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Reflections from a current (and future) alum

This fall has been an exciting time at Andrews University. Most importantly, the campus is alive with enthusiastic, bright students and they bring energy and purpose to our work. Another visible sign that radically changes the landscape is the progress made on the new university entrance. It’s impossible to miss the impact when you stand at the new roundabout on Seminary Drive and gaze down the road to an unobstructed view of Old U.S. 31. As my colleague Rebecca May says, “Before we know it, it will seem like it has always been here.” The entrance truly changes the face of the university to a more welcoming and open persona.

On the other side of campus, construction on the new milking parlor at the Dairy is moving along rapidly. Check out the handsome spread in this issue focusing on the 100th anniversary of this important educational and financial component of our campus. The renovation of dining services has also begun in the Campus Center. Look for a progress report and photos of this project in the next issue of Focus.

These major improvements would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. Alumni and friends who gave this year are included in the Annual Report, along with an overview of the financial status of the institution.

The honor Class of 1957 undertook a major project this year which culminated in a new campus gathering spot. “Trash Can Junction” was formally memorialized with a beautiful stone fountain, patio and benches.

We were blessed with a gorgeous, warm weekend for Alumni Homecoming 2007 and hundreds of alumni took advantage of the opportunity to renew acquaintances, enjoy great food, listen to inspirational music and speakers, and play and worship together. Some of them brought along members of their family and one of them, Jordan Roper, enjoyed his weekend so much that he wrote about his experience. We hope you “catch the spirit” and make plans now to attend next year’s Homecoming, Sept. 25–28, 2008.

“It is wonderful to be the grandson and son of graduates from the classes of 1952 & 1987 of Andrews University. I was excited about attending the 2007 Andrews Alumni Homecoming with my mother, Elise Dixon-Roper (BA ’87). It was her 20th year reunion. When I arrived at Andrews Sabbath morning, we first went to the Howard Performing Arts Center for the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) Reunion. My mother had served as the BSCF President in 1986 and had served as Alumni President for several years. I then decided to attend Pioneer Memorial Church with my grandmother, Marguerite A. Dixon (BA ’52). I was able to see my friends, and heard a very good sermon by the pastor.

After church, I went to the BSCF dinner and stayed there until we went to see the remodeled Seminary. We visited the interactive model of the Israelite wilderness sanctuary. It was very interesting to see how the sanctuary functioned. Earlier I had read in the student newspaper about the Trash Can Junction, so I asked my grandmother about it. She told me that when she was in school in the 1950s, the men could not go into the dormitories. The trashcan was in front of Lamson Hall and served as a boundary of where the men could walk the women to Lamson Hall. We walked by the memorial, and then went back to the Howard Center for pictures of the designated classes. To end our visit, we stopped and ate at our favorite sandwich shop [in town], Baguette de France.

I enjoyed meeting new people who had attended Andrews with my grandmother and mother and learning about some of the history. I look forward to being a member of the freshman class of 2014.”

Jordan Roper attends Hinsdale Adventist Academy in Hinsdale, Ill. and is currently in the 7th grade.
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President Niels-Erik Andreasen, Richard Scott, director of facilities management, and David Faehner, vice president for advancement, pose on the equipment which moved the first dirt for the new university entrance. (Photo by Vaughan Nelson)
Archaeology clarifications

After receiving and reading (most of) the latest Focus magazine, (Summer 2007, Volume 43, No. 3), I have noticed one possible correction in the article on page 5, entitled “Institute of Archaeology celebrates 40th anniversary.”

I have only been on one archaeological dig, in 1987, and I don’t remember everything that I learned while I was in Jordan, but if my memory serves me correctly, the phrase “Tall Hisban” should actually be read “Tel Hesban.”

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Raymond W. Pelto (BS ’89, MAT ’93)

Editor’s note: The following explanation was given by the Institute of Archaeology: “Sometime in the mid-1990s the Jordanian government officially changed all the transliterations of archaeological site names in Jordan with E-vowels to A-vowels (or occasionally I-vowels) because there is actually no E-vowel in Arabic. The sole exception is Petra because it is so well-known. One may still see the older spelling in print, sometime for the sake of consistency in terms of a book series, but otherwise the new spelling is preferred in terms of Jordan. Other Islamic countries have not necessarily followed suit.”

I always enjoy reading each issue of Focus, cover to cover, and think you do a great job in both content and form. You would understand why I read your Summer 2007 (page 5) report, “Institute of Archaeology celebrates 40th anniversary” with special interest. For the record, I offer a few corrections:

1) The title could be understood to suggest that the Institute itself was 40 years old, which of course it isn’t so that is not what the title meant to suggest—as demonstrated by the article’s first sentence.
2) Siegfried H. Horn was not the founder of Andrews University’s Institute of Archaeology (I was!), though Dr. Horn was obviously the one who put Andrews on the archaeological map!
3) Øystein LaBianca should be credited with providing the impetus for the “focus shifting toward anthropological methods of archaeology” at Hisban.
4) Apparently the last photo was flipped in relationship to the caption; as the photo is printed, those in the caption should be identified from left to right as “local tribal chief, Ambassador Hale and Mustafa al-Barrari.”

Keep up the good work.

Lawrence T. Geraty (MA ’63, BD ’65)

Climate change challenge

The Focus of Summer 2007 includes a letter by Donald Rhoads in which he asserts that there is “a consensus among scientists that the warming of the earth is in large part due to human activity and that the prospective changes could have catastrophic impacts on civilization.” Although it is easy to find claims of a consensus on that issue, your readers should know that there is a significant body of scientific opinion that disagrees, a fact that is not discouraging since science advances faster in times of disagreement. Any improvements of future climate models will result from skeptical scientists who have pointed to flaws in earlier work.

To learn more about the evidence pointing to natural causes and possible consequences of global warming, I recommend reading an article entitled “Environmental Effects of Increased Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide,” in a recent issue of the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons.

I also highly recommend the book Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1500 Years, that takes on claims by those who support the human-induced warming idea and confronts these largely model-driven claims with the actual scientific evidence. As the reader will discover, the human-induced warming claims are based upon climate models, rather than upon physical evidence. The book is fully documented with references to the original literature, a fact that will be appreciated by the reality-based reader. The authors conclude along with a large number of scientists that most of the warming may be due to
natural unstoppable causes with many consequences which can be positive.

James R. Van Hise (former faculty)

Food critique

I have read with interest the article by Doug Jones. It is interesting, yes, and well written. However, I find it difficult to understand how a review of local eateries can be considered fulfilling the objectives of Focus magazine. I always thought your main purpose is to keep the (mostly distant) alumni and friends of AU in touch with the institution and offer a warm positive view of what is going on there. The article, unfortunately, might give the impression that you are there to help out those local folks who have a taste for gourmet eating and don’t know where to find it, or who those are not happy with “Terrance [sic] Cafe” because “Sam’s Chicken” is not on the menu. If that is considered useful, then maybe the Herald-Palladium or a similar venue would be a better place for it.

I wish you peace and God’s guidance as you continue the challenging work of putting out this important publication.

Loron Wade (MAT ’63, EdD ’81)

Valuable work ethic

Just finished browsing through the latest issue. Thanks to Ivan for his work; it’s nice to be updated on my alma mater, as well as be reminded of things I had forgotten (e.g., the Nutrinauts).

During my years as an undergrad I was one of those students who had to work. Two of my work supervisors were Floyd “Mac” Macomber in the mill room, and Lillian Shadduck in the dorm. In practical terms I learned more from them than I did from some of the classwork that I took. I have always appreciated them and what they gave me. My suggestion is an article featuring these individuals and the work-study program that made an education at Andrews a doable for me.

John Glass (BA ’66, BD ’68, DMin ’92)

Sweet (and salty) memories

Your article about Alice Marsh brought back wonderful memories. I remember when the Marsh family came to Berrien and they lived only a few houses away from us in The Grove. I was lucky enough to be in Mrs. Marsh’s first classes. She was a loving and nonjudgmental teacher.

Del Delker was my lab partner and our assignment was to make hot chocolate and Del got the salt and sugar mixed up. Needless to say, no one wanted to try our hot chocolate. But Mrs. Marsh smiled her gentle smile and realized what had happened and looked at it humorously instead of critically.

Frances Beck Schleicher (BA ’54)

Giving Honors its due

It is surely true that many of the Andrews University Alumni were particularly pleased with the splendid Alumni Weekend Homecoming festivities of Sept. 27-30. The organization of the many activities, the scheduling, and timing were superb. Multiple thanks are certainly due to the organizing personnel who were responsible for planning the Alumni Homecoming Weekend of 2007!

I might comment that the event “Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the JN Andrews Program” was particularly appreciated. However, concerning the “40th Anniversary,” it does seem that the Honors Program was initiated under the presidency of Dr. Floyd Rittenhouse somewhat more than 40 years ago. One could add that without a vote of the AU faculty giving consent to the proposal in the early 1960s, the presently flourishing AU Honors Program would not have become a reality. (It is of interest to note that there was some faculty opposition to the inauguration of an honors program.) Perhaps in the next Homecoming Weekend, a major honors program event could be planned, with some attention given to the progress of the program and its present operational status.

Paul E Hamel (BA ’48)
Enrollment reaches new height

Another school year has started at Andrews University. Students once again fill the residence halls, sidewalks, classrooms, and cafeteria. This year, though, the campus is even busier than usual.

Final reports reveal that the 2007–2008 enrollment numbers have reached a record high, with 3,221 students enrolled overall at the University. This is a headcount increase of 500 students since 2001. Additionally, the new freshmen population is the largest Andrews has seen in ten years with 337 new freshmen enrolled. The new freshmen population increased this year by 47 students. A rapid increase of this size has not occurred since 2002. While the overall graduate school population decreased by 1% (or 18 students), the percentage of students enrolled in doctoral programs increased by 5%.

"Thanks to a challenge by Heather Barroni, featured on the cover of the 2007–08 Student Planner, signs autographs after Convocation, August 30.

Don May, assistant dean for the College of Arts and Sciences and director of general education and student retention, reports that retention rates—the number of first year students that return—at Andrews have remained steady as well. National retention rates of first-year to second-year students average around 71%; this year, Andrews came in at 77%.

May observes, "The new students this year are incredible. Even as you pass them on the sidewalk, they are engaged, thoughtful and friendly. The university faculty, staff and students are more focused on what Andrews can be. We’re off to a year where God is blessing, and Andrews can be proud of itself.”

Andrews ranks nationally

Andrews University has once again been named one of the “Best National Universities” for 2008, as reported in U.S. News and World Report. Of the over 4500 institutions of higher education in the United States, 262 of these are recognized as national universities, schools that provide master’s and doctoral programs in addition to an array of undergraduate degrees. Just 98 private institutions meet these requirements. There are seven national universities in Michigan. Andrews University is the only Seventh-day Adventist institution included as a national university.

Each year U.S. News and World Report gathers data about colleges and universities throughout the United States. The rankings that result from this data are published in an “America’s Best Colleges” report in order to help students and their families find an institution to best meet their needs.

U.S. News and World Report ranks Andrews University as the thirteenth most racially diverse national university. Andrews is fifth among national universities in its percentage of international students.

Andrews is also unique in its student-to-teacher ratio. Sixty-three percent of classes offered at the University have fewer than twenty members each. These small classes provide an excellent learning environment, allowing students the opportunity to interact regularly with their instructors.

At the same time, 91% of the faculty at Andrews is full-time. As a result, the highest-ranking professors teach all students, including freshmen and sophomores, throughout their college experience.

Another strong recognition received by Andrews is its listing in the “A+ Options for B Students” category. Andrews, then, has a good reputation for taking “B” students and giving them an “A+” experience. Andrews is noted as having a “selective” acceptance rate—43% of freshmen at Andrews were among the top 25% of their high school classes.
Cleveland donates priceless collection

On November 8, 2007, the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University received a priceless collection of original materials from Adventist pioneer evangelist, Elder E.E. Cleveland. Cleveland and his family personally came to campus to present his personal papers to the Center at a luncheon in his honor. Nearly 100 faculty and friends of Andrews attended the luncheon, hosted by Provost Heather Knight, to express their appreciation. Merlin Burt, director of the Center, was on hand to accept the formal deed of the gift. That evening, Cleveland inspired a capacity crowd with his preaching in the Seminary Chapel.

The collection contains nearly 2000 sermon manuscripts, hundreds of pictures, personal books, audio-visual materials, and other records of his ministry, as well as his wedding Bible signed by Elder Cleveland’s father, with an inscription on how the couple met, got engaged, and married in 1943.

At the luncheon the dean and associate dean of the SDA Theological Seminary described the collection and expressed appreciation to Cleveland for making this material available to future generations of evangelists. Clifford Jones, associate dean, expressed his appreciation in the following words: “Elder Cleveland did not just redefine public evangelism. He did not just rewrite the book on public evangelism, for there was none to rewrite when he came along. Cleveland wrote the book on evangelism, doing so with skill and aplomb, and the thousands of pages of his personal papers which he is turning over to the Center for Adventist Research is a treasure trove beckoning to be plumbed by some astute doctoral students.”

According to Steven Norman, communication director for the Southern Union of Seventh-day Adventists who helped facilitate this donation, when Cleveland lost his wife of 60 years in 2003, he faced his own mortality and was determined to prepare a ministry continuity plan. This plan was to give his ministry the ability to speak a message of hope even after his death and instill ministers with a passion for evangelism. A fundamental part of that plan was to preserve his records. Cleveland chose to use the Center for Adventist Research at Andrews University, because it was under the auspices of the General Conference and this university that he became the first African-American Seventh-day Adventist minister to teach pastors around the globe, regardless of race. Cleveland loves ministers and wants his records to be available to graduate-level students around the world for their research, professional development and spiritual growth.

Cleveland summed up his ministry in these words: “I have seen God for so long do so much with so little, I now believe He can do anything with nothing, meaning me.”

Architecture students gain “real-world” skills

From September 17-25, a team of fifth-year architecture students from the Andrews School of Architecture’s Urban Design Studio was able to apply skills learned in the classroom to practical use. Led by associate professor Andrew von Maur, they spent eight days working with citizens of Michigan City, Indiana to create a community development plan.

Each night, the students presented and discussed ideas with community members in a town hall meeting. “We brought in anybody who had a stake in the downtown,” says von Maur, “because in the end, the proposal is not going to be useful unless it makes sense to the people who live there.”

The project in Michigan City follows an important tradition in the Andrews School of Architecture of giving students opportunities to make positive contributions in the community. Last year, von Maur worked with a team of students on a similar development project in Saucier, Miss., which earned them a national award. The county adopted the plan and zoning ordinance in May of this year, making it a legal tool.

But even if the plans in Michigan City are similarly adopted, it will not mean an overnight transformation. “Building a community takes generations,” von Maur says. “There has never been a plan I know of that has been fully implemented according to the original drawing.” Rather than provide a stringent architectural checklis, von Maur hopes the plans will be enough to give the project direction, “creating a sense of vision that is specific enough to help guide all the small decision in between.”
Students lined the back wall of the crowded chemistry amphitheater in Halenz Hall for the kick-off of the 2007–2008 season of the Socrates Project, an after-school educational mentoring program concentrated in Benton Harbor. Two guest speakers headlined the event, sharing advice based on personal experience in the educational system.

Leading off, Chuck Wilbur, senior education and communication advisor to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, presented Andrews students with a number of educational issues facing the state of Michigan. Wilbur noted low graduation rates in high schools and state universities as areas for improvement.

“Education in Michigan,” Wilbur said, “is powered by a three-letter word: all.” But while the politicians in Lansing are the ones “changing laws,” Wilbur recognized that people like those involved in the Socrates Project, who come into direct contact with students, are the ones “changing lives.” “I regard you as the troops on the front lines,” said Wilbur. “I come here to salute you.”

Louretta Cunningham-Powell brought the issue of education down from the state to the local level. Cunningham-Powell, who serves as dean of MLK Freshman Academy in Benton Harbor, shared the experience of witnessing a transformation in her school—getting students who would rather be dancing or playing basketball, to take school seriously.

“In a school system that ranks the lowest in Berrien County, Cunningham-Powell pushed for change by “stressing every day academics, academics, academics.” She taught the students to “focus not on what is, but on what could be.” This strategy paid off when a MLK school team won ten medals, including two gold, at the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad. Cunningham-Powell was quick to point out, however, that education is a group effort. She called on community members to take an interest in the education and upbringing of Benton Harbor schoolchildren.

In his closing remarks, Wilbur reminded Andrews’ students that while no magic wand or silver bullet can make an instant improvement in the educational system, “you can change education one heart, one mind, at a time.”

The carpet in the former library was taken out and replaced with a wood floor, and the room was furnished with 18–20 chairs designed by Harvey Kellogg. Sutherland House also received a long wooden table from a large collection of antiques donated to Andrews several years ago by Douglas Benson.

“We value the historicity of this building as the oldest building on campus,” said Andreasen, who hopes to continue the project with renovations in the kitchen. “Sutherland House is the jewel in the crown of Andrews’ few remaining historic buildings,” she said. "The staff of the Press considers it a great honor to be able to go to work every day here, in our offices on the second floor. We intend to be good stewards of the place. We are particularly pleased that Mrs. Andreasen has worked so hard in turning the main floor into an elegant and useful venue for important university gatherings.”

The Institute of World Mission has since relocated to the Seminary, making space on the second floor for the Andrews University Press. And the renovations continue.

Most recently, Demetra Andreasen and Ron Knott, director of the Press, have undertaken the project of transforming the main floor library into an elegant room ideal for meetings and receptions.

Andreasen wrote letters to a number of Adventist women who responded generously to her request for contributions. She also recruited individuals from the community to volunteer time. Employees from Plant Services did the majority of the renovations. “I would like to acknowledge the fact that a number of men and women gave time to renovate the room to bring it to its present condition,” said Andreasen.

Ron Knott and Demetra Andreasen invited campus to view the recent renovations in the former library of the Sutherland House.
World-famous conductor Herbert Blomstedt visits

From November 2–4, world-renowned conductor Herbert Blomstedt visited Andrews, giving lectures and meeting with students. His conducting resume includes a number of elite American orchestras including the Chicago Symphony and the New York Philharmonic, as well as numerous orchestras across Europe. From 1985–1995 he served as the music director for the San Francisco Symphony.

On Friday night, Blomstedt shared some reflections on the topic of music during a vespers service at the Howard Performing Arts Center (below). He began by trying to define music. Although he keeps a “Webster’s” behind his desk, he admitted that he still has no perfect definition of what music is. “Music can be so many things,” he said. As to its purpose, Blomstedt felt that all music is for the “refreshment of mind and soul” and the “glory of God.”

Maestro Blomstedt continued his discussion of music on Sabbath afternoon in a seminar on hymnology at the Seminary Chapel. With PMC organist Kenneth Logan accompanying, Blomstedt led the congregation in singing a number of hymns, following each one with a few words on its history and musicality. One example Blomstedt brought up was the tempo in “Jesus, Priceless Treasure.” In 1618 when it was written, Blomstedt pointed out, religious music was dominated by the belief that “in order to be holy, we have to sing very, very slow.”

In addition to his lectures for the general public, Blomstedt spoke to the Andrews University Orchestra and sat in on one of their rehearsals. “It was a real pleasure to play music for Maestro Blomstedt,” said Andre Moncrieff, a violinist in the orchestra. “His story of success in the world of professional music as a Seventh-day Adventist is very inspiring, and he is a role model for all of us musicians here at Andrews.”

Carlos Flores, chair of the music department, comments, “The visit of Maestro Herbert Blomstedt was an event to remember for music students and faculty at Andrews University,” said Flores. “His lecture and dialogue with music students, his lectures on music and spirituality, and his personal rapport with students, faculty and community in general revealed additional extraordinary traits about this great man’s personality.”

Conference provides forum for dialogue

More than 200 scholars, pastors, administrators and lay members of the Adventist church met to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the publication of Seventh-day Adventists Answer Questions on Doctrine, a book released as a response to doctrinal inquiries by conservative Protestants in the mid-1950s.

The conference, which was billed as “an engaging, reflective, scholarly dialogue about Adventist history and theology,” consisted of 12 formal sessions during which 24 presenters (two of them non-Adventist scholars) read papers, engaged in panel discussion and delivered homilies.

All the papers presented at the conference and the video recordings of all the sessions will be available in January on the conference web page at http://qod.andrews.edu.
Acrosports front and center at Acrofest 2007

From November 7–10, over 960 athletes and coaches, representing 27 teams from Adventist colleges and academies as distant as Puerto Rico, Texas and Washington, came to Andrews University for the 16th annual Acrofest, a three-day celebration of acrosports.

“It went really smooth,” said Christian Lighthall, head coach of the Andrews University Gymnastics, and coordinator of the event.

Teams arrived on Wednesday night, and by Thursday morning they were busy honing their technique at workshop stations across the Andrews campus. Stations were managed by a number of elite instructors that were flown in from Texas, California, New Jersey, Kentucky and Maryland.

Each station focused on a different area of acrosports. At one station, participants honed their trios and pairs routines, while at another, they worked on pyramids and basket tossing. The Beaty Gym was devoted to tumbling, where gymnasts could practice their round-offs and back-handsprings on specially padded floors.

One of the weekend’s highlights was a special seminar on teeterboards, the Russian pole, and the Russian swing, conducted by the University of Illinois cheerleading team.

Amazingly, the weekend went off without any major injuries. “It’s phenomenal that that many athletes were able to work out over a three-day period without getting hurt,” says Lighthall.

Two participants were taken to the hospital as a precautionary measure, but both of them performed in the final show on Saturday night.

Coach Lighthall was a member of the Gymnastics in 1991 during the first year of Acrofest, and has participated in it every year since then. “It was nice to bring Acrofest back to the AU campus where it all started,” Lighthall said.

An online photo and video gallery of Acrofest 2007 is available for viewing at www.andrews.edu/gymnics.
Pittman takes on position of Honors Director

Starting this fall, L. Monique Pittman added to her duties as a professor in the department of English the new responsibilities of director of the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program.

Since she started teaching at Andrews in 1999, Pittman has contributed to the program both as a member of the Honors Council, and as the teacher of “Literature and the Arts.” Her efforts won her the award of Honors “Teacher of the Year” in 2002.

Pittman’s affiliation with the program, however, extends back to her time as a student at Andrews, where she graduated in 1991. As a product of the Honors program, Pittman holds a personal interest in it. “I’m thrilled to be given the trust of overseeing a program that has been such a part of my own academic formation,” she says. “When I came to Andrews, I joined the Honors Program as a freshman, and it was in those early days of honors classes that I found my own vocation as a Christian educator and my life’s calling to learning.”

As director, Pittman plans to expand the Junior Research Pro-Seminar as a preparation ground for the Honors Research Project, which stands out alongside the Honors curriculum as a major requirement for graduation from the program. “Our culminating research project offers students a rich opportunity to test out the waters of research and scholarship that they may embark further on in graduate and professional school programs,” says Pittman.

In spite of the added workload, Pittman is excited about her future as Honors director. “I’ve taught in the program for the last eight years and thoroughly enjoyed it,” she says. “The students are caring, humane and thoughtful individuals with whom it is a pleasure to learn. It gives me joy to be working with them.”

Three Andrews professors publish books

James K. Humphrey and the Sabbath-day Adventists, by R. Clifford Jones, recounts the story of an African American minister who separated from the Seventh-day Adventist church during the Harlem Renaissance. Humphrey’s break with the Seventh-day Adventists “provides clues to the state of black-white relationships in the denomination at the time.”

Jones is a professor of Christian Ministry, and associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He also serves as the coordinator of the African American concentration in the Doctor of Ministry program.

Flame of Yahweh: Sexuality in the Old Testament, by Richard M. Davidson, is a study of gender relationships and sexual activity in the Old Testament. Davidson addresses sexuality in Eden, the elevation vs. denigration of women, exclusivity vs. adultery and premarital sex, and sexuality in the Song of Songs.

Davidson is chair of the Old Testament department, and J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament Interpretation.

In Screen Deep, Scott Moncrieff offers a smart and engaging Christian perspective on contemporary popular culture. Moncrieff discusses spiritual questions that arise in the age of the iPod, Myspace, and reality TV, and ponders a Christian approach to various popular elements of modern society.

Moncrieff is a professor in the department of English. When he is not teaching or writing, he enjoys practicing his golf swing and playing the upright bass.
Jane Thayer retires

Jane Thayer has spent the past 28 years around the campus of Andrews University. She moved to Andrews in 1979 when her husband, Jerome Thayer, accepted a teaching position in the School of Education. “I was a stay-at-home mom with one preschooler son and one son in elementary school,” she says.

In 1985, though, once both of her boys were in school, Jane began working full-time again, taking on the position of director of Public Relations at Andrews University. Over the years, from the time of her move to Andrews until her retirement, she has continued to add to her list of accomplishments. She contract-taught English classes as well as held the positions of associate director of Public Relations, editor of Focus magazine, director of University Assessment, and assistant and associate professor of religious education. Since receiving her doctoral degree in 1996, she has taught full-time. At the time of her retirement on Sept. 1, 2007, she held the title of director of the Religious Education Programs. “I think it is interesting that I have taught in three schools here at Andrews: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary,” she says.

She has had the opportunity to watch several of her former students begin their own work at Andrews, as well. At least six current faculty and staff were once students in classes that she taught.

Even in retirement, Thayer continues to dedicate her service to Andrews. She still works part-time and serves as the director of the PhD in Religious Education Program as well as the director of Seminary Distance Learning.

Thayer does, though, have additional plans for her retirement. “I will keep watching God do amazing things for religious education at Andrews and for discipling in this denomination,” she says. She also looks forward to polishing a book she wrote about four years ago and readying it for publication, biking and, perhaps the most appealing of all, “not working in the evenings or on Sunday—unless I want to!”


Carscallen named dean of the School of Architecture

On Oct. 29, 2007, President Andreasen announced the recent decision of the Board of Trustees that the “Division of Architecture” would from now on be the “School of Architecture.” With this alteration came a change in the official title of the head of the program: Carey Carscallen, formerly director of the Division, is now dean of the new School.

“This change comes about because of the growing status and reputation that the Architecture program has achieved in recent years,” says Carscallen. “The change helps preserve the autonomy required by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) and was supported by the 2006 accreditation visiting team.”

“It also gives proper clarity and importance of its identity to prospective students, is more closely aligned with the majority of architecture programs in other institutions of higher education, and reflects its place among the other academic units of Andrews University, enabling it to prosper in its mission, both academically and financially within and outside of the University.”

The architecture program began as an associate degree in the College of Technology in 1974. Full accreditation for the bachelor of architecture degree was received in 1987. In the spring of 2000 the Division received a full five-year accreditation and in July of 2002 the NAAB approved a nomenclature change from bachelor of architecture to master of architecture.

There are 170 students currently studying for the degree. The Andrews University School of Architecture is one of five accredited architecture programs in the United States located at a Christian university.
Joshua Hodges III
A.K.A. “Unicycle Guy”
2nd year MDiv student

THE BEGINNING:
I started riding the unicycle back in 8th grade, it took a lot of persistence but I was determined not to be conquered.

WHY A UNICYCLE?
I used to go to a recreational center in Pomona, California that offered a free unicycle to anyone who could ride around the block two times without falling. The opportunities that this organization offered developed several positive qualities in me, that’s why I want to do the same thing for the youth of this generation.

TAKING A HIATUS DURING MICHIGAN WINTERS:
Of course not! Some say I am more skilled on one wheel (even during winter) than with my own two feet.

ORGANIZATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:
There is no current unicycle organization that I know of, but if there is anyone who has the burden to help me start one I am all for teaching people to ride.

OFF-CAMPUS TRICKS:
I do take it to the skate park once in awhile, and attempt to keep up with the tricks that others do on their skateboards. Yes, it does say “no bikes,” but I haven’t yet read a sign that says “no unicycles!”

TRAIL RIDING:
I do not have a typical unicycle, it can be ridden on- or off-road, backwards, off jumps, etc. I simply think about what I want to do then I attempt it until it becomes a reality.

IDEAL JOB UPON GRADUATION:
I want to encourage and instill in others the opportunity to be great by accomplishing one small act of service at a time. We were all specifically designed for a unique purpose, and by turning to God we will be led on the right path, one day reaching that mark. I guess an inspirational coach would be ideal.

MOTIVATIONS TO KEEP RIDING:
The main reason I ride this contraption is because it generates an automatic smile on almost everyone’s face. Shock, pride, joy and laughter are some of the many expressions I have noticed. They all definitely make riding the unicycle another day worthwhile!
In 1907 the Andrews University Dairy first opened its doors for business. It housed between 40–50 cows. Milking was done by hand. Students used machines run by literal horse power to harvest feed, and there was no electricity.

This year the Andrews University Dairy celebrates 100 years of operation—and a lot has changed in 100 years. But change is good.

Today the Andrews Dairy houses approximately 1,250 cattle at two separate farms and Andrews is, in fact, the only North American college or university with a farm. Milking is done by machines. Eight hundred fifty acres of corn are grown for feed in addition to the semi-truckloads of soybean meal, whole fuzzy cottonseed, corn gluten feed, and more that arrive every week. In 2006, 2.3 million gallons of milk were shipped to the Dairy’s cooperative, Michigan Milk Producers Association, which in turn sold most of the milk to Old Europe Cheese in St. Joseph, Mich.

The Dairy continues to grow.

In March 2007 the Dairy received $1 million from William Colson’s $8.5 million donation to Andrews. This gift is being used to build a new milking parlor that will reduce milking time and allow for improved herd management, as well as provide valuable opportunities for research. Plans for a visitors’ center have also been finalized. The visitors’ center will display both historical and current information about the dairy, serving as a resource that will prove invaluable to groups touring the Dairy each year. Construction on both facilities began this fall.

“We are honored that Mr. Colson saw fit to entrust such a large gift to our dairy and then to request that our new parlor and visitors’ center bear his name. We will do all we can to make this a model dairy and honor his memory,” says Tom Chittick, chair of the agriculture department and comanager of the dairy.
Five academic degrees are offered through the agriculture department: agribusiness, animal science, preveterinary studies, dairy herd management, and horticulture and landscape design. Twenty-five students are studying in the dairy herd management and animal science programs, specifically. Seven full-time staff and between 45–60 students are employed by the dairy annually. These academic and employment pursuits have opened up opportunities for positive experiences outside of the Andrews University campus, as well.

For instance, the Andrews Dairy is well-known in Michigan for its high milk production per cow and for the greenhouse-type barn it constructed for part of the dairy herd in 1999. Dairy science students from Purdue University, The Ohio State University, and Michigan State University have come to visit this facility.

Each year Andrews University cattle make up a significant portion of the dairy cattle exhibit at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Andrews cattle have also been shown at other area fairs and statewide shows. Awards include the much-coveted "Premiere Exhibitor."

Undergraduate animal science students participating in the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program have presented research projects at international meetings of the American Dairy Science Association. Results of research projects have also been published in Hoard’s Dairyman, the leading lay journal of the dairy industry.

“We have received positive feedback from the research results we have presented at international scientific meetings and in industry journals. We are glad that we can demonstrate the excellence of the academics offered at Andrews University to those outside our region and our faith community,” says Katherine Koudele, animal science/prevet advisor and comanager of the dairy.

Gillian Sanner is a graduate communication major and editorial intern for Focus.
In the mid-1950s, a trash can stood at the junction of the sidewalk running the length of the mall past Nethery Hall toward Lamson Hall and the sidewalk coming from the west campus where the men’s dormitories stood. The presence of trash bins around campus was not in itself unusual, but this particular receptacle was special. All Emmanuel Missionary College students knew of its location on campus and understood its meaning. So special was this particular trash can that its location even had a name: Trash Can Junction.

Trash Can Junction marked the boundary between the exclusively male and female parts of campus. On Saturday nights and after special occasions, men could drop their dates at the door of Lamson Hall, but during the week, the college administration permitted male students to escort their female companions no further than the trash can. Here they were allowed to say good night, provided they didn’t take too long.

During the day, students who inadvertently crossed the imaginary line dividing the campus into two halves at Trash Can Junction might find themselves in a deep discussion with their deans about their romantic future. As the day ended, the sound of the chimes reminded students that they had fifteen minutes to reach worship in their separate dormitories. In a hasty passing of notes and suggestive glances, students arranged the time and place of their next dates or simply said their good nights.

Although returning veterans had loosened the administration’s control of students’ social life, the administration continued to restrict male-female romantic interaction. One or two faculty members monitored activity at Trash Can Junction to assure that students neither lingered too long nor engaged in any physical displays of affection. Students who violated these rules risked what was commonly known as de-socialization. On a first offense a couple might be prohibited from dating each other for a week. Further offenses increased the time that couples might be prevented from spending time with each other. So vigilantly did teachers supervise the parting hour that some students speculated the trash can might even be “bugged.”

When trying to decide upon a suitable gift to commemorate their Golden Homecoming, the Class of 1957 settled on a memorial to Trash Can Junction at the approximate site of the famous garbage receptacle. During the year before their Golden Homecoming, class members raised sufficient funds to cover the cost of the memorial and its landscaping. The memorial will not only arouse nostalgic memories for alumni who remember Trash Can Junction, but also bring to life a slice of the past for current students at Andrews University.

The memorial consists of a fountain at the center of a brick-paved courtyard nestled under the trees at the end of the sidewalk which begins at the Bookstore and terminates at Lamson Hall. Five benches will eventually surround the fountain. One of these benches was purchased by several family members and friends to honor the late Eugene Parkhurst, a member of the class of 1957. The purchase of the remaining four benches as memorials was pledged during the Reunion of 2007 by class members. A plaque explaining the significance of the site will be mounted nearby.

In this shady nook of campus, students will be able to study or reflect or simply share each other’s company. And no faculty members will be waiting to take down their names if they linger too long.

Bruce Closser is associate professor of English at Andrews University.

1 Meredith Jones Gray, As We Set Forth (Berrien Springs, Mich: Andrews University, 2002), p. 311.
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Thursday evening’s “People’s Choice Concert” in the Howard Performing Arts Center took the audience on a musical journey through the decades from Andrews University’s start as Emmanuel Missionary College until now. Selections included everything from Juan Carlos Rodriguez’s presentation of *When Irish Eyes are Smiling* to Jonathan Wall’s impersonation of Elvis. Demetra Andreasen remarks, “I was very impressed with the amount of talent on campus!”

**Left:** Jeff Carlson played *Tis a Gift to be Simple* on the hammered dulcimer.

**Below:** Michaela Lawrence performed the Roberta Flack favorite *Killing Me Softly.*
For a few days this fall, Andrews University opened its campus especially for its alumni. From September 27 through 30, alumni guests were treated to four days full of entertainment, activities, worship services, and athletics. Gillian Sanner provides an overview of some highlights from the weekend.

Home!

GROUNDBREAKING FOR THE NEW UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Andrews University entrance took place Friday, Sept. 28, 2007. David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, offered the following words of dedication:

We are standing in a field across from Highway 31 in the village of Berrien Springs, Michigan to dedicate a new entrance for our school, Andrews University.

It was in the same field, 106 years ago, that a new road, later named College Avenue, was established. This road led through the Garland farm to the new Emmanuel Missionary College.

Through the years thousands of students have entered this campus, by such roads as Grove St., University Blvd., and Garland Ave. The purpose for the students has been the same: they have come to seek knowledge, affirm their faith and leave through the same entrance to change the world.

This beautiful new entrance and road will allow people to enter into the heart of the campus where they will see excellent facilities such as the Howard Performing Arts Center, the School of Business, the Seminary and Pioneer Memorial Church, thus allowing people to accurately see the quality of this place.

We want to thank the many donors who supported this project, especially the late Bill Colson and his wife, Bonnie, for their strong desire to have this entrance. Without them this project could not have been completed.

We dedicate this new entrance as our front door to our community, alumni and students.

TAMBUNAN: PIZZA, POP & PROFESSIONALS

"Pizza, Pop, and Professionals," held in the Wolverine Room of Terrace Café, gives current Andrews students the opportunity to network with alumni professionals in various fields. Tom Schultz, a junior computer science major, was able to speak with Aldy Hernandez (BS ’96, MS ’99) from RedHat. "I wish there were more events like this," says Schultz. “It is inspiring to see people who have graduated and have jobs in the field you are interested in."

Top: Richard Scott waves the “start your engines” flag for the bulldozers’ first scoop of earth for the new entrance
Middle: Aldy Hernandez from RedHat
Bottom: The annual Women’s Scholarship Breakfast hosted a performance of “The Grandmothers of Jesus.”
20TH ANNUAL HOMECOMING PARADE

The parade starts from the Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot and winds its way around campus past the Alumni house and into the Administration Building parking lot. Bystanders enjoyed colorful floats, beautiful banners and a marching band. Juanita (Moses) Campbell (BS ’93), along with husband Douglas, daughter Solana, son Suvan, and dog Sakee, marched in the parade. “My kids love parades, and they were so excited to have the opportunity to actually be in this parade! (Even our puppy got into it!) We all got dressed up and carried the flag of India, my country of origin.”

Clockwise from top left: Juanita, Solana and Suvan Campbell • The Gymnics performed for the parade judges (do not attempt this at home!) • Computing at Andrews celebrated their 40th anniversary • Andrews Ambassadors, the youthful face of Andrews to prospective students, spread school spirit • Demetra Andreasen • Beautiful faces of Andrews’ international students • The Berrien Springs High School Marching Band was a great addition to this year’s parade • Rickshaws from the department of World Mission • David & Marilyn Bauer, honored alums • Provost Heather Knight waves from a sporty yellow convertible
The Missions Café, held in the lobby of the Howard Performing Arts Center, allowed student missionaries to share their experiences with visitors. Deb (Lloyd) Foote (BS ’77) says, “As we walked into the new Howard building, we were greeted by former student missionaries with pictures, slide shows and artifacts from the areas they had served. The mission vespers began with songs that alumni grew up singing in Junior Missionary Volunteers during the 1960s. For the program, numerous students read thoughts that student missionaries had experienced during specific incidents. I came away humbled and awed at their dedication and sacrifice at such an early age.” Dave Foote (BS ’77) was also inspired by the evening’s events. “I must say with pride that my University has spirit,” he says. “The Friday evening vespers and the Missions Café were spiritually powerful. More than any new building, I was impressed with the large number of students involved with missions. This is love in action.”

New Life Service/Black Student Christian Forum Alumni Reunion

Sabbath’s New Life worship service/Black Student Christian Forum Alumni Reunion was held in the Howard Performing Arts Center. Honored alum David Knight presented Sabbath’s sermon, and music included selections from Deliverance Mass Choir and Journey. Jan (Greenidge) Pickett (BSW ’83, MA ’86) remarks, “I was in choir when I was in college, so it was nice to see the choirs now—and nice to see that the music is still going strong!” Pickett adds that the event “brought back a lot of memories. It was good to see friends again but even better to remember the spiritual experiences I had while going to school at Andrews. It gave me a warm feeling all over again. The whole service was very much a blessing from start to finish.”
40th Anniversary: JN Andrews Honors Program

Saturday’s reception celebrating the 40th anniversary of the JN Andrews Honors Program was held in the Honors suite in Nethery Hall. “It was fun to come back to Andrews for alumni days and see some of my Honors professors and fellow scholars,” says Marianne Kordas (BA ’07). “I was especially delighted to see that Monique Pittman (BA ’91 and current Honors director) had brought in a selection of teas for the reception—it brought back good memories of Wednesday afternoons engaged in the wonders of English Renaissance literature in one of her seminars, teacup in hand.” Kordas also attests to the positive impact the Honors program had on her. “Now that I’m pursuing a master’s degree, I have come to appreciate how well the Honors program prepared me for the rigors of grad school.”

Harvest Picnic

The Harvest Picnic in the Alumni house backyard provided the perfect atmosphere for families to eat, visit and have fun. “The tent was beautifully decorated and provided plenty of seating,” says Bryan von Dorpowski (BBA ’88). “I was able to meet friends whom I haven’t seen for many years. The refreshments were great, while my kids particularly enjoyed making s’mores by the bonfire.” Brenda Schalk (BS ’92, MS ’99) also brought her family to the picnic. “My husband, Scott, and I attended the picnic with our three kids,” she says. “They were very excited to take a ride on the hay wagon and visit the cows, but the evening got even better when we returned from the hayride to the outside fire and they saw all the fixings to make s’mores! Our whole family had fun being outside eating and socializing. We are fortunate to be a part of Andrews and able to participate in events such as alumni weekend. I know my children will have great memories of growing up near Andrews and being a part of the alumni festivities.”
Clockwise from top left:
Alumni enjoy a fall hayride tour of campus sites • Good food and good fellowship at the Alumni Harvest Picnic • Research project—“Can you actually eat an entire apple with only two teeth?” Watch for research results. • Claude and Rea Joyce (Dean) White • Reuniting with friends gets sweeter by the year • Toasted to perfection • Flickering torches kept the visiting going long after the sun went down • Marshmallows always taste best toasted with friends at the Alumni picnic and bonfire!
**ALUMNI HOMECOMING GALA**

Held in the Howard Performing Arts Center, the Alumni Homecoming Gala featured alumni performers and the Andrews University Chorale and Andrews Sinfonietta, with Stephen Zork and Claudio Gonzalez conducting. “It was such a pleasure to perform with other Andrews alumni,” says Jeannie Pedersen-Smith (MMus ’02), who performed a vocal duet with Julia Lindsay (MMus ’87). “The great number of accomplished professional Adventist musicians are a source of real pride for me.”

**BASKETBALL GAME: ALUMNI VS. STUDENTS**

The Andrews University Cardinals basketball teams took on the alumni Saturday night in front of an enthusiastic crowd in the Johnson Gymnasium. The evening ended with the alumni women’s two-point win over the Ladies’ Cardinals and the Men’s Cardinals strong victory over the alumni men. “The Alumni game was very exciting. It was great to see so many people come out and show their support for the Cardinals and alumni,” says Sean Thorne, senior nursing major and cocaptain of the men’s Cardinals basketball team. “As the first game of the season, it gave us the opportunity to see how we work as a team.”
AVIATION BREAKFAST AND FLYING COMPETITION

Sunday’s fly-in event at the Airpark drew anywhere between fifty and eighty aircraft from around the country, though most fly-in participants came from Michigan and Indiana. Allan Payne, chair of the aeronautics department and Airpark manager, says, “We started early in the morning this year with a pancake breakfast. Some call it a ‘one-hundred-dollar breakfast’ because of the cost of the flight to get here. In reality, pilots look for an excuse to fly and show off their airplanes. It is an identity issue as much as anything. This year we were able to have the local Experimental Aircraft Association assisting with aircraft parking while our personnel worked with radios warning aircraft of any hazard in the air. All in all it was a very safe and fun weekend. Our hope is that we will see many more alumni fly in to join us in the future.”

5K RUN/WALK, 10K RUN

Robert Moncrieff, a junior English major, participated in Sunday’s races. He says, “I had a great time participating in the Alumni 5K run. When I saw one of my professors at the starting line, I was determined to at least keep him in my forward vision. The plan worked until around mile number three, when he took off out of sight to finish in second place, leaving me in the dust. Nonetheless, I had a great time and look forward to next year for Round Two.”

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September 25–28, 2008

Honor Classes:

If you are interested in serving as a reunion leader or getting involved, please contact the Alumni Office.
Of Melons, White Beaver, and La Salle

Muskmelon and ice cream feed, “cantaloupe sundaes,” “cantaloupe à la mode”—for almost 30 years the school year opened at Emmanuel Missionary College and then Andrews University with melons, a bonfire, and stories on the high bluff overlooking the St. Joseph River. What began as a “Freshman Days” event quickly became a tradition so deeply embedded in the campus culture that not even 10 years after its debut, the students thought that the melon feed had existed since 1901 and the founding of the school in Berrien Springs! By 1957, the occasion was labeled in the yearbook as “Tradition Night.”

The first mention of the ritual, however, seems to be in the Student Movement of September 30, 1936, which refers to “cantaloupe sundaes” as the “highlight of the evening’s adventure.” In those days the melons came from the fields of the college farm. At the evening picnic, around a blazing campfire, the melons were split in half and filled with ice cream for the eager diners. In 1947, in the midst of the enrollment surge following WWII, the Student Association split and served 780 cantaloupes.

Only twice in reported history, the melons did not make their appearance. The SM reported in October of 1943 that the “...ice cream social became a corn roast due to the restrictions of war and the lateness of the season” (4). In 1948, pies were served instead but the melons returned and remained a tradition until the event faded away in the 1960s.

The pièces de résistance (besides the muskmelon), however, were the stories. They were a rite of passage, an “induction” ceremony for the new students into the lore of EMC. In the early years English professor Harry Tippett and later Chemistry chair Herwarth Halenz regaled the audience around the fire with tales of when Indians walked the woods of EMC. Armed with a little history and a lot of imagination, they told how in 1679 French explorer La Salle and his Indian scout White Beaver could have made camp right there on the high point above the river: “It is easy to imagine that its high vantage place may have lured La Salle when he sailed up the St. Joseph two hundred fifty years ago seeking a passage to the Mississippi; and having climbed its height and surveyed the country, who knows but he may have tarried there a night.”

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Margery Ann (Prince) Guthrie (BA ’66), and Sharon Calkins, enjoy the annual melon feed during registration week.

The September 26, 1962 issue of The Student Movement featured the popular tradition on its cover with the caption, “CANTALOUPE, CAMPFIRE, AND COMPANIONS were enjoyed at the annual melon feed sponsored by the Health-Recreation Committee of the Student Association. Roller skating and films followed the feed.”
The idea that EMC students walked in the footsteps of Native Americans captured the students’ imaginations for many years. The *Cardinal* of 1930, for example, is elaborately embossed and illustrated with idealized Indian iconography of the era. Arrowhead silhouettes frame the portraits of the students. The yearbook features a long essay entitled “The Heritage of E.M.C.,” which reads in part:

Not far from the college buildings, on the bluffs overlooking the St. Joseph River, stands a Highland White Oak. Could this silent sentinel be given the power of speech, he could tell us of the days when Indians gathered in council under his shady branches at the same time that George Washington took command of the Continental Army. These Indians at that time were laying plans to defend themselves against the mighty Iroquois of the East. How grateful they were for the means of defense which the lead mine on the present College farm afforded them. They did not want to lose their homes nor their river. (6)

More scholarly sources that rely on the earliest accounts of La Salle’s voyage confirm that, on December 3, 1679, eight canoes carried him, priests, an Indian hunter, voyageurs—thirty-three travelers in all—up the St. Joseph River. They would, indeed, have glided past the banks of Andrews University. The records say that they disembarked in what is now South Bend.7

The EMC storytellers probably got their idea that the Indian guide may have been White Beaver from a book that still sits on the shelves of James White Library: Russ F. Lockridge’s *La Salle*, published in 1931 and stamped repeatedly “Emmanuel Missionary College Library,” has a discreet little pencil check next to the name White Beaver in the index. Lockridge himself admits that the “early journals” referred to “‘La Salle’s Indian hunter,’ without mention of either name or tribe” (111), but the figure he conjures of White Beaver, his “gigantic build,” “keen eye,” “quick ear,” and “unfailing rifle” were irresistible to good storytellers.

The stories told at the melon feed quickly found their way into college folklore. The founders of EMC in Berrien Springs had first named the promontory above the river White’s Bluff in honor of James and Ellen White, but the name seems to have been lost by the ’30s, when the generic “The Point” was the common designation. In 1937, however, imaginations sparked by the fireside tales, the college community decided to call this favorite gathering spot White Beaver Point.8 The name was later shortened to Beaver Point.

Fanciful as the campfire stories may have been, they (and the melons) began, every fall, to plant the seeds of school spirit in the listeners. As the *SM* reporter of 1945 rhapsodized (2): “With a happy and satisfied feeling that no ‘tradition’ was any better than the annual outing on White Beaver Point, each one knew why he had chosen to come to E.M.C. for the current school year.”

Endnotes

1  “White Beaver Point Scene of Traditional Festivities of Student Association,” *SM*, 30 Sept. 1945, 1.
6  *SM*, 13 Sept. 1937, 2.

Meredith Jones Gray is professor of English at Andrews University and is currently working on the second volume in the Andrews Heritage series. If you have any stories about student research at Andrews, she’d be delighted to receive them at focus@andrews.edu.
Florida Alumni Gathering
3:00 pm
Captain and the Cowboy
604 E Main St, Apopka, Fla.
We discovered this restaurant last year, thanks to our alumni from the area. You won't want to miss this charming environment or the opportunity to get together once again with friends.

Redlands, Calif. Alumni Gathering
6:00 pm
XRtainment Zone
409 E Palm Avenue, Redlands, Calif.
www.xrtainmentzone.com

Sacramento, Calif. Alumni Gathering
6:30 pm
Adventist Health
2100 Douglas Blvd., Roseville, Calif.

Napa Valley, Calif. Alumni Gathering
6:30 pm
Marie Callender’s Restaurant
1990 Trower Avenue, Napa, Calif.

Alumni Hockey Game & Open Skate
7:00-11:00 pm
The Ice Box
1421 S. Walnut Street, South Bend, Ind.
Watch a lively game between alumni and students. Interested in playing? Email David Jardine in Social Recreation at djardine@andrews.edu. Come skate with us after the game. The Alumni Association will provide hot drinks and cookies.

Arizona Alumni Gathering
10:00 am
Phoenix, Ariz.
Whether you're local alumni or just visiting for the annual Alumni Achievement Awards, you're invited to join us for lunch at a local restaurant. Location is to be confirmed.

Tennessee & North Carolina Alumni Gatherings
Gatherings are in the process of being planned in these areas. If you would like to get involved or help host an event, contact the Alumni Office.

Toronto & Crawford area Alumni Gatherings
Gatherings are in the process of being planned in these areas. If you would like to get involved or help host an event, please contact the Alumni Office.

Alumni Graduation Picnic
6:00 pm
Alumni House backyard
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.
President Niels-Erik Andreasen has been asked to speak on the campus of Walla Walla University and would like to invite you to join him for a light supper following his message.

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date gets closer, be sure to doublecheck the alumni website or call the alumni office for updates.

WHO’S CONSIDERED AN ALUM?

If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! If you’re a parent or know someone who may be considering Andrews, you’re invited to join us for any of the above alumni gatherings.

Would you like to share an idea? Recommend a venue for a gathering? Help host an event? We’d love to hear from you! Contact Tami Condon (BS ’91) in the Alumni Office at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591. Your generous support makes these events possible. Thank you!
alumni news

The Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion is presented to honored alumni who have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the Alumni Board of Directors to be recipients of this award. Honored Alumni are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the University, unusual achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church.

David Bauer (MA ’57, EdD ’82) has enjoyed a rich and varied career through the years. He has served as assistant pastor at Sligo Church in Takoma Park, Md.; dean of boys and academy teacher at Shenandoah Valley Academy; director of student affairs at Mount Vernon Academy; public relations director at Kettering Medical Center; vice president of Development and Public Relations and assistant vice president for Student Affairs at Andrews University; vice president for Development and president of the Hinsdale Hospital Foundation.

Though now retired, David’s able leadership is in high demand as evidenced by his serving on several boards, including Adventist Frontier Missions, the National Society of Fund Raising Executives: Chicago Chapter, and the Andrews University President’s Council.

Marilyn Bauer (MAT ’75) graduated from Columbia Union College in 1961 with a BA in Elementary Education. Her master’s in teaching from Andrews included an emphasis in early childhood education. She taught at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School for 11 years and worked for almost 10 years in curriculum development for the General Conference and North American Division. Marilyn also served as assistant superintendent of education for the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for four years. She was commissioned as a teacher in 1995.

Of the years she spent teaching and supervising at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, Marilyn says, “Those years encompass the pinnacle of my classroom experience. The diversity of students, the commitment of parents and the expertise of my colleagues created the nearly perfect climate for both teaching and learning.”

The Bauers recently relocated to Hendersonville, N.C. after spending the past 11 years in Berrien Springs.

Paul (PhD ’87) and Mei-Mei (PhD ’87) Cho (pictured above with their daughter, Miriam) live in Riverside, Calif.—half a world away from where they were born and raised. Paul was born in Taipei, Taiwan, and Mei-Mei was born in Shanghai, China.

Paul’s education and work experience stretch across three disciplines: business, religion and education. He graduated from Hong Kong Adventist College in 1975 with a BA in business, and earned a second BA—this time in religion—from Taiwan Adventist College in 1977. Three years later, Paul graduated from Loma Linda with an MA in educational administration, and in 1987 he graduated from Andrews University with a PhD in educational administration.

His sterling career includes serving as academic dean at Taiwan Adventist College; treasurer of the Chinese Union Mission; president and principal of Taiwan Adventist College and Academy; president of Griggs University in Asia; and currently as senior pastor at the Hacienda Heights Chinese Adventist Fellowship in California.

Mei-Mei shares her husband’s commitment to education. A distinguished educator in her own right, Mei-Mei graduated in 1972 with a master’s degree in educational psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara; and in 1987 she earned a PhD in educational psychology from Andrews.

Mei-Mei has served as dean of students at South China Union College in Hong Kong; dean of women, academic dean, and dean of students at Taiwan Adventist College; and principal of Tai Po Sam Yuk Secondary School in Hong Kong.

Coming to Andrews was a turning point in their lives. Mei-Mei says, “The teachers I had [here] were my role models.” Paul adds, “Andrews has changed my life. It has given me the conviction to pass on true Christian values to the next generation of young Seventh-day Adventists.”
David Moll (BS ’77) graduated from Andrews University with a BS degree and a longing to make a difference in the lives of others. “I have always regarded my Andrews education as exceptional,” he says. This was confirmed when he sat for his graduate placement exams at Caltech. They consisted largely of graduate-level finals, and David aced all but one of them. His fellow students did not fare as well, in spite of having graduated from some of the most prestigious universities. David says, “They were jealous of the breadth and depth of my Andrews education.”

On graduating from Caltech in 1983 with a PhD in Chemical Physics, David returned home to Midland, Md., where he was hired by the Dow Chemical Company. Almost 25 years later, David is now senior lead research scientist of Dow Chemical’s Water Solutions Business—a $500 million annual revenue growth business that focuses on water purification. As lead scientist, David is responsible for defining and leading Dow’s research in both current and emerging water purification technologies.

He is married to Juliet (Boyce) (BS ’78, MA ’92) and they have two children, Jonathan and Jessica.

Andrews University is “the place that gave me wings,” says David. As a result, he feels a strong responsibility to carry the baton of the spirit of Andrews, wherever God leads him.

David feels privileged to be chosen as an honored alum, but reminds us that what we accomplish here on earth pales in comparison to what is awaiting us in heaven. “Thanks for the honor,” he says, “but remember that a greater honor is waiting to be bestowed on all of us.”

David Knight (BS ’81, MA ’87) heard a sermon promoting Christian education while attending his home church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. As a result, he enrolled at Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ont. This decision changed the direction of his life.

David spent a year as a student missionary to Japan and on his return, enrolled at Andrews University where he completed a BS in Physical Education and Health. After graduating, he returned to Kingsway College where he served as dean of men and taught for the next three and a half years.

David returned to Andrews and graduated with a second degree—an MA in School Counseling. For the next 17 years, he served as dean of men at Kingsway, Andrews and Walla Walla, and found this to be a rewarding way to help prepare students for God’s Kingdom.

David currently serves as vice president for Student Services at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas where he enjoys interacting with students every day. An avid sportsman, David loves football, golf, hockey and weight lifting.

He is married to Juliet (Boyce) (BS ’78, MA ’92) and they have two children, Jonathan and Jessica.

Andrews University is “the place that gave me wings,” says David. As a result, he feels a strong responsibility to carry the baton of the spirit of Andrews, wherever God leads him.

David feels privileged to be chosen as an honored alum, but reminds us that what we accomplish here on earth pales in comparison to what is awaiting us in heaven. “Thanks for the honor,” he says, “but remember that a greater honor is waiting to be bestowed on all of us.”
Peter Jon Shuler (BS ’82) was born in Niles, Mich., in 1958, and graduated in 1977 from Andrews Academy. He enrolled at Andrews University and in 1982 graduated with a BS in Communication with an emphasis in Mass Media and a minor in English.

Since 1986, Peter has worked as an independent producer for Marketplace on NPR (National Public Radio). Additionally, for the past 17 years he has worked in San Jose at KQED-FM as a radio journalist and South Bay Bureau Chief. Peter excels in his field and has received numerous achievement awards and national recognition for his work.

On a whim, he took a test and was invited to join MENSA. He is now a lifetime member.

Peter is an active public speaker and has addressed the graduating class at San Jose State University. He has given numerous talks to a variety of groups including public relations professionals and art associations on how to deal with the media and related issues.

Peter is married to Jamie (Beckett) and they make their home in Palo Alto, Calif. They enjoy traveling abroad and their travels have included visits to France, Switzerland, Germany, Ireland and Prague.

Peter says Andrews University did an excellent job to prepare him for the real world. “The academic requirements were rigorous,” he says, “and the relatively small campus provided opportunity for invaluable interaction with my professors and fellow students.”

Regarding the spiritual environment found on campus, Peter says, “At Andrews, I found the confidence to navigate the fine line between faith and doubt.”

Merlene Ogden (former faculty/administrator) graduated in 1950 with a BA from Union College and began her denominational career as a teacher at Platte Valley Academy.

While teaching full-time, she enrolled at the University of Nebraska and graduated in 1954 with an MA in English. She would later earn her PhD from the same institution.

In 1955, Merlene moved to Berrien Springs where she began teaching in the English Department at Emmanuel Missionary College. Only nine years later, she became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and in 1964 she organized Andrews University’s first study tour to Europe. Through the years, 800 students enjoyed this enriching experience under her leadership.

Another of Merlene’s enduring contributions was her directorship of the Honors Program. She inherited a program that was little more than an idealistic concept at the time, and for the next 24 years transformed it into a thriving reality. Under her leadership, the Honors Program came to epitomize Andrews University’s commitment to excellence in Christian scholarship.

Merlene’s vision for Adventist global educational ministry and her dedication to high-quality performance led the university to appoint her in 1991, director of Andrews University Extension Programs. Her understanding of diverse cultures, her innate ability to work under difficult circumstances, her passion for transmitting the best of Adventist higher education to needy areas, and her vigorous maintenance of academic standards have firmly linked Andrews University to many campuses in several divisions of the world church.

After an exceptional 49 years of service to Andrews University, Merlene says, “My experience at Andrews University has been life-encompassing. It has provided me with opportunities and memories I shall cherish always.”
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Rolland Howlett (BA ’37) is retired after a long career of ministry service. He worked as an educator (both as teacher and president) for over 40 years in countries such as Singapore, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Vietnam. Rolland also served as the principal of Sandia View Academy, and pastored the academy church. Currently he lives in Angwin, Calif., with his wife, Florence. The couple is very proud of their two daughters who have also lived in many different places, as a teacher and pastor’s wife respectively. Rolland’s memories of EMC days include working for a summer on the farm, and five-plus years working at College Press.

Arnold Michaels (DIP2YR ’37), a retired thoracic surgeon, makes his home on Bainbridge Island, Wash. He counts among his blessings a “strong college education.” Arnold has one daughter who remembers hearing her dad talk about “digging sewer ditches” during his time at EMC.

Harold Bailey (DIP2YR ’43, BA ’47) is part of a family of doctors. All of his four children and his wife, Doralee, chose medicine as their profession. Before Harold retired from vascular surgery he was able to teach surgery to doctors at the Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, Africa. Currently he is working as a teacher and rancher at his Haldora Ranch in Ojai, Calif.

Alvin Bartlett (BA ’47, MA ’60) is retired and living in Yuma, Ariz., after a long career in which he served as an educator, departmental secretary, pastor and mission and union president. He writes that he had the “wonderful privilege of serving the church for a total of 44 years. Twenty-three of those years were spent in Indonesia where I watched our membership grow from 6000 to 60,000.” While in Indonesia he was able to help found two colleges and organize the East Indonesia Union Mission. Alvin is the proud parent of three children.

Fred Beavon (BA ’47) lives with his wife Velma (Boelter) (att.), in Dayton, Mont. Fred has worked in many different church capacities including evangelism, pastoring, and serving as director for youth services and trust services in various conferences. He also served as president of the Alaska Conference, and since retirement has done some short-term mission service in Borneo. He writes that EMC was “a great preparation for my work in the ministry!” The couple has three sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert Cash (BA ’47) worked for more than fifty years doing auditing for various church organizations including mission work in the South American Division office, and work in the General Conference auditing service. While working at the GC he was able to travel to East Africa three times, and also visited India and the Philippines. Robert currently lives with his wife, Frances, in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jean (Walton) Iles (BA ’47) makes her home in Etowah, N.C., with her husband, William (BA ’42, Dip2yr ’47). Jean is retired after serving as a registered nurse, and owner and proprietor of a health food store, Economy Health Foods, in Apopka, Fla. She has also been able to do some volunteer mission work in Haiti and Nicaragua. Church work has been important to Jean. She has served as director of both community services and church hospitality in her local church. The couple is blessed to have three children.

Gladys (Thompson) Vessels (B4 ’47) writes that she and her husband, Frank (BA ’49), have had the privilege of serving as a pastor and wife team in various conferences until 2006. They are currently retired, living in Barstow, Calif., where they remain active in the life of their local church. The couple has four children, 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. From their time at Andrews they remember meeting in 1946, when Frank attended after serving in the military. Gladys writes, “Andrews is a very special place to us and we remark often about our days there.”

Ursula (Ziesmer) Whiting (BA ’47) has been retired from teaching since 1986. She served for over 35 years as a teacher and writes that she “enjoyed every minute of it!” While she is retired, Ursula remains very active, taking care of her great-grandson a few days a week, and participating in the life of her local church. For 20 years she conducted VBS, and served as the church clerk and adult Sabbath school teacher for the Lena Adventist church. While going to school at EMC, Ursula remembers working in various jobs around campus, including working at the post office for 35 cents an hour. Through her work while going to school she was able to raise the money for half of her total school expenses. Ursula and her husband, Lionel, who passed away in 2005, raised five children.

Golden Hearts Club is a tradition which honors those who have graduated 50 years ago or more.

Front row (left–right): Betty Garber, Bonnie Jean Hannah, Mary (Youngs) Dunn, Jess (Duns) Oliver, Charlotte Groff, Helen Crawford Burks, Mary Nozaki Kimura, Rita (Higgins) Andrus, Sandra (Hood) Camp, Adell (Haughey) Claypool, Guinevere (Sherwood) Cook, Esther (Goldberg) Jones, Judy (Sykes) Pritchard, Joan (Lane) Wildman
Everet W. Witzel (BA ’57) and his wife JoAn (Myers) (AA ’57) have traveled extensively since retirement in 2000, including trips to China, Tibet, Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. Since 2002, Everet has made seven two- to three-month trips to the Philippines to serve as professor and consultant in the School of Health, Adventist University of the Philippines. Before retirement, Everet taught medical students at Loma Linda University and in Vellore, India. For six years he served as the director of health for the Far Eastern Division. He also directed the Hinsdale Family Practice Residency as well as upgrade the program at Florida Hospital. JoAn, besides being a church organist since Wisconsin Academy days, is a substitute teacher and church clerk and is involved in the administration of RADIO 74 Internationale. RADIO 74 is a California not-for-profit corporation established by Everet and JoAn in 2003. This corporation serves North America in the establishment of Adventist radio stations affiliated with RADIO 74, founded by JoAn’s brother, Ron Myers (att.), 25 years ago in Europe. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year, and are thankful all four of their children and nine grandchildren love the Lord and are involved in their local churches.

Patricia Ann Calkins (BA ’57, MA ’77) resides in Balsam Grove, N.C., where she maintains a private practice as a career consulting educator. Patricia’s first career after graduation was that of Bible worker for the Michigan Conference, working with various evangelists. She received her PhD from Michigan State University in 1989. Her doctorate was in continuing professional education and educational systems development, which deals with how adults learn. Patricia has four children, including Kevin Mullins (BA ’81), and Brent Mullins (BS ’79), and six grandchildren.

David Knecht (BA ’57) makes his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., with his wife B. J. and their 15-year-old son, Colby. David writes, “having retired three times, I never quite learned how to do it.” His long career in education included teaching at several academies as well as the University of Tennessee/Chattanooga. David developed and administered a
reading clinic which taught people from ages 6–65. He currently works part-time doing custodial and maintenance work for their 600-member church, as well as being “Mr. Mom” for Colby. Besides Colby, David has been blessed with four other children and 11 grandchildren.

Since 1976, Merlynd Nestell (BA ’57) has been teaching math and geology at the University of Texas/Arlington. He has developed nine courses in the fields of geology, paleontology, mathematics and hydrogeology. Merlynd has received numerous honors over the years for his teaching, including the “College of Science Teacher of the Year” in 1989 and 1995. More than 130 of his research articles have been published in professional journals, symposia volumes and guidebooks. Merlynd has two daughters and one grandson, and met his wife, Galina, ten years ago when on a geology field trip to Russia.

Walter Thompson (BS ’57) resides in Lake Geneva, Wis., with his wife of 52 years, Avonne (Nottleson) (att.). While retired from working as a surgeon, Walter continues to work one day a week doing surgery and surgical consultations. He writes, “my life is fulfilled when serving others as physician, surgeon, health educator and short-term missionary.” Walter and Avonne spent two years serving in Guam in the mid-1960s where they experienced “Typhoon Karen.” Besides mission trips, Walter has written about a dozen books, including Truth in the Balance, which speaks about the final judgment of planet earth. He also maintains a website, www.judgmenthour.org, that deals with apocalyptic news and commentary. Walter and Avonne have two children, Gregory (BA ’84) and Cynthia, now deceased.

Mary (Rogers) Detweiler (BS ’67) is retired and lives in Galien, Mich., after serving as a teacher for many years. Mary taught in six different states and earned two master’s degrees in her career. She recalls coming to Andrews after her husband, Robert (BA ’51), was killed in an auto accident and going to school while raising two boys, Stan (BS ’72) and Curtis (att.), now deceased. She writes how thankful she is for “the help of the Lord, encouragement of many teachers and staff, and lots of prayer” that saw her through “many
rough times.” In retirement, Mary continues to help the world around her by contributing to church ministries and alumni associations.

**Gary Erhard** (BS ’67) makes his home in Berrien Springs where he writes that he has “loved every minute living in this multicultural village since 1962.” He counts among his blessings a wonderful wife of 50 years, Pat, and his family, including children both biological and adopted, and 13 grandchildren. Missions has played a large part in their lives and for the last 21 years they have been going on short-term mission trips with Maranatha, and also helping students at a university in Peru. While stateside, Gary and Pat run “Erhard Furniture and Flooring” and “Erhard Moving and Storage.”

**Ray Erwin** (BD ’67) pastored for a total of 35 years in four different states, including three years as Bible teacher and campus pastor for Columbia Academy in Battleground, Wash. Ray and his wife, Dorothy (Coles) (att.), are now retired in Safford, Ariz. He writes that his blessings include “having wonderful places to live, and such wonderful people to pastor!” From his time at Andrews Ray has many memories, including buying loaves of bread from the bakery on Fridays for 10 cents each, and “making friends with people from so many countries.” Ray and Dorothy have two children, Carey and Shery.

**Myrtle Fitzgerald** (MA ’67) is retired in “beautiful Door County, Wisconsin” after a career of service as a teacher and missionary. In Bangkok, Thailand, she served as a school teacher and residence hall dean, and in Singapore she served as a college teacher and children’s Sabbath School leader. In between all of her mission service she was able to obtain her master’s in education. Myrtle remembers fondly from her Andrews days all of her “friends from other countries.”

**Gary Fordham** (MA ’67, BD ’69) makes his home in Santa Fe, N.M., with his wife, Karen, where he serves as a church pastor. Gary taught theology at what was then Bugema College (now University) in Uganda, East Africa. He recalls working there “while Idi Amin was Uganda’s president and afterwards while anarchy reigned.” After he finished teaching, Gary became the director of ministerial education for East Africa before moving back to the U.S. Gary and Karen are blessed with two daughters, Sonja and Sari, and two grandsons.

**Denis Gibbs** (BS ’67) is thankful for “life, family and that Christ died for me and still loves me, a sinner of the first degree.” He and his wife, Kathleen (Delafuente) (MBA ’99), make their home in Niles, Mich., where he works as a radiologist. He writes that he considers his greatest professional highlight to be when “a patient writes or speaks a word of thanks.” The couple has five sons and sent the four oldest boys on the Andrews European art tour with Greg Constantine. From his time at Andrews Denis has many memories, including spending his summers here as a boy while his mother took classes. As a student, he vividly recalls the field trip to Peru he took with the biology department. He writes that it was an “amazing adventure in the jungle.”

**Raymond Hamblin** (BS ’67) resides in Tecumseh, Mich., with his wife, Madlyn (Lewis) (att.). Ray began his own communication (printing) business in the basement of his home in 1973 and since then the company, Hamblin Company, Inc., has grown to more than 50 employees with the expansion and addition of two additional buildings. Besides managing the business, Ray has been very active in volunteer service. He served as president of ASI for six years, as well as serving for two years as president of Missions, Inc. He is a private pilot as well as a lay Bible minister for the Michigan Conference. Ray enjoys being involved in outreach and has presented a number of Bible-based seminars resulting in decisions for Christ. Ray and Madlyn have two children, Kristi (att.) and Michael (BA ’96), and one grandson, Nathan.
Patricia (McKay) Karp (BMus ’67, MA ’74) makes her home in Cathedral City, Calif., with her husband, Richard. Patricia is a K–2 teacher, bell choir director and string instructor at the Valley Adventist Christian School. She has also worked in a couple other schools, including Desert Adventist Academy where she received the “Silver Apple Award” from Press Enterprise for her work as a kindergarten teacher. Patricia has many memories from her time at Andrews, including “playing in the orchestra and singing in the choir for church.” The couple has been blessed with two sons, Richard and Nicholas.

Ralph Robertson (BD ’67) served as a pastor for 28 years and currently serves as the ministerial director for the Northern California Conference. He and his wife, Darlys, make their home in Martinez, Calif. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Beth Robertson, an academy teacher, and Kerri McComb, a social worker.

Dan Schultz (MMus ’67) is retired with his wife, Carolyn, in Walla Walla, Wash. Dan was the chair of the music department and professor of music at Walla Walla College for 21 years. In 2000, he retired after 40 years of teaching. He has received awards for his teaching at two academies and two colleges in the Adventist system. Dan has also enjoyed writing, including serving as a consultant for music textbooks, composing works for bands, and writing about the history of both the music at WWC in The Great Tradition and the Walla Walla Symphony in A Dream Fulfilled. He is presently doing research for a book on Adventist music in the 20th century, and preparing a biographical resource book on Adventist musicians. Dan and Carolyn have four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carlos Schwantes (BA ’67) has enjoyed a lengthy career as a professor of history. He has taught at three universities and is currently teaching at the University of Missouri. Besides teaching, Carlos has authored 17 books, and worked as a tour lecturer for Lindblad Expeditions and GrandLuxe Rail. He is thankful that he still enjoys traveling and has been able to do so extensively through his work as a tour lecturer. Carlos writes that he is blessed to have a “good wife,” Mary (Dassenko) (at.), and “two fine sons,” Ben and Matt.
class notes

David Foote (BS ’77) and his wife, Debra (Lloyd) (BS ’77, MAT ’81), reside in Fort Ann, N.Y. Both David and Debra work at the Family Practice of Hudson Falls, David as a doctor and Debra as a medical purchasing agent. The couple has served as foster parents for teenagers, and spent many years helping out in Pathfinders and Adventurers. From his time at Andrews, David recalls many things including, “dune sliding, beach vespers, and Dr. Minesinger and organic chemistry.” Debra writes that while at Andrews she had “fantastic friends, most of whom I’m still in contact with. I also remember brilliant and caring teachers.” Among their blessings they count “good health” that allows them to swim across the lake they live on in the summer and ski and skate on it in the winter.

Stanley Hickerson (MDiv ’77) makes his home in Berrien Springs, with his wife, Kathryn (current staff). Stanley has served as a pastor since 1974 in both the northern and southern Calif. conferences, and currently in the Michigan conference. Besides pastoring the Stevensville Adventist church, Stanley is also an adjunct professor for the religion department at Andrews. From his time as a student, Stanley remembers working in the library, and good classes from professors such as Leona Running and C. Mervyn Maxwell. He and his wife have five children, including Emily Gillett, Kimberly Green, and Emily Hickerson, all current students.

Stephen Huey (MDiv ’77) has been a pastor since 1973, and currently serves as the pastor of the Adventist church in Hermiston, Ore. He and his wife, Elaine, are blessed with three children, and have also been foster parents for 30 years. Steve writes that they have had more than 100 kids in their home, and that this experience has been “so rewarding.” Among his many Andrews’ memories, Stephen recalls “the international smells of food cooking in the housing complexes as I worked for Plant Service,” and “relationships with seminary friends from everywhere.”

Martin Jackson (BA ’77, MDiv ’85) makes his home in La Center, Wash. Martin serves as a pastor in the Oregon conference and his wife, Connie (AS ’78), works as a teacher’s aide. The couple has two sons, Brian and Brett.

Esther (de Gannes) Jarrette (BS ’73, MAT ’77) lives in Hinsdale, Ill., with her husband, Michael, and their two children, Rommel and Larnelle. Esther serves as the executive assistant to the vice president for ministries and mission at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital.

Barb (Karas) Johns (BS ’77) resides in Hamburg, Pa., with her husband, Bruce. Barb is a part-time teacher at Blue Mountain Academy and Bruce is a physical therapist. The couple has two sons, Michael and Danny.

Rudolf “Rudy” Klimes (MA ’77) lives in Camino, Calif., with his wife, Anna (Homenchuk) (EdD ’77). Rudy has had an amazing life, beginning with his upbringing in the Czech Republic under the oppressive regimes of both Hitler and Stalin. In 1948, he was able to escape the Iron Curtain and settled in Canada with his father and brother. In 1954, Rudy married Anna and the two of them served as missionaries in the Far East two separate times, for a combined total of 26 years. Rudy served as a college president in South Korea, Japan and Hong Kong. After they returned to the States, they taught at Andrews in the School of Graduate Studies. In 1986, they returned to the Far East for more missionary work, and then in 1994 transitioned back to the U.S. For the last decade, they have been involved in teaching and helping in the Ukraine. Anna considers one of her accomplishments to be teaching for 42 years from kindergarten to graduate school. She writes that she has “cooked out of 27 kitchens.” The couple has three children, including Anita Borrowdale (BS ’81).
Diane Nudd (BS ’77) lives in McDonald, Tenn., working as an advertising producer for Flashtel. Besides working as a writer and production manager for Flashtel, Diane is a member of the Collegedale, Tenn., Chamber of Commerce, and has produced a TV show for public television. She is proud to be a charter member of the Collegedale Community SDA church, and also to have her "Christian Leaders Authors Speakers Seminar" certification.

Verlie Ward (BS ’77) makes her home in College Place, Wash. Verlie has retired after a long career in teaching, most recently as a professor at Walla Walla College. While retired, Verlie remains active in the community and serves as an elder at the Walla Walla College Church. She has two children, both of whom attended Andrews, Eldean (BS ’83) and Cherry-Lee (att.).

Kenneth Breyer (BET ’82) and his wife, Karen, make their home in Colton, Calif., with their four children. Kenneth received his master’s of science in civil engineering in 2000, and currently serves as vice president for the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center. From his time at Andrews he remembers playing in the brass ensemble, and running along the St. Joe River.

Steve Cassimy (MDiv ’82, DMin ’94) is a senior pastor and ministerial secretary for the Greater New York Conference. Among his professional highlights, Steve has served as a chaplain, host of the television program “Pathway of Hope” on the Hope channel, and as president of the 44th precinct clergy/police coalition. He makes his home in Elmont, N.Y., with his wife, Marilyn, a nurse. The couple has two children and one grandson.

It was at Andrews, Edward Dancek (BS ’82) writes, that he found his “soulmate and life partner,” Laura (Pascual) (BS ’81). The couple live in Punta Gorda, Fla., with their two daughters, Edward is a financial advisor, and Laura is a speech pathologist. Edward’s career accomplishments include being a national trainer for Ameriprise, registered principal, and
district manager, to name a few things. He also stays very active in the life of his church by serving as Pathfinder director, elder and stewardship director.

Malcolm Hutchinson (MA ’82, EdD ’00) is currently working as a Fortune 500 corporate director for ACS. He writes, “God has allowed me to be inside a global company, sharing Christ to the world.” Malcolm has also served as a pastor, educator and university professor. He and his wife, Gaye, make their home in Winchester, Ky., and have two sons, Sam (att.), and Daniel (current student). From his Andrews experience, Malcolm is grateful for “lifelong friends” as well as being “melded and molded by great professors.”

Ronaldo Itin (BIT ‘82) resides in Buenos Aires, Argentina, with his wife, Iris, and their three children. After graduation, Ronaldo worked for 17 years with various biscuit and cracker companies, including Granix (an Adventist food company). The last ten years he worked in the research and development of new products as a biscuit and crackers development specialist. His official title is food technologist for Givaduan (a multinational flavor company). Ronaldo enjoys vacationing in the mountains and spending time with his family. He is very involved in his church and has served in many different posts; as a Sabbath school teacher, elder, head deacon, Pathfinder leader, music leader and treasurer, to name a few.

Bert Smit (MDiv ’82) makes his home in Wokingham, United Kingdom, with his wife, Simone. Bert is the executive director for ADRA-UK and has made mission a priority while working in various places. He has served in the Netherlands as a pastor, in Cyprus as communications director for the Middle East Union, and for Adventist World Radio in England. The couple is blessed to have two daughters.

Wendy Agard (BS ’87) makes her home in Odenton, Md., and works as a nurse manager in Columbia, Md. In 2003, she received her master’s of science in business management from the University of Florida. Prior to that, Wendy taught high school for six years. From
her time at Andrews she has many wonderful memories, including “working at the airpark, the trees in autumn, the parties in the dorm and the people you’d meet in the cafeteria.” Wendy writes that “one of the best years of my life” came right after Andrews when she served as a volunteer nurse aide in Scotland. These days she continues to volunteer in her local church doing whatever she can to help.

Ray Allen (MA ’87) resides in Bracknell, England, with his wife, Marion, and their two children, Seth and Jamie. Among his many blessings he is especially thankful that his children were baptized this spring. Currently, Ray is a global team leader for Adventist World Radio, helping people from many countries learn how to produce Christian radio programs. Ray also manages the AWR Europe office and serves as a lecturer in broadcasting at Newbold College. Besides training, Ray has been able to lecture and preach in the countries that he visits. To date he has traveled to more than 80 countries in his work with AWR. He writes that the “18 months that I spent at Andrews remain unforgettable—some of the best months of my life!”

In May of 2006, Derek Bowe (MA ’87) was awarded the “Teacher of the Year” award at Oakwood College’s annual graduation. Derek is the chair of the department of English and foreign languages for Oakwood College. Derek has enjoyed writing for denominational magazines and being actively involved in his local church. Currently he serves as an elder, Sabbath School teacher and associate Adventurer director. From his time at Andrews he remembers ministering to inmates at the Benton Harbor jail, and “wonderful, godly friends and caring faculty.” He and his wife, Norma, are the proud parents of three children.

Eula (Thigpen) Brashear (MA ’87) is retired and lives in Jackson, Tenn., with her husband, Robert. During Eula’s career she worked as an RN educator. She served as assistant professor of nursing at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Mich., as well as teaching at that city’s community college. While teaching Eula developed nursing curriculum for operating room technicians. She remains active serving the Southern Baptist church.

Karen (Bentley) Coppes (AT ‘87) makes her home in Vancouver, Wash., with her husband, Glenn. Both Karen and Glenn are retired; however, Karen has found time to serve as director of the Vancouver CHIP chapter for three years.

William Burns (MDiv ’97) resides with his wife, Sheila (Bennett) (BS ’97), in sunny Oviedo, Fla. Bill is currently working as a taxidermist for “Back to Life Taxidermy,” and Sheila is a stay-at-home mom for their two children, Kristina and Caleb.

Joshua Deonarine (BBA ’97, MDiv ’03) makes his home with his wife, Jemimah (att.), and their three children in South Richmond Hill, N.Y. After graduation, Joshua worked as a marketing manager for a private company before coming back to school for preparation into the ministry. Since graduating from the seminary, Joshua has served as the pastor of the Agape Adventist Church of Richmond Hill.
Aletha (Rhoden) Grey (BS ’97) makes her home in Fort Mill, S.C. Aletha received her doctorate in audiology and works as an audiologist in Charlotte, N.C. She writes that “God has guided my footsteps along a journey I would not have chosen from the day I accepted His calling to today. He has been my God in whom I have trusted.” In her local church, Aletha serves as an elder and women’s ministries leader. She is the proud mother of one daughter, Melissa.

Daniel Marin (BS ’97, MDiv ’00) was recently elected a secretary of the Slovenian Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Jennifer Nestell (MSW ’97) makes her home in Santa Barbara, Calif., where she is a psychotherapist working in private practice and also as a clinician at the Daniel Bryant Youth & Family Treatment Center. After she graduated, Jennifer became a licensed clinical social worker and completed her PhD in clinical psychology with an emphasis in depth psychology from the Pacifica Graduate Institute. She has worked for ten years with teens and serves on the board of directors for a nonprofit organization called “Shape of Voice,” which is a newspaper created by and for at-risk youth. Jennifer has been able to share her experiences as a guest on 3ABN and also as a guest speaker for several organized initiatives by Adventist conferences.

Jacquelyn Roach (BS ’97) is a registered nurse living in Abilene, Tex. Jacquelyn attended the Kettering, Ohio branch of Andrews and found the program to be wonderful, especially for working RNs. She writes that she is blessed by her career choice as a nurse, “I love caring for people, assisting them in a return to health.” She is currently working as a recovery-room nurse, but has worked in a variety of hospital and home care positions throughout her career. Beside nursing, Jacquelyn is involved in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program of Abilene and enjoys time spent with her “little sister,” Becky. Being involved in church is also important to her, and she counts her friends from the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church as a great blessing.

Therese “Terry” Steinke (BSELED ’97) makes her home in Sodus, Mich., with her husband, Andrew, and their three children. Terry currently works at the St. Matthew’s Lutheran School in Benton Harbor, Mich. She has spent three years teaching preschool, six years teaching grades 5–8, and one year teaching grades 4–6.

Yolanda (Schacht) Voss (BSELED ’97) resides in Highlands Ranch, Colo., with her husband, Kevin, and her three nieces and nephews. Custody and guardianship have been transferred to Yolanda and Kevin for the children, and they are “happy to serve Christ by raising these children.” Yolanda is a teacher, and for the last ten years has worked in Adventist education. Besides teaching, she enjoys helping out in her church, “in the children’s department, of course,” and also with mission trips and Pathfinders.

Rachel Whitaker (BA ’97) lives in Hagerstown, Md., where she is the associate editor for Guide Magazine. Before working at Guide, which Rachel writes is her “dream job!” she worked as a proofreader/copy editor for a commercial printing company, and as a writer for Michigan Retailer. Besides writing for Guide, she has been able to publish articles in nine magazines, including Insight, Adventist Review, and Women of Spirit. Rachel remains active in the life of her church by teaching a youth class.
Deaths


Pastor Melashenko began ministerial work in his native province of Saskatchewan, Canada, in a Russian settlement in Maple Creek. He spent 18 years in the states of North and South Dakota where he pastored both Russian and English-speaking churches, and also served as a teacher. Just prior to joining the VOP staff he labored in Minnesota as district pastor.

The Russian broadcast was first released in Europe in 1962 over Radio Europe I in West Germany. Since January 1968, the broadcast has been released over short-wave from Radio-Amman, in Jordan. It is also heard in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area where an estimated 100,000 Russian-speaking people live.

George was one of eight Melashenko brothers and sisters, and an uncle to Lonnie Melashenko, current director-speaker of Voice of Prophecy. Two sons and one daughter and their families survive him: Vincent of Texas; Robert of Montana; and Gaylene Melashenko-Bower of California.

Wilbur Eugene Hainey (DIP2YR ’56) of Berrien Springs, Mich., died Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2007, at Lakeland Specialty Hospital, Berrien Center.

Wilbur was born Oct. 22, 1921, in Livonia, Ind. He earned an associate of arts degree from Emmanuel Missionary College and worked as an employee of the University Press for 38 years.

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Life stories

Weddings

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Births & Adoptions

To Susan Vettor (BS ’94, PhD ’02) and Holden Breau, Ajax, Ontario, Canada, a girl, Bianca Elizabeth, Oct. 5, 2007.

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Deaths


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The Russian broadcast was first released in Europe in 1962 over Radio Europe I in West Germany. Since January 1968, the broadcast has been released over short-wave from Radio-Amman, in Jordan. It is also heard in the Los Angeles, California metropolitan area where an estimated 100,000 Russian-speaking people live.

George was one of eight Melashenko brothers and sisters, and an uncle to Lonnie Melashenko, current director-speaker of Voice of Prophecy. Two sons and one daughter and their families survive him: Vincent of Texas; Robert of Montana; and Gaylene Melashenko-Bower of California.

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Following his graduation from Andrews University, Wyatt began his pastoral ministry in Illinois, where he worked for 14 years. He married his wife Bernhild, or “Bernie,” on Oct. 3, 1948.

Wyatt continued his ministry in Wyoming, where he served for 11 years, then moved on to Colorado, where he worked as a pastor for five years. He then worked in Denver, Colorado, in trust services, for ten years. During his free time Wyatt enjoyed model railroading and woodworking. He is survived by his wife Bernie; son Ray; daughter Nancy Harlow; brother Travis; sister Janet Wilkinson; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.


The Shafer family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska so their 11 children could attend Union College. Edwin graduated from Union in 1947, and it was there that he met and married LaVon Cotte. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 10, 2006. Seven children were born to the Shafers.

The Shafer’s 60 years of ministry took them from New Jersey to Wyoming, Nebraska and Michigan, but the largest part of their work was in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

He was instrumental in the building of the Lexington, Covington, Savannah and PeeWee Valley churches. It was when he was in his fifties that Pastor Shafer felt compelled to seek further education and he enrolled at Andrews University, where he proudly received his graduate degree from the Adventist Theological Seminary in August 1980.

Pastor Shafer loved giving Bible Studies and leading people to know Jesus; he baptized hundreds during his ministry. The churches he pastored always increased in membership due to his tireless work. Following official retirement, the Shafers spent 3½ years pastoring the Dublin, Ireland congregation, and another three years pastoring the Hilo and the Ha’aulu, Hawaii churches. They also enjoyed traveling and participated in numerous Maranatha mission projects. Elder Shafer loved music and especially liked accompanying his wife or children for special music, as well as playing the organ for camp meeting. His sense of civic responsibility led him to join the Lions Club and to participate in many community programs.

Shafer is survived by LaVon, his loving wife of 62 years, his seven children and their spouses, 23 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Craig M. Hofmann (former staff) died Jan. 20, 2007, in Deep Gap, N.C., from complications following an injury. He was born Oct. 31, 1951, in River Vale, N.J. After graduating from high school, he completed an apprenticeship and became a sheet-metal worker. He worked on a wide variety of construction projects in northern New Jersey and metropolitan New York, doing roof decking, and installing stainless steel kitchens in schools and hospitals, and even in New York City’s famous Plaza Hotel. In 1980 he married Mary Ann (Berger) Hofmann (former faculty), and for the next 26 years he accompanied her along an academic career path.

Craig worked at Harris Pine Mills while Mary Ann completed degrees at Union College and University of Nebraska-Lincoln. When Harris Pines relocated the furniture mill to Shenandoah Valley Academy, Craig and Mary Ann moved to New Market, Virginia, where their first daughter, Lorraine (att.) was born.

In the fall of 1985, Mary Ann took a faculty position in the School of Business at Andrews University, and they moved to Berrien Springs. Craig worked at AU’s furniture plant, College Wood Products. Their second daughter, Rachel, was born in 1986. After College Wood Products closed down, Craig got a job doing carpentry work in the Plant Service department at Andrews. He remodeled kitchens in hundreds of married-student apartments, and replaced dozens of bathrooms in the men’s dormitories.

When Mary Ann chose to go to Arizona State University to get her doctorate, Craig worked at the Thunderbird Furniture plant on the campus of Thunderbird Adventist Academy.

Craig loved the outdoors, and enjoyed motorcycling, hiking, camping and gardening. He took the family on vacations to Yellowstone, Glacier, Grand Canyon and other national parks. He was always active in church, serving as a deacon and teaching in the children’s Sabbath School departments, and was a generous supporter of mission work.

Craig is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; his daughters, Lorraine, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Rachel of Deep Gap, N. C.; and his brothers, Herby and Dean, of Narrowsburg, N.Y.

Edwin Earl Bowen (MDiv ’75) was born in 1948 in Loma Linda, Calif., and died June 4, 2007.

Ed graduated from Pacific Union College in 1972. His experiences during those years included one college year at Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon and another college year as a student missionary in Uganda and Kenya, East Africa.

Ed married Joan Elaine Petersen in 1971. Their family grew to include their two children, Jason and Jodi, and five grandchildren. Ed was ordained in 1979, and pastored several churches in Ohio and New Jersey.

In 1981, Ed joined the U.S. Army Reserves as a chaplain and was accessioned for active duty on January 31, 1983. Ed became the first second-generation
(father/son) Seventh-day Adventist Army chaplain. His first chaplaincy assignment was at Ft. Ord, Calif., less than a mile from where his father’s career had started, and where his father retired in 1973. Ed and Joan’s military assignments also took their family to Germany, New Jersey, Georgia, Hawaii, Washington State, Maryland, Washington D.C., and Texas.

His clinical pastoral education (CPE) experience began with one unit at Kettering Medical Center in 1975. He then completed four units of community-based CPE in the Army at Ft. Benning, Ga. His follow-on assignment was at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. Ed’s ward ministry at Tripler included Labor and Delivery, Cardiac Intensive Care, and General Surgery. He served on the “Living with Dying” staff, was a facilitator with “Make Today Count” groups (cancer survivors), and coordinator of The Human-Animal Bonding program.

Bowen entered CPE supervisory training in 1996 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He became an associate CPE supervisor in 2000, and the director of the Walter Reed AMC CPE program in 2002. In 2004, Bowen became the director of the CPE Center at Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, and served as consultant for the Army CPE, ensuring that the Army CPE system was in compliance with and met the standards of ACPE supervisor status in 2005.

He received many military awards for meritorious service and commendation.

Ed is survived by his wife Joan Petersen Bowen of Schertz, Texas; son Jason Bowen of Waco, Texas; daughter Jodi Pennington (Tim) and two granddaughters Kianna and Cheyanne of Ft. Meade, Md; sister Shirley Finneman (Jerry) of Battle Creek, Mich., and parents Glenn and June Bowen of Battle Creek, Mich.


Eugene graduated from Indiana Academy in 1953 and continued his education at Emmanuel Missionary College. After graduation he attended Butler University in Indianapolis and was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served as company clerk at Ft. Ord, Calif. He returned to Indianapolis and was hired as an underwriter for Grain Dealers Mutual Insurance Co. In May of 1961, he married Eve M. Szekely (DIP2YR ’58) and was called back into military service during the Berlin Crisis, where he served one year at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Returning to Indianapolis, Eugene resumed working for GDM and remained with the company for the next 37 years. He accepted a transfer to the southeastern office in Greensboro, N.C., and after five years was made office manager. He was later promoted to regional vice-president. Eugene completed his CPCU courses and was awarded his diploma and pin in Chicago in 1976, and he was involved in several insurance organizations as member and president during his years in N.C.

Three children were born to Eugene and Eve in North Carolina: Jorey Edward, a dentist in Wilmington; Melanie Shawn, a company recruiter in Atlanta; and Gregory Eugene, a physician’s assistant in anesthesiology in Albuquerque, N.M. They were educated in Adventist schools, and Eugene served in many capacities on school boards, including chairman. He was also active in each of the Adventist churches they attended, including serving as a Sabbath School superintendent & teacher, elder and head elder.

Eugene loved his Indiana Academy and EMC days and remained close friends with many people he met during those years. He had been looking forward to celebrating his 50th alumni homecoming in 2007, but the effects of rheumatoid arthritis shortened his life. He was a dedicated family man, and his wife and children miss his big smile and gentle, loving manner. Most of all, they look forward to an earth made new and being reunited with him once again.

Alfred B. Mazat (MDiv ??) died March 18, 2007, in Palatka, Fla., at the age of 62, following an extended illness.

He was born in Los Angeles, Calif., had lived in Palatka from 1992 until 1998, and had been a resident of Jacksonville for the past four years, coming from Ocala. Mazat was a 1963 graduate of Campion Academy in Loveland, Colo., graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. with his bachelor’s degree, and received a master’s of divinity degree from Andrews University. He also received a master’s in public health from Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, Calif.

He began his career as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor, pastoring churches in Colorado and North Carolina. He had retired from Haven Hospice in Palatka after 16 years as a hospice chaplain, the last 14 of which were in Palatka. In his years as a hospice chaplain he ministered to thousands of families in the loss of their loved ones. He also served as chaplain to the hospice employees. He was a member of the Mandarin Adventist Church, and enjoyed astronomy, golf and his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife of 38 years, Jeanne (Rauch) Mazat (BS ’67) of Jacksonville; one son and daughter-in-law, Alfred Brian Mazat Jr. and wife, Wendy Mazat, of St. Augustine; one daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Brian Wilbur of St. Augustine; mother, Alberta Mazat, of Hendersonville, N.C., three sisters, including Jo Ann Davidson (BA ’70, MA ’79) of Eau Claire, Mich., and two grandchildren.

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Retirement is overrated. The CC bid Focus readers “adieu” in the last issue but, as you can see, the CC is back. Sure, tending to the grandkids, traveling the world and watching Wheel of Fortune was nice; but the CC feels a higher calling. And, since the CC never really lost “it” (whatever it had), we still have something left to give. Accordingly, the CC is announcing that it is coming out of retirement!

The CC is in good company. American athletes have made the UNRETIREMENT chic. Michael Jordan, he of the twice unretired, is our poster boy. Roger Clemens—will or won’t he re-re-re-unretire?—got the bright orange retirement Hummer and a prorated $28 million salary. American politicians like to unretire, too. Dick Cheney and Don Rumsfeld unretired to make nation-altering decisions. Might Al Gore put down his Nobel Peace Prize and unretire, too?

Regular folk unretire. Aging baby boomers, faced with longer life expectancy, rising health care costs and shrinking social security income, may want to prepare for unretirement (or perhaps never retire in the first place). Does the unretiring CEO demand a press conference when becoming a Wal-Mart greeter? What does she do with that company gold watch? How do you tell the grandkids that play time is moving to the far end of Aisle 6? These are the questions facing the unretired.

But, of course, many of us will unretire because we found purpose and fulfillment in our working lives. And so it is with the CC. The CC loves AU, its campus and our university culture—blemishes and all! So much merriment and so little time….

# Campus Craze

## Unretirement Edition

| Rock band reunions | The Police, Van Halen, Fleetwood Mac, the Eagles and Simon & Garfunkel have all tried it. The sell-outs sold out … not that the CC was watching. |
| Brett Farve | The CC looks forward to more tears shed at the end of the season, but the way Favre is playing, the CC expects to see #4 under center in 2008. |
| Howard Center | The best volunteer job in the history of volunteer jobs is serving as an usher at The Howard. It’s hard to beat the combination of climate-controlled temperatures and great music. |
| Martina Navratilova | Twelve years after her original retirement, and at the age of 49, Navratilova won the mixed doubles title at the 2006 U.S. Open. |
| Syndication | During the CC’s temporary retirement, the CC had its fill of Seinfeld, Everybody Loves Raymond, Jeopardy and all the judges-as-entertainer shows. |
| Boxers | Did any famous boxer ever stay retired the first time he announced? Too much brain rattle makes rational decisions more difficult. |
| Rocky Balboa | Speaking of boxers…. The CC doesn’t go to movie theatres, but its Betamax player allowed it to see the series that never seems to end. The original Rocky was heroic, but the steroid/HGH Rocky was solidly creepy. |
| Paychecks | All that talk about fulfillment and stuff … yeah, well, most people unretire to collect a check. Cha-ching! |
Speaking of...

“We’ve had a good year and another one is knocking at our door.”
“Our university must keep a good grip on its soul.”

—President Niels-Erik Andreasen, State of the University Address, August 29, 2007

“The Board, of course, was pretty happy about that and voted to accept it right away.”

—President Niels-Erik Andreasen, commenting on the fiscal year-end report which showed a $15.5 million net increase in assets, Board Briefing, Oct. 29, 2007

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At the time of the cover article commemorating her career, Arlene Friestad had established the record for consecutive years spent as the head dean of an Adventist institution, logging 31 years as AU’s women’s dean. Upon retirement, she was asked by one of her residents if she planned to “live it up.” “Yes,” was Friestad’s response. To illustrate the point—and perhaps our changing expectations for retirement—Friestad stated that her next residence “mustn’t be too small ... it’s at least got to have an upstairs and downstairs.”

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The academic year ending June 30, 2007, was an important one for Andrews University in many ways. First, the enrollment both on campus and at our affiliation and extension sites around the world reached record highs. Both on our Berrien Springs campus (where enrollment reached a record 3,195 students) and around the world, more than 6,400 students were preparing to receive Andrews degrees. As a result of this enrollment growth, 936 students graduated during our winter, spring and summer commencement services, 521 with undergraduate degrees and 416 with graduate degrees (one student graduated with both an undergraduate and a graduate degree!). The number and quality of our graduates and the contributions they make to our church and society continue to grow in impressive ways, completely out of proportion to the relative small size of Andrews and its campus in southwestern Michigan.

The year just ending also saw significant changes in university leadership. Heather Knight, formerly of the University of the Pacific, completed her first year with us as Provost and brought new energy, goals and vision to our educational task. Lawrence Schalk arrived from Orlando, Fla., late in the year to take up his duties as Chief Financial Officer. Larry embraced his duties with fresh energy and new ideas.

Additionally, Keith Mattingly, formerly a faculty member and chair in the department of religion, became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Allen Stembridge, from Keene, Texas (and also on our campus, in earlier years), was appointed dean of the School of Business Administration just as the year ended. Denis Fortin, previously the associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was appointed its dean. I expect these new leaders in the university will energize the work we do, not only in their respective positions but throughout the institution.

Along with some other colleges and universities Andrews struggled financially during the first half of this decade. The tragic events of 9/11, the weak financial markets, some significant drops in enrollment, increased costs in insurance premiums, energy, health care, retirement, etc. were all hard on Andrews. However, I am glad to report that after several years of gradual improvements, the year 2006–2007 was a very good year indeed with significant gains in our unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted funds. Overall, our net assets improved by more than $15 million over the last year, thanks to some generous gifts from our friends as well as a nearly $4 million increase in net tuition revenue. As a result the university began to plan capital improvements once again, in the residence halls, a new campus entrance, the Campus Center and our farm and dairy enterprise. That bodes well for the future of the university.

The heart of the university operations during any year—the university’s core business—is in teaching and learning. During 2006–2007 three new faculty chairs were funded. But beyond that, I wish to draw attention to three areas of notable advancement by way of example. The sciences at Andrews received another affirmation of its effective teaching with an additional National Science Foundation grant to inquire about the consistently good learning outcomes among all our science students, including our many minority students on a campus that’s ranked number 13 among national universities in terms of diversity. Second, in the social sciences, a new interdisciplinary program in behavioral neuro-science is set to demonstrate the same good student learning outcomes as in our science programs, and research by the faculty of that department into substance abuse and other addictive behaviors and their prevention is gaining national and international attention. Third, in the humanities and religion, Andrews is celebrating 40 years of archaeology in the Kingdom of Jordan. Over the last four decades, that project has involved students and faculty members from theology, anthropology, art and architecture, et al., in a combined effort to understand our shared human past and those important moments in history that have shaped our present.

Finally, every year at Andrews brings new discoveries in our shared faith convictions. The standing-room-only Friday evening Fusion worship experiences for our diverse student body, the Passion Play for our community, and the Socrates mentoring program in nearby Benton Harbor, all helped to keep our spirit alive and our heart focused on that which is really important at Andrews—namely to be faithful witnesses to Jesus and loyal stewards of (and servants within) God’s world.
At a donor appreciation dinner held Friday, Sept. 28, 2007, Andrews University honored Harold Green, Jerome & Jane Thayer, Leon & Dolores Slikkers, and William & Bonnie Colson with Spirit of Philanthropy Awards. The annual award recognizes friends and supporters who have demonstrated exceptional generosity and commitment to Andrews University.

Harold Green, who graduated from the business program at Andrews University and later earned a doctorate in business management, has worked in health-care administration, management consulting, and business education.

Though invited to share his financial resources elsewhere, Green continues to emphasize how important it is to him for Andrews to flourish. He consistently acts on his convictions through his contributions to the School of Business Administration graduate scholarships for students.

Jerry and Jane Thayer have supported Andrews over the years through dedicated service as faculty and staff, as well as through giving. Jerry Thayer came to Andrews in 1979 as a professor. He has since served as the director of the Center for Statistical Services, as assistant dean in the School of Education, and again as a professor until his retirement in 2005.

Since her start at Andrews in 1985 as director of Public Relations, Jane Thayer has held several additional positions including director of University Assessment and director of the Religious Education programs. She also taught full-time from 1996 until her retirement in 2007.

The Thayers have established a scholarship to assist fulltime students enrolled in a religious education doctoral or master’s program.

Leon and Dolores Slikkers were among the pilots who first flew missionary trips to Central and South America and the Caribbean, and they have participated in additional mission work since. They have taken on roles in many areas of church leadership and have also served on the Andrews University Board and President’s Advisory Council. In 2000, as a result of Dolores Slikkers’ friendship with the owner of Haworth Furniture Company, the Andrews University Seminary received a gift of $750,000 in furniture.

The Slikkers have given to Andrews for nearly 30 years. Their gifts are often mission-oriented, as with their support of the Great Controversy Project headed by P. Gerard Damsteegt. They also give generously to the Annual Fund.

William and Bonnie Colson’s $8.5 million donation has made several important changes possible on the Andrews campus. The Colson’s gift will result in a new campus entrance, new milking parlor at the dairy, and the remodeling of dining services in the Campus Center. An endowed chair has been funded in both the School of Business Administration and the Seminary. The aeronautics program benefited as well.

Andrews University is grateful for the support of these individuals. President Niels-Erik Andreasen remarks, “We cannot provide a good, Christian education to students without the generosity of our friends.”
Endowed Scholarships

Throughout the 2006–2007 fiscal year, 418 Andrews University students received a total of $426,460.00 from endowed scholarships. The number of scholarships has grown over time, and Andrews now has 316 endowed scholarships.

Such scholarships can be started with any amount, but must reach $15,000 before activation level is reached. This must be accomplished within five years of the start date.

While it is easy to tabulate and measure dollar amounts, total number of students awarded, and the like, the impact of these scholarships on the lives of individual students is immeasurable. Many of them are able to attend Andrews because their financial burden has been lightened through these generous gifts. If you would like to know more about endowed scholarships, please contact the Office of Development at (269) 471-3592.

New Endowments & Named Scholarship Funds 2006–2007

Alfred and Audrey Sniegon Endowed Scholarship Fund
Funds will be awarded annually to worthy and deserving students who are enrolled at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School as determined by the Student Financial Aid Committee.

Dr. Harold E. Green Graduate School of Business Endowed Scholarship Fund
This endowment was started in January 2007 by Dr. Harold Green to benefit worthy and deserving students who are pursuing a master’s in business administration.

Drs. Lynn and Deborah Gray Endowed Scholarship Fund
Begun in June of 2007 by Drs. Lynn and Deborah Gray, this endowment benefits minority (the African Diaspora in the Americas) students who are pursuing a career in health care.

The M. Wes Shultz Memorial Scholarship Fund
This endowment was established in July 2006 to honor Dr. M. Wes Shultz for his many years of dedication to Andrews University. The funds are to be awarded to students from the College of Technology.

Joseph Grady and Florence Catherine Rozell Smoot Endowed Scholarship Fund
Dr. J. Grady Smoot established this endowment in November 2006 to honor his first wife, Florence. They were students at Southern Adventist University when she perished in an automobile accident. The funds from this endowment will be awarded annually to undergraduate students majoring in business or history, as a first preference.

Jane and Jerome Thayer Endowed Scholarship Fund
Endowment started in December 2006 by Drs. Jerry & Jane Thayer for full-time, full-tuition, Christian students with a satisfactory GPA and enrolled in a religious education doctoral or master’s program, with a preference for students not from a third-world country.

Indicators of positive growth
Many people do not realize the impact that an endowed scholarship can have on a student. Financial burdens are lightened, of course, but as a result, students are given the opportunity to focus more fully on their studies, moving still one step closer to their educational—and life—goals.

Before coming to the United States, Sengamo Sakana lived in Zimbabwe, where he graduated from high school in 1991. Unable to afford a university education, Sengamo enrolled in a technical college to train as an automotive technician. Then, while working as a mechanic, Sengamo’s desire for education motivated him to take courses, part-time, in management and marketing.

In 2003, Sengamo, his wife, and stepdaughter came to the United States. They lived and worked in California for two and a half years, then they came to Andrews University to study.

Sengamo says, “I am the only one in my family who graduated from high school. I am determined to break the cycle of poverty by setting a good example on the value of education for my children and my brothers’ and sisters’ children. I chose Andrews University because it offers an enabling environment for me to achieve my career and academic goals. Their emphasis in educating the whole person—mentally, physically, spiritually, as well as socially—is priceless.”

Now Sengamo is a junior nursing student with a minor in nutrition. “I chose to study nursing and nutrition as I am passionate about understanding the human system in health and disease. I enjoy the process of discovering and gaining new knowledge. I am planning to do a master’s degree in nursing research.”

Already Sengamo is involved in the community at several levels, where he especially enjoys prison ministry as well as any opportunity to conduct health campaigns. Sengamo has worked with the “Touch of Love Prison Ministries” in California and the Market Street Seventh-day Adventist Church’s “Men on God’s Mission,” a group that supports men in difficult circumstances and nurtures young men to responsibly develop a career. He looks forward to further ministry opportunities in the near future.

Sengamo is a recipient of a scholarship from the Dyre and Helen Dyresen Endowed Scholarship Fund—and the scholarship has proven a huge blessing. “It has allowed me to reduce working hours from thirty-three to twenty-seven per week and use the extra time for studies.” The financial assistance has also made it easier to place food on the table each month.

“Thank you for making my financial burden lighter,” says Sengamo. “May the good Lord richly bless you—thank you.”

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