in his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked in electronics most of his life, including employment with Heath Company, and teaching high school electronics in Fairfield, Ky., for over 10 years. He was founder and president of Good News Television, and he and his wife were very instrumental in starting broadcasting out of Berrien Springs, Kalamazoo, and Grand Rapids, Mich. Fred was also a Ham radio operator.

Survivors include his children, Debra Murphy and Edward Herford of Berrien Springs; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; sister, Judy Spada of Arlington, Texas; and two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Boynton of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Betty Odell of Loveland, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther (unt.), on whom he married on June 1, 1947; sister, Mabel Hile, and brother, Jasper "Jay" Herford.

John A. Kroncke (MA '73, DMin '74) passed away August 3, 2012, at the age of 84 from a massive stroke. Kroncke served as the pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich., from 1966-1982 and was a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 60 years.

Born April 30, 1928, in Jersey City, N.J., to John and Lydia Kroncke, John graduated from Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, Md., with a degree in theology. In college he was actively involved in sports and became the college's tennis and ping-pong champion and as lead scorer for the basketball league.

On Sept. 10, 1950, he married Margaret (Peggy) Wright (MA '76, former staff), his college girlfriend and a teacher at Mt. Ararat Academy, now Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md. His first pastoral assignment covered the churches of Lewistown, Lock Haven and Huntingdon, Pa. In 1952, their first son, Arthur J. Kroncke (BA '78, MA '76), was born and the family moved to Juanita Memorial Park, the local cemetery, where they rented the second floor of the cemetery owners’ home. They later moved to Scanton, Pa., where their second son John was born in 1957. After two years in Scanton, Kroncke received the opportunity to pastor a church in Harriburg, Pa., where the family remained for three years until Kroncke was offered a vice president job as senior pastor of a large church in South Bend, Mich. The church was just 25 miles from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, so during his five years there Kroncke earned his master’s degree from the seminary.

In 1966, Kroncke accepted the commission as pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University and moved into a house on Timberland Drive which would become home for more than 20 years. During that time he earned a master’s degree in guidance and counseling from Andrews University and graduated with the first class of the Doctor of Ministry program. His wife Peggy became the director of the community relations and then assistant vice president of Student Affairs at Andrews University.

Kroncke served as pastor of the Pioneer Memorial Church from 1966 to 1982 and also taught church administration at the Seminary. During his years of service, PMC had three every-member campaigns, organized student church services in Lassen Hall Chapel, and built Ruth Munich Elementary School.

After leaving PMC, Kroncke served as a pastor for small churches in Benton Harbor and Eau Claire, Mich., before retiring in 1990. He pastored at the Congregational Church in Three Oaks, Mich., for a few years, dividing his time between Three Oaks and his home in Florida, where he lived near his oldest son.

In 1994 a stroke forced Kroncke to finally retire from preaching and the couple moved permanently to Florida where they lived for nine years before moving to Las Vegas, Nev., and finally Temecula, Calif. Kroncke is survived by his wife Peggy, his sons, Arthur and John, and his grandson, Johnathan.

Marian Clementine Holder (BA '89, his wife), passed away after a brief illness on July 25, 2012, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was born April 20, 1935, in the beautiful country of British Guiana, the youngest of 10 children. She earned an associate’s degree in secretarial science and was employed as an administrative assistant for Bookers Sugar Estates Limited for almost 20 years. She married and was blessed with two children, Denise Fiona and Bernard Wesley.

In 1975 Marian moved to Ottawa, Canada, to train as a business writer. She was employed as a secretary for Loeb Trucking, Manulife Insurance, and eventually the Canada Federal Environmental Health Project. During this time of her employment she handled 26 publications, many dealing with the cause and effects of radiation in the workplace.

During a 1977 visit to Berrien Springs to attend her niece’s graduation from Andrews University she was convicted that she should bring her children to live at Andrews. She returned to Canada with the commitment to follow his instruction. In September 1980, Marian lost her 7-year-old son, Bernard, in a car accident.

Marian and Denise moved to Berrien Springs in 1986. She worked in various offices on campus and later received training as a nursing assistant in hospitals around Berrien County. During this time she found her niche—serving others in the community.

She was an active member of Pioneer Memorial Church, where she lovingly led the Homebound Ministry for nearly 10 years. She followed her calling and was generous of hearts of people who could not get to church, to sing them, pray with them, and read to them from God’s word. Through the years, she also served as a greeter, deaconess and elder.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Denise (BA '90, MA '92) and Jeffrey Wright (BA '89, grandchildren, India and Caleb Wright; her sister, Dorothy Singh; and seven nieces and nephews. Marian was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and four sisters, and her son, Bernard.

Sibyl Partain Richards (BA '45), passed to her home June 11, 2012. She was born April 26, 1923.

She graduated from Broadview Academy and from Emmanuel Missionary College with a business degree, including teaching certification. She was a teacher at Battle Creek Academy and dean of girls at Wisconsin Academy. In later years, Sibyl was
In 1957, Avery spent several months on the site they hoped was ancient Hesbon. He was then called Oshawa Missionary College (now Canadian University College). The Dicks retired and moved to Loveland, Ohio. She is remembered for her work ethos, wisdom, generosity and kindness. Avery attended Enterprise Academy in Kansas, during the Depression years and he worked his way through school by setting types in the print shop. From there he went to Union College in Lincoln, Neb., again working in the print shop. Avery was attracted to Arline McTaggart, because she had a twin a girl and they had similar values and dreams. It took Avery five years to get through college because of finances, but he earned a BS in 1938 and married Arline in June of that year.

After college Avery accepted a call to the Wyoming Mission as an intern and moved from place to place helping with evangelistic meetings. Around 1940 he accepted a call to pastor in the western slope district of Colorado. About this time the family moved to Missouri where he pastored a large district of small churches. In 1947 the Dick family went to China as missionaries. After evacuating twice from the Communist army, they moved to beautiful Baguio in the Philippines where Avery pioneered the work in the Mountain Province region of Luzon, establishing schools, a clinic and a number of churches. The family returned to the United States in 1952, and Avery took a district of churches in North Dakota.

Avery had always wanted to further his education, so in 1956 he asked for a leave of absence from the mission field. When that request wasn’t granted, he resigned and moved to Takoma Park, Md., where the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary was located. In 1958 he earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree in Old Testament studies. In 1957, Avery spent several months on a hands-on tour of the Middle East with Siegfried Horn, taking hundreds of pictures. In 1959, Avery had an accident that left him in a drowning accident. He then returned to the Philippines as a pastor in Quito, Manta and Ambato, Ecuador for more than eight years.

In December 1958, Daniel married his wife and their three children to Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Mich. He graduated in May 1963 with a BS in theology. He also attended the Seminary.

Wanderleben pastorad churches in Gary, Hammond, Valparaiso, Logansport, Rochester, Plymouth, Seymour, Scottsburg, Madison, South Bend, Angola, Kendallville, Wolcottville and Glendale in the Indiana Conference from 1963–1985. He officially served the Adventist church for more than 35 years.

After retirement, the Wanderlebens moved to Cleveland, Tenn., where he was a member of the Collegedale Spanish church and instrumental in building the current facility. He then became a member of the Bowman Hills Church and served in various lay capacities, including active involvement with the Bowman Hills School.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nelia, son Elton, daughter Nancy (Bruce) Lockartz, Daughter Joyce (Fred) Salver, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Elsie Landon Buck

Buck (BA ‘43, MMus ‘64), 89, of Berrien Springs, passed away on August 21, 2012, at Woodland Terrace, Niles, Mich., due to declining health. Her greatest loves were her family and friends, classical music and Andrews University. It was a volunteer work that enabled her to combine one or more of these interests.

A memorial service was held at Pinnefer Memorial Church, Berrien Springs, on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. Online messages may be left for her family at www.allredfuneralhome.com.

Elsie—an accomplished pianist, teacher, and leader in education—made a significant difference in all that she did. Her enthusiasm, vision, and persistence inspired and benefited many.

She was born in Brazil on Oct. 12, 1922. Elsie began taking piano lessons from her mother at age six. Teachers that followed included noted Brazilian composers and orchestra conductors Francisco Mignone, Camargo Guarnieri, and Frutuoso Vianna. Elsie completed a BA at Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, in 1943.

Elsie returned to Andrews with Edwin in the 1960s and was awarded an MMus in 1964. Following graduate school, she worked as an elementary music teacher in the St. Joseph Public Schools for 20 years, until her retirement in 1984.

Elsie held an array of committee positions over several decades. She served as a member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees for 15 years. She was chair of the committee for the restoration of the Sutherland House and chair of the AU Inaugural Committee in 1984. She also served as AU Alumni President from 1977–1979. In recognition of these accomplishments, Elsie was chosen as Andrews University Alumnus of the Year in 1997 and awarded an honorary doctorate from Andrews in 1998.

During her presidency of the Berrien Commission on Beautification and Development, Berrien Springs received a National Clean Up America Award. She was presented to Elsie in Washington, D.C., in 1971. Other honors include membership in the National Guild of Pian Teachers Hall of Fame for her service to its Bible lands music committee. She was also a fellow of the Michigan Music Educators National Conference for her “Contributions to School Music Programs” in 1988; and recognition for her music achievements and contributions from the Michigan Music Teachers Association in 1990. She participated in the Monday Musical Club in St. Joseph, Mich., in various capacities for many years.

A charter member of the International Adventist Musicians Association, Buck served as its president for 17 years. During that time she worked tirelessly on behalf of the association, promoting it at gatherings of musicians and non-musicians alike. Elsie’s concern about all things musical as they relate to the church was evident in the more than 40 “President’s Messages” she penned in IAMA’s magazine, Notes, and in the articles she contributed. She and Edwin also funded the operation of IAMA when normal sources of income were not adequate.

A solo pianist performer in a variety of settings for many years, Elsie also presented numerous duo-piano recitals in the 1970s and 80s with Blythe Owen, noted Seventh-day Adventist pianist. In addition, she and her husband had already created an album of solo piano pieces.

Elsie traveled extensively, beginning during her early years in Brazil. She, Edwin and their family lived in India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan. On their way to India they stopped at several ports of call in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. On their return they drove through Afghanistan, Pakistan, and into much of West and most of Europe. Elsie and Edwin went around the world twice, seeing many additional countries in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America.

Elsie held an album of her beloved husband of 69 years, Edwin F. Buck Jr.; son and daughter-in-law Linda and Edwin Buck (BA ’67) of Gwinn, Mich.; daughters and sons-in-law Patricia and Frank Dominguez of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Elizabeth (set) and Dave Zumbrennen of Seneca, S.C.; granddaughters Kathryn Dominguez Bermudez and her husband Ryan Bermudez of San Carlos, Calif., and Meredith Buck of Gwinn, Mich.; grandsons David Buck and his wife Mary of Minnetonka, Minn. and Buck and his wife Hannah Lenzo of Madison, Wisc., and Charles Dominguez of Redwood City, Calif.; and great-grandson, Gavin Bermudez of San Carlos, Calif.; her sisters, Elizabeth Landon Salse (BA ’49) of Chicago, Ill.; plus nieces, nephews and their children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Edwin F. and Elsie L. Buck Endowed Scholarship Fund at Andrews University, c/o Mary Neil Rosenboom, Office of Development, Griggs Hall, 8903 U.S. Hwy 31, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-0660. Online donations may be made at www.andrews.edu/go/give.
Following the New Student and Parent Convocation and Matriculation Ceremony on Monday, August 20, 2012, David Nowack, grand marshal, guides the procession of new students to the Undergraduate Learning Center bridge where they received their own personal copy of the Andrews Study Bible from a dean or administrator.