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How do you end up liking a guy who, when evaluating the first issue under your editorship, uses the phrase “better keep your day job?” (see “Letters” Spring 2002).

I’ve asked myself that more than a couple of times over the last three years as our correspondence and ensuing friendship evolved.

Then again, how can some part of you not enjoy an old codger taking the time to fully undress your editorial efforts with sarcasm, wit and tongue-in-cheek earnestness?

Of course, this was not just any old codger, this was former network news anchor Bill Shadel, one of Edward “Murrow’s Boys.”

And as we wrote back and forth, it became clear that this former reporter, who’d covered the Truman White House, was a World War II correspondent, and moderated the third of the historic Kennedy-Nixon debates, was not just a walking museum of TV news and journalism history, he was a livewire—a thoughtful, funny, and amazingly youthful 96-year-old.

Who else but Bill could have told me about David Brinkley’s love of “high stakes cards and the race track,” that Nixon chewed him out in a profanity-laced tirade after the debate, that old friend and colleague Walter Cronkite regrets not throwing off his “most trusted” moniker to offer views on the country’s “preemptive strike” policy in the war on terror?

During the last three years, our email conversations wandered from historic moments (Bill covered John Glenn’s flight, Kennedy’s inauguration, and was the first correspondent into the Buchenwald concentration camp) to more personal observations and reminiscences: his dearly loved wife of 54 years, the dying off of friends and family, and the political dynamics that swirl around an Adventist college.

(As a first year student at EMC in the late 1920s, Bill, who’d been playing professionally in a number of jazz bands, was expelled for dancing at a local party. When confronted about his behavior by the dean, Bill retorted, “Oh yeah, I love to dance. They tell me I’m pretty good at it, and I don’t want to lose it.”)

Among Bill’s more frequent observations were misgivings about the state of our nation in the current war. On such topics, he rarely held his acerbic tongue: “With the war idiots deploying, and dangerously, choosing to make war in the wrong place at the wrong time and breaking the bank, I deeply regret the direction that coterie of Cheney, Rummy, Wolfowitz have persuaded our weak-minded Chief to take.”

Bill died on January 29, 2005, at the age of 96. Knowing that he won’t be reading any longer is a real loss.

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This special issue of Focus, celebrating the 40-year history and legacy of the magazine, is dedicated to Bill Shadel, Andrews University’s most renowned alum in the field of journalism.
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Political fallout

The Fall 2004 issue arrived several hours ago. Congratulations, it is your best effort yet!

To have Andrews join the real world and engage real issues is most refreshing and most assuring. I recall the 1936 election, which was a landside for FDR. The EMC vote was 6 for FDR and 294 for Landon: seems that you have a better mix today.

Hugging a motherless 15-year-old on a whistle stop in Ohio proves nothing but Bush was in Ohio and had good ears. It demonstrates no leadership ability, particularly when the thousands of motherless children go un-hugged and un-cared for by a compassionless administration. Dennis Woodland has it right. Our way of life cannot be destroyed by terrorists unless we let them. President Bush is simply playing their game—hysterical, flounder, over-kill, overspending, infringement of due process ultimately leading to the destruction of our democracy and the bankrupting of our treasury. We must settle down to intelligent vigilance, get our monetary and fiscal houses in order, show less muscle and more brains and heart in world affairs. Bullying can’t get us acceptance either on earth or in heaven.

Tom Zwemer (att.)

Liberal agenda

Being an Adventist who actively supports Religious Liberty I am concerned with the Liberal agenda that is taking hold in this country. I can name a number of things with the Liberal movement that are not in keeping with our U.S. Constitution.

The Liberals ridicule the concept of moral values, they believe in a more Socialistic system of government and they are anti-Christian. They love to morph the first amendment using the so-called separation of church and state principle, which is NOT written in the constitution. They then twist this separation principle so as to prohibit the FREE exercise of religion, which IS written in the constitution. Do students at Andrews consider these things?

The mock election held by the students in PLSC 104 caught my attention. I was surprised that the majority of a group of Adventist students who supposedly champion religious liberty would vote for the candidate of the party that promotes the Liberal agenda. Is this the time of the end or what?

Glenn Saunders (MA ’63)

Question of leadership

Professor Nowack stated that his vote for Bush is based on “integrity, genuine leadership, genuine compassion, and a genuine, positive vision for an America and a world at peace.” That is well said but I doubt if these qualities truly represent President Bush. Nowack based Bush’s “proven compassionate” character on the fact that he gave comfort to a little girl who lost her mother on 9/11. But who wouldn’t do that, including John Kerry?

Talk about being compassionate—what about those afterschool programs being eliminated? Where is the compassion for those unfortunate kids who won’t have tutors at school? What about the crucial moment for Bush to show his compassion for the law enforcement community by signing the gun ban, but deciding to leave it alone? What about education reform for those who are less fortunate? “No child left behind” has not turned out to be as successful as it was portrayed, even in Texas where the program originated.

Who would cut taxes during a war while the deficit is getting bigger than it’s ever been? Who is going to deal with such a huge deficit once Bush leaves office? Does that show that Bush is a visionary? Compassion is not only shown on the campaign trail in giving hugs, but also in the Oval Office where important, life-changing decisions are made.

Bush won the 2004 election not because of his leadership, his handling of the economy, or the war on terror, but because of “moral” issues like gay marriage and abortion. Individuals who are concerned about these two issues voted for Bush regardless of his other shortcomings.

Well, what’s done is done. We just have to keep on hoping for a better future. Better future with a huge, huge deficit—interesting.

Egzi-a-kulu Tamrat (BBA ’96)

Aussie rules

My years at Andrews were very meaningful and enjoyable, but the present American content of Focus is entirely irrelevant to me as a previous international student with an alien stamp on my passport.

My four years in the USA confronted me with the realization that every cul-
ture has its strengths and weaknesses, mine especially. I can remember some American friends saying to me during those years, “What is it about you Australians? You’re like a bunch of wild Irishmen having a brawl in a pub all the time.” So forgive me if this letter seems to be tainted with that characteristic.

The USA is an enigma to me. The strengths of your culture from my perspective in the late 70’s and early 80’s were your great generosity and your willingness to grant each individual the dignity of fulfilling his or her true potential. The weaknesses seemed to be a naive narcissism and something that felt like isolationism from the rest of the world. There was a deeply ingrained political spirit that permeated not just the government of your nation but all of life.

Great wealth, great privileges and a great spiritual heritage always bring great responsibility and the need for great sensitivity to the poor, the underprivileged and those with a different spiritual heritage. There is a very fine line between blessing the rest of the world with who you are and what you have on the one hand, and yet on the other, assuming the role of a self-appointed vigilante for the rest of the world as the reference point to all that is valid or not valid.

The anti-Bush article in Focus only said only half of what most people outside the USA feel at the moment because of what seems to be a rapidly developing scary manifestation of the latter, while the pro-Bush article was a classic example of simplistic sentimentalism without any content. The power of the fundamental religious right in U.S. politics at the moment is the closest thing to our traditional understanding of Revelation 13 that history has ever seen.

It seems to me that the same issues flow over into the way our church functions at the moment. The beginning of the Christian church in the book of Acts starts in Jerusalem, but in the second half of Acts it becomes evident that God had to move the centre of Christianity to the multicultural city of Antioch because the parochialism of Jerusalem and its inability to discern that the irrelevance of its cultural aspects of faith was stifling the spread of the Gospel to the rest of the world. The parallels with the church I love and serve as a pastor are frightening.

I attended Homecoming at Andrews this year and was staggered by the cultural time warp the Michigan Conference applied to the criteria of its recent appointment of ministers, viz wedding rings, drums in church, and vegetarianism.

It seems a tragedy that the country which God used to launch something so important in the world faces the danger of being left behind in what He is doing spiritually in the rest of the world at the moment.

Graeme Loftus
(MDiv ’79; DMin ’81)
A Legacy of Freedom—January 15–17

The annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Weekend was packed with a variety of events that aimed to demonstrate contemporary applications of King’s principles of peace as well as celebrating his work in the past.

Ainsworth Morris began the weekend with an oration of one of King’s sermons, “Unfulfilled Dreams,” on Saturday, January 15, at the New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church located in the Seminary Chapel. Later that evening there was a gospel choir festival held in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

Judge Judith Warren Hawkins (BA ’73) was the keynote speaker at the Martin Luther King Freedom Banquet, a formal event held at the All Nations Seventh-day Adventist Church. She also participated in a panel discussion entitled “How Do You Judge a Person?” on Monday afternoon. Hawkins has been a Judge in Leon County, Florida, since 1996, as well as an adjunct professor at Florida A&M University. She established her own law firm in 1987, and her work has focused on the areas of family and marital law and juvenile dependency and delinquency law. Hawkins has been the recipient of several awards and recognitions for her leadership in the Tallahassee and Leon County communities.

Sybil Jordan Hampton was the keynote speaker at a special convocation, “Remember! Celebrate! Act!” held on Monday, January 17, at Pioneer Memorial Church. Hampton is currently the president of the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation located in Little Rock, Ark. The foundation, named after a late governor of Arkansas, works to benefit communities in Arkansas, furthering education, economic development, and racial and social justice in the state of Arkansas through grants and funding. Hampton is a graduate of Columbia University, the University of Chicago, and Earlham College and has worked in education for over 35 years. Hampton’s presentation was titled “A Testament of Hope: Standing Amid the Surging Murmur of Life’s Restless Sea.” The convocation also featured music by RACE Voice Choir and the All God’s Children Choir.

Current student Kamille Hutchinson led a discussion following a video workshop entitled “Skin Deep.” The video examined the journey of a diverse group of college students as they awkwardly but candidly experience a racial awareness workshop.

The final presentation of the weekend was by Joe Kidder, associate professor of Christian ministry, who spoke on “Seeking Peace for Iraq.”
Phonathon nets nearly $100,000 in pledges

$100,000 in pledges for Andrews University. A group of dedicated Andrews University students spent three months contacting 6,376 Andrews alumni and patrons, who collectively pledged $96,941 to the university in the Annual Fund Phonathon. The bulk of the phonathon proceeds typically funds student scholarships, though some is set aside for student/faculty research and campus beautification. Thanks so much to all the generous alumni and friends for helping Andrews University continue its legacy of academic excellence in Christian education!

Tsunami relief efforts

With the continued need for aid in the tsunami-affected countries, students and faculty from Andrews University have been trying to help. Several departments have chosen creative ways to raise funds and awareness in the community. The chemistry department, under the leadership of Nicol Robinson, held a tsunami-relief concert on February 19, at the Howard Performing Arts Center. There were performances by Journey, violinist Carla Trynchuk, Jeff Clark, soprano Marguerite Brennen, Josef Kissinger, Stephen Adetumbi and Nicol Robinson. The money collected at the concert was donated to ADRA.

AUSA hosted a bachelor’s auction on Feb. 12 in the Johnson Gym. Ten of Andrews’ finest young men were auctioned off with the proceeds benefiting Reach International, a local organization involved with relief efforts. “We were nervous but knew it was for a good cause,” said Bjorn Karlman, senior French and international PR major, and one of the night’s participants.

The staff of AIM, Adventist Information Ministry, had the opportunity to join forces with the Office of Mission Awareness at the General Conference during a two-hour special broadcast, “Hope in Tragedy,” that appeared live on 3ABN and the Hope Channel on Feb. 11. Twenty-seven Andrews students and volunteers were busy answering phones and receiving donations during the telethon hosted by Mark Finley. The crew was happy to report that they had raised $84,000 by the end of the evening.

In addition, the freshman class has containers in different locations across campus to collect monies, and Pioneer Memorial Church is providing information on how to donate to many tsunami relief groups.

Health careers fair

Recruiters from hospitals, clinics, and other health-related organizations filled the Campus Center on Monday, January 31, 2005, at the Health Careers Job Fair. Students in the departments of clinical lab science, social work, nursing, nutrition, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology and audiology had the opportunity to meet potential future employers. The event was hosted by the Student Success Center.
Seminary hosts first annual scholarship fair

The seminary buzzed with stimulating academic discourse during its first annual Scholarship Fair, held February 3-4, 2005. Conceived “to foster a culture of excellence in scholarship and to advance the quest for truth,” the event assembled a cast of some of the most reputable scholars and theologians in the Adventist Church. The scholarly research and publications of professors and students were highlighted in a recognition assembly, plenary session, poster sessions, and breakout sessions. Additionally, attendees benefited from workshops and training events.

Well-deserved recognition

They can mean the difference between life and death when it comes to a class you are lost in. They spot mistakes, encourage and inspire. They are there for you. Tutors are awfully useful people to have around. Despite all their merits however, they very often go unnoticed.

Not at Andrews University. On January 10, 2005, nine student tutors were recognized at an awards ceremony that took place at the Student Success Center in Nethery Hall. The event was held to recognize their completion of the National Tutoring Association’s certification process. They were the first students to gain this certification at Andrews University.

They had worked hard. Each candidate completed at least 20 hours of tutoring, eight hours of instruction in technique and two hours of observation.

“I’d like to thank all of you…I had two tutors from this department and they helped me a lot,” said ‘tutee’ Robert Kerney, sophomore religion major, who spoke at the event. After being a plumber for several years, he decided to go to college and become a pastor. The support Robert received from his tutors helped him in areas in which he was struggling.

Robert represents just one of the many. “If it wasn’t for the support you provide, they wouldn’t get through…you can never underestimate the wonderful gift you’re giving,” said Karen Tilstra, advising coordinator/student success. “We can provide tutoring support for any class a student needs.”

“The best way to learn something is by teaching others,” said President Niels-Erik Andreasen just prior to presenting each candidate with their certificate, “…you are helping…you learn how people learn…it’s a wonderful thing to do,” he said.

The tutors that were recognized were Andrew Meyer, Basil Williams, Irma LaBorde, Isaac Oliver, Jeffrey Hafner, Mark Castillo, Mi Soon Lee, Rhonda Wheeler and Sarah Sourile.

At the Advisor’s Prayer Lunch on January 25, advisors had the opportunity to come together to eat, fellowship, and pray for their departments with campus spiritual leaders. Ron Whitehead, assistant to the president for spiritual life, gave a brief devotional every half hour and joined PMC pastors in praying with the advisors in small groups. The Student Success Center organized the event as part of their mission to provide a good support system for both students and faculty.

First group of student tutors to gain national certification.
Howard Happenings

The Howard Performing Arts Center kicked off 2005 with a string of popular events that featured a variety of local and visiting artists.

One of the most high-profile performances came from the Tokyo String Quartet, who played to a packed house on January 26 for the third installment of The Howard Concert Series. The Tokyo String Quartet has captivated audiences and critics alike since its inception at the Julliard School of Music in 1969.

Regarded as one of the premier chamber ensembles in the world, the quartet is comprised of violist Kazuhide Isomura, a founding member of the group; second violinist Kikuei Ikeda; cellist Clive Greensmith, the former principal cellist of London’s Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; and first violinist Martin Beaverand.

Several of the more than 30 major-label recordings released by the quartet have received top international honors, including seven Grammy nominations. The Mosaic Concert Series also hosted a pair of up-and-coming Contemporary Christian singer-songwriters on January 21, pianist Jon McLaughlin and guitarist Dave Barnes.

Performances by visiting artists were interspersed with concerts from some of Andrews University’s top musical talent. A group of Andrews chemistry students played their part in the international disaster relief efforts by organizing a Tsunami Relief Benefit Concert in response to the tragedy that devastated Southeast Asia on December 26, 2004. Held on February 19, the concert featured vocal and instrumental performances by Andrews students and faculty. The program ranged from classical cello to gospel choir to traditional African dance, and raised nearly $1200 for disaster relief.

Other noteworthy performances include a concert by the Andrews University Wind Symphony on February 26 and a performance by the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra on February 12 featuring works by Tchaikovsky and Bartok, as well as a Mozart piano concerto performed with pianist Marcelo Caceres.

Howard Series 2005-06

Bobby McFerrin, solo vocal
Thursday, June 20, 2005

Canadian Brass
Saturday, October 22, 2005

Christopher O’Riley, piano
Saturday, November 19, 2005

Kyoko Takazawa, violin
Saturday, January 21, 2006

Chanticleer, men’s chorus
Saturday, March 4, 2006

David Shifrin, clarinet
Sunday, April 9, 2006

Look for more details on this exciting series in the next issue of Focus.

Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturday, March 25 & 26, 8 pm
Easter Choral Concerts

Saturday, April 2, 8 pm
AU Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Concert

Sunday, April 3, 4 pm
Christian Arts Chorale Concert
Adults $10, Children $5

Saturday, April 9, 8 pm
AU Wind Symphony Spring Concert
General Admission—$5, Students & Seniors—$3, Children under 12—free

Sunday, April 10, 4 pm
Second Sunday Concert Series
Carla Trynchuk, violin, and Peter Cooper, piano

Saturday, Apr 23, 8 pm
AU Symphony Orchestra
WAUS Thank You Concert

Tuesday, April 26, 7 pm
St. Joseph High School Orchestra with South Haven Choir
Vivaldi’s Gloria

More info: www.howard.andrews.edu
**Arts Festival ’05**

On February 22-26, 2005, Andrews University hosted the 11th Annual Creative Arts Festival. A variety of events on campus gave students, faculty, and community members the opportunity to stretch their creative muscles and experience the arts through workshops, concerts, gallery exhibits and drama.

A series of arts and craft demonstrations at the James White Library ranged from “Creative Scrapbooking” to “The Art of Crochet.” On Wednesday evening, Scott Moncrieff, professor of English and bass player for the local jazz ensemble, *Cardinal Number*, joined with Jean Prosper in demonstrating jazz techniques during a workshop at the Howard.

Student and faculty poets shared their work at “Snow, Moonlight, & Poetry,” an evening of original poetry, music, and light refreshments sponsored by the English honor society, Nu Sigma. To close off the week, people filled the Howard Center on Saturday evening to see the Queen Beats, a female drum and step corps, and watch “No, Really, Whose Line Is It Anyway?” an improvisation show based on the television comedy, “Whose Line Is It Anyway?”

**Bringing hope to Honduras**

Last December, a group of Andrews students captured the true spirit of the Christmas season, giving the gift of their time, resources, and, above all, compassion on a mission trip to Central America. Foregoing the commercial fanfare that typifies the holiday season for many Westerners, 16 Andrews University and Andrews Academy students spent part of Christmas vacation at the Hogar de Ninos, an orphanage in Santa Barbara, Honduras. During the ten-day trip, the group distributed new shoes, clothing, toys, and food to the children, and provided books to start a small library.

Additionally, the students held a Flag Camp, leading over 100 children from the orphanage and nearby village in activities like painting, music, and sports. On Sabbath, the mission crew led out in the church service, after which Glenn Russell, professor of religion, performed seven baptisms. While the books, clothing, and other materials filled a definite need at the Hogar, the greatest gifts the Andrews students offered—and also received in abundance—were their hugs, smiles, and love. As one student observed, “The fact that these children are so loving and sweet, even though they don’t get serious individual attention like we do, is a serious representation of the capabilities of God’s love, and a humbling reminder that I have a lot to be thankful for.”

**Hot chocolate anyone?**

Hot chocolate anyone? On a cold January afternoon, AUSA senators and administrators took time out of their busy schedules to hand out hot chocolate to chilly passersby. A perfect way to warm up on a snowy, Michigan day!
WOULD YOU like to make a positive, lasting impact? At the department of Planned Giving and Trust Services at Andrews University, we assist with estate and gift planning. More importantly, we provide opportunities to support the mission of Andrews University, where your generosity helps educate students for service. Together, we can ensure that future generations seek knowledge, affirm faith and change the world.

Learn more by calling (269) 471-3613 or writing trust@andrews.edu
Laun Reinholtz retires

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whitehead to coordinate campus spiritual life

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

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

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

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

A key aspect of support will come from the spiritual-life committee. His goal is for this committee to be a ‘one stop shop’ where ministry leaders can come to get the required help or permission necessary to perform their ministry. Whitehead plans to increase student representation on the committee to an equal level with that of faculty/staff representation.

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

In short, Whitehead’s vision is to “make it easy for every student to be a part of or lead out in a ministry.”
Golden Acorn Awards winners

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

Desmond Murray, professor of chemistry, received the 2004 Youth Leadership and Volunteerism Award for his indelible contributions to youth and community development in Benton Harbor, Mich. In addition, William and Patricia Mutch, chair of the chemistry department and vice president for academic administration, respectively, were honored as members of the Race Relations Council of Southwest Michigan.

New recruiters join Enrollment Management

Two new recruiters—Maria Long and Elia King—joined the staff of Enrollment Management as of January 2005. Maria Long, church enrollment coordinator, is a graduate of Southwestern Adventist University, where she received a degree in elementary education. While a student at Southwestern, she worked for the school as a recruiter for five years. In her new position, Maria will focus on the non-academy youth in churches in the Lake Union. She will organize a variety of youth retreats and programs throughout the year, getting the opportunity to minister to young people as well as share information about Andrews.

Elia King, public school recruiter, is a recent graduate of the religion department here at Andrews University. While an AU student, Elia has been active in leading out in worship in local churches as well as on campus. A musician, Elia has his own independent music ministry, writing songs, playing the guitar, and singing. Elia will target Adventist youth in public high schools and junior colleges within a 50-mile radius of Andrews. One of his goals is to give Andrews more of a presence among area high school students, as well as working with departments on campus, promoting the academic side of Andrews.

Morrow and Bielas retire from Plant Service

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

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

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

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

Robert Morrow also joined the Plant Services staff in 1992 as an HVAC technician. Morrow, a Benton Harbor, Mich. native, worked in the area of heating and air conditioning for over 20 years before joining the Andrews staff.

“He was such an asset to us,” says Walter Bowen, HVAC/Power Plant foreman. “We wish he’d come back.”
Condon named director of alumni services

What do Mohammed Ali and the inventor of kitty litter have in common? Both have previously employed Tami Condon, Andrews’ newly appointed Alumni Director, as an interior design consultant. It would be fair to say that, since graduating from Andrews in 1991 with a BS in interior design, Condon has worn many “hats,” working variously in design, management, marketing, and development. In the process, she’s honed the rare ability to connect with people that makes her such a valuable asset to Alumni Services.

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

As alumni director, Condon’s invaluable connecting abilities will merely shift their focus from future students to former students. “I’d like to look for creative ways to communicate and keep our alumni connected,” she explains. “I’m anxious to hear what their hopes and dreams and expectations are because I’m here to serve them—that’s my job.” In her first month, Condon has already begun devising new ways to achieve this sense of community within the Andrews family. She plans to initiate a mentoring program in which established alumni can work with graduating seniors as they transition into the workforce, providing career advice and even posting job opportunities on the website, which Condon also plans to update.

Condon looks forward to the challenge of keeping 28,000 worldwide Andrews alumni connected to each other. “Andrews has always been a passion of mine, and I just think this is the greatest honor,” Condon states. “I have a passion for people, for making a difference, and this is a great way to make a difference.”

Professor pioneers research on alloys

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

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

Gamma-TiAl alloys are being looked at as a potential replacement for current alloys used in the automotive and aeronautics fields due to their light weight, strength, and ability to withstand high temperatures. However, they have not yet been put into use due to their low level of toughness, which is associated with the ability to resist cracks. Through his study of gamma-TiAl alloys, which is sponsored by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Ng has discovered a way to predict the propagation of cracks. This breakthrough leads to a greater understanding of gamma-TiAl alloys and opens the door for other researchers to now find ways to stop/prevent cracks from forming. The use of gamma-TiAl alloys will decrease the weight of aircraft significantly, enabling them to fly faster and reach greater heights. The understanding of the formation of cracks will also lead to the creation of a safer machine.

Ng’s work has resulted in more than a dozen publications in technical journals such as Metallurgical and Materials Transactions, Ultramicroscopy, Intermetallics, and Materials Science and Engineering. Before joining the AU faculty in 2002, Ng worked as an intern for General Motors in their research and development center.
The inaugural issue of Focus rolled off the presses in early 1965 with a front-page message from then-President Richard Hammill considering the question, “What is a University?” In his column, Hammill posits that the only way to answer such an “abstract” question is “to deal with specific examples.”

Like Hammill, today we might ask, what is a university magazine? In the pages that follow, we’ve tried to answer that question with specifics: clippings, headlines, and photos from the past 40 years. Taken together, the artifacts included in this anniversary edition of Focus may embody answers to both questions.
DONALD LEE, 1965–1966

As the first editor of Focus, Donald Lee ushered in an ambitious era, where readers enjoyed news and features about Andrews University on a bimonthly basis. Lee, who served as director of public relations at Andrews for several years prior to becoming editor of Focus, was the first individual to hold down both positions (a feat that was matched by many succeeding editors). Lee took a leave of absence (which eventually became permanent) from public relations and Focus, when he went to work on doctoral studies at Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn.
Horace J. Shaw became editor of Focus following a 17-year teaching career in both the speech and religion departments at Andrews. Shaw’s official title, “director of public relations and development and executive secretary of the AU Alumni Association,” suggests that he was a busy man, taking on the equivalent of one part-time and three full-time positions by today’s standards. Remembered as “Uncle Horace” because of his uncanny resemblance to American icon Uncle Sam, Shaw would guide the magazine into the early 1970s.
FOURTY YEARS, COVER TO COVER

Since 1965, long-time Focus readers have glimpsed over 180 covers—photos and illustrations that help to communicate the essence of an issue. Focus covers represent a rich artistic tradition—dazzling photography, original painting, textured drawing, contemporary collages and, more recently, eye-popping digital imaging.

From my experience, the decisions that determine an issue’s cover can be simultaneously trying and triumphant, painful and pleasing, critical and creative. Some covers come easily, some are obvious and others take special inspiration. And, naturally, some fall flat.

Perhaps you’ve missed out on one or two Focus covers over the years? Fret no more; we’ve literally got you “covered!” This centerfold compilation of all the covers in the magazine’s history captures the changing times, tastes and technologies that Focus has lived through. Enjoy! ID
Opal Hoover Young arrived at EMC in 1920 and immediately joined the Student Movement staff to begin her long career of writing for her school and alma mater. She returned to EMC from 1935 to 1939 as English teacher and faculty sponsor of the Student Movement. Later, her alumni news page in the SM blossomed into a full-blown alumni magazine. Hoover Young established the longest-running editorial tenure in FOCUS history, serving as managing editor from 1966 to 1971, and as editor from 1971 until 1977. In her farewell editorial, Hoover Young noted: “FOCUS began as a four-page journal. I leave it in its 11th year a forty-four page journal.” She believed that a good editor would look forward to exciting developments. “The prow of the boat where one faces the spray from the future is always the most exciting position,” she noted. “One should leave it only occasionally for a look at the furrow at the stern to note from whence we came.” Of her own editorship, Hoover Young said, “Other hands will take up where I leave off, but none will administer the work with more love and dedication....”
CHRIS ROBINSON, 1977–1982

Chris Robinson edited *Focus* from 1977 until 1982. Robinson’s editorship was marked by an engagement in the academic, theological and social issues of the time period. Robinson was also the first editor to gauge reader interests with a comprehensive questionnaire. Among the survey’s conclusions he chronicled in his first issue, Robinson noted that readers “apparently would like to see more emphasis on personalities and alumni news” and that such topics as “religion,” “medicine and health,” “industries and student work opportunities,” “physical fitness,” and “occupational training” were of particular interest to readers. In an article celebrating the first 15 years of Focus (Fall issue 1979), Robinson comments on the expanding content of the magazine: “We have tried to draw a still wider circle to encompass the many facets of campus life—including events and topics of concern to alumni, parents, friends and students.”
ANDREA STEELE, 1983–1985

After serving as an assistant editor of the Lake Union Herald for six years, Andrea Steele came to Andrews as both director of public relations and editor of Focus. Steele's editorial policy aimed for widespread university coverage. “I wanted to try to include something in every issue for all the various areas of the university—students, faculty, staff, alumni,” says Steele. “I saw the university as a whole, with all these parts contributing to the success of students, the making of memories, the creating of history for Andrews.” Steele is especially grateful to her full-time colleagues at public relations, Rebecca May, Mark Driskill, and Ron Knott, who contributed so much and “were so supportive with Focus.” Since leaving Andrews in 1985, Steele has worked for Adventist World Radio in Guam, Germany and England. She is currently employed at Avondale College in Australia, where she serves as “director of first impressions” for the college.
A teaching and freelance writing background prepared Jane Thayer for her work as editor of Focus and director of public relations beginning in 1985. As editor, Thayer sought to highlight excellence at Andrews. “We tried to showcase programs, research, and faculty, students and alumni who were outstanding in one way or another,” says Thayer. “We wanted to say that Andrews is a place of quality.” Thayer remembers with appreciation all the wonderful writers who wrote for Focus while she was editor. “We had many, many alumni who did articles and short pieces for us. Faculty and staff also wrote for us.” Thayer singles out a number of those writers by name, including Randy Fishell, Madeline Johnston, Ronald Knott, William Knott, Scott Moncrieff, Lynn Sauls, Gina Wahlen, and Kit Watts. Since completing her doctorate in 1996 at Trinity International University, Thayer has served as an assistant professor of religious education and as director of the Religious Education program in the SDA Theological Seminary.
Karen Spruill became editor of Focus 19 years after having been a student worker in the public relations office during Opal Hoover Young’s editorial tenure. It was a legacy Karen was proud to inherit. In the 30th anniversary issue (Winter 1994-95), Spruill described her own editorial bent: “FOCUS is about people—the faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of Andrews University.” She is “proud of all the really interesting people that we discovered, and presented to FOCUS readers.” Spruill says that she “tried to create a magazine that was a creative showcase for many worthwhile lives—enticing to look at, and highly readable.” Since leaving Andrews with a master’s in community counseling, Spruill has worked as a counselor, consultant and coauthor (A Survivor’s Guide to Breast Cancer, New Harbinger, 2000). She is currently a consultant in communications and marketing for three companies in Florida, where she also resides.
DOUGLAS JONES, 1995–2000

An English professor at Andrews from 1980 until becoming director of university relations in 1996, Doug Jones brought an artistic eye and literary sensibility to the university magazine. Recalling his tenure, however, Jones is especially “proud of the news coverage” under his editorship. He says, “I think we were able to tell our readers a lot about what makes Andrews tick. My colleagues Jack Stenger and Monise Hamilton in their capacities of news editors provided a thoughtful and accurate record of Andrews news and issues. Our teamwork—and Patricia Spangler’s incredible help—that went into each issue will always make me glad that I had the chance to edit Focus.” Beyond capturing and reporting university news, Jones believed Focus could “inspire and entertain.” “I wanted EMC/AU alumni to think fondly of their days on campus and be proud of their school,” says Jones, who is a professor in the department of teaching and learning in the School of Education.
FOCUS THROUGH THE DECADES 2000s

New seminary, new deans

Two years ago, John McVay joined the Andrews faculty as a professor of New Testament and the associate dean of the seminary. His work has been instrumental in shaping the future of the institution.

A Nation Divided?
Polarizing Political Ideology and America's Citizenship
By Gary Land

Health Sciences booming at Andrews

The Andrews Health Sciences program has seen significant growth in recent years, with new facilities and programs attracting students from around the globe.

Center for Youth Evangelism turns 25

Established in 1985, the Center for Youth Evangelism has been a key player in youth ministry for over 25 years, providing resources and training to thousands of young people.

Enrollment and retention rates up

The leaves are beginning to change color and fall from the trees, and the air is tinged with a cool crispness that only means one thing: autumn has arrived. With the arrival of fall comes the excitement of a new academic year and the hope of rising enrollment and retention rates for all students.
While preparing this special issue, I enjoyed leafing through past issues of Focus, corresponding with past editors, and reflecting on the legacy of Focus and the work of those who came before me. Like previous editors, I am extremely grateful to have worked with excellent staff writers like Katie Shaw and Beverly Stout; talented student writers like Marjorie Frakes, and Lynette Struntz; and an amazing designer, Matt Hamel. Most of all, I've benefited from the tireless and committed work of Pat Spangler, my assistant editor, who has been a generous mentor, colleague and friend. Recently, I shared the following editorial goals with my colleagues in university advancement: Focus must cultivate a nostalgia for our readership’s unifying history—the shared experiences of being students, of growing intellectually and spiritually while at Andrews. The magazine should remind readers of the best of what they experienced here, and assure them that these experiences continue. Thanks for reading! ID
First annual alumni vs school hockey game

Over 300 people attended the first Alumni vs. AU Cardinals hockey game in South Bend, Ind., on February 26, 2005. Students, alumni and friends met at the Ice Box Arena, where the game began with the Cardinals offense scoring 4 quick goals against the Alumni team. Although the Alumni gave it their all, the young Cardinals prevailed, 7 to 2.

Following the game, everyone had an opportunity to lace up their skates and take to the ice. Cookies and hot chocolate warmed the skaters and onlookers alike, and everyone enjoyed great fellowship. The event was cosponsored by Alumni Services, Social Recreation and AUSA. Look for this to become an annual event.

California alumni gatherings

On Sabbath, Feb. 5, over 60 alumni gathered for a potluck in the Drayson Center at Loma Linda University. A team from Andrews presenting topics from campus included: DAN TILSTRA (MDiv ’82), who helped coordinate and introduce our team; PRESIDENT ANDREASEN (MA ’65, BD ’66), who shared campus news and answered questions; Peter Cooper, chair of the department of music, shared several piano pieces; Jack Stout, professor of biology, spoke of the impact scholarships have had on biology/medical research opportunities on campus; and DAVID FAEHNER (MA ’72) introduced TAM CONDON (BS ’91) as the new director for Alumni Services.

On Sabbath evening, Feb. 5, Andrews Alumni enjoyed a musical vespers program at the Palm Springs SDA Church. President Andreasen opened with a worship thought and Peter Cooper performed an incredible piano concert. BONNIE YOUNG (former staff) and FRANCES SCHLEICHER (BA ’54) organized a lovely supper, and alumni enjoyed mingling, leafing through yearbooks and watching a presentation on new things at AU.

Also in early February, an intimate gathering of young alumni brunched at Guadalaharry’s restaurant in San Bernardino. COREY KNOWLTON (BS ’93) and his wife, KIM (MEDINA) (BS ’88, MSPT ’89), were instru-

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Since opening in October 2003, the Howard Performing Arts Center has hosted quality music for our campus and local community.

Yet, a vital component of the Center is incomplete: The WAUS-FM studio. Fortunately, the Howards have graciously issued a Challenge Grant, pledging to match every gift that comes in before May 1, 2005, to a total of $308,700! To date we have raised $220,000.

Please join the many friends of Andrews who have already taken part in the Challenge Grant and double your donation (a reply envelope is included in this issue). For more information, contact Lisa Jardine, Office of Development, 269 471-3629 or jardine@andrews.edu.

Thank you!

Movement, and discussing ideas for alumni services and homecoming.

On Wednesday, Feb. 9, Napa Valley alums gathered for an evening meal at the Napa SDA Church. The highlight of the evening was a piano concert by Peter Cooper.

Finally, on Feb. 10, alumni convened at the Adventist Health facility in Roseville, Calif., for a catered meal that was graciously hosted by Paul (member of the board of trustees) and Shelly Stokstad. The group enjoyed the “Alumni Advantage” video produced by Dena King, coordinator of annual giving. Several alumni made special mention of Warren Becker and how they would like to honor and remember his contributions to Andrews.
Golden Hearts

Following his graduation at EMC, CORCORAN FREDERICK CLARKE (BA ’29) earned his MA and EdD at Michigan State University in 1936 and 1948, respectively. After completing school, Corcoran spent forty years in African education. His deceased wives, ESTHER BARNHURST (BA ’31) and HELEN MERRIAM (BA ’29), and two sons, WILTON EDWARD (BA ’65) and JOHN ELWOOD (BS ’68), all earned degrees at Emmanuel Missionary College. Clarke currently resides in Norco, Calif.

1950s

BETTY (SMITH) BENSON (BS ’57) met her husband Harold in the mid-forties at Emmanuel Missionary College when Harold was an engineer working on the new cafeteria building. Harold later helped engineer Walla Walla College’s church and various buildings for other campuses before settling into a thirty-year private enterprise at ACE in Sacramento, Calif. Betty and Harold have three grown sons and are currently enjoying retirement in Berrien Springs.

1960s

LEO S. RANZOLIN, Sr. (MA ’60, MDiv ’62) has recently retired with his wife to sunny Estero, Fl., after a 34-year career in ministry for the General Conference including positions as assistant youth director, youth director, assistant secretary, and, most recently, vice president from 1990-2003. Leo’s wife, Lucila, taught for thirty years at Sligo Elementary School in Takoma Park, Md.

D. DOUGLAS DEVNICH (MA ’64, EdD ’78) is a retired minister residing in Owen Sound, Ontario. He has served the church for over forty years. After working as an elementary and college teacher, pastor, department director, executive secretary, and administrative director of Florida Hospital’s department of pastoral care, Douglas was elected as president of the Canadian Union Conference. His daughter, CRYSTAL (DEVNICH) ROGERS (AS ’84, BS ’86) followed in her father’s footsteps at Andrews, earning both an associate’s and bachelor’s degrees, and is currently a homemaker living in Anchorage, Alaska.

PETER B. ROGERS (MA ’65) and his wife, Denise, reside in Umatilla, Fla. Ronald is a retired pastor, principal, and teacher. He has also held the positions of superintendent of education and youth director. He is currently administrator of the Florida Live Retirement Association. He and Denise have two children and four grandchildren.

1970s

RAYMOND J. (BA ’69, MA ’76) and SHARON ANN (BENDER) PLUMMER (BS ’70) currently reside in Urbana, Ill., where Raymond pastors for the Illinois Conference. The couple has raised three now-married daughters: DANA (BA ’99), Amy (current student), and Carrie.

RICHARD (DICK) CATHELL (MDiv ’73) and his wife Karlene live on Bellingham Bay, in Bellingham, Wash., where Dick works as a chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital. Dick was recently elected chair of the Commission on Advocacy for the Association of Professional Chaplains which also places him on the 15-member board of directors.

JAMES DAVID CHASE (MDiv ’72, DMin ’77) grew up in an era of moon walkings and other convention-defying feats that erased the word “impossible” from his vocabulary. As a child, James entered Cheerios coloring contests, confidently set out to break the world’s record for eating the most peanut-butter and jelly sandwiches in a row, and by fifth grade was shooting his own 8mm movie cartoons. So it’s no small wonder that as an adult, James chose to honor Arnold Palmer, a man who had unequivocally shared and inspired James’ own limitless attitude.

At a “somewhat-less-than-warp-speed” rate of eight words per hour, James began to craft a portraiture of the golf giant entirely out of miniscule, intricately-lettered words that, together, would trace the facial features and tell the story of Palmer, eyebrow by wrinkle. It took James 14 years to finish the amazingly detailed 22,719-word masterpiece he entitled “Gratitude.” It was unveiled at the Golf Hall of Fame on Nov. 14, 2004, and later “three-dimensionalized” after collaboration with DeCrevel Embossing & Stamping Dies and Imperial Diecutting. James’ hope is that his work will inspire a new generation by exposing them to the “generosity and kindness” of Palmer.

James, who taught at Andrews University from 1978-83, currently resides in Angwin, Calif.
KARLEEN M. EDWARDS (BS ’78) currently serves Hofstra University’s School of Education and Allied Human Services as assistant dean for advisement and teacher certification. She has recently been elected chair of the Advising Education Majors Commission of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). As chair, Karleen contributes not only to the association, but also to the profession of advising those seeking higher education. In addition, the New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education has chosen Karleen to be their accreditation reviewer of teacher education programs. She is married to CEBERT BARRY EDWARDS (BMus ’75, MMus ’77), who teaches music in the Eastern Suffolk schools in Long Island, N.Y. Karleen and Cebert have four adult children.

VICTOR CHANT (MA ’79) and his wife, Yvonne, live in Bedford, Nova Scotia, where he serves as Sandy Lake Academy’s principal and teacher.

1980s

LOUANN (BS ’80) and ROY CLARK (BET ’85) live in Wesley Chapel, Fl., where Louann works as a pediatric nurse practitioner and Roy is building-code administrator at the University of South Florida. Louann and Roy have two children. Their son, Nicholas, is a junior at Forest Lake Academy and their daughter, Rachel, is a fourth-grader. Both Louann and Roy are active church officers who enjoy running children’s programs.

RICHARD KUYKENDALL (MDiv ’80) pastors the First Congregational Church in Auburn, Calif. He is also director of ministry at the University of Creation Spirituality and has authored the following books: Prophetess of the Earth, Liturgies of the Earth, and As It Is: A Philosophy of Life for the 21st Century. He and his wife, Nancy, have two adult children, Andrew and Leah.

GETHSADA DAVIS (MA ’81) currently teaches at a public school in Toronto, Canada. She also holds the position of education secretary and acts as a liaison between the school and students’ parents.

RAYMOND FOODY (BA ’83) has been appointed to the new position of residential treatment facility clinical psychologist/clinical mentor by the Hillside Children’s Center (an affiliate of Hillside Family of Agencies, which serves Central and Western New York). Foody has been with HCC since 1993, and has held a number of positions relating to clinical psychology. In his new position, Foody will assume clinical supervisory responsibility for the six group-care clinicians at the RTF. He will also eventually supervise three transition coordinators.

GUENTHER F. LANTOW (MA ’84) works as a financial consultant in Hamburg, Germany.

BRIAN EDWARD STERLEY (MA ’84) resides near Cape Town, South Africa, and currently works as Cape Conference’s youth director. During the previous 14 years, he served as a pastor-evangelist. Brian praises the Lord for his full recuperation after a “horrific” car accident he survived in November of 2003. He has four children: Lynden, Andre, Jeremi, and Chene.

NWABUEZE H. A. ABGANYIM (BA ’84) works in management training and counseling in Lagos, Nigeria. He has been a very active member of his church, organizing leadership training, career workshops, marriage and family counseling, and music training for individuals and choirs. A lifelong student, Nwabueze has just completed his research project for an MA in educational administration. His wife, MARY OLUCHI (BA ’86), earned a MS in sociology from the University of Calabar in 1991. Tragically, she died in 2000 of complications following childbirth. Nwabueze has four children: Karl, Augusta, Kingley, and June.

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON TAYLOR (BS ’84) is an associate professor at the Loma Linda University School of Nursing. She was recently awarded a $175,000 grant from the John Templeton Foundation for a study titled, “What Should I Say?: Educating Nurses to Provide Healing Responses to Patients’ Spiritual Concerns.” This two-year project will produce a workbook with a supplemental DVD that clinicians can easily complete to learn how to formulate helpful responses to clients’ expressions of spiritual suffering. Beth and her husband, LYNDON (att.) live in San Marino, Calif., with their daughters, Rilla Kathryn, and Elissa.

CHIMEZIE A. OMEONU (BA ’85) is the deputy vice chancellor at Babcock University, Ilishan, Nigeria. He has served in various capacities while at that institution: pioneer secretary.
Omeonu has taught at Babcock University for the past 18 years. His publications include: *Pathway to Peace*, *A Life to Live*, *Strength of Divine Grace*, *Marrying For a True Marriage*, *Introduction to Christian Philosophy of Education* (coauthor), and numerous journal articles. Omeonu is enjoying a research sabbatical at Andrews. On weekends, Omeonu presents Marital Enrichment and Family Life workshops in local area churches.

### 1990s

**Holly Chariss (Kerbs) (BA ’91)** Tarita has been working since September of 2003 at ADRA’s Austrian office, where her husband Doru (att.) is currently pasturing both the English- and Romanian-speaking churches in Vienna. Holly and Doru have three young children: Kevin, Amy, and Michaela.

**Dawn Franklin (BArch ’94)** was the project design leader for the Knapp Forest Elementary School located just outside Grand Rapids, Mich., which recently won the Shirley Cooper Award. The prize, which is given to the school design that “best meets the educational needs of its students” and “exemplifies outstanding design and educational purpose,” is the highest award bestowed by a combined architectural jury that includes the American Association of School Administrators, the American Institute of Architects, and the Council for Educational Facilities Planners International. Franklin is currently living in Atlanta, Ga.

### 2000s

Jason and **Myra (Nicks) Hnatiw** (BS ’00) were married in Lacombe, Alberta, on October 10, 2004. The couple now reside in Edmonton, Alberta, where Myra works in the web resources department of Alberta Motor Association Travel Services and Jason is assistant head golf professional at the Edmonton Country Club.

In December of 2003, **Shelly (Hagar)** (MA ’02) and **Kyle Kennedy** (BS ’02) were married in Tennessee, where they plan to reside until God calls them elsewhere. The couple hopes to serve in the mission field someday. In the meantime, Shelly works at Hospice of Chattanooga, and Kyle keeps busy as a mechanic at McKee Tysen Airport.

**Michael L. Murrill** (BBA ’02) married **Melissa (Hibbs)** in 2003. They currently live in Denver, Col., where Mike works at Porter Adventist Hospital.

Navy Seaman **Guerwin E. Weekes** (BS ’04) recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Weekes completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

**CLASS NOTES CORRECTION:**

H. LeVerne and Janita Croxton-Bissell served as overseas missionaries for 15 years. LeVerne chaired the education department at Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines from 1993-1996. Although he served as registrar at Union College, he did not chair the education department there. Further, LeVerne’s work as a statistical consultant has been for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (and other Church and non-church entities), and he is presently involved in a consulting project for the World Church headquarters. He does manage some rental properties, but does not serve as a consultant in that area. LeVerne’s wife, Juanita, served as seminary editor at AIIAS from 1994-1996, and their younger daughter’s name is Marcia.
**Weddings**

**Kristin Smith** (BA ‘99) and **Pete Rosa** (att.) were married October 31, 2004, in Evanston, Ill., and now reside in Rota, Spain.

**Jolie M High** (BA ‘90, MBA ‘95) and Jovan Bibulovic were married October 24, 2004, in Chicago, Ill., and now reside in Palatine, Ill.

**Connie Osborne** (BS ‘01) and Greg Bossert were married October 24, 2004, in Warren, Mich., and now reside in Eastpointe, Mich.

To **Ashley** (BS ‘93, MSPT ‘94) and **Arthur** (BA ‘96) Gibbs, a girl, Rachel Elizabeth, January 18, 2005.

To **Kyberley** (Ganey) (MAYM ‘02) and **Kenneth Parker** (MAYM ‘02), Hinsdale, Ill., a boy, Kenneth Isaac, December 8, 2004.

To **Melinda Brower** (MPT ‘02), Eaton, Ohio, a boy, Carson, October 21, 2004.

To **Rae Anne** (Falvo) (att.) and **Rick Marden** (BSMT ‘95), Peru, Maine, a girl, Anna Sofia, August 23, 2004.

To **Sharon Holness-Lucas** (BSMT ‘92) and Quincy Lucas, Slidell, La., a son, Quincy M. Lucas Jr., June 10, 2004.

**Connie L. (Baker)** (BSN ‘95) and Tod Barrow, White House, Tenn., a boy, Wesley, May 29, 2004.

**Julie Hill** (BA ‘91, MA ‘93) and John Frambach, Sawyer, Mich., a boy, John Austin, May 19, 2004.

To **Deborah (Smith)** (BA, BS ‘95) and **Samir Serrano** (BA, BS ‘94), Mount Bethel, Penn., a girl, Katelynne Rose, and a boy, Caleb Joshua, May 2, 2004.

To **Trisa S. (Crawford)** (BA ‘92, MA ‘94) and **Eric E High** (BS ‘93), Covington, Ky., a boy, Nathaniel Wayne, April 17, 2004.


Becker attended school in St. Maries, and following graduation from high school, rejected a scholarship to the Sherwood Music School. Instead, Becker attended Walla Walla College, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in music (piano) in 1945. He went on to complete both his master’s degree (1951) and his doctor of musical arts degree in organ performance and pedagogy (1963) at the Eastman School of Music.

Becker married Sophie Louise Andross on May 31, 1945. They adopted one child, Linda Louise, and had two sons, Steven Warren and Harold Andross.

Becker began his teaching career in 1945 at Pacific Union College, where he taught piano, organ, music theory, and was also the church organist. From 1956-1959, he chaired PUC’s music department.

Becker joined the Andrews University music department in 1959, beginning a tenure that would span 36 years. At Andrews, Becker taught organ, music theory, music literature and history, and church music. He would also direct the seminary chorus, and from 1986-1987, he chaired the music department.

Becker is perhaps best remembered as the long-time organist at Pioneer Memorial Church. **Kenneth Logan** (BMus ’80, MMus ’84), associate professor of music, recalls that Becker “was able not only to support the singing of the people, but also to lead that singing profoundly. He would stir the imagination” and was “legendary for occasionally gradually fading the organ out entirely, letting the sound of the singing people bloom in the room as if from a huge choir.”

In 1970, Becker earned the “Teacher of the Year” award, and in 1982, he was presented with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion. Becker also co-authored the five-volume series, *Music Literature Outlines*, an important music reference work.

In 1997, the Beckers retired to Northern California, where they were closer to their sons’ families. Becker is survived by his wife and two sons and their families: Stephen and Donna Becker of Yucaipa, Calif., and Harold and Gloria Becker of Rocklin, Calif. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Linda (Becker) Shelby.

Donations in memorial to Dr. Becker should be sent to the C. Warren Becker Organ Scholarship, c/o University Advancement, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

**Deaths**

**Virginia Marilyn (Serns) Olson** (BA ’49) died on Dec. 16, 2004. She was born May 19, 1928.

On July 10, 1950, Virginia married Roy Olson (DP ‘47). She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, and a faithful Christian who enjoyed holiday family gatherings, bird songs, Lake Michigan, and the Psalms.

She is survived by her husband Roy, children Suzanna (Olson) Fleming and Stephen Olson, and five grandchildren.

**Harry William Hannah** (BS ’37) died on June 6, 2004. He was born May 27, 1913,
in St. John’s, Nfld. After marrying Esther Elizabeth Ernest (att.) in 1935, Harry completed his medical degree at the College of Medical Evangelists in 1938.

In the 1960s, Harry joined the faculty at Loma Linda University, distinguishing himself as the first LLU doctor to perform a groundbreaking corneal transplant.

His wife Esther proceeded him in death. Survivors include Trudy, his second wife; daughter Barbara Atherton; son Ralph Hanna (att.); sister Bonnie Jean Hannah (BA ’42); four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.


He married Arlene Jean Madsen in 1948, served with the U.S. Navy Marine Corps during the Korean War, and later earned a master’s degree in biomedical education at Tulane University in 1968. From 1971 until 1994, Judson served as dean of academic affairs at Loma Linda University.

Survivors include three married children: Cherylin (Klooster) Peach, Lynett (Klooster) Tibbetts, and Terrill (Klooster) McClanahan; and two sisters, Marquelle (Klooster) Anderson and Heidi (Klooster) Stelian.

Winfield Hardy (BS ’52) died in Asheville, North Carolina, on Oct. 11, 2004.

While in the Navy during World War II, “Bill” married Louise Dobbyn.

Bill earned a medical degree from Loma Linda University in 1960, and practiced family medicine in North Carolina until the early 90s, when he chose to retire and care for his wife. After her death in 1997, Bill volunteered at the ABCCM Medical Ministry in Asheville, N.C., where he served until Parkinson’s disease forced his permanent retirement.

Bill is survived by two married children: Thomas Hardy and Candace (Hardy) Hubbard; three grandchildren, and his second wife, Vesta Chandle-Hardy.

William H. (Bill) Jenson (MA ’71) died Sept. 9, 2004, in Collegedale, Tenn. He was born in Rosson, Iowa on November 7, 1931.

In 1952, Bill married Clara Belle Adkins at Walla Walla College, where Bill graduated with a theology degree in 1955.


Gordon’s career included several teaching and business administration positions at Adventist schools, followed by administrative work in the medical field.

He is survived by his wife, Bette; three sons, Rob, Rick, and Ryan; a daughter, Rondi; and two grandsons.

Joyce Minnie (Hamilton) Rochat-Franz (BA ’62, MA ’64) died on August 5, 2004, in western North Carolina. She was born in Hanover, New Hampshire, on Sept. 25, 1920.

At Atlantic Union College, Joyce met Andre Rochat, a young French teacher. When Andre was invited to pastor the French-language Adventist church in Montreal, Canada, Joyce was more than willing to fulfill the one requirement—that Andre be a married pastor. The couple said their vows in Takoma Park, Md., on Nov. 9, 1943.

In 1950, the Rochats moved to Haiti to work with the Haitian Adventist Seminary, where Joyce wrote stories about life in Haiti that later became the books Dark Sunrise and Curse of the Voodoo Gods.

As Andre and Joyce’s children grew, they decided to return to the States. The family settled in Berrien Springs, where Joyce earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English. After Michigan State University granted Joyce her doctor of philosophy degree in English Literature in 1971, Joyce began teaching at Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Mich., while Andre taught French at Andrews University. Andrews soon invited Joyce to join their English department, where she quickly gained a reputation for being a rigorous writing teacher—well-loved and respected by her students. At Andrews, Joyce completed her third book, Survivor, about the life of Adventist archaeologist Siegfried Horn.

When Andre and Joyce retired, they hoped to spend winters in Avon Park, Fla., but Andre died of a sudden heart attack before they moved.

For Joyce, life consisted of summers in Berrien Springs and winters in Florida until she called to console an old friend, Clyde Franz, after the death of his wife. When Clyde’s monthly telephone bill jumped to $260, the two decided marriage was a better alternative to bankruptcy and were married on Aug. 3, 1997. The couple enjoyed traveling between warm Florida and their very own “Eden,” as Joyce called their gardens in western North Carolina.
Focus is commemorating 40 years? How sweet. Lots of good memories. And that ends the pleasantries. The CC is nothing if not a paragon for “keeping it real.” So let’s be honest. Much of the decline of standards in the last forty years lies at the feet of...Ernest Lehman. You don’t even know that name, do you? That’s how the decline operates—with subtlety, under the radar. Mr. Lehman wrote the screenplay for The Sound of Music, a movie to which the CC attributes pernicious consequences. How can such a sweet movie be so evil? Glad you asked. You see, when we saw The Sound of Music we (this is the collective, royal “we”) thought: “Hey, movies aren’t automatically evil. In fact, they can be pretty good. We can go to movies. We can watch people dancing. And...no lightning strikes. We might even learn more and have our lives enhanced.” The Sound of Music is to us what the apple was to Eve. It was an innocent-seeming enticement. “hills are alive”? For the naysayers, the CC would like to ask two questions: (1) What is the name of this university? And (2) What is the name of the lead actress in The Sound of Music? Mmmmmmm.

FROM THE FALL 1979 ISSUE: In the Fall Issue of 1979, the staff at Focus celebrated the magazine’s 15th anniversary. In a retrospective article, “After 15 Years: A Still Wider Circle,” Sandra Doran highlighted a few of the regular columns appearing during the early years of the magazine’s existence. Among these was the forerunner to “Class Notes,” which was perhaps more aptly entitled, “You Who Move or Marry.”

CAMPUS CRAZE
40-Year Anniversary Edition

Medicaid
Will it still be a great program if it bankrupts the country?

Gateway Arch
Is there any symbol in America that more clearly identifies a city? When all you AU alums visit it during the GC session, the CC dares you not to think of Focus while you’re up top. You won’t be able to resist.

Births
Well, it’s hard to say that a crop that includes Adam Sandler, Courtney Love and Brooke Shields was “stellar”…

Watts Riots
The CC never understands rioting.

Space Travel
A Russian was the first to walk in space. Space travel also gave us one of the best presidential lines of all-time. In 1986, following the Challenger disaster, Ronald Reagan ended his speech to the nation by saying: “We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, this morning, as they prepared for their journey and waved good-bye and ‘slipped the surly bonds of earth’ to ‘touch the face of God.’”

Vietnam War
Did we not learn any lessons?

Voting Rights Act
Democracy is healthier when all people are part of “We the People.”

Sandy Koufax
He refused to pitch on Yom Kippur during the 1965 World Series (during which he went on to win the Series MVP); how can the CC not love a devout sportsman?

Epcot Center
It’s like the AU International Food Fair...with higher prices.
**A FROWSY FALLACY**

Forty is over the hill.

There are no hills in Michigan.

Therefore, all Andrews graduates are youthful.

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**ANDREASEN “GOTHIC”**

President and Mrs. Andreasen found themselves “photo-shopped” into a legendary (and much parodied) painting—Grant Wood’s American Gothic—at the recent faculty/staff/board banquet, March 7, 2005.

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**FUN-DA-MENTAL FACTS**

**ERA?** Since 1965, only four men have held the office of President of Andrews University. During the same 40-year period, four women (among nine total) have edited Focus.

**INDEBTED** In 1965, Larry Jackson, a freshman biology major, received $20 for suggesting the name “Focus” in a contest to determine a title for the new alumni journal. According to inflationdata.com, Jackson’s $20 would be worth approximately $102.25 by today’s standards, or slightly more than enough to pay for 10 voluntary subscriptions to the magazine he named.

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**SPEAKING OF CASH..**

The Newmyer Classic is earning something of a reputation as a cash “cow” around campus. The basketball tournament, which pits undergraduate classes against each other in men’s and women’s divisions, offered multiple chances for students to win big money during the weeklong event. Not only did the tournament directors give lucky spectators over $600 during the championship night festivities on March 5, but five students (three of whom are shown above) won opportunities to shoot for additional cash, including a half-court shot worth $10,000 (which it turns out, would almost cover tuition, room and board for a semester at AU). Sadly, the $10,000 student-shooter failed to draw iron.
FOCUS AT 40

"I'VE JUST TURNED 40, I'M COMPLETELY SPINELESS, I ONLY GET OUT FOUR TIMES A YEAR, AND PEOPLE READ ME LIKE A BOOK. OBVIOUSLY I HAVE A LOT OF ISSUES..."