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Transitions

With the resignations of our president (who has since been reinstated) and two vice presidents submitted at the March 6 meeting of the Board of Trustees, it’s no secret that Andrews University is undergoing a sudden and major administrative change—as sudden, in fact, as can be imagined at an institution of higher learning.

In press releases distributed by University Relations, the Board has emphasized that no immoral or unethical conduct precipitated the resignations. It appears, simply, that the Board felt the time for new leadership had arrived—that there was an immediate opportunity to facilitate changes in both the short and long term goals of the university. The Board has suggested that these changes have to do with developing and enhancing the university’s academic programs, improving the financial management of the university, and perhaps trying some new and more aggressive ideas in both of these areas.

As Focus goes to press, the university is still processing these developments, and that processing will likely last some time. As a result, in this issue, you’ll find our coverage of these changes limited to a news story in Campus Update that provides an overview of the Board actions taken in March.

However, in the next issue, and as time and space allow, we will make every effort to examine this important transitional period and what the future holds for Andrews University as God continues to lead.

While there’s no easy segue way back to the features in this issue, we certainly trust that your prayers will join ours for all of those involved in the work of this school—its staff and students.

One of the articles in this issue showcases the newly discovered collection of letters and other artifacts of J. N. Andrews, our university’s namesake. Just last October, this amazing collection was donated to the university by Andrews’ great granddaughter, Jeanne Andrews. In our feature, we’ve reproduced a few of these letters for you to read for yourself—letters that reveal a personal side to Andrews during his career of service and mission for the church.

If you’re a “birder” (or know someone special who is), our other feature should have you flying high. English professor Scott Moncrieff takes a light-hearted look at AU birding and birders, highlighting the shared hobby of so many of us, from former dean of women, Mary Lamson, to current AU student, Cory Gregory. You’ll even have a chance to test your own “Birding IQ.” (Let’s just say, I’ll be sticking to the golf course).

And finally, we’ve also included an extended edition of Class Notes, highlighting the honored classes from Homecoming in October.

We hope you enjoy reading about your classmates and fellow alums.
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Birds & Birders at Andrews University
by Scott Moncrieff

Much more than a hobby among Adventists, the popular pursuit of bird watching, or “birding” in the parlance of enthusiasts, speaks directly to our appreciation of God’s “second book.” English Professor Scott Moncrieff, himself an amateur “birder,” focuses his binoculars on a few fascinating individuals, who along with countless others comprise a rich heritage of AU birders and birding.

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Newly discovered J.N. Andrews letters

Speaking of rich heritage, imagine discovering a significant collection of letters to and from our institution’s namesake, J.N. Andrews? It’s probably more than most researchers, historians and admirers of Andrews could have hoped for. But that’s just what was realized this past fall, thanks to a generous donation from Andrews’ great-great-granddaughter. Here, you’ll learn a little about the significance of the gift and how it transpired, and you’ll also be able to read a few of the more intriguing letters yourself.

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At Homecoming this past fall, the reunion classes of 1965, 1975, 1980, 1985 and 1995 were honored, and many of these honorees shared updated personal and professional information with us. For this issue, we’ve collected much of this information, thanks to the Alumni Office, and the result is a “supersized” edition of Class Notes.

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This portrait of J.N. Andrews is part of a new collection of photographs, letters and other artifacts donated to the university by Andrews’ great-granddaughter, Jeanne Andrews.
Three thoughts

It was with a considerable degree of interest that I read the recent issue of Focus. There were three things in particular that grabbed my attention.

Training for the Boardroom: Having graduated in 1967 from Michigan State University with an EdS in educational leadership, it would be my fondest hope that all the leaders in the Adventist Church would be required to have this type of training.

Home for Harvest 2005: The pictures of the various alumni were appreciated since I was in attendance as a member of the 50-year class.

Campus Craze: Since when are you branded automatically as a liberal because you use your intelligence to think rather than blindly swallow the verbiage emanating out of Washington? Wasn’t Jesus being liberal when he admonished, “sell all that thou hast and give to the poor”? What about honesty and truthfulness? If you should seriously question what you read and the evidence doesn’t support it why does this make you liberal?

We are entitled to differences of opinion and whether you are Republican, Democrat, Independent, Conservative or Liberal you should never lose the desire or ability to search for the truth. Loyalty to incompetents and violators of the law is not a virtue! The American public deserves better!

Gilbert Dunn (BA ’55)

Slikkers and service

Thanks for “Heeding the Call” in the Fall issue. I had Erica Slikkers as a student in grades 9–10 at Grand Rapids Adventist Academy. Is there a way to get her email address so I can personally thank her for her service?

John Carter (MA ’72)

Class noticed

Thanks a lot for the inspiring messages in your magazine, and the article concerning my autobiography in Class Notes. Your magazine is so inspiring. Thanks for the good work.

Robert Muzira (BA ’97)

Ogden tours

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Tour highlights include sightseeing in Johannesburg, three days of guided safari in Kruger National Park, a coach ride along the Garden Route, a trip to Featherbed Nature Reserve, a lagoon cruise and scenic train ride leaving out of Knysna, and five days in Somerset West with day trips to Helderberg College, Capetown, Franschoek, Paarl and Stellenbosch. Along the way, there will be numerous other cultural and historical stops, including visits to Swaziland, Zululand, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

The tour will cost approximately $4300 per person, to include international air fare from Atlanta, double/twin ensuite rooms, breakfast and dinner or lunch daily, luxury motor coach with English-speaking guide, all entrance fees, and all excursions listed in itinerary.

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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. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily shared by the editors, university employees, officers and administrators.

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Foliage Foil

Some on campus were curious about the Fall issue’s striking cover photo—was the beautiful autumn arrangement actually real? At least portions of it were. The grapes, fall leaves and viburnum (purple and green berries), however, were all composed of synthetic materials. But if you look closely, you’ll see some actual greenery on the underside of the lower viburnum sprig. The photo was taken at the New Alumni Gathering during Homecoming Weekend.
Following its third meeting in March, the Andrews University Board of Trustees released the following statement:

“In its March 30 meeting, the Board of trustees of Andrews University met and took two significant actions. First, the creation of the position of University Provost was voted, which is intended to function as the Chief Operations Officer of the University, focusing on day-to-day operations and execution of strategy. Second, the Board asked Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen to continue his service to the University as President, and he agreed. With the two actions of today, the Board believes that the revised administrative structure will assist in achieving the mission and financial goals of Andrews University and will permit the President more time to focus on the global role of Andrews University and its relationship to its external constituencies.”

Additionally, according to the University Board, “this revised administrative structure will be a critical contribution to the institution’s success in the future.”

The reinstatement of Andreasen follows a series of Board meetings and subsequent actions during the month.

March 9
While Andreasen’s resignation was to be “effective immediately,” a subsequent board meeting held on March 9, resulted in a change of the effective date to June 30, 2006, corresponding with the effective dates for Mutch’s and Wines’ resignations. (Although the subsequent Board decision of March 30 reinstated Andreasen as president of the university, the resignations of Mutch and Wines remain effective).

Niels-Erik Andreasen spoke to the campus on Friday, March 10

Wines’ tenure spans 21 years at the university as vice president for financial administration, and Mutch has served as vice president for academic administration for eight years.

At the time the resignations were tendered, Elder Gerald Karst, chair of the Board of Trustees and general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, released this statement regarding the administrators’ work at the institution. “The passion and commitment they have offered, especially during a time of financial challenges and change,” said Karst, “has provided the foundation needed for the future success and growth of Andrews University.”

The requested resignations followed a number of years of strategic discussions that began following significant financial losses for the University during the 2000–2001 and 2001–2002 fiscal years. While improvements had been
made, the board felt that the modest growth in revenue and student populations during these years did not match the scope or speed needed to equip the university for successful long-term operations and growth.

Additionally, the board made it emphatically clear that the resignations had not resulted from any moral, legal, ethical or doctrinal violations.

March 30
Following his reinstatement by the Board on March 30, Andreasen said, “It’s an honor to be able to continue to serve Andrews University at a time of transition and new directions. I’m pleased, in particular, to be part of a process that will help create a new Andrews for a new century—a process that will rely on the creativity, passion and strength of our teachers, staff, students and friends as we prepare to set forth towards a new and bold future.”

During the March 30 meeting, the Board approved the parameters for a search committee to identify candidates for the position of university provost to be recommended by the President to the Board.

Other board actions of March 30 included the following: approval of the 2006–2007 fiscal year budget and related employee benefits; employee appointments and transitions; review of a new board committee—The President’s Advisory Council for Institutional Development—to guide the current advancement campaign of the university; as well as a review of the actions and discussions of the subcommittees of the board.

Currently, the university is enjoying its third highest enrollment in history with more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students, and its international student population makes Andrews the sixth most internationally diverse national university.

APS increases for new 2006–2007 students

Andrews University has invested millions of dollars to help students achieve their dream of receiving a high-quality Christian education over the past four years through the Andrews Partnership Scholarship (APS) program. Beginning in the fall of 2006, Andrews is making those dreams even more affordable. With the new and improved APS, new students will now have the opportunity to receive up to $32,000 ($8,000 per year) in scholarship money, an increase of $1,000 to $2,000 a year over previous APS levels.

Previously, incoming freshmen have received between $4,000 and $24,000 ($1,000 to $6,000 per year) in scholarships, based on a combination of their GPA and ACT or SAT scores. Now, freshmen can expect to receive between $8,000 and $32,000 ($2,000 to $8,000 in APS scholarships each year). Transfer students, who previously could expect to receive between $1,500 and $4,000 annually, based on their transfer GPA, can look forward to receiving between $2,500 and $6,000 annually as they complete their undergraduate degree.

For example, a freshman with a 3.0 GPA and an 18 composite ACT score receives $16,000 ($4,000 per year); and a freshman with a 3.75 GPA and 28 composite ACT score receives $32,000 ($8,000 a year). A transfer student with a transfer GPA between 2.5 and 2.99 receives $2,500 per year; a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 gets them $4,000 per year, and a GPA over 3.5 guarantees them $6,000 a year.

“The Andrews Partnership Scholarship is an exciting and significant investment in our students as they make an investment in a Christian university education that will help them fulfill God’s calling for their lives,” said Stephen Payne, vice president of Enrollment Management. “As the program expands next year, it can bring significantly more money; in fact, it can mean as much as $8,000 to $32,000 over four years to help cover the cost of a degree.”

Students can log onto http://connect.andrews.edu/invest/aps and plug in their test scores and GPA into the APS calculator to find out exactly how much they can expect to receive.
Grand opening of new WAUS studios

When you tune in to your 24-hour Classical Connection for that Chopin prelude or NPR news brief, your favorite programming now originates from WAUS 90.7FM’s new studios located in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

To celebrate the move, all university and community members were invited to a grand opening and open house on Sunday, January 22, 2006. Highlighting the event was a festive program in the Howard Center performance hall that included speeches and presentations by station manager Sharon Dudgeon and university President Niels-Erik Andreasen; musical selections by the Andrews University Sinfonietta directed by Claudio Gonzalez; the Andrews University Wind Symphony with conductor Alan Mitchell and John E. N. Howard, who served as a special guest conductor; and solo vocal performances by graduate student Bradley Krueger, tenor. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception followed the well-attended concert program.

The studios’ relocation may not enhance the sound of that Vivaldi violin concerto you hear during your morning commute, but WAUS staff and generous contributors alike will certainly benefit. Of the move, WAUS manager Sharon Dudgeon says, “We’re so pleased about our new home in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Our new location,” Dudgeon continues, “allows us to be more accessible to the community while continuing to offer quality classical music in the Michiana listening area.”
Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis

Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis 2006, held January 23-28, proved to be a spiritually enriching event for everyone involved. Each day, a different student was responsible for presenting two inspiring messages—one during morning chapel and one for evening worship. When Spiritual Emphasis 2006 culminated in a special Sabbath worship service at Pioneer Memorial Church, five Andrews University students had shared their passion for Christ and dedication to refocusing the spiritual lens on campus.

Michelle Boothby kicked off the week with her chapel message, “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death,” followed by an evening vespers presentation entitled, “What is Truth?” Tuesday’s speaker was Naomi Best, whose two-part “Get Real” message inspired students to rethink spirituality. “We Must Be the Change We Wish to See,” with Liz Luna, constituted Wednesday’s message. On Thursday, Solomon McCullum gave students something to ponder with his messages: “We Don’t Know But the World Does” and “Choices.” Nestor Soriano covered Friday’s presentations with his talks entitled “I Will Not Deny You” and “Above the Clouds.” Finally, Campus Ministries’ assistant chaplain for outreach, Jean-Marcel Clouzet, offered the Sabbath message, “Jonah: Escaping an Inevitable God.”

Bible Knowledge Award (above)

At the Seminary’s annual Colloquy on January 31, Ray McAllister, a blind seminary doctoral student, received the Robert & Madeline Johnston Bible Memorization Award for memorizing and reciting 500 verses of the Bible in Hebrew in an hour and 20 minutes.

Bobby Harrison (left)

Bobby R. Harrison (BFA ’81), associate professor and director of art at Oakwood College in Alabama, presented “Obsessed with the Ivory-billed Woodpecker,” on Tuesday, March 7, in Price Hall.

Harrison recounted the story of the ivory-bill’s close encounter with extinction and traced the thrilling resurrection of this modern-day phoenix. See pp. 19–20 for the full story of Harrison’s discovery.
“A Legacy of Freedom” weekend

The life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was honored throughout the 5th annual “A Legacy of Freedom” celebration weekend, held January 13-17.

On Friday evening, the subject of inclusion and living beyond stereotypes about race was the theme of Fusion, a student-run devotional service in the Howard Performing Arts Center. On Saturday, a dramatic oration of one of Dr. King’s sermons was delivered by Seminary student Tamara Strickland in the New Life Church. Saturday evening’s Gospel Choir Festival included Benton Harbor-based recording artists Donald Sykes and Curtis Gulldedge, both of whom infused the night with rich melodies.

At the annual Freedom Banquet on Sunday evening the first-ever Freedom Awards were presented to five community members. Georgia Boggs of Niles was honored for her work as mentor and counselor for young people, her involvement in various political organizations, and her contribution to building a better community through the Niles Housing Council and Niles City Council.

Larry and Sandy Feldman of St. Joseph received the award for their contribution to freedom from racism exhibited by the establishment of All God’s Children Choir, which uses music to join together children of all races.

Sarita Mayhawk, a resident of Berrien Springs, though confined to a wheel-chair, was honored for living her life in the generous spirit of freedom. Often forced to prove to her teachers that her disabilities were only physical, Sarita finished a bachelor’s degree in business, worked for H&R Block as a tax preparer, has served with the local 4-H Club, and now volunteers her time to the Black Student Christian Forum alumni chapter at Andrews.

Walter B. T. Douglas, retired Andrews professor, was honored for his work as a pastor and educator, for helping to establish the All Nations Adventist Church, and for founding the Center for Multiculturalism and Diversity at Andrews University.

The banquet’s keynote speaker was spirited 92-year-old Anita Mackey, who has been a lifetime member of the NAACP, and has devoted much of her life to medical and clinical social work.

A rousing speech titled “Turning the Other Cheek: The Power of Nonviolence” delivered by Dr. John M. Fowler, associate director of education for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, provided the climax for Monday’s 10:30 am convocation. The program also featured several musical groups, including the International Speech Choir and the Sound of Bengal.

Several workshops on Monday afternoon were well attended by campus and community alike, and the commemorative weekend concluded with a University Assembly on Tuesday morning, where a Student Freedom Award was presented to Andwele Worrell for his inclusive leadership of the Caribbean Club.

Above: Anita Mackey

Dayton PT program closes after more than a decade of success

After over a decade, the Dayton Master in Physical Therapy program through Andrews University has closed its doors. Created to facilitate the overwhelming need for physical therapists in the Dayton, Ohio area, the program successfully graduated over 350 students.

The Dayton PT program was well known in its field for its small-group, hands-on approach to educating physical therapists. Students took part in tutorial groups and hands-on labs to practice their skills. In addition, guest speakers and specialists were brought in for lectures and assisted in tutorials and labs. According to Patty Dunham, former administrative assistant for the PT program in Dayton, the students in the program were “skilled at looking for information, thinking out of the box, and thinking on their feet.”

The program first opened in September of 1994 in response to the shortage of physical therapists in the area. The program was initiated in early 1993 by the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association (GDAHA) and thrived under the direction of Daryl Stuart. “Not only was it a wonderful educational experience for our students, but it also spread the name of Andrews University into a broader realm,” says Dunham.

The last few years of the Dayton PT program were both a struggle and a triumph. Financial resources and a decrease in applications led to the decision to close, but faculty, staff, and students worked together to graduate the final class. During the last year of operation, the program was led by a former graduate of the inaugural class of 1996, Philip Anloague. Also, Wayne Perry, department chair on the main Andrews campus, offered support to the program. The final class worked under the supervision of only two faculty, and one half-time staff member. The members of the class of 2005, the final class to graduate from the Andrews University Master of Physical Therapy program, received their diplomas in front of the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church.

In 2005, the need was again expressed by the GDAHA for physical therapists in Dayton. With their support and the hard work of department chair Philip Anloague, the program was transferred to the University of Dayton campus and was upgraded to a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

Creative Arts Festival

Members of the Andrews University community rolled up their sleeves and got creative during the 12th Annual Creative Arts Festival the week of February 21–26. The arts, in all forms, were celebrated through a variety of events and activities. The James White Library hosted daily arts and crafts demonstrations on topics such as wildlife painting, creative stamping, and watercolors. They also held gallery exhibits and daily brown-bag concerts featuring music from all over the world.

Those interested in the visual arts went on a gallery crawl across campus on Tuesday night, viewing photography and paintings from Andrews students and staff members, and those who preferred to wax poetic enjoyed an evening of original poetry and jazz on Thursday.

Things got dramatic on the weekend with two theatrical performances. On Saturday evening, students in this semester’s play-production class acted in two student-written plays, “Nurse!” by Daniel Bedell and “Existentialism for Breakfast” by Elizabeth Lechleitner, an event sponsored by the honor society of Phi Kappa Phi. On Sunday, audience members enjoyed the student-organized production of Edmund Rostand’s “The Romancers.”
Dairy sweeps milk production awards

The Andrews University Dairy swept the top spots in milk production awards at the annual meeting of the Berrien County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held on Dec. 21, 2005. The awards included:

- **“High Herd in Milk”**—This coveted award was due to the 28,450 pounds of milk on average that each cow gave last year. That equals 3308 gallons of milk per cow!
- **“High Herd in Butterfat”**—The AU cows averaged 980 pounds of butterfat.
- **“High Herd Increase in Milk”**—The amount of milk AU cows gave in 2005 was 8.2% more than they gave in 2004.
- **“High Cow in Milk”**—This award was given to cow #311 for her outstanding production of 42,001 pounds of milk! The average cow in Michigan gives about 22,000 pounds of milk a year.
- **“High Cow in Butterfat”**—The winner of this award was cow #1634 who produced the richest milk of 4.4% butterfat for a total of 1686 pounds last year.

The Dairy also boasts of nine old cows that have produced more than 200,000 pounds of milk in their lifetimes. Much of the milk produced goes to Old Europe Cheese, Inc. in St. Joseph, Mich. Some of it also goes to Das Käse Haus in Middlebury, Ind. An infant-formula plant in Indiana also buys milk from the Andrews dairy on occasion.

The AU Dairy and Farm employs more than sixty students throughout the year and eight full-time staff. Several students are in the Dairy Herd Management program training to become top-notch dairy managers and herders. We thank all of them for their excellent work!

Parent giving program launched

A new fundraising initiative at Andrews University assists funding for scholarships, facilities renovations, faculty support, curriculum development and increased student activities. In an effort to enhance the educational opportunities available to students, this parent-led project targets other parents with a mutual concern in their children’s education.

Though still in its early stages, the Parent Giving program has already raised over $25,000 from parents of current students. Two couples, both parents of undergraduates and alums of Andrews University, head the campaign. Dan and Carol Lewis act as Parent Chairs while Laurence and Debbie Habenicht are the Freshman Parent Chairs. Dena King, Coordinator of Annual Giving at Andrews says, “They are visible examples of parents who give generously to support Andrews University even while they are paying tuition for one or more students.”

For more information regarding the Parent Giving program, contact Dena King at (269) 471-7428 or dena@andrews.edu.

Health careers job fair

The six health science departments at Andrews University came together for the annual Health Careers Job Fair held on January 30, 2006. Students from physical therapy, nursing, social work, speech-language pathology and audiology, nutrition and dietetics, and clinical lab science brought their résumés to the Howard Performing Arts Center for the recruiting event, which was sponsored by the Office of Student Success. Representatives from forty-eight institutions across the country accepted résumés and discussed career options with students.

Though the event was intended for recruiting purposes, many students attended it as a means of not only getting information, but also making contacts within their field. Physical Therapy student Rodrigo Correa said, “I found the job fair to be helpful since it let me know what they are looking for in physical therapy and it gave me an opportunity to start building a network.” Senior speech-language pathology and audiology major Kelli Karst also found the fair to be a useful resource and said that “people were very receptive to résumés and it was helpful to be able to meet people in my field. It was a really good experience for me seeing that opportunities will be available to me in May.”
“Oscar” of publishing world awarded to anatomy atlas

The *Atlas of Clinical Gross Anatomy* is winner of the prestigious Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division (PSP) of the Association of American Publishers (AAP) R. R. Hawkins Award for the Outstanding Professional, Reference, or Scholarly Work of 2005. One of two recipients chosen to receive the award, the full-color *Atlas* was published in May 2005 by London-based Elsevier Publishing, the world’s largest publisher of medical education materials. Immediately welcomed by the medical education community, the *Atlas* has already been incorporated into the classroom reference list at Harvard Medical School, the University of Connecticut Medical School, and the University of Southern California’s physical therapy program.

The R. R. Hawkins Award, named for the former head of the Science and Technology Division of the New York Public Library, was presented at a special February 7 awards luncheon at the PSP Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Richard Taruskin’s *The Oxford History of Western Music*, published by Oxford University Press, is this year’s second Hawkins Award recipient. This is the first year that two texts have been chosen as corecipients of this award. Awards were also passed out for books, journals, digital media, and more in 30 different categories. Winners were chosen by a panel of nine experts consisting of librarians, academics, and publishers.

The *Atlas* reflects the brilliant collaborative work of John C. Banks, Andrews University professor of anatomy and physical therapy, along with two Andrews University alumni: staff physician and assistant professor at Loma Linda University Kenneth Moses (BA ’92), and Darrel Peterson (BARCH ’97), biomedical photographer and architect in Elkhart, Ind. Pedro B. Nava, chair of the pathology and human anatomy department at Loma Linda, also contributed.

“I’m pleased [the Atlas] is getting recognition,” commented Banks. “It’s something we as authors can feel good about as a whole.”

Hansons honored with Campus Compact award

Andrews University staff members Gaylord and Derri Hanson received the Michigan Campus Compact Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award for their exceptional contributions to disaster preparedness and response. The Hansons have volunteered during crises but also regularly coordinate and present at several committees, workshops, and conferences. The highest MCC extends to faculty and staff in the state of Michigan this award recognizes the motivational impact faculty and staff have on students.

Gaylord, who serves as campus locksmith, and Derri, office manager of the Institute for Prevention of Addiction, were distinguished by peers as the faculty/staff persons on campus who have made the most outstanding contributions to community service-learning. The couple was co-nominated for the award by Andrews University staff Larry Ulery, assistant professor of Community Services, and Barbara Friesen, assistant in Administration.
Since its launch in mid-April 2005, the new Andrews University website has received a lot of attention, and from more than just future students checking out the campus. The site’s crisp design and user-friendly layout has won two awards this fall and taken its designer, Martin Lee, to the nation’s capital to present at a conference.

In August, Lee received news that Andrews had won an award of excellence in the category of “Entire Website” in the University & College Designers Association’s (UCDA) 35th Annual Design Competition. The Andrews site was chosen to receive one of 15 awards of excellence out of nearly 100 electronic-media entries from schools across the country.

More recently, Andrews received a silver Pride of CASE V award for Best Institutional Website this past December, competing against other colleges and universities in Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio.

“It’s nice to see us win awards, because it shows we’re being recognized and that our work is paying off,” stated Lee, Andrews’ web coordinator.

Additionally, Lee’s hard work took him on the road to Washington, DC, where he presented at the Serena Xchange 2005 Global User Conference, held September 18-21. Serena, the vendor of the university’s content management system (CMS), was impressed with the AU site’s online calendar and asked Lee to demonstrate how to create one at the conference.

Currently, Lee is working on more improvements for the website, such as an upcoming virtual campus tour and better search features, as well as continuing the work to get each campus department up and running online.

“The Andrews web presence has come a long way since its inception,” said Lee. “We’ve had to learn to work smarter to accomplish our goals by doing things right with technology and design. And, we’re happy to see that we’re getting good results.”

A recent Information & Technology Services (ITS) project has increased the internet capacity available to campus users. Fiber optic cable has been buried from the university campus to the Berrien Springs Intermediate School District offices, allowing a total of 20.5 megabits per second both inbound and outbound. Activated on January 4, this increase in capacity is approximately three times the previous total capacity of 7.5 megabits.

The project was funded without major increases in the annual university operating costs by replacing leased telecommunications lines with university-owned fiber optic cable. ITS personnel and contractors have installed this cable over the last two months. The return on investment of this project will be less than two years.

The increased Internet capacity should allow more rapid access of information via web browsers, email and downloads. The university has survived the past five years without increases to bandwidth/capacity by setting restrictions on some types of Internet usage. While some restrictions will still be necessary to prevent the demand for Internet capacity from immediately exceeding this new level, they will be set at higher levels.
A flock of chirping devotees—binoculars, log, and Audubon society field guide in hand—have made this pursuit one of the most popular among Andrews alums.
You know you’re with a birder when, for your first date, you check out the action at the Loma Linda Foods sewage ponds. That memorable afternoon helped Dick and Claudia Sowler [staff], who recently celebrated their tenth anniversary, get acquainted. Since then the Sowlers have been on many birding trips together—around Berrien County, of course; up to Crawford County to see the Kirtland’s Warbler; to Crane Creek, Ohio. Their fall vacation to Yellowstone and other points west was heavily focused on birding, and this spring they plan to get down to the Dry Tortugas off the coast of Florida to see some pelagic birds. Their ongoing enthusiasm typifies the birder spirit, which has an illustrious past and present at Andrews University. In the early days of the school, there was a casual interest in at least one local bird, the cardinal. Our mascot is the cardinal; our yearbook, going back to EMC days, is the Cardinal; I had even thought our state bird was a cardinal until I looked it up. Yawn—a robin. Regardless, in the 1923 *Cardinal* Lucille Dobson, a graduate in “Conservatory Piano,” wrote the class song, which places the bird in a context of geography and sentiment:

In the valley of the river  
They have named the “old St. Joe,”  
Stands the dearest college ever  
Where the birch and maples grow;  
How we love each winding foot-path,  
Round our hearts fond mem’ries cling,  
Of the valley and the river  
Where the Card’nals come to sing.

But if Ms. Dobson represents a typical and casual avian interest, serious birding was already underway in her day in the person of Mary Lamson.

**Mary Lamson**

Mary E. Lamson, for whom our women’s dormitory was named, was preceptress of Battle Creek College (1899–1900) and dean of women at Emmanuel Missionary College (1918–1935). According
to her grandniece Glenda Brown, Lamson was a “habitual early morn-
ing bird watcher” who would “take her binoculars and retreat to the woods to see how many different ‘feathered friends’ she could add to her list.” Her checklist of local birds was adopted by the Berrien Ornithological Society. “She knew birds by their flight pattern, by their song and call, and by coloring, even without binoculars,” remembers Brown. Some students suspected she also used her trusty binoculars to spy on couples, but no field notes of her observations survive to substantiate this claim.

JAMES TUCKER
Jim Tucker (Faculty 1993–2001, currently visiting professor) suggests that he was fated before birth to become a birder. His mother had been turned on to birding by Miss Lamson at EMC, and mom spread the avian gospel to his father. Tucker says his first memory is of a white-breasted nuthatch coming down an apple tree outside his window in Calhoun (then Reeves), Georgia. If that weren’t enough, when the Tucker family moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in 1945, the retired Mary Lamson lived two doors down the street. She took a kindly interest in her young neighbor, and the two birded together many times. She also gave young “Jimmy” one of the great maxims of his life: “100 birds [species] by May 1st.”

A few years later, at thirteen or fourteen, Jim joined the Tennessee Ornithological Society. “There were two other early teens and a bunch of ‘old’ people,” he recalls, “but the old people in the birding community love to bring in the young ones.” One of Tucker’s mentors there was James Tanner, the person who took the last universally accepted photos of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker in North America, in 1938, prior to the bird’s recent rediscovery.

When Tucker took a job in Florida in 1960, he went partly because of the birding potential of the state. He soon became involved with the Florida Audubon Society, and later on was elected president of his local chapter. One of the guest speakers he brought in was Stuart Keith, a noted world birder who had written, in 1963, about the “600” club: elite birders who had identified 600 different species in North America. In friendly conversation after his talk, Keith said to Tucker “I’ll race you next year,” initiating a competition to see who could identify the most North American species in one year. At that time, birding was not really a competitive sport, but the idea of numbering birds, based on official lists and accepted protocols, was beginning to take shape.

When Tucker moved to Texas in 1968, he lost a lot of his immediate birding connections and felt isolated. That December, he composed the first and only issue of The Birdwatcher’s Digest, mimeographed it and sent it to a few friends. At their suggestion, the “magazine” was renamed Birding, which came out with its first issue dated January/February, 1969, consisting of six one-sided mimeographed sheets. By the second issue, the organization of members subscribing to and supporting the magazine, had a name: the American Birding Association. Tucker became the first Secretary/Treasurer and edited the magazine, later on with the collaboration of his wife Priscilla, for seventeen years.

At the present time, the American Birding Association has grown to almost 20,000 members, has national and regional conferences, and publishes Birding six times a year in full color, not to mention its monthly newsletter and scores of identification books, checklists, and approved tours.

Although Tucker spent some years
of his life juggling all-out birding with family and professional duties, he has been scaled back for about twenty years. Now, he says, “I still enjoy birding but I would describe myself as passionate, not frantic.” He enjoys working with younger birders, helping them along as he was helped by people like Mary Lamson and James Tanner. Also, he and his wife have published four nature-oriented devotionals, and are at work on a fifth. It is to be called Under His Wings, and, says Tucker, “will feature birds as living evidences of God’s creative power and everlasting love.”

C. Roy Smith. A history and biology teacher at Andrews Academy (1961–1988), Smith coordinated the local Christmas Bird Count (as part of the Audubon Society’s December bird census) from December of 1962 through his last December, 1993. Smith himself would typically paddle a canoe from the dam clear to St. Joseph, when the ice permitted, noting all the birds along the way. His daughter Chana, and one or more of his three sons would often accompany him. Chana remembers how glad the kids would be to arrive at Indian Bowl, so they could get out of the canoe and stretch their legs, warm up a bit, and stop by the restroom.

Smith and fellow birders Walter Booth and Charles Witkoske compiled and published a 30-year summary of information entitled “The Birds of Berrien County, Michigan,” covering the years 1962–1991, which provides a wealth of data, mostly graphs, giving information about the likelihood of seeing particular species within the county, and the best spots for doing so. Most of the current birding hotspots of the county (see sidebar) were discovered and/or popularized by Smith and Booth. Chuck Nelson, director of Sarett Nature Center in Benton Harbor, said Smith was “pretty well recognized as the best birder in Berrien County.” In regards to Smith’s “meticulous” record keeping, Nelson joked that “birds had to check in with Roy before they came through the county.”

When Smith identified his 700th North American species, in the mid 1970s, he was one of only about 30 birders to have reached that gold standard. At the time of his death, he held the county record for a life list of species identified in Berrien County at 310, and life birds in Michigan, at 357. When Kip Miller, Chief Naturalist at Love Creek, passed Smith’s county record last year, he took it as a reverential occasion. During Smith’s last full year of birding, 1993, he and Miller had a friendly competition to see who could identify the most county birds for the year. Miller beat Smith’s old record of 256 by two, but Smith also topped himself and got 263. “I couldn’t outfox the wily veteran,” said Miller.

In addition to his broader legacy to birders of the county, Smith left a flock of birding memories with his friends and family. Daughter Chana owns four pairs of binoculars, although older brother Gordon inherited C. Roy’s prize Leicas. Her brother Stanley sometimes hears a bird song and thinks “I wish dad were here to tell me what that is.” Chana says that while some of their friends didn’t look forward to Sabbath, the Smith kids did. They’d be up at the crack of dawn heading for Warren Woods or the pier in St. Joseph or Grand Mere, and they’d drive home with the windows down so they could hear any unusual bird calls. In fact, Chana began learning to drive by sitting in
her dad’s lap on back roads and steering while he listened out the window. When the family bought a new hi-fi in the mid 60s, they wore out the grooves of the two LP set of Peterson’s Guide to Eastern Bird Songs.

Birding also gave a purpose to family vacations. Every summer their dad would plot a route to take them to a different part of the country, with different birds. By the time Chana turned eighteen, she had put her foot down in all 48 lower states. Home could be exciting too. You never knew what you might find in the freezer: pizza, strawberries, a screech owl, gull, or Indigo Bunting. It seems neighbors and friends would bring roadside casualties to Roy for possible taxidermy. Out of all the memories, though, the “tire story” seems to hold a special place.

Roy was frugal. How else would you take a family of seven around the country on an academy teacher’s salary? He probably should have gotten new tires before that trip to Texas with the boys, but he hoped he could squeeze out another 5,000 miles. Some birding rarity was reported in the boondocks below El Paso, so down a dirt road they went in their Buick. Then the road turned into a cinder-bed surface where a train track had formerly run. They were in the middle of nowhere, but that’s where the best birds are too. Down the cinder-bed road they went until a tire blew. Stanley thought they should have turned around there, but Roy pulled out a bald spare tire, and forward they went again. A couple of

**ACADEMIC INSIGHT**

**Ornithological Research at Andrews**

**ASA THORESEN**
Asa Thoresen graced the AU biology department from 1960 to 1992, spending 1963-1983 as chair. A sea bird specialist, he studied the Pigeon Guillemot, Cassin’s Auklet, and, in 1966, did research in his native New Zealand on the Diving Petrel, supported in part by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Thoresen greatly enhanced the opportunities of students to study birds in the field, leading biology field trips to Mexico, Peru, Australia, and New Zealand, and teaching ornithology for several summers at the Rosario Beach Marine Biological Field Station in Washington. In retirement, he published Auks of the World.

**JAMES HAYWARD** [Professor, Biology]
In 1980, the Ring-billed and California Gull nests and eggs Jim Hayward was studying in eastern Washington were buried by ash from Mount St. Helens. A year later, he found entire nests and eggs preserved beneath the ash. Hayward recognized a unique opportunity. By using modern gull nesting colonies as analogs for ancient dinosaur nesting colonies, Hayward and his students have discovered how eggshell fragments carry important information about the ecological conditions responsible for fossilization.

Currently, Hayward and Shandelle Henson, Associate Professor of Mathematics, codirect the Seabird Ecology Team based at Andrews. In field research at Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge, in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Washington, their team is developing mathematical models that make accurate, long-range predictions of the habitat occupancy and behavioral dynamics of seabirds. They are also examining the feeding ecology of bald eagles and other island inhabitants, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

**GORDON ATKINS** [Professor, Biology, Director of Honors]
A couple of years ago, Gordon Atkins had a pair of long-eared owls nesting in his yard. He saw this as an excellent opportunity to study their winter diet, and was able to determine that it consisted, in part, of sixteen cardinals that had been frequenting the Atkins’s feeder. Although Atkins did not actually see the owls get the cardinals, the absence of the cardinals, the periodic discovery of their indigestible beaks around the yard, and the hearty appearance of the owls, was strongly suggestive.

Professionally, Atkins has been researching the impact of the construction of the 31 bypass on bird habitat and numbers, and, in a second study, examining the correlation between severe winters and pheasant and grouse populations in Berrien County.
miles further on two tires blew simultaneously. A passing farmer on his way to town offered to help them on his way back—the following week.

Ever resourceful, Roy dug around in the back of the car and pulled out a bicycle pump and patch kit, patched the tires, turned around and headed back to town at a crawl. One of the boys looked off each side of the car to monitor tire pressure. Every now and again they’d have to stop to pump more air in the still leaking tires. They finally pulled into the Sears parking lot at 3 a.m. and slept there until the store opened. When the store did open, the tires were priced a bit high, so they pumped up once more and drove to the Standard station and got discounted tires. Never did get the bird.

BOBBY HARRISON

A little after one o’clock in the afternoon on February 27, 2004, Bobby Harrison’s life changed forever. That’s when a large black and white woodpecker flew over an Arkansas bayou toward Harrison and Tim Gallagher, editor of the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology’s Living Bird magazine. “Ivory-bill,” both men simultaneously shouted, according to Harrison. They paddled frantically toward shore and tried to pursue the bird through the woods, but lost it, so they sat down to independently write up field notes of their observation. When Harrison finished his notes, he began sobbing. Seeing this bird, which most ornithologists had

TRIVIA

Test your Birding IQ

Match these birds of Berrien County (pictured left) with the list of possible answers below. And then rate yourself based on your correct answers:

1–2 correct Golfer
3–5 correct Budding Birder
6–7 correct Serious Birder
8–9 correct C. Roy Smith Award

POSSIBLE ANSWERS

American Goldfinch
Song Sparrow
Piping Plover
Sanderling
Willet
Purple Martin
Least Bittern
Red Shouldered Hawk
American Robin
Red Winged Blackbird
AU Cardinal (mascot)

Bird photos by André Moncrieff

considered extinct, had been a dream of Harrison’s for thirty-three years, “one of the greatest gifts I have ever been given.” Since then, Harrison has been featured in numerous radio, television, and newspaper reports, and is in high demand on the birding lecture circuit.

Harrison, the first graduate of Andrews University’s BFA in Photography program, in 1981, grew up as a country boy in Alabama. “Being outdoors was the best part of life,” he says, and he spent most of his time hiking in the local woodlands. As a teenager, he spent countless hours looking at the stars, planets and nebulae with his telescope at night and learning as much as he could about the local wildlife during the day. When he was about thirteen, he did a bird honor in Pathfinders that set the stage for the passion he would develop—when he came to Andrews.

He was already a prolific photographer when he arrived in Berrien Springs, shooting pictures of anything and everything. Knowing few people here, he began spending his spare time hiking around Andrews, finding new birds everywhere. Being a photography major and bird lover, he naturally gravitated to bird photography. He began to receive calls to give slide programs on birds and bird photography to various groups in the area. The public-speaking skill he developed there has been especially valuable recently.

While at Andrews, Harrison felt fortunate to go on many Sabbath afternoon birding trips with C. Roy Smith. One day when they were together, C. Roy pulled off the road near some brambles. He rolled his window down, put the back of his hand to his lips and began to make a rapid kissing sound followed by a sound that sounded like “pisssh, pisssh, pisssh.” Harrison had never heard this before and thought his friend had gone bonkers. “In only a few seconds,” says Harrison, “a White-eyed Vireo popped up out of the brambles and we added the bird to our list for the day.” “I quickly learn to ‘Pish!’,” he adds.

Cory Gregory, a senior biology major at Andrews, spent last May as an official Waterbird Counter at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. The observatory is located at the tip of a peninsula sticking northward into Lake Superior, one of the finest places for birding in the state, if not the whole Midwest. This natural funnel brings a concentration of hundreds of species every spring and fall. Gregory’s job was to count the number and species of every bird, mostly a collection of loons, grebes, ducks, and shorebirds, migrating past the point on their way to their breeding grounds.

“Standing on a rocky beach, exposed to wind and weather, just counting birds for eight hours every day,” says Gregory, was “birder’s paradise.” The daily numbers could range from only a few to over a thousand at a time. The chances for an unusual bird to wander by are pretty high. According to Gregory, “enduring the numb fingers and runny nose just for a fleeting glimpse of a couple of Little Gulls was definitely worth it.”

Gregory has also done summer bird work in Alaska. One summer he worked with Black-legged Kittiwakes on Middleton Island, 100 miles offshore, and he spent the ’05 summer in the high Arctic at Barrow, Alaska, helping in research on Steller’s and Spectacled Eiders and a wide variety of shorebirds. “The eerie constant daylight, the cold windswept tundra, and the violent Arctic Ocean hardly seem conducive to bird life,” says Gregory, “but Barrow is a hotspot for birds, and hence, a hotspot for birders and researchers.”

Andrews University, says Gregory, “has been a great place for me to improve my birding.” The campus “is nestled in the heart of one of the
best birding counties in the state.” He recalls one day in his pre-car era when he was biking near the AU Dairy Farm and stumbled on a singing Bell’s Vireo, “a great find for anywhere in the state.” Says Gregory, “that was really encouraging for me, and proof that even though I only had two wheels, there were good birds to be found just around campus.”

Gregory has also been on several “fantastic birding excursions” with Dr. Gordon Atkins, from the Upper Peninsula looking for Arctic Owls, to looking for frigatebirds around the coral reefs of the Florida Keys.

“Birding has always been a priority,” he adds, “with pizza a close second.” Gregory also identified 200 species along the Amazon River on an AU biology trip to Peru. “It couldn’t have gotten much better than that,” he says.

Gregory explains that the number-one reason he birds is “that it simply gets me outside.” He contrasts this to hobbies that keep people indoors, “tied to their electronics and belongings, whereas being able to go outdoors any time and have a hobby waiting for you is just fantastic.”

Gregory can take a mental break on the walk from chemistry to history class by tallying the birds along the way. As he sees it, “birds might just be the most vivid expression of life, and seeing that God gave us eyes to see and ears to hear and enjoy them, I think that’s what I’ll spend my free time doing!”

Why bird? For the chance to get off the couch and get out in nature, as Cory Gregory suggests? For the simultaneous engagement of mind, body, and spirit, as for Jim Tucker? For the thrill of seeing a new bird?

Making the effort to get out and see a new bird can become a sort of kosher gambling. “You get lucky just often enough to want to go back,” says Kris Knutson. Claudia Sowler emphasizes the multisensory aspect of birding, to which her husband adds, emphasizing the emotional spectrum, how “you can really get torqued off when you miss a good bird.”

Birders bird for lots of reasons: the beauty of birds, the challenge, the travel, the chance to be alone in nature. But in writing this article I have also seen how birding can bring people together. I think of the Smith family piling into the Buick for an early morning outing to Warren Woods. Of old Mary Lamson and young Jim Tucker rounding a bend in the trail. Of Denis Fortin and Kris Knutson at Wilderness State Park, paddling their kayaks an hour and a half along the shoreline of Lake Michigan to see a Piping Plover. Of Bobby Harrison sharing the thrilling rediscovery of the Ivory-billed Woodpecker with Tim Gallagher.

Andrews University has been blessed with an illustrious history of birders and ornithologists. Even if John Nevins Andrews, in the statue behind PMC, is not pointing out a Great Crested Flycatcher to Charles and Mary, we still have a long legacy of those who have studied and enjoyed birds, and shared that joy with others.

And what about you? Why not dust off the binoculars in the closet, pick up a new birding guide at the bookstore, and call a friend?

Scott Moncrieff, Professor of English, has taught at Andrews University since 1988. He would consider taking up birding as a hobby if some benevolent organization would reclassify the four dozen kinds of North American warblers as one species.

André Moncrieff is a ninth-grader doing home school. He got into birding at age ten, when his parents got him Ken Kaufman’s Birds of North America for Christmas. More of his bird photographs can be seen at www.pbase.com/andre_moncrieff/root

**Birding Hotspots**

**IN BERRIEN COUNTY**

**Sarett Nature Center (Brown Sanctuary)**
Benton Harbor

Habitat: Wetlands, woods, thickets, grassland

Birds: Prothonotary Warbler, Orchard Oriole, Saw-whet Owl, Bobolink, Clay-colored Sparrow

**Tiscornia Beach Park**
St. Joseph

Habitat: Beach Birds: ducks, geese, loons, shorebirds

**Grand Mere State Park**
Stevensville

Habitat: Duneland, marsh, and shoreline

Birds: Woodland birds during migration; ducks, shorebirds

**Warren Dunes State Park (Floral Lane)**
Bridgman

Habitat: woods, dunes, shoreline

Birds: gulls, terns, shorebirds, warblers and woodland birds (Floral Lane)

**New Buffalo Beach**
New Buffalo

Habitat: Shoreline Birds: geese, ducks, loons, grebes,ulls, terns

**Mud Lake Bog Preserve**
Galien

Habitat: Woodland Birds: White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-breasted Chat, Sandhill Crane

**Love Creek County Park and Nature Center**
Berrien Springs

Habitat: Upland Birds: Acadian Flycatcher, Louisiana Waterthrush, Pileated Woodpecker, migrant songbirds

Photo by André Moncrieff

Flocks of seagulls at Tiscornia Beach Park
In October, Jeanne Andrews, a great granddaughter of J.N. Andrews, donated an extraordinary collection of letters and artifacts to the Center for Adventist Research that illuminate the life of the university’s namesake. Most notably, the collection includes nearly 30 handwritten letters by J.N. Andrews.

Over the next few pages, we reproduce images of selected letters to recreate the reading experience one might have with the original documents. These letters often reveal a personal side of Andrews while simultaneously demonstrating his passionate commitment to Adventist education, scholarship and missions. The collection also reveals that these commitments led Andrews to positions that didn’t always coincide with Church leadership. In short, the letters affirm that Andrews’ life followed God’s leading, a course that repeatedly demanded personal sacrifice, immense dedication and steady resolve.
In this excerpt, from a letter dated November 18, 1864, Andrews carefully and prayerfully offers reasons for rejecting a General Conference request to move his family to Battle Creek. Central to his argument is his intention to document scholarship supporting the Church’s “historical testimonies.” Andrews writes: “...my mind has been exercised upon the importance of our being prepared for that class of antagonists that should call in question our application of Prophecy by denying our historical
testimonies, by citing others that should better fulfill the Prophecies than our own, and by the various devices that shrewd well informed opponents embittered against the unpopular truths that we cherish, would make use of. The letter is an extraordinary example of the value Andrews placed on scholarship and its inherent relevance for evangelism.
From Liverpool, England, Andrews composed this to his mother, his first letter following the transatlantic crossing. In it, he writes, “we were taken seasick the second night and were sick about 24 hours. Then helpless 24 more. Since then we have enjoyed the pitching of the sea. We have felt that the angel of God was with us on the ship. We shall go to London on Monday. I will give particular news. It is midnight and I must write to many before I sleep. I write first of all to you. We are well, and hopeful in God. In much love, 

[Signature]

Write me to Neuchatel, Switzerland
The Andrews’ family effort to bridge the language barriers they faced in Europe reached a high point when John and his children agreed to (and signed) a “Covenant concerning the French language” on Christmas Eve, 1876. In it, the family vowed to “use only the French language in our conversation with one another,” and that they would “not depart from this arrangement except by mutual consent.” The covenant included an ambitious and telling exception—they would be allowed to use “the German language whenever we can speak a word or sentence of it.”

Covenant Concerning the French Language made between
Charles, Mary and their Father.

We hereby covenant together that we will use only the French language in our conversation with one another. We will not depart from this arrangement except by mutual consent whenever there shall exist good reasons for so doing. We will try in the fear of God to keep this covenant and we ask his help that we may fulfill it faithfully. But it shall be our privilege to use the German language whenever we can speak a word or sentence of it.

Bâle, Swisse, Dec. 24, 1876

J. N. Andrews
J. M. Andrews
Mary F. Andrews.
Dear Uncle: I have
to ask your pardon for so long de-
lay in the acknowledgment of your
letter and of the money order which
it contained. I have been quite
seriously sick as I suppose you
have learned through the letters of
Anna. When I awoke the morn-
ing of Jan. 13 I found myself
very sick with pneumonia. Very
violent pain came on in my
right side, and I was otherwise
so much distress. In about
a week my disease reached its
height and for several hours
it appeared to me that I must
immediately choke to death. In
another ten days my disease
left me, but it left me in such
complete prostration that I seemed
for many days hardly to gain
strength at all. I am now able
to do a little work but very poorly.
Writing to his uncle on March 13, 1877, Andrews describes a recent battle with pneumonia. “Very violent pain came on in my right side, and I was in other ways in much distress. In about a week my disease reached its height and for several hours it appeared to me that I must immediately choke to death.” Later in the letter, Andrews recalls that “nothing could have given . . . [him] greater pleasure” than having his father and mother and immediate family live together on the property he had purchased in Rochester, N.Y. That wish was to remain unfulfilled, as Andrews succinctly observes: “. . . father was immediately taken away, and my wife has followed him to the grave, and myself and children are in a foreign land. I therefore must leave mother to William and Martha, but I think she is happy with them and they are every way kind and dutiful to her. I do not have much idea of William’s business only that it has not been as prosperous as it was before.
Bâle, April 24, 1883.

Dear Uriah:

At the present time by reason of my great prostration I am brought to look death in the face. There is one thing that troubles me which I lay before you in the form of a petition. It will fall to your lot to mention my death in the Review. I beg you to make the simplest and briefest statement possible and I solemnly charge you to exclude every word of eulogy. One third of a column of the Review will suffice for all that should be said.

I make this request because I fear that your kind regard for me will constraint to say what I do not merit and what ought not to be said. My acts have been some trace of selfishness in them or have been lacking in love toward God and man. I beseech you therefore by all the affection which you bear me that you will regard this my earnest petition. And will you also transmit this as a private note to Rev. J. H. Waggons, as editor of the Signer, that he may know any wishes and act accordingly?

Perhaps God will yet spare my life, but to human sight it seems much more likely that I shall soon be called hence.

I am yours in Christ,

J. N. Andrews
In this letter addressed to Review editor Uriah Smith, and dated April 24, 1883, Andrews contemplates the prospect (brought closer to home because of illness) of his obituary being carried in the Review. Modestly, he encourages Smith “to make the simplest and briefest statement possible” and to “exclude any word of eulogy.”

Also in the Collection

Merlin Burt, director of the Center for Adventist Research, calls the new J.N. Andrews collection “the most remarkable new collection of original letters, manuscripts, photographs, and artifacts that I have seen in at least a couple of decades.” Along with 29 letters in Andrews’ own hand, other notable pieces in the collection include three letters from Mary Andrews, and ten letters from Ellen White, six of which were previously unknown to scholars.

In his assessment of the collection, Burt believes we might learn the following significant lessons:

1. “Andrews was a man of prayer….He sought the spirit’s guidance and was distrustful of his own motives and attitudes.”

2. “All of his scholarship was for the purpose of advancing God’s dear ‘cause.’”

3. “His experience teaches us that scholarship is a valuable and necessary support for mission. Without solid spirit-directed research, mission will be less effective.”
California alumni gatherings

LOMA LINDA
On Sabbath, February 4, about 50 alumni came together for a potluck lunch at the Drayson Center on the campus of Loma Linda University.

We had a team from Andrews who presented topics from campus including: President Niels-Erik Andreasen who shared campus news and answered questions, Dave Faehner, vice-president for advancement, Tari Popp, director of planned giving & trust services, and Tami Condon, director for alumni services.

(SAN BERNARDINO)
We had a nice intimate gathering of about 30 young alumni (including graduates of less than 6 months ago) who showed up for a brunch on Sunday, February 5, at Guadalaharry’s restaurant. COREY KNOWLTON (BS ’93) and his wife KIM (MEDINA) (BS’88, MSPT ’89) were instrumental in helping us pull this group together. We had a great time catching up with each other, looking through the current Cast & Student Movements and can’t wait to get together again next year.

LA SIERRA
Several local alums took a break from work and met us in the cafeteria on the campus of La Sierra for an intimate lunch on Monday, February 6. Dave Faehner, Tari Popp and Tami Condon enjoyed hosting this energized group of long-time friends!

NAPA VALLEY
One of our larger groups of alums joined us at the Napa Valley Marie Callender’s restaurant for a lovely vegetarian buffet on Wednesday, February 8. Tari Popp and Tami Condon felt blessed to host this warm and friendly group of alums.

SACRAMENTO
Alumni from the Sacramento area gathered at the Adventist Health facility in Roseville on Thursday, February 9, for what has become an eagerly-anticipated tradition, enjoyed by all. We always appreciate the warm hospitality extended by Paul (member of the board) and Shelly Stokstad, who generously coordinated and hosted the catered event. We enjoyed many of the same things as the rest of our California tour, including President Niels-Erik Andreasen’s vision for the future of Andrews.
Class of 1965

Gordon Evans (BS ‘61, MA 65) and his wife Alvena (att.) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2004. Gordon’s career in education included 10 years as a public school teacher and professional representative, and 33 years as a church school teacher. In 1990, Gordon received the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award. Currently, Gordon and Alvena are retired and living in Portland, Mich. The Evans volunteer with Adventist Heritage Ministries and with Gift of Life Michigan (an organization that coordinates organ donors with recipients). Gordon enjoys “communicating with former students and colleagues—a good group of workers for these times, serving God and man preparing for Jesus’ coming.”

Darrell Hicks (BA ’65) has worked in the engine antifreeze business since 1969. Currently, he is a manager with National OEM, working with heavy truck and heavy equipment manufacturers. He has been a national tech service manager at Penray Companies, and also a member of the Maintenance Council of American Trucking Association for 25 years. He coauthored the book, Engine Cooling: Recommended Practices, and he is the immediate past president of Trucker Buddy International (www.truckerbuddy.org), where he has been a board member and advisor since 1996.

Darrell states that his “goal since leaving Andrews has been to be a ‘God’s Grace’ sharing layman in the business community.” To that end, Darrell’s “passion” is the Trucker Buddy program, which enables truck drivers to mentor classes of elementary school students, with as many as 4,500 drivers corresponding and relating to 5,500 classes of students.

Darrell and his wife, Melva (Rasmussen) (BS ’66) live in Maumelle, Ark., where they attend the Little Rock Adventist Church. Both are involved in the music programs at the church.

Lowell Hile (MA ’65) retired after teaching middle school for 43 years and coaching basketball and track for 36 years. He is a charter member of the Elkhart County Sports Hall of Fame, and a member of the Goshen, Indiana Fast-pitch Softball Hall of Fame. Among Lowell’s athletic exploits—he once pitched a complete 23-inning softball fast-pitch game, winning 4–3. Lowell is a church elder in Elkhart and plays trumpet in two local groups. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Goshen. Their daughter Lynn (CERT ’79) also graduated from Andrews.

Juanita Stinchfield (DIP2YR ’65) is executive assistant to the president at Review and Herald Publishing. From 1969 until 1972, Juanita was secretary to the treasurer of the Inter-American Division. Among her memories during that time is a trip to Medellin, Columbia, on which she traveled throughout the division territory. Juanita lives in Hagerstown, Md, where she has been the Hagerstown Adventist Church organist for over 20 years.

Leo Van Dolson (MA ’58, MDiv ’65) has served the Adventist Church in all manner of capacities for over 55 years. He has preached on every continent except Antarctica, taught at five Adventist colleges or universities, including Pacific Union College, La Sierra University, Loma Linda University, Columbia Union College, and Southwestern Adventist University, and worked for the General Conference for 14 years. Among his other accomplishments, Leo has authored (or coauthored) 24 books and 16 Sabbath School quarterlies. For nine years, he served as a chaplain-pastor-evangelist in Japan. And now in retirement, he is putting “his MPH degree to good use.” He and his wife, Bobbie Jane, live in McDonald, Tenn.

DeWitt Williams (MA ’65) is the director of the Health Ministries Department of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. He has been with the General Conference Health/Temperance Department since 1983. He lectures, writes about the importance of good health, and talks to young people about the dangers of drugs. DeWitt has spoken in over 100 countries. Prior to joining the health/temperance department, DeWitt had served as a pastor in the Southwest Region Conference,
a department secretary for the Congo Union, Africa, and assistant and associate director of the General Conference Department of Communications. Also, from 1979–1982, he was president of the Central Africa Union. DeWitt is an avid exerciser and has run in several marathons. His daughter Darnella (MA ’98) also received her master’s from Andrews.

After retiring from 35 years of teaching, Doreen Vaughn (BA ’65) currently works part time as a customer service representative at the Ohio ABC. Of her teaching career, Doreen writes that “the Lord has blessed my students and only eternity will give me a true story of what God has done through them.”

Doreen is also an avid poet, having published a book of her own poetry entitled *Heartsong Pathways* in 2000. She was awarded the Outstanding International Poet award in 2004 and was published in their anthology, and she has poems forthcoming in *Ideals Magazine*. In her church, Doreen has been a song leader, served on the ACTS Board (community service), and worked as church secretary.

### Class of 1975

**Veronica Birkenstock** (MA ’75), taught courses in speech communication and business English, and was head of the department of office administration at Helderberg College. Her husband, David (MA ’74, EdD ’76), also served at Helderberg.

In 1996, the Birkenstocks went to the Philippines to the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS). There, David served as president until 2002, and Veronica became head of the English Language school while teaching graduate classes in the departments of education, business and health.

The Birkenstocks retired in November 2002, and live in Somerset West, near to Helderberg College. Veronica writes that they “are both still active; I do some contract teaching for the college in public relations and communication while my husband is the Director of the Ellen G. White Research and Heritage Center on a half-time basis. We are very happy living in this beautiful part of the world and thank God for the health we both enjoy. We enjoy our garden and home and the wonderful weather this time of the year.”

**Edwin Bowen** (MDiv ’75) is a U.S. Army Chaplain and the first Adventist military chaplain to become a certified clinical pastoral education supervisor. Edwin served as a pastor in Ohio and New Jersey prior to becoming an Army Chaplain in 1983. During his military career, he has been stationed in California, Germany, Georgia, Hawaii, Washington, Washington D.C. and Texas. He currently is the director of the Army Pastoral Education Program. Edwin and his wife Joan live in Schertz, Tex.

**May-Ellen (Netter) Colon** (MA ’75, PhD ’03) is assistant director of the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She has served as a teacher, a missionary in both Africa and Russia, and director of family ministries for two world divisions. Her husband, Gaspar (MDiv ’76), is a college professor. Additionally, May-Ellen is a personal ministries director in her local church.

**Polly Dengel** (BA ’75) is an internal medicine specialist at the Cleveland Clinic. In addition to her medical work, Polly teaches a class in spirituality and healing for her patients, several of whom have joined her local church. But as she notes, “more importantly, folks [are] coming to know God as a friend.” Polly’s husband, Fred (’75), is a radiologist, and was named president of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Radiology just this year. In July of 2005, the couple celebrated 30 years of marriage. Two of their children, Anna (’04) and Fritz (current student), have also attended Andrews.

**Kenneth Hallam** (BA ’75) is a teacher at Mile High Academy in Denver, Colo. He and his wife, Sue, have 11 grandchildren. One of their four children, Matthew (current student), is attending the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

**Deanna Glindmeyer** (BS ’75) has earned a variety of degrees—RN, BS, MPA, and MA. Over the years, she has worked in many areas of nursing, including administration, education and RN staff work. Deanna, who was the director of nursing at the Saigon Adventist Mission Hospital (Vietnam), parlayed that experience and background into working with Cambodian and Vietnamese groups in the U.S. Moreover, she has been the HealthVan coordinator in Oregon, and a Bible Health educator at the New Orleans Adventist Church. Deanna resides in Loma Linda, Calif., where she works at King’s Kids Club.

**Marleen Land** (BMus ’75) is a pianist living in Seattle, Wash. She holds a master’s degree in music education from Converse College School of Music. For many years, Marleen was involved in broadcasting and also worked as a church organist. She counts among her blessings her two grandchildren, Alexa and Gianna Davidson.

**Nicolas Reiber** (BS ’75) works as a pathologist at Crawford and Reiber Medical Associates in Hanford, Calif. He has been practicing clinical pathology for 21 years and is chief of staff elect for Hanford Community Medical Center Hospital Network. Nicolas’ wife, Mariellen (Giangrande) (BA ’72), is a postdoctoral psychological intern at Fresno Pacific University. She has
just completed her PsyD and is now training at the Masterson Institute. Nicolas says he still enjoys hiking and backpacking in the Sierra Nevadas, and he also finds time to play his clarinet, saxophones and guitar. At his church, Nicolas leads out in worship and is active in small groups.

**Rolf Poehler (ThD ’95) (MDiv ’75)** is an assistant professor of systematic theology at Friedensau Adventist University (Germany) and is also theological advisor for the North German Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He has served as a pastor, teacher and church administrator. He and his wife Regine live in Hannover.

**Clinton Shankel (DMin ’75, MA ’55)** is retired following a 42-year career of service in the Adventist Church, including work as a minister, department director, and administrator. Among his achievements, Clinton spent over twenty years serving in the Far Eastern Division, completing his most recent 5-year stint in 1997. Currently, he is an elder, board member, member of both the music and building committees, and a Sabbath School teacher at the Placerville Adventist Church in Placerville, Calif. Clinton’s daughter **Lynette Hipkins (AS ’75)** also attended Andrews.

**Mark Umek** (BS ’75) is an investment and insurance broker at Umek & Associates in Escondido, Calif., and his wife **Sandra (Koester) (BA ’74)** works as a social worker. Mark loves to sail in San Diego Bay and also regularly plays golf in the San Diego area. The couple enjoys their two grandchildren. The Umeks are members of the Escondido Adventist Church.

**Harvey Brenneise** (BA ’73, MA ’74, former faculty) has accepted the position of chair, department of research and instruction services, University of La Verne Libraries (CA). Prior positions include library director, Michigan Community Health Electronic Library; adult services librarian, Seattle Public Library; and interim librarian, Curriculum Resource Center, Everett campus of City University. His son, Bruce, graduated in 2005 with a degree in scientific illustration from the School of Art and Design, University of Michigan. Bruce will be teaching English in China in 2006. Harvey’s daughter, Julie, is a student at Michigan State University studying psychology. His volunteer activities include service to various orchid societies, the ManKind Project International and the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN).

**Class of 1980**

For 14 years, **Austin Archer** (MA ’84, BS ’80) has worked as a professor of psychology and education at Walla Walla College, where he is currently engaged in research on “changes of mind,” and teaches undergraduate courses in cognitive, developmental, and biological psychology. Along with chairing various committees, Austin is a faculty observer on the board of trustees, vice chair of the faculty senate, and chair of the senate executive committee.

Beyond his work at the college, Austin volunteers as a transitions advisor at Washington State Penitentiary, where he serves on the board of STAR (Successful Transition and Re-entry), which serves soon-to-be, and newly-released, prison inmates. His wife **Beverly (Roper) (BS ’79)** is the director of diversity services at WWC. The couple has three daughters.

**Leon Brown** (MAT ’82, MDiv ’80, BA ’71) is a staff chaplain at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He completed his chaplaincy residency in 1998, and passed his chaplaincy boards in July of 2005. Prior to this, Leon taught grade school in Ohio and Kentucky for 16 years. Along with his wife Linda and son Matthew, Leon lives in Newark, Ohio. In his local church, Leon has served as a Sabbath School superintendent, teacher, elder, member of the school board, and is currently chair of the church board.

**Sherry Cejna** (BA ’80) has worked as a licensed massage practitioner, specializing in deep tissue, injury treatment, and relaxation massage, for 11 years. She and her husband, Tom, and their two children, Paige and Alexei, live in Seattle, Wash. Sherry and Tom teach in the three year-old “Churchtime” program at their local church.

**Cathy (Arase) Horinouchi** (BS ’80) is an assistant professor in the school of nursing at Loma Linda University. She is also working on her PhD at Claremont Graduate University.

Among her professional achievements, Cathy developed a clinical experience for her students with the San Bernardino County Meals-On-Wheels Program, where she takes students...
on home visits to low-income elderly patients. According to Cathy, her “students complete assessments and offer prayer at the end of each visit.” Cathy and her husband, Dean (MDiv ’81), who is a senior pastor of the Loma Linda Japanese Adventist Church, served as missionaries to Okinawa, Japan, from 1991 until 1996.

Currently, Cathy leads the primary Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School programs at her local church. She and her husband have two children.

Sverker Larsson (AIT ’80) retired from his position with Scandinavian Airlines, and lives in Rimbo, Sweden, with his wife, Karin. They have two adult children.

June (Powell) Mathis (BS ’80) is a guidance counselor at Highland Academy. She and her husband, Don, have three children. June includes among her blessings the opportunities for “helping others meet Jesus.”

Tom Mejere (BS ’80) is chair of the School of Computer-Aided Design/Multi-media at ITT Tech in Grand Rapids, Mich. In 2001, he was named “Employee of the Year,” and in 2003, he earned the distinction of “National Program Chair of the Year.” Outside of work, Tom has participated in community and neighborhood projects, and just over a year ago, took a mission trip to Mexico. In his local church, he has served as head elder, personal ministers leader, participated in family life ministries, and is the current Sabbath School superintendent. Tom and his wife, Brenda (Hosford) (MAT ’82, BSED, BS ’78, ), live in Walker, Mich., and their oldest son Chad (current student) is a freshman at Andrews.

Heather (Douglas) Meyer (BS ’80) is a financial manager for Meyer Built Homes in Woodbridge, Virg. Along with husband David, she has started, owned and operated their successful business for 20 years. She writes that “we are blessed to have a close-knit family that’s healthy” and “our church family is wonderful and supportive” as well. At their local church, the Meyers help with Sabbath School teaching and Vacation Bible School.

Andre Ruegg (MDiv ’80) is treasurer for the German Swiss Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. His wife, Brigitte (Salzmann), is a nurse. They have three children.

A tax attorney by training, Herta von Stiegel (BA ’80) is an international executive specializing in cross-border structured finance, risk management and taxation. Her 16-year career includes positions for Citibank, JP Morgan and AIG Financial Products.

While at Citibank, Herta led out in a major restructure of the European Tax department, along with building one of the most sophisticated structured derivatives businesses in the European market. A graduate of Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Herta is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and New York.

Class of 1985

Sylvester Q. Case (BA ’82, MDiv ’85), interim chair and professor of Union College’s religion department, lives with his wife, Jaunita, in Lincoln, Neb. During the summer of ’04, Sylvester participated in a Global Mission trip to Uganda, Africa, where he helped present a series of evangelistic sermons in a small church near Campala, Uganda. The thrust resulted in 82 baptisms, many of which Sylvester performed in nearby Lake Victoria.

Sylvester and Jaunita have three grown children, each of whom attended Andrews University: Larry (BBA ’86), Alvin (BFA ’89), and Edward Case (BS ’91).

Candace Mae Cox-Burpee (BS ’85) and husband Kevin, reside in Apopka, Fla. where Candace has spent the past 20 years working as an Operations Review Specialist for the State of Florida’s Department of Children’s Families. She also graduated from the University of Central Florida with a master’s of Arts and Applied Sociology with honors. Candace and Kevin have one young child, Brooke. Candace and Kevin attend their local church, the Apopka Seventh-day Adventist Church, where Candace assists in the children’s division.

Lewis Weaver Edwards (MA ’78, MDiv ’85) works as Family, Health, and Religious Liberty Director for the Southeastern Seventh-day Adventist Conference. Lewis has also served as the senior pastor of a number of churches throughout southern Georgia and Florida during the past 20 years. His other duties include acting as hospital chaplain and directing Hospice pastoral care.

Lewis has held multiple leadership positions. He has presided over the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and central Fla.’s Operation ReachBack. Lewis has also acted as director of the Tobacco Free Coalition of Pinella and marriage and family counselor. While on a mission trip to Ethiopia, Lewis led an evangelistic team for three years during which 10,000 people attended, resulting in 158 baptisms.

Lewis and his schoolteacher wife, Albertha, have been married 33 years and live in Apopka, Fla. The couple has two sons—Marcus LaRone and Lewis, Jr.—a daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. Christ remains top-priority for
the family, who praise Him for many financial blessings.

David Walter Girardin (BA ’82; MDiv ’85) and his wife, Barbara (White) (faculty ’80–’83), live in San Diego, Calif., with their two “awesome” teenage children, DJ and Emily, both of whom are involved in varsity sports and an AWANA youth ministry club in San Diego. DJ is an avid bonsai gardener, while Emily is involved with American Sign Language.

David has enjoyed a long and noteworthy military career. He was recently promoted to Senior Chaplain of the U.S. Navy with Marine Aircraft Group stationed in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Barbara is a full-time home-school teacher of DJ and Emily and a part-time Forensic-Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner with Palomar Health System in Escondido, Calif. She has published several texts tackling sexual assault and numerous related articles.

The family is active in the Bonita Seventh-day Adventist church. The family has had the opportunity to serve abroad in Puerto Rico and Guam during the years of ‘95/’98 and ‘01/’04, respectively. David remains a church worker, a position he has held since ’82 where he serves in the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry in the U.S. Navy. David praises God for preserving his life during a brain hemorrhage he suffered during 2003.

Candice (Jaqua) and Gary Glenn Johnson (BBA ’85) currently live in Talofoto, Gaum. Glenn works as a Secretary-Treasurer for Guam Micronesia Mission, located in Agana Heights. He has held finance positions with the Seventh-day Adventist church for 20 years, including positions as treasurer and associate treasurer for the South Asia-Pacific Division. Candice is a schoolteacher.

The couple has two children, Trevor and Julia. The family acted as a pioneer missionaries with the South Asia-Pacific Division when it moved from Singapore to the Philippines in 1997. As such, they feel privileged to have traveled so extensively and watched God bless the fledgling Adventist church in Asia. The couple is also involved in their church’s Sabbath school. Candice is especially devoted to music ministry, having released three recordings.

Gudlaug Helga Jonsdottir (AS ’85) resides in Keflavik, Iceland, where she teaches for Mýllubakkaskoli. She has three teenaged children, Samuel Albert William, Jakob Elvar William, and Sigurdur Haukve William.

Susan Kay Collatz-Krug (BSELED ’85), and her husband, Howard P. Krug (BA ’85, MA ’87) consider Rochester, New York, their mission field. Susan, an elementary teacher with the Rochester City School District, and Howard, a high-school social-studies teacher, are devoted to the academic, social, and spiritual success of inner-city public-school students.

After graduating from Andrews University, Susan pursued her master’s degree at Rochester’s Nazareth College. Beyond routine teaching responsibilities, Susan is an active member of Rochester’s and New York’s Social Studies councils. She also participates in her local church, holding the positions of kindergarten Sabbath School leader, deaconess, and church-school board member.

Amid his teaching responsibilities, Howard has found time to pursue a myriad of extracurricular activities. A freelance writer, he published “October Morn” in the ’02 issue of Adventist Review. Howard has also written various articles on Adventist History. He even coauthored Rochester’s Adventist History with a local historian.

Howard’s academic accomplishments include several archeological escapades. He has accompanied study tours throughout Europe, the Middle East, and most of the U.S. Howard also spent ten years as a professional archaeologist, publishing his findings in the Madaba Plains Reports. Howard is currently completing a second master’s in American History at State University New York at Brockport, with a thesis on early 19th-century religious movements in society. Howard’s professional highlights include publishing and writing in Adventist History and presenting teacher workshops at an annual Social Studies conference.

In their spare time, Susan and Howard—along with their two small children, Elijah Paul and Michael Andrew—enjoy traveling. Their extensive excursions throughout the U.S. include an especially memorable summer ’05 tour of the western states, including several National Parks.

Shirley Ann (Martinborough) (BA ’83, MA ’85, PhD ’00) and Roy McGarrell (MA ’81, PhD ’90) live near Trinidad’s Caribbean Union College. Shirley currently acts as vice president for Academic Administration at Caribbean Union College, where she is a member of Sigma Tau Delta and Alpha Gamma Nu (the English honor society) and Pi Lambda Theta (Education honors society). She presented at two “Women in Administration” summits and several retreats for women both locally and regionally. Roy is a professor emeritus.
of theology and dean of faculty of theology and religion.

The couple has three children, all of whom are Andrews alumni: André Roy (BSMT ’84), Fern (Hudson) (BSN ’87), and Faith-Ann (MA ’95).

From her first position as secretary of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to her current position as vice president for Academic Administration at Caribbean Union College, Shirley’s life has been one of service to her church.

Clinton Wahlen (MDiv ’89), received his PhD degree in New Testament from Cambridge University in the U.K. in May, 2004. His dissertation, *Jesus and the Impurity of Spirits in the Synoptic Gospels*, was published by Mohr Siebeck in a prestigious monograph series. Clinton now serves as associate professor of New Testament literature and interpretation and heads the Biblical Studies department at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS) in the Philippines. His wife, Gina (MA ’88), is the development officer and assistant professor of research and academic writing at AIIAS.

**Class of 1995**

**Rose (Popley)** (MA ’95) and Walton Hurst Rose, Sr. (MDiv ’85, DMin ’96) live in Windsor, Connecticut, where Walton is a minister with the Northeastern Seventh-day Adventist Conference. He is a well-known speaker, nationally and internationally, and the author of *Each One Reach One*, a book on discipleship. Walton is also a clinical pastoral educator (CPE) chaplain.

Rose has devoted the past twenty years to a fulfilling career in education, excepting the four years she set aside to raise the couple’s children. She has been named in *Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers* and currently teaches for Connecticut’s Bloomfield Public Schools. Now an elementary education/reading and language-arts instructor for grades K-12, Rose served on the Language Arts Curriculum Writing Committee, was involved with strategic planning for the Bloomfield school district, and acts as a member of the School Improvement Board and the Math Resource Team.

During their 22 years of marriage, Rose and Walton have raised three children. Their eldest, Renee, is an aspiring lawyer soon to complete her undergrad in Legal Communications at Howard University. Business major Walton, Jr., attends St. John’s University, and Romier is a junior at Windsor High School.

**Kimberly Kay (Bell)** (BA ’95) and Trevor Ingold (BA ’94) live in Los Angeles, Calif. Before the birth of the couple’s two daughters, Anna Kimberly and Claire Noelle, Kimberly

**Frank M.** (MA ’89, PhD ’95) and Ulrike (Führl) Hasel (MA ’92) live in St. Peter, Austria, where Ulrike is an elementary teacher and Frank has served as professor of systematic theology and dean of the Theological Seminary at Bogenhofen since 2004. He has also published the book, *Scripture in the Theologies of W. Pannenberg and D.G. Bloesch: An Examination of its Origin, Nature, and Use*. Frank also contributes various articles in scholarly journals, books. Additionally, his writing will be featured in the forthcoming *Ellen G. White Encyclopedia*. He was ordained as a minister in April of 1995.

Frank and Ulrike are the proud parents of three young sons: Jonathan, Florian, and Daniel.

**Lawrence** (BSW ’95, MDiv ’99) and Wanda (Lawson) Johnson (MA ’98) have been happily married for 11 years,
thanks to a chance reunion at Andrews in the summer of ‘92. The couple recently purchased their first home in Enharlee, Georgia, where they are raising their 4-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. The couple also has one grown son, John Walters, who attended Andrews Academy during the ’93–’94 school year.

As a volunteer pastor, Lawrence is active in his church. He acts as head elder, conducts prophecy Bible studies, and occasionally leads teen prayer meetings. His degree in social work makes him a competent counselor for several hundred families. For Lawrence, there is no better reward for his work then when someone decides to take that next step and be baptized. Lawrence feels privileged to have performed two baptisms recently.

Denise Kay Petersen (BS ’95) isn’t one to lag behind, professionally or otherwise. A resident of Redlands, Calif., she is passionate about her career as a nurse practitioner at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Recently, she has transferred to the Cardiomyopathy Clinic where she treats heart-failure patients.

Outside of work, Denise is an avid runner. Over the past two years, she has finished three marathons and is currently training for her fourth, which she anticipates running in March ’06.

Denise is also a proud aunt celebrating the recent birth of her first niece.

Beth Ann (HauBrich) Ruehl (BS ’87, MA ’95) lives in Stevens Point, Wis., with her husband of two years, Kevin, an employee of the City Streets department. Beth is a certified alcohol and drug counselor, a field she has worked in for eleven years. She currently helps staff Unified Services, located in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Beth has recently experienced several blessings, including the baptism of Kevin and the celebration of her mother’s 80th birthday.

Beth currently teaches an adult Sabbath School class at her church, where she also acts as clerk.

Karen Sue (Mang) (BA ’74, MA ’95) and Timothy Spruill (BA ’73) live in Orlando, Fla., and are pleased to report they survived three hurricanes during the ’04 season. They are also grateful their son lives nearby, also in Orlando. Both the Spruill’s grown children, Zachariah and Lauren Li, attended Andrews University and are now married.

Karen’s professional highlights include holding assistant editorship positions at both Insight magazine and the Lake Union Herald. From ’91–’95, Karen acted as FOCUS editor. Aside from editorial work, Karen has contributed her writing, counseling, and teaching skills to a variety of efforts. She has published two books along with various articles. Karen has consulted for entities from Head Start to a college contract business.

For three years, Karen has co-led a support group for women who have survived abuse and domestic violence. Her responsibilities include conducting training and community presentations. Karen’s ministry positions also include acting as small-group coordinator at Florida Hospital Church from ’02–’03, serving as a church elder, and plans to pathfinder a new Sabbath School class.

The family enjoys travel. This year, they vacationed in Hawaii for the first time. 2005 saw them trekking to New Orleans, Michigan’s Mackinaw Island, Washington, D.C., and Chicago for various conferences, weddings, and family visits.

Both Karen and Timothy enjoy maintaining friendships with Andrews University alumni, faculty, and staff.

Stephen D. (BA ’95) and Rachel (Roberts) Wile (BS ’95), along with their 1¼-year-old daughter, Tori, “a joy,” make their home in Boise, Idaho. Before taking time out to be a full-time mom to Tori, Rachel taught math. Stephen is a financial advisor to Morgan Stanley’s Boise branch. He has worked with the firm for ten years and acted as vice president. While Stephen and Rachel enjoy frequent travels, they take advantage of local activities as well, such as Idaho’s myriad recreation opportunities.

The couple volunteers in their local church by assisting in baptismal preparation and organizing the annual Christmas bazaar.

In the fall of ’04, Rachel suffered from a severe back break, from which she feels blessed to have fully recovered.

Aleksandar Santrac (MA ’99) recently had his dissertation, which he defended at Belgrade University in Serbia and Montenegro, published by Edwin Mellen Press. The title of the work is The Deconstruction of Baudrillard: The “Unexpected Reversibility” of Discourse.
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Births

To Rachelle Gager (BS ’97, MSW ’02) and Jess Swackhamer (BA ’97, MA ’01), Berrien Springs, Mich., a boy, Carson Benjamin, April 13, 2005.

To Nayeli Garcia-Selvaraj (att.) and Sanjay Selvaraj (BS ’98), Leesburg, Virg., a girl, Liliana Sage, Sept. 9, 2005.

To Blanche (Atagan) (BS ’98) and Edward Calder, Orlando, Fla., a boy, Brandon Edward, Sept. 27, 2005.

To Ashley (BS ’98) and David Whitaker (MSPT ’99), Winter Park, Fla., a girl, Macey Anne, Sept. 29, 2005.

To Cheryl-Kim (BS ’94, MS ’00) and David Hamilton (current student), Niles, Mich., a girl, Rebekah Raelene, Nov. 6, 2005.

Marriages

Romana Bond (MA ’67) and Everett Hutchinson (BS ’75) were married in January 2005 and reside in Placerville, Calif.

Deaths

Kathryn (Colhower) Wood (BA ’42) died Sept. 24, 2005.

Kathryn’s career was spent teaching at La Sierra Academy, Loma Linda Academy, and Far Eastern Academy. She also served as dean of women at La Sierra College from 1942-46, was associate director of admissions at Loma Linda University, La Sierra Campus from 1964–1981, and coordinated the Journal of Adventist Education courses through the School of Education after retirement.

Roy Frederick Berrett (DIP2Yr ’45, BA ’49) died Nov. 4, 2005. He was born on July 1, 1925.

Roy married Eldoris Elaine Williams on June 8, 1949.

Following EMC, Berrett graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and served in the U.S. Navy from 1954–56. He was stationed in California, Japan and Korea, and obtained the rank of Lt. Commander.

The Berretts resided in Point Loma, Calif., from 1950 until the present. Roy joined the Ocean Beach Medical Group in 1950 and retired in 1998. He specialized in family practice, and was one of the founders of Doctor’s Hospital (later Sharp Cabrillo). He served as chief of staff there and on the board of directors for Sharp Memorial Hospital as well.

Roy was a charter member of the Point Loma Community Adventist Church.

His hobbies included sailing, camping and bike riding, motorcycles and horses. He was active with the Boy Scouts and church youth groups.

He is survived by his wife; daughters, Cynthia Cramer of San Diego, Calif., and Cheryl Evard of Scottsbluff, Neb.; a son, Steven of Santa Monica, Calif., and two grandchildren.


As a youth, Clare attended the Village SDA School and graduated from Berrien Springs High School in Berrien Springs, Mich. At EMC, he majored in chemistry and business and minored in math. While in college, Clare served as a teaching assistant in the chemistry lab. Following graduation, he was hired by the college to be in charge of the chemical laboratories, teach lab classes and grade papers. Later, he did graduate work at the University of Michigan.

In 1942, Clare married Virginia (’gini) Mallernee in Battle Creek, Mich., and they resided in Berrien Springs. The Lukes had two children.

Clare was a long-time resident of Berrien Springs, having called the village home for 67 years. He was employed by National-Standard Company, a wire specialties company, in Niles, Mich. During his tenure at National-Standard, Clare worked as a control chemist, chief chemist, manager of research and development laboratories, manager of environmental control and quality assurance in the 27 plants around the world that the company owned.

Clare was also active in both civic and church affairs. He was a member of the Niles Rotary Club, the Berrien Springs City Council, and active in bowling and golf leagues. Clare served as a deacon, elder, head elder, school board chairman, building chairman for the Village Adventist Church School, and chairman of the building committee for the Berrien Springs Village Adventist Church. Later, Clare became the first charter member of the All Nations Adventist Church in Berrien Springs.

The Lukes retired to California in 1980. In January 2005, they moved to Texas to be near their daughter.

Clare is survived by his wife; his daughter, Carole, of Burleson, Tex.; his son, Jim, of Phoenix, Ariz., and two grandchildren.

Send birth, wedding, and funeral announcements with a daytime telephone number to Life Stories, Focus, Office of University Relations, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1000, or email the information to focus@andrews.edu.
The CC is a place for humor. (What? You don’t call this “humor”? As a person filled with Christian grace, aren’t you kind of required to give the CC credit for trying?) One of the most enduring “bits” of humor is the lawyer joke. The CC was reminded of this in the wake of Vice President Cheney’s quail-hunting expedition. Q: What do you call birdshot that, when aimed at a bird, hits a lawyer instead? A: A lucky shot. Q: What do you call birdshot that, when it hits a lawyer, causes superficial injuries? A: Defective. The CC doesn’t really dislike lawyers. Some of its best friends are lawyers.

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### Fun-da-mental facts

In preparation for the 2006 Faculty/Staff/Board banquet, a survey of 105 AU students was conducted.

- The top 4 responses to “Name the best thing about Andrews University” were: The people, the rich diversity, the spiritual atmosphere, and Fusion concerts.
- The top 4 responses to “Something you wouldn’t try, not even once” were: drugs, eating meat, bungee jumping, and premarital sex.
- In response to “Number of times a day that you pray,” 60% of the students indicated they prayed at least 3–5 times. The majority of the remaining students prayed more often.

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### Campus Craze

**BIRDING EDITION**

You think this is silly? You should see the AU Cardinal at a basketball game!

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<td>Efficient? Yes. And, under certain conditions potentially merciful. Still, the CC takes a hard line on prehistoric hunting practices.</td>
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“We’re not finished. There’s work to be done.”
— Walter Wright, vice chair of the Board and president of the Lake Union Conference, during the Faculty/Staff briefing on March 9, Seminary Chapel

“The kind of friendships for Andrews that we have been able to build have bonded these people to the university, not to either one of us, and that is very important. They are really connected with Andrews.”
— Niels-Erik Andreasen to campus on March 10, PMC, speaking of donors’ relationship to Andrews

“It’s nice for a president to discover so many friends on the campus who don’t have to be friendly anymore.”
— Niels-Erik Andreasen to campus on March 10, PMC

From the Jan/Feb '67 issue

An AU connection to Torino, Italy, site of the 2006 Winter Olympics? The Jan/Feb 1967 issue of Focus confirms that a then high-tech color printing press installed at the University Press was built, in fact, in Torino. The “two-color Mergenthaler offset press,” weighing over 35,000 lbs. and generating speeds of up to 8,000 sheets an hour, clearly earned the “gold” standard among AU printing machines of the time, running “three times as fast” as its predecessor.

In a related item: Sources continue to deny speculation that the curling stones used in Torino originated from the Lemon Creek Quarry.

The AU Cardinal

What does Andrews University share with these institutions of higher learning?

Ball State University, Catholic University, Concordia University, Lamar University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, North Central College, Otterbein College, Saginaw Valley State University, St. John Fisher College, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota, State University of New York-College at Plattsburgh, University of Louisville, Wesleyan University, Wheeling Jesuit University, William Jewell College, and York College-City University of New York?

You guessed it! The Cardinal nickname....
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