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Flagship? Mother Ship?

Recently I attended a committee meeting (the bane of academic life) where a professional development consultant gave an overview of the history of the university's current capital campaign. This individual, who is not a member of the Adventist Church, has a long-standing relationship with Andrews University, and over the years has developed a respect for the faith-based and values-driven education we provide.

As he traveled the country visiting key friends of this university to gauge their level of support for the campaign he came to the conclusion that, in the eyes of many of our alumni and other key friends, we are perceived as the "flagship institution" of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He also understood the reluctance some of us had to identify ourselves with that term. The more I think about it though, the designation fits—for many reasons.

The status of flagship institution isn't a matter of boasting. It means we have the biggest responsibility to live up to the ideals of Christian education and set an example of service. As Jesus said in Matthew 23:11, "The greatest among you must be a servant." He set the example as the ultimate Servant, helping all those who asked, addressing specific needs, listening and responding to the concerns of everyone.

As President Andreasen shares in this issue, Andrews University was the first higher educational institution established by the Adventist Church. Our beginnings in 1874 as Battle Creek College grew out of a need to educate young people for service. At that time the church was barely established, its identity and mission were simple—to reach people for Christ and prepare them for His imminent return. Meredith Jones Gray quotes Ellen White in *As We Set Forth* (p. 55), "For this reason our schools have been established, that youth and children may be so educated as to exert an influence for God in the world."

One hundred and thirty-four years later that basic underlying vision remains. How that is accomplished has changed dramatically. Career choices have mushroomed to the point where many young people have difficulty deciding what they want to do for the rest of their lives, or even for the first few years after they graduate. When some of them take a year out of their academic program to serve as a student missionary it often helps them to focus their energy and decide what path to take. That's not a coincidence. Training the next generation to catch a vision for service is what true education should be about.

A recent issue of *Time* magazine (May 12, 2008) featured their list of the top 100 "Most Influential People in the World." The list was diverse, including politicians, preachers, scientists, entertainers and business titans. All had accomplished impressive things and made an impact, either in their specific field of expertise or in the broader world arena.

One individual who stood out for me was Wendy Kopp. As a senior at Princeton University in 1989 she came up with a brilliant idea for her senior year thesis. Her professor thought she was "quite evidently deranged," but she chose not to listen. Her idea was to launch a U.S. national teaching corps, Teach for America, similar to the Peace Corp. It would "recruit young teachers straight out of college and sign them up for a two-year hitch working in some of the country's more disadvantaged schools." The next year Kopp raised \$2.5 million to begin the program. Today it has more than 5,000 member teachers who reach almost half a million kids. The power of one idea!

There are more good ideas out there on how to change the world. An Andrews student may even come up with one. In the meantime, our goal is to inspire all of our students to be true servants—to the world and to their Church.



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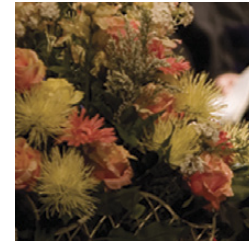
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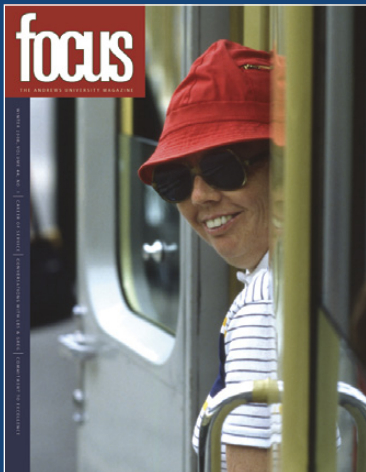


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Irena Nesterova (BA '08, double major in political science & French studies) poses for photographer **Sarah Lee** (BT '02) in the doorway of Pioneer Memorial Church immediately following her graduation, Sunday, May 4, 2008. Irena, who was born in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, plans to further her education in diplomacy and international relations at graduate school.



Thank you!

That was the predominant theme of the letters which quickly arrived as soon as the winter issue hit mailboxes. Merlene Ogden's impact on alumni has been felt far and wide. Many wrote to express their appreciation of the way she opened up the world to them through her teaching and tours. Others expressed their approval of the new Study Bible currently in production and reminisced about the good times at "Our Dear A.U." Keep 'em coming.

Don't forget to write

Letters to Focus are always welcome. To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily shared by the editors, university employees, officers and administrators.

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Memories of Dr. O.

I was captivated with memories as I read Delmer Davis's article on Dr. Ogden in the Winter 2008 Focus. I found myself smiling over memories of an enthusiastic Dr. O. urging a busload of tired travelers on to go see yet another Wordsworth house, and remembering the temptation—which was sometimes overpowering—to sleep though a presentation as we rolled along in the bus. And I still cannot stay in a hotel without remembering her description of thoughtless American tourists who carelessly leave their beds unmade.

The European study tour led by Dr. O. and Malcolm Russell was a highlight of my undergraduate experience at Andrews. It also awakened in me a love for traveling and history, which served me well while I was a student missionary in Japan, and which eventually helped inspire me to pursue graduate work in history.

Thanks Dr. O for the trip. Thanks Delmer Davis, Don May, and Focus for the article, interviews and cover photo that brought back such vivid memories,

Nancy Driscoll Engle (BA '86)

Just seeing "Mother Merlene" grinning at me from the window of a tour bus transported me back to the European Study Tour of 1974. That amazing 11-week trip was one of the highlights of my life.

She did indeed think of every detail to make the trip educational, fun and unforgettable. The credit I earned for the tour completed my master's degree, so she planned a graduation the last Saturday night of the tour. We improvised academic gowns from raincoats (don't remember what we did for caps!), found someone who could play "Pomp and Circumstance" on a recorder, and had a hilarious processional and ceremony. "Mother Merlene" understood that it was a milestone in my life, and that it needed to be observed.

Your writers did a great job of portraying the many facets of Merlene Ogden. She continues to be an inspiration to thousands

of students who were fortunate enough to study, travel and worship with her.

Thanks for giving her credit for her major influence in shaping Andrews University.

Pat (Horning) Benton (MA '74)

It was wonderful to read the article about Merlene Ogden in the last issue of Focus. She has handed down my favorite English teacher when I attended Andrews. I still have a book of poems by Robert Frost that I purchased for her American Literature class and notes in the margins of things she said. I am wondering if she is still doing any tours and, if so, when her next one might be.

I also worked in the Physics Department for a couple of years while attending Andrews and remember Bruce Lee as just a very nice boss. He and Donald Snyder were both there at that time and it was just a great place to work (even though I was not a physics student—far from it!). And do you know where Donald Snyder is now?

I enjoy your magazine.

Jannelle (Schmidt) Noller (BS '65)

I wanted to express my appreciation for the article on Dr. Merlene Ogden (A Career of Service and Leadership) in the winter edition of the Focus. As a member of the 1976 Andrews University Summer European Tour I can attest to the superb way in which "Dr. O" conducted her tours and made them a special experience for each one of the attendees. Now, some 32 years later, I still have fond memories and great friends emanating from that tour. Dr. Ogden's commitment to her students and her special projects is well known, and appreciated, by hundreds, if not thousands, of her alumni around the world. She exemplifies the best of what Andrews University can offer.

Wayne Malcolm Schafer (att.)

How we enjoyed the latest Andrews University Focus, especially the focus on Merlene Ogden. You have certainly captured the life and spirit of Merlene in a wonderful way and made us aware of how many lives she has touched through the years.

What a pleasure it was to work with her during our affiliation years with Helderberg College. Her guidance was invaluable in raising the academic standards of the College and helping us to see beyond our own horizons. Our visits to Andrews were always challenging and she did so much to make our stay worthwhile and help us settle some of the problems that we faced. We certainly salute a great lady who did so much on an international scale to raise the academic standards of so many institutions and we were proud to be a part of Andrews University.

Thanks once again for an interesting magazine, we enjoyed reading about fellow alumni and also what is current at Andrews University. Wishing you every success and blessing and may the influence of Andrews University continue to touch the hearts and lives of alumni in many parts of our globe. God bless.

*David (MA '74, EdD '76) &
Veronica (MA '75) Birkenstock*

Hopes for the Study Bible

To learn from "Focus" Vol. 44, No. 1, that Andrews has embarked on the task of publishing a new study Bible designed to be a tool for any Bible reader resonates powerfully and deeply with me. This is not simply because I am an Andrews graduate nor because two of my children are also alumni of this institution.

Kudos to Andrews for sensing the importance of this work at a time when there is the need for unity on some of the doctrines/teachings we vehemently propound in our evangelistic programs. Some of us lament the differences held by clerics, as well as by lay persons, who pass on only what they honestly grasp and believe. I pray that this Study Bible will go

a great way in assisting us in speaking the "same thing" when witnessing.

Go forward with this project! The Andrews Study Bible Project Committee can be assured of my prayers as it undertakes what I consider a heaven-inspired task.

John R. Josiah (MA '88)

Great News; a Study Bible: I assume it will include commentary. There is the rub. Could it happen to be simply an update of *Bible Readings for the Home Circle*? Not with Jon Dybdahl at the helm.

But then a real concern arises, could it be a 21st century rewrite of Daniel and Revelation and/or slavish to the Conflict of the Ages series?

May Dybdahl's task force keep in mind that the book of Daniel was written to combat the hellenization of the young men of Jerusalem and the book of Revelation was written to give eternal assurance to beleaguered Christians under Rome.

Let the editors be true to the text, not bound to a 19th century New England Eschatology.

Tom Zwemer (att.)

Proud to be an alum

I'm writing because I'm an Andrews alum (grad date Dec 2005) and I've got something to say, besides I like seeing my name in print! I spent my full higher education tenure at Andrews as a full-time Meier/Burman Hall resident. Since I only have 300 words to express myself, I'll say that not only did my time at Andrews change my life for good (I mean literally too! I met my wife during my freshman year), and broaden my worldview, but I'm one of few who sings the praises of the AU café!

I loved everything about my time at AU, my classes, the dorm life, campus activities like AFU, etc. Those who now attend Andrews are fortunate to be where so many have been before. I have a feeling that I'm

running out of words, so I'll conclude by saying that I'm absolutely proud to be an AU grad. Akil Spooner, AU. Here's to you "my dear AU."

Akil Spooner (BBA '05)

Perils of punctuation

Consider the lowly parentheses. They are most often used to enclose a brief explanation or to signal nonessential information. But in a unique circumstance (the Class Notes section in your winter 2008 issue, for example), an unfortunate use of parentheses can impart volumes of (unintended) meaning. Indeed, it can suggest entire life experiences that were never had (by me).

It is understandable how you would (innocently) assume "Thomas" is my maiden name, but please note: I now have a compound (consisting of two words) surname. I added "Treadwell" to my last name in honor of my grandmother, the last of the Treadwells in my family line.

There is no Mr. Treadwell (never has been, mostly likely never will be). (Best) Regards,

Devon Thomas Treadwell (BA '78)

Commencement ceremonies held for 2008 spring class

During the first weekend of May, 380 undergraduate and graduate students donned their regalia for commencement ceremonies at Pioneer Memorial Church. Friends and family from around the world gathered on campus to participate in award and recognition ceremonies held in honor of the graduates throughout the weekend.

On Friday evening, **Pierre Quinn** (BA '04), coordinator of annual giving, addressed the graduates at the consecration service. Quinn challenged the graduates to strive for excellence in all aspects of life. "Our motto is plastered on T-shirts everywhere: Seek, Affirm, Change. Your tassels and cords say that you have sought knowledge. The gleam in your eyes says that you are ready to change the world. But



Bill Knott, editor and executive publisher of *Adventist Review*, was the baccalaureate speaker.

as you leave this place, ask yourself: Have you taken the time to affirm your faith?"

Speaking on Sabbath morning, May 3, **Bill Knott** (MDiv '83), editor and executive publisher of *Adventist Review*, gave the graduates of 2008 a spiritual send-off with his baccalaureate address, "Jericho in the Mist." The days to come will be

filled with celebrations and gifts, followed by job interviews and relocation for the soon-to-be graduates, but the message Sabbath morning served as a reminder, "Do not mistake the crossing of the river for the taking of the city." After the children of Israel reached the Jordan River, and by God's grace alone made it safely across, they stumbled upon a stark realization: they still had to conquer Jericho. "You'll find being on the other side of Jordan is not all it's cracked up to be," he cautioned.

On Sunday, May 4, two commencement services were held at PMC. Author, consultant and management educator **Gary Hamel** (BS '75, MBA '76) addressed graduate students on the subject of "Exceeding Expectations." He encouraged Andrews graduates to think and do outside the box. "Not so long ago, success in business came from toeing the company line; today it comes from challenging and out-maneuvering the old guard." Hamel also received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree.

Jeff Fettig, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corporation, spoke at the undergraduate commencement ceremony. His address, "Innovation: Your Career Lifeblood," spoke about the importance of innovation, having worked with a company that went from good to great through creative ideas, people and products.

"Both presentations were so very relevant to higher education today, and in particular to Andrews University and its graduates," said Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration. "We are all challenged by constant change and the



The undergraduate commencement speaker was Jeff Fettig, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corporation.



For Tadasasomanje Mwase (BS '08), who hails from Malawi, graduation was a celebration for the whole family.

need to innovate, to be ahead of the game. Looking toward the future, it is not enough to let things happen but rather to make things happen. Technological evolution is not enough, doing what we do better is not enough; creative thinking and making it happen is what makes the difference."

For biophysics major Daniel Greene, the event marked the start of an exciting new chapter in his life. "Graduation was a momentous occasion that signals both the end of a journey and the beginning of a new one," said Greene. "As I move forward from Andrews I am confident in my preparation to handle life's challenges with the aid of Christ. I look forward to the future and its exciting opportunities."

Brick Boys win Adventist Robotics League Challenge

On May 12, elementary and high school students from all over North America met at the Howard Performing Arts Center to compete in the Super Bowl of science competitions in Adventist education: the North American Division Adventist Robotics League Challenge. Teams with creative names, like the Green Electrifiers, Cloud Nine and the Biobots, traveled from California, Washington, Virginia, Tennessee and Michigan to put their skills to the test for this year's challenge theme: Power Puzzle.

The overall champions of the competition and the new owners of a Lego-inspired trophy were the Brick Boys of Cleveland, Tenn. All members of the team—Bradley Chesnut, David Hensel, Andrew Donesky and Christina Donesky—are homeschooled.

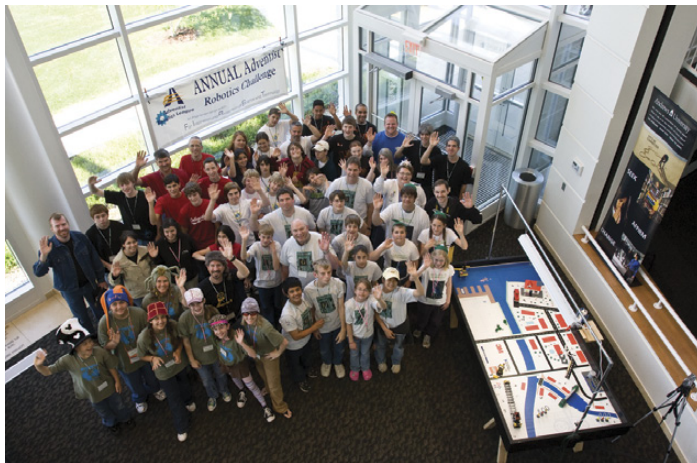
Each team designed and built battery-powered robots with miniature computer modules, programmed to navigate a table-top obstacle course complete with canisters of uranium, power lines, windmills, corn, coal, a dam and river, and a satellite. Judges evaluated the teams on their performance on the obstacle course, as well as for teamwork and the technical design of their robots.

This year, the Power Puzzle obstacle course featured a particularly relevant theme for the budding engineers: energy. In one challenge, each team had to engineer their robots to move a power line so that it would provide power for three communities on the board; in another challenge, robots were required to push a bucket of uranium into contact with a power generator.

The Brick Boys have won their regional

Robotics challenge for the last three years, but each year were unable to compete in the national challenge because it conflicted with an annual mission trip.

Ed Stuckey, a mechanic for McKee Foods, had some experience with Lego Robotics, so when Andrew Donesky asked him to coach the Brick Boys, Stuckey said yes. "The Robotics League is a great challenge," said Stuckey. "It encourages anyone who is interested to take part."



Nine enthusiastic teams from across the U.S. participated in the 2008 NAD Adventist Robotics League Challenge at the Howard Performing Arts Center

The Brick Boys went out on a high note as their 2008 national title marks the end of their collaboration in robotics. Some members are moving and others are heading to different schools. "I'm going to miss them," said Stuckey. "This is it!"

"This event exemplifies the North American Division Office of Education philosophy of 'Journey to Excellence' in that it creatively inspires students to grow and learn in an authentic environment," said Larry Blackmer, vice-president for education for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. "We're so proud of the nine teams and their dedicated coaches and sponsors who made this memorable opportunity happen for them here at Andrews University."

Up to speed with Gymnics

Over spring break, from March 13–23, the Gymnics took their show on the road to San Francisco, where they volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in helping to build homes for underprivileged families and fed the homeless in downtown shelters.



The Gymnics execute a final move during one of their Homeshow performances.

Not long after they returned, the team performed their annual Homeshow to packed audiences at the Johnson Gym on April 13 & 14. The electrifying performances featured old favorites such as the teeter-board and power tumbling, as well as new acts including silk acrobatics and power cheerleading.

"I have a passion for Christ-centered sports," says Coach Christian Lighthall of the Gymnics. "Gymnastics is a great way to flex my creative muscle and it's a great way for a group of students to influence others in a positive way through sports in a Christ-focused environment."

Earth Day events raise environmental awareness

Two major events took place on Tuesday, April 22, turning the focus on campus to Earth Day. An Eco Concert hosted by the University Senate, Student Senate, ACTION and the Village Green Preservation Society was followed by an Eco Rally in Seminary Chapel.

Musicians, students, staff and faculty from across campus came together on the lawn in front of the James White Library steps for a concert in celebration of Earth Day. Before playing, Bruce Pearson of Garage Voice drew attention to the Christian responsibility of taking care of the earth. “God has entrusted us with the stewardship of his creation,” said Pearson.

During the Eco Rally, Heather Knight, provost, gave an overview of the green movement on college campuses across the country, including LEED Certification for Green Building.

Tom Goodwin led a 30-second time of thankfulness for what God provides to us on Earth—and then described what the human impact is during those 30 seconds. “In just 30-seconds time, 14,000 plastic

water bottles are thrown away in North America, equaling 467 plastic water bottles in just one second,” said Goodwin.

Leeor Schweitzer, a student leader from EnvOrg at Kalamazoo College, shared the student-led award winning environmental activities on his campus.

Ben Chilson gave an update of environmental impact improvements which will be achieved through the new Dining Services, including a proposal to significantly reduce the use of nonbiodegradable take-away containers by: 1. choosing to dine-in with friends in the newly renovated spaces; 2. providing green take-away containers for a slight surcharge.

A representative from Gateway Recycling Services in Berrien Springs complimented university students for their initiatives that improve the community. School of Business Administration students presented a business proposal for Gateway



At the Eco Rally, students, staff and community signed a covenant document in support of environmental issues.

Recycling in 1989. It has successfully provided employment for individuals with disabilities ever since. In 2007, Gateway collected 1.4 million pounds of paper.

The event also included an opportunity to sign a covenant document for those wishing to express personal commitment to forwarding environmental issues at Andrews University.

Hundreds participate in electronics recycling event

A steady stream of cars, trucks and vans—as many as 30 at a time—lined up in the Transportation Department warehouse parking lot as they waited for their turn to recycle unused electronics at a recycling event hosted by Andrews University on Wednesday, April 9.

The recycling event, sponsored by Berrien County, brought together staff and student volunteers from across campus to meet with hundreds of area residents wishing to do their part to help protect the environment—one electronic device at a time. As the unused equipment was dropped off—TVs, computers, monitors, even an old overhead projector—volunteers sorted and stacked the items onto pallets. Once the loaded pallets were shrink-wrapped, the recyclables were loaded onto four trucks.

According to Jill Adams, Berrien County Environmental



More than 28 tons of electronics were collected at a Berrien County recycling event held at the Andrews transportation department.

Specialist, this was the second largest recycling collection event ever for electronics in Berrien County. “We estimate there were over 265 participants. We counted each resident, business, school and Andrews University (as a whole) as one participant each. We filled two 53-foot semi-trucks and two 24-foot trucks full of equipment,” she said. In total, 56,709 pounds of electronics were collected.

This event was successful, in part, thanks to the volunteers who helped direct traffic, record information and unload equipment. “We really appreciate all the people at Andrews

University who helped organize, promote, set-up and execute this collection event. The volunteers were fantastic. We couldn't have done it without them,” said Adams.

Spring meeting of General Conference held at Andrews

More than 150 administrators of the world church of Seventh-day Adventists visited the Andrews University campus April 4–7 for the 2008 Spring Meeting of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a semi-annual business meeting. The committee members included officers from the 13 world divisions and administrators from the church headquarters, who together serve the 15 million members of the Adventist Church worldwide.

Jan Paulsen (BA '57, MA '58, BD '62, MA '83), president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, was interviewed by **Dwight K. Nelson** (MDiv '76, DMin '86), senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church,



Jan Paulsen (left) was interviewed by Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor, during the church service at Pioneer Memorial Church.

during services on Sabbath. Paulsen invited members of the community to watch the church business in action and shared one

aspect of his work that brings him great personal joy.

“As I relate to the global family—including children, there are some 25 million Adventists around the world—I am amazed at the dynamics which binds this family together,” said Paulsen.

Committee members spent four days on campus. During their stay, some were able to meet with members of their division and many guests—some of whom had never before visited Andrews University—took advantage of the things the campus has to offer, including the Horn Archaeological Museum, the Natural History Museum, and the Center for Adventist Research.

\$7,000 Korean book donation to James White Library

The Andrews Seminary Korean Association has donated 268 books in the Korean language to the James White Library. The donation consists of two sets of 134 Adventist books. The donation includes books by Ellen G. White, the SDA Bible commentary, and other Adventist works.

The idea for obtaining the books was developed by Choong Hwan (Richard) Lee. Mr. Lee is a Master of Divinity student in the Seminary and president of the Andrews Seminary Korean Association. Richard also works in the interlibrary loan department of the James White Library.

Checking out the Library holdings, he realized that Ellen G. White’s writings in Korean are dated. Mr. Lee approached the West Central Korean Conference and the Sijosa Korean Publishing House for the donation.

A reception celebrating the donation was held in the James White Library on



L-R: Terry Robertson, Richard Choi, Larry Onsager, Richard Lee, Ju Hyun Kim, Da Eun Kwak, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Sun Hee Cho, Denis Fortin and Sang Hae Kim

Wednesday, March 28. **P. Richard Choi** (MDiv '86), chair of the New Testament department, welcomed the audience and made some opening remarks. Choong Hwan Lee made a formal presentation of the books to Lawrence W. Onsager, dean of libraries, and Terry Robertson, Seminary librarian.

Lawrence Onsager, dean of libraries, pointed out that this gift increases our

Korean language holdings by 380 percent.

Refreshments were served in the Bibliographic Services Department. Denis Fortin, dean of the Seminary, offered a dedicatory prayer, and President Niels-Erik Andreasen expressed words of appreciation for the gift.

“The James White Library of Andrews University recently received a most generous gift of some 400 volumes of religious books in Korean,” said Andreasen. “The gift was made by the Adventist Publishing House in Korea. This collection is particularly welcome here at Andrews given our many international students, including a significant group from Korea.”

“It is altogether fitting that our university library extend its collection of foreign language works of special interest to our international students. Andrews University is grateful for this gift and for the important contribution it makes to our library collection.”

5th annual Music & Worship Conference features The Ambassadors and Roger Ryan



Pianist Roger Ryan accompanies the Deliverance Choir (*above left*) at the fifth annual Andrews University Music and Worship Conference, sponsored by Andrews University's Department of Music, Center for Youth Evangelism and Department of Christian Ministry and the North American Division Church Resource Center. The conference was held March 27–29 as a training event for pastors, worship leaders, church musicians and lay leaders involved in worship ministry.

The Nigerian a cappella group, The Ambassadors, also sang at the concert held Friday at the Howard Center (*above right*). The Ambassadors first became familiar to Andrews University in 1998 during the Net '98 satellite evangelism series, before going on to receive international acclaim in the Christian music community.

Birding authority conducts seminar and workshop

Part scientist, part poet and philosopher: it's hard to compartmentalize Donald Kroodsmas' life and career. His love of birds and their varied songs goes beyond the science of understanding their communications to an appreciation of their music and songs.

Kroodsmas is a professor emeritus at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, is the author of *The Singing Life of Birds* and has won several awards. He spoke at Price Hall on April 19 and led a workshop at Love Creek Nature Center the following day.

"It's always a pleasure to be among people celebrating spring," he told audience members. "I heard two cardinals singing today. I live for hearing bird songs ... For me, a bird walk often becomes a bird stand as I stop to listen to the different birds."

"For me, birds are my fellow creatures on the planet who are speaking their minds as they sing," he said. "They're telling so much about themselves, about their age, whether they're male or female."

"For me, it's not so much about identifying birds by song or sound," he said. "I tell people to slow down, you have to slow down and listen."



Parabolic microphones were used to amplify bird songs at the workshop held at Love Creek

"I liken it to how you'd treat a human friend. Do you identify them through binoculars or by a voice in the crowd? No, you want to get to know the person well. With birds, you want to get to know them so you don't mistake one bird for another."

"It's not just about pinning a label on a bird and moving on," he said. "I believe you can truly appreciate a bird and his song without even knowing what kind of bird it is ... We need to listen with our eyes together with our ears."

He called song sparrows "priceless singers" where the males each know eight to 10 different songs and said robins with their caroled songs "are just wonderful to

listen to." "They're among the most common birds and we don't know much about them," he said.

"With every bird that sings, my goal is to crawl inside the bird's mind and figure out what it's doing," he said. "A mockingbird can have 150 songs and a thrasher 2,000 songs ... Listen to the most common birds around you and listen in a whole new way."

During his visit to Andrews, he showed people the importance and meaning of bird-songs first through sonograms and audio recordings at the lecture and then the next day with actual experience out in the field.

"You learn the little things," he said. "The yellow-bellied sapsucker has a loud sound followed by a light one," he said. "There's beauty in the harmonies and whistles."

"With black-capped chickadees, I hang on every little sound," he said. "Their song of 'hey sweeties' is the biggest single dialect on record. The only different dialects are found on the east coast and west of the Cascades. These birds learn songs and sing the same song across 3,000 miles of the country."

By Debra Haight, freelance writer.

Crisis panel discussion

Nearly one year after the massacre at Virginia Tech that claimed 32 lives, a panel of professional communicators, media and law enforcement participated in a panel discussion, "What Have We Learned from Virginia Tech?" at Chan Shun Hall.



Richard Aguirre, director of public relations, Goshen College, comments during the discussion

The panel included representatives from Andrews University, Goshen College, Indiana University South Bend, the University of Notre Dame, South Bend Police and WNDU-TV, the NBC affiliate in South Bend, Ind. Pamela Harris, a professor who teaches crisis communication at Andrews University, served as the discussion moderator.

On April 16, 2007, a Virginia Tech student turned gunman killed 32 people and wounded many more before committing suicide, making it the deadliest school shooting in United States history. This panel of respected communicators engaged in public dialog to discuss crisis communication, crisis plans and the Virginia Tech case. The discussion is based on an article that appeared in *Strategist Magazine* by Larry Hincker, chief spokesperson for Virginia Tech, who wrote about his experience during that time of crisis on his campus.

The event marked the first publicly invited meeting of the new Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) campus chapter at Andrews University, which was officially formed in November 2007.

Piano competition attracts world-class talent

On March 30, the Howard Performing Arts Center once again attracted world-class talent to its concert hall. Five finalists competed in the final round of the first International Piano Competition sponsored by the Andrews University Department of Music.

Former Andrews University student Ellen Hwangbo won first place, taking home \$1,000 plus a solo performance with the Andrews University Orchestra. Wen-Ting Ong and Timothy Rantung tied for second place; Roy Treiyer won third place; and Olga Sharapa came in fourth.

"The first International Piano Competition at Andrews University opens an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventist musicians around the

world to engage in a serious, fair and highly-contested piano event," says Carlos Flores, chair of the Department of Music. The goal of this competition is to promote and acknowledge artistry and excellence in music performance as well as to bring together young musicians from all over the world in an atmosphere of technical challenges, professional development, and artistic recognition."

For musicians wishing to enter in future competitions, plans are to hold a competition for strings in 2009, and for voice in 2010, before returning to piano in 2011.



International Piano Competition finalists, left-right: Olga Sharapa, Timothy Rantung, Ellen Hwangbo, Wen-Ting Ong and Roy Treiyer.

Ten-time Grammy winners "Take 6," March 29, 2008



Caesar and Schmidt honored as Teacher and Advisor of the Year

On Thursday, April 17, the Andrews University student body crowded into the Howard Performing Arts Center for the annual Awards Assembly. In fact, the event was so heavily attended that overflow seating extended to the HPAC lobby, with students listening to the program over the speakers.

The Advisor of the Year Award was given to Gisella Schmidt, professor of nursing. Schmidt joined the Andrews faculty in 2004. Born in Argentina, she graduated from River Plate Adventist University as a registered nurse, and received her baccalaureate in nursing from Rosario National University. She has since received a master's degree in education, and is currently finishing a master's degree in nursing education.

Lena Caesar, chair of the speech-language pathology & audiology department, was chosen as Teacher of the Year. Caesar earned a master's degree in communicative disorders from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a doctoral degree from Western Michigan University. Prior to joining the Andrews faculty in 1996, she taught in St. Lucia and Guyana, and served as program director and assistant professor at the University of Montemorelos in Mexico.

"I am passionate about my teaching," says Caesar. "For me, there is no greater joy than to watch students learn and grow—spiritually, emotionally, academically. I view my role as a teacher as an integral part of my Christian service. I strive to integrate Christian principles into every aspect of my teaching, every moment of my advising, and every nuance of my practice. I believe that though it may not be always practical to integrate faith into the content of every lecture, Christ can always be present in the classroom."



Gisella Schmidt



Lena Caesar

Mistaken identity



The photo included with the story of Ron Johnson's retirement in the Winter 2008 issue was incorrect. The individual identified was actually Glenn Johnson.

The *real* Ron Johnson is pictured left at his retirement party on Dec. 6, 2007. Many readers addressed the mistaken identity. Thank you for your attention to detail. We apologize for the error.

Mutch given award

On behalf of the faculty, **Patricia (Black) Mutch** (BS '65) was awarded the John Nevins Andrews Medallion at the graduate commencement, May 4, 2008.

Mutch joined the faculty in 1972. From 1973–1984, she directed the professional dietetics program. She directed the University's Office of Scholarly Research from 1988–1990. For twelve years, beginning in 1983, she directed the Institute for Prevention of Addictions. She served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and was the first woman



President Andreasen presents the John Nevins Andrews Medallion to Patricia Mutch

to serve as vice president for academic administration from 1998–2006. In the latter position, Mutch brought to the fore the importance of embracing and enhancing diversity in the academic, social and religious spheres.

Mutch, who currently serves as a professor, as well as coordinator of the Emergency Preparedness Curriculum, expressed her appreciation: "I feel highly honored to receive this award and join the other faculty who are John Nevins Andrews Medallion recipients, recognized as significant contributors to the development of the university through the years."

DANIEL MARK BEDELL

(Graduated May 2008 with a B.S., General Studies, *cum laude*)

NOW THAT YOU'RE AN OFFICIAL 2008 GRADUATE, WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

I am off to seek fame, fortune, tiny apartments and lots of poorly cooked meals. My plan is to start up a freelance photography and writing business in the Baltimore, D.C. area.

IN WHAT WAYS HAS ANDREWS UNIVERSITY HELPED YOU REACH YOUR GOALS?

Well, I came to college with very few goals. I felt like I had used up all my goals in high school, mostly with sports. So really I guess Andrews helped me find goals and loves, especially with photography. I had never done anything with a camera really and I was not into any kind of art. But four and a half years later I have found a passion and career.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE EXPERIENCE AS AN ANDREWS STUDENT?

The trips! I went on a photo trip to India in 2006 that was a lot of fun. I think that trip really cemented my love for photo. I came back with a body of work that I was proud of and that I was excited about. Traveling with 30 classmates in a foreign land was so much fun and filled with stories. I probably won't even fully realize how great it was and how fortunate I was to have gone until I am old and cranky.

WHERE DID THE IDEA FOR THE TITLE "BRAIN SPLATTER" (THE COLUMN YOU WROTE FOR THE *STUDENT MOVEMENT*) COME FROM?

If you have read my writing I think it makes sense. I write about anything and everything. From my dog Luna licking my toes, to me making an idiot of myself, to why the presidential race should include a night of wrestling. But pretty much it is a play on the term "blood splatter." What can I say? I enjoy a little *Law and Order* and *CSI*.

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS IN LIFE?

Frozen fruit consumption. Eating without fattening. Getting people to do things for a photo that you never thought they would do. Movies, the TV series *The Office* and watching basketball. Imitating my grandfather. Trail running in short shorts and getting the perfect road biker's tan. Oh yeah, and writing about the only woman I know who can beat me running and always lets me rub her belly...Luna. Yup, the same one who licks my toes.

ANY LAST WORDS OF WISDOM?

Hmmm ... I feel a bit too young to be giving wisdom. I guess I would say overcome your fears and go after what you love. So many people seem to give up their dreams because they are intimidated and scared of failing. I think failure is way overrated and I hope to keep clawing at the things I love come meals of nothing but Ramen or high water.

Check out Daniel's photography at www.danielbedell.com and his writing at www.brainsplatter.net.





General Conference

North American Division

Lake Union Conference

Michigan Conference

Servant to the World Church

Andrews University as a
General Conference
Institution

by Niels-Erik Andreasen
with quotes from Andrews faculty

Most readers of this magazine are familiar with the organizational structure of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, but some younger alumni may not be. For the benefit of those valued readers here is “Adventist Church Organization 101.” It begins with the local congregations where two important responsibilities lie, first, support of the entire world church through the giving of tithes and offerings, and second, admitting (or dismissing) members through baptism and in some cases profession of faith or (in the case of dismissal) through church censure. The chief officer of the local congregation is the local church elder (either a man or a woman), a position that becomes very important in cases where no full-time pastor is assigned to that congregation.

Local churches in a state, a country or a region band together into what is called a conference. A pastor named a conference president (along with other officers of that

organizational unit) is elected by delegates from the local churches at regular intervals, generally 3-5 years. The conference is an administrative unit that receives the tithes and some offerings from the local churches and allocates those funds according to strict church policies. It also assigns pastors to serve the local churches, though nowadays the congregations, especially large ones, may have some say in the matter. It generally provides support to local churches, their programs and any schools operated either in the local church (a church school) or in the conference territory, generally a secondary school (or academy). Finally, a conference typically forms a legal corporation that holds title to its real property and other assets. Andrews University is located in the state of Michigan and therefore its local congregation that worships in Pioneer Memorial Church belongs to the **Michigan Conference**.

A number of conferences in turn form unions of conferences that cover larger territories. Andrews University is located in the **Lake Union Conference** comprising five conferences covering the states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. In a few cases around the world the conferences of churches have been eliminated (generally due to low membership) and unions of churches have been formed, but that is exceptional. The union is essentially an administrative unit. It receives tithe funds and some offerings earmarked for the world church, and after keeping what is allocated



I believe we are a powerhouse of scholarship and experience and expertise that the church can use as a resource.

Denis Fortin
DEAN, SDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Andrews University has, since its very beginnings in Battle Creek, been a school that was looking out towards the world, that had a vision of service for the world. That long tradition, has prepared Andrews University today to be an institution that still welcomes the world and desires to serve and change the world.

Meredith Jones-Gray
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH



for its own use, passes the rest on. The union is headed by a pastor called a union president (along with other officials) who is elected by delegates from the conferences every five years. In addition to supporting the ministry within its conferences, the union may operate colleges, universities and other institutions. For that reason the unions also form legal corporations that can own and administer property. At one time the Lake Union operated Emmanuel Missionary College, but when that college became Andrews University the Union turned most of its responsibility for Andrews over to the General Conference.

The unions of conferences and the few unions of churches all belong to the **General Conference** which is the world headquarters of the Adventist church. Because of the growth and expansion of the world church the General Conference has divided itself up into 13 divisions. Here in the United States we are part of the **North American Division**. Some think of these divisions as forming a discrete organizational level between the unions and the general conference, and in some practical ways it may work that way, but strictly speaking these divisions are extensions of the world headquarters, and the division presidents, elected every five years along with the General Conference president, are de facto General Conference vice presidents. Like the unions, the General Conference and its divisions are administrative units giving oversight and leadership to the whole church. Some divisions also operate colleges and universities. The General Conference headquarters operates six. They are the Adventist University of Africa,

AIAS (in the Philippines), Griggs University (a distance learning unit), Oakwood University, Loma Linda University and Andrews University. Accordingly, like the conferences and unions, the General Conference also forms a legal corporation that holds title to property and manages some of its legal and business activities.

What does it mean for Andrews University to be a General Conference institution? The answer to that question is not the same for each General Conference institution, at least at the operational level, so we will now focus on Andrews by making a short list of particulars.

1. On the governance level it means that a vice president of the General Conference chairs the university's board of trustees and the university president is an ex officio member of the General Conference executive committee (a very large international group). Since the Lake Union does not operate a college of its own and since the church members living in that Union rightly consider Andrews University to be their local "Adventist college," the president of the Lake Union serves as vice chair of the university board and the university president also holds membership in the Lake Union Conference executive committee.

2. Adventist-owned and -operated institutions generally receive financial subsidies from church funds and Andrews also receives such funds from the Lake Union Conference in support of undergraduate programs and the university schools, Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch

Andrews University is named after John Nevins Andrews, who was our denomination's first missionary and first real scholar. By adopting his name, Andrews University has taken on the role of being a lighthouse for education to our world church. And that's the role, under God, which we would like to continue to offer to the church, for his glory and for the completion of his mission in the whole world.

Niels-Erik Andreassen
PRESIDENT



Elementary School. The annual subsidy for operations and capital expense from the Lake Union and its conferences is currently \$3.34 million. The General Conference provides subsidies for graduate, theological and some special educational services provided by Andrews for the world church. The annual support, mostly for operations, and a little capital, from the General Conference for fiscal year 2007 was \$4.01 million.

Andrews University has a unique role to play in this church and has already done so, and I would say primarily in its role as educator of the world. When you go to the seminary, when you go to different departments around the campus, the number of students who come from overseas is just amazing. And these are the leaders in the world church.

Leonard Gashugi
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS & FINANCE



I think the reputation of Andrews is based not only on the people that go out, but on the teaching faculty, the experience and diversity that is the teaching staff that is here. The faculty are deeply committed to Adventism, they are deeply committed to training the best possible church leaders that we possibly can—that's exciting.

Bruce Bauer
PROFESSOR OF WORLD MISSION



to introduce graduate programs (other than in the health sciences) and the Adventist university that has done more than any other to offer extension and affiliation educational programs abroad. Because of that it is sometimes called “the mother institution” or the “flagship institution”

3. A few years ago the General Conference took action that the education of pastors is the responsibility of its respective divisions. At about the same time the North American Division of the General Conference became more independent of the world church headquarters and established a special relationship with the Theological Seminary of Andrews University. The president of that division chairs the seminary executive committee of the university board for seminary affairs. That division also provides financial support to the seminary by paying for the tuition of MDiv students preparing to be pastors and Christian workers. That support at present is \$2.8 million.

4. Andrews is the oldest Adventist university, the first

in Adventist higher education. While that designation remains accurate in so many ways, it is not a position Andrews owns or can take for granted. It must be earned every day. To keep this leadership position the faculty, staff, administration, governing board, yes even students, must live up to that high standing by the way the university does its educational work and conducts its affairs. The following are some indications of the special position this General Conference institution occupies in the Adventist world church and among its other educational institutions.

A. This year (2007–08) Andrews enrolled 3,221 students in its campus programs and 3,212 students in its extension and affiliation programs serving the world

Meet SAGE

“What can we do to provide advanced graduate education to some of our faculty members in the West Central African Division?” C. Ikonne, educational director from Nigeria, asked that question a few years ago while we were talking in my office. The need is great, he added, and it is critically important that the participating faculty

members return to their posts after their graduation from Andrews. Let me introduce you to SAGE (Service to Adventist Graduate Education), I replied.

Some decades ago the great need in our Adventist educational institutions around the world was to offer accredited undergraduate programs. Andrews helped get that

underway with its many affiliation programs around the world. But now graduate studies need attention and SAGE is Andrews’ response—supporting faculty development and research in our worldwide family of Adventist higher education.

So Ikonne and I made a plan to bring selected faculty members from Africa to Andrews for



For years, students have come to Andrews University from around the world, and they go back. So Andrews, as a General Conference institution, is really supporting the world church.

Charles Tidwell
DEAN, AFFILIATION & EXTENSION PROGRAMS

church for a total of 6,433 students served from around the world. Nearly half of the on-campus enrollment is comprised of graduate students.

B. Each year Andrews hosts visiting faculty members, scholars, researchers and educational administrators from sister institutions around the world. They come to learn, conduct research, expand their horizons, use the university resources and consult (*see sidebar*).

C. Andrews operates or hosts several institutes that tie directly to the work and service of the world church and, in some cases, are funded by the General Conference. Among them are: The Institute for Prevention of Addiction (dealing with addictive behavior), The Institute of Biblical Archaeology (excavations and research in the ancient Near East), The Institute of Church-State Relations (dealing with religious liberty), The Center for Youth Evangelism (dealing with ministry to youth and young adults), The Institute of World Mission (engaging in mission research and holding workshops for new and returning missionaries), and NADEI (North American Division Evangelism Institute).

As a result of this special role in the world church, Andrews continues to be a General Conference institution of higher learning, not only in name and governance, but in fact. It attracts students from all the divisions of the General Conference and educates them for generous

service to Church and society. It has become a melting pot of Adventists, both students and teachers, from around the world, helping to shape the Adventist family of the future, and it remains an anchor point for its nearly 34,000 alumni who look to Andrews as the university where the world church comes together for learning and reflecting upon the great gospel commission given to us by our Lord Himself, namely to go, make disciples of all nations, baptize them and teach them. That is Andrews University today.

Niels-Erik Andreasen

Has been the president of Andrews University since 1994. He wrote this feature in Toronto, Canada, while attending an Adventist Education Day and meeting with Canadian Andrews alumni.

To view the entire DVD presentation that was made to the guests attending the GC spring meeting, visit the following link.

www.andrews.edu/president/gcvideo

master's and doctoral degrees. Each applicant must be ready and all prerequisites must have been met. No employment by the student is allowed during the short, intense period of study for the degree. Quality study and speed are the expectation. The tuition charges are covered entirely, and are split three ways: Approximately one-third

is covered by Andrews graduate scholarships, one-third is covered by the students and the church institution or organization to which the graduate student will return following completion, and one-third is met by donors to the SAGE program at Andrews.

This past spring Ikonne and I took stock of the program thus far

and we noticed with satisfaction that about eleven students have entered the program, five have graduated and all have returned to continue their educational work in West and Central Africa. The program has been a complete success thus far, thanks to SAGE.

STANDING

“Tapping into the Power of God” was the focus of Standout, a spiritual retreat for Adventist teens in public high schools, held at Andrews University April 18–20. A dream come true for the Enrollment Management department at Andrews University, Standout brought together youth from across the country who share two things in common: are currently a high school student and are passionate about the Lord.

But there was a moment when this widely successful event was facing cancellation. Three weeks before Standout, only 17 students were signed up. I spent that weekend in prayer, asking God to show me what he can do. I asked him for 100 students; we ended up with over 200 students, parents and sponsors!

Standout was created three years ago as a retreat for public high school students and headed up by Maria Long, the first enrollment coordinator at Andrews to focus significantly on Adventist students in public schools. The retreat is a weekend packed with spiritual emphasis and a desire for each attendee to experience God on a deeper level than they ever have before.

Filip Milosavljevic, an Andrews’ student involved with Standout, told me, “When you get that kind of crowd together, it makes for a great time!”

Sarah Peters, another Andrews student, says, “This retreat calls youth to Standout in a radical way for God like they never have done before.”

More than just for students, the staff behind Standout took away more than they thought possible. I can testify to that

truth; and so can my staff. Just ask Sarah Peters, a current student who also works in Enrollment Management. “In reality, it also calls the leaders to standout from their everyday lives and to dedicate not just time in the office to serving students, but time kneeling by a bed and calling on God for inspiration and guidance.”

Pierre Quinn, who spoke at the first Standout retreat, returned this year. He was joined by worship music from Ignite, the two-man drama team known as TKO, the music of Maria Long and an open mic night for youth to bless others through their talents and testimonies. Breakout sessions gave students, parents, sponsors and staff a chance to connect with each other while connecting with God.

The best way to describe the impact of those activities is to listen to the voices of some of the students who attended. For example, Katelyn, a public high school student, commented: “I really liked the bands they brought in and the songs they sang. I loved how the speakers brought in stories we would relate to and how they ended with a quote that kept you wondering. The classes really helped me realize all the problems and solutions around me that come up every day.”

I love youth, and in my new role on the enrollment team—where I reach out to the Adventist students in public schools—I don’t find anything more fulfilling than seeing them give their hearts to God and develop such passion for Him as to do amazing things with Him. That’s why I wanted to make



Above: On Saturday morning Pierre invited all attendees to come forward, to standout for Christ and give their hearts to Him. It was an emotional time for all as many youth came forward and some made their commitment to Christ for the very first time.

OUT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (AND CHRIST)

Standout happen this year. I wanted youth from all over to come together and experience God, and in turn be inspired to Stand out for Him at their schools and homes.

For an enrollment management office, there is no better way to see how Andrews University, because of our God, can impact other people, than through a weekend like this one. From the positive comments from youth and chaperones, I believe that God was glorified. OD Poplawski, a student from Canada, summarized the weekend this way: "Well, I just returned from Standout ... it was simply amazing ... I have never seen God move in such a wonderful way." But what was the highlight? I asked: "Highlight? The entire weekend was highlighted!"

Another student, Ryan Ziemba stated: "Standout was ALOT better than what I thought it was going to be. The praise team, bands, and speaker were awesome! I wish there were more events like this. Just walking in the place, you knew that is was going to be powerful and also fun."

Szasza Paz, one of the chaperones from Canada, offered this comment following Standout: "It truly was an amazing

weekend, and very inspiring indeed! Our youth group has been truly blessed by being there this weekend, and because of this weekend, three lives have been changed. Three of our youth have given their lives to Christ, and it still brings tears to my eyes thinking about it. We've prayed for these kids for three years now; and this is the first time that they have made a commitment to Christ."

Every minute of the hours spent on planning this event were well worth it, as there is nothing more rewarding as participating in God's plan to draw us all to Him. What I treasure the most is the opportunity of meeting youth who are passionate about God and I rest assured in the knowledge that they will Standout for God!

Andrea Jakobsons is an enrollment coordinator at Andrews University. Aside from Standout, she also works with youth locally in a youth group called The Basement and is involved with programming for youth retreats or other youth events in the Lake Union Conference. Her work involves music and speaking engagements in the U.S. as well as internationally.



Top: New friendships were developed as students chatted about life and God around the lunch tables.

Above: Individual and group prayer time provided opportunities for them to reconnect with their Lord.

Right: Maria Long, recording artist, shared from her heart and her passion for Christ during Saturday's concert.



ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information visit us online at www.andrews.edu/alumni/ or contact the Alumni office at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

JUNE

- 14 Indiana Alumni Gathering**
4:00 pm
Home Economics Room
Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind.
- 21 Wisconsin Alumni Gathering**
5:00 pm
Andrews University Cabin
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wis.
- 21 Lake Region Alumni Gathering**
5:00 pm
Camp Wagner (tent next to the church)
Cassopolis, Mich.
- 28 Michigan Alumni Gathering**
5:00 pm
Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church
Cedar Lake, Mich.

If you're planning to be at any of the above camp meetings, we hope you'll join us for a refreshing serving of strawberry shortcake.

JULY

- 10 NAD Retirees' Convention/Alumni Gathering**
12:00 pm
Chan Shun Hall Lobby
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

We look forward to welcoming alumni and former staff/faculty who will be on campus for the NAD Retirees' Convention. Join us for lunch and the opportunity to mingle with friends.

- 31 Alumni Graduation Picnic**
6:00 pm
Alumni House backyard
Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.
- Just prior to graduation rehearsal, the Alumni Association will host graduates for a Mexican-themed picnic. Each graduate will receive a gift of a leather folio, as they're officially welcomed into the Andrews University Alumni Association.

AUGUST

- 7 Florida/ASI Alumni Gathering**
Jackson's Bistro
Waterfront Room
601 S. Harbour Island Blvd., Suite 100
Tampa, Florida
813-277-0112 (for further directions)

Only a five-minute walk from the Marriott Waterside hotel. We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those who will be attending the ASI Conference in Tampa, Fla.

SEPTEMBER

- 25-28 Alumni Homecoming Weekend**
See ad on p. 35 for more details

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you're interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

RSVP

RSVP for the above gatherings online at **AU&ME**, our new alumni community: www.andrews.edu/alumni

VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to get involved with or even sponsor a special alumni project? Or maybe you're available to meet monthly and would be interested in serving on the Alumni Board of Directors.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact Tami Condon (BS '91) in the Alumni Office at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591.

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 Gatherings

Phoenix, Arizona

Sunday, March 9, 2008

On behalf of the Alumni Association, Chris LeBrun, director of development, and **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for advancement, were honored to attend the Alumni Awards Foundation where **Greg Constantine** (BA '60), research professor of art and artist-in-residence, received the coveted 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award. While there, they also hosted an alumni gathering at The Golden Corral for both alumni in attendance and those living in the Phoenix area.



Phoenix, Arizona

Marietta, Georgia

Monday, March 17, 2008

It was a lively group of alumni who came together for an alumni gathering at the fun restaurant Pappasito's Cantina. Several were excited at the prospect of being in Focus; congratulations, you made it! Special thanks to **Jennie Janssen** (MA '07), senior biologist in husbandry at the Georgia Aquarium, for sharing this great group photo with us. We look forward to visiting again.

local alumni, Astri and **Ralph Coupland** (MA '66, MA '72, EdD '81). President Andreassen shared the latest news from campus and alumni had the opportunity to mingle over a light supper.

Willowdale, Ontario

Saturday, April 26, 2008

The church was packed, as our very own Niels-Erik Andreassen, president of Andrews University, spoke for both services at the Willowdale SDA Church.

for our alumni, featuring selections from her debut album STEPOUT. Afterwards, alumni came together in the cafeteria for appetizers and to hear President Andreassen share news from campus. To check out Rochelle's music, visit www.rochellehanson.com.

Toronto, Ontario

Sunday, April 27, 2008

To end our Canadian tour, David Faehner, Chris LeBrun and Niels-Erik Andreassen

Walla Walla, Washington

Friday, March 28, 2008

Demetra (former staff) and **Niels-Erik Andreassen** (MA '65, BD '66) hosted an alumni gathering at the Havstad Alumni Center, on the campus of Walla Walla University, with the generous assistance of

Oshawa, Ontario

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Local celebrity and alumna, **Rochelle Hanson** (BA '05), performed a special concert on the campus of Kingsway College



Marietta, Georgia



Robert and Idana (DP '46) Noel, Walla Walla

Photo by Ralph Coupland



Walla Walla, Washington

Photo by Ralph Coupland



Rochelle Hanson, Oshawa, Ontario



Alumni Picnic for May grads

hosted an alumni gathering at the Mandarin Buffet in the city of Toronto, home to this year's honored alumnus **Todd Coupland** (BA '88, BS '88).

Alumni Picnic for May grads

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Many graduates turned out for the festive Mexican-themed picnic, sponsored by the Alumni Association. Alumni Board members, President Andreasen and faculty members all came out to celebrate with the

graduates. Each graduate left with a leather folio, embossed with the Andrews seal, to commemorate their Andrews experience as they begin their professional journey as new members of the Andrews University Alumni Association.

Gary Hamel ranked #1 by *The Wall Street Journal*

Andrews University graduate, author, consultant and management educator **Gary Hamel** (BS '75, MBA '76) addressed students from the class of 2008 as commencement speaker for the graduate ceremony on Sunday, May 4. The following day, Hamel was recognized by *The Wall Street Journal* as a top influential business thinker in the article, "New Breed of Business Gurus Rises."

After receiving an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree, Hamel's address, "Exceeding Expectations," encouraged Andrews' graduates to think and do outside the box. "Not so long ago, success in business came from toeing the company line; today it comes from challenging and out-maneuvering the old guard."

In the business world, Hamel has heeded his own advice—the day after his commencement address on campus, *The Wall Street Journal* (May 5 edition) ranked Hamel #1 on a list of influential business thinkers, ahead of *New York Times*

columnist Thomas Friedman and Microsoft chairman Bill Gates. (The results were based on Google hits, media mentions and academic citations.) Hamel rose to the top spot from No. 7 in the 2003 ranking.

Best-known for writing about corporate strategy, Hamel is also a consultant and management educator. His newest book, *The Future of Management*, released last year, explores companies such as Google, Inc. to tap managers' interest in new ways to run their businesses.

Hamel returned to campus last fall as a guest speaker at a business seminar for Lakeland Health Care and Whirlpool Corporation executives, held at the Howard Performing Arts Center. Much of Hamel's extended family has dedicated



President Andreasen congratulates Gary Hamel after he receives an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree

their professional talents to the Andrews community, including his father, **Paul Hamel** (BA '48), professor emeritus of music, and his twin brothers, **Loren** (BS '76) and **Lowell** (BS '76), who have operated University Medical Center in Berrien Springs, Mich. for many years.



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L-R: John Pangman, Wes Christiansen, Gerry Baker and Paul Kantor

The Wes Christiansen Golf Tournament

On Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, golfers from far and wide will tee off at the annual Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing. This group gathers each year to share their love of a great sport, enjoy competition among friends and, most importantly, celebrate the life of a man who made a difference in the lives of students.

The tournament started out in the early 1970s as the “Alumni Golf Outing,” when a group of campus golf enthusiasts approached Alumni Association president Nancy Anderson with the idea. Among that original core were **Thomas Burns** (BA ’66), **John Pangman** (BA ’64), and **Gerry Baker** (BA ’67).

When **John Duge** (MA ’64, BD ’65) became president of the Alumni Association in 1986, the golf tournament was named after Wes Christiansen. Christiansen had been the long-time director of security services. **Paul Kantor** (BS ’62) remembers that Christiansen was respected by the guys even though he was a disciplinarian, because he was “intimately involved” with their lives. “He was an excellent golfer, and could have played pro golf,” says Kantor. “He was also a genuine human being.”

Harold Heidtke (former faculty), who lived with his wife Dorothy in the downstairs section of Sutherland House while the Christiansens were living upstairs, became inadvertently aware of Wes’ dedication to golf. Harold remembers hearing Christiansen upstairs, chipping golf balls from the living room carpet onto the couch.

When Pangman and Burns began running the tournament, it really took off—sponsors donated prizes and the money raised each year was placed in the endowed scholarship fund named in honor of Wes. This fund supports worthy student scholarships and has grown to a balance of over \$75,000—well on its way to the goal of \$100,000.

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Karen, Ruth, Dwight & Lynette Rhodes



Carolyn & Burdette Millard

1940s

Frank Damazo (BS '47) is retired living in Frederick, Md. Frank served for 48 years as a general surgeon in Frederick. He is blessed with two daughters, Donna Butler and Nancy O'Donnell.

1950s

Dwight Rhodes (BA '56, MMus '67) and his wife Ruth "of nearly 60 years" are retired in Springfield, Mo. Before retirement Dwight taught music and after a hearing loss transitioned to hospital purchasing which he did for four hospitals including Hinsdale Hospital. Dwight remembers from his time at Andrews many things including, "the annual cantaloupe feed, the Friday night fire in the old paint shop and my oldest child being born in the St. Joseph hospital." Dwight and Ruth are blessed to have two children **Karen** (BMus '71) and Lynette.

Roger C. Van Arsdell (BA '54) received the prestigious 2008 "Honored Alumni" Award from the Loma Linda University School of Medicine Alumni Association. The award was presented at the 76th anniversary banquet of the School of Medicine Alumni Post-Graduate Convention held at a hotel in Ontario, Calif. Van Arsdell just recently returned from India where he served as a senior consultant in emergency medicine at the Vellore Christian Medical College in South India for more than three years. After seeing all the poverty and the great needs in India, he did not feel comfortable spending his retirement years in America, so in January 2008 he and his wife returned to India to provide emergency services at the Gifford Memorial Mission Hospital of Seventh-day Adventists in Nuzvid, Andhra, Pradesh.

1960s

Carolyn Sherwood Hammond (BS '62) and Burdette Millard were united in marriage Dec. 1, 2007, in Franktown, Colo., where they now reside. Carolyn was a foods and nutrition major at Andrews. Soon after graduation, she married **Dick Hammond** (att.), who passed away in 1993. She became a registered dietitian in 1969 and has been employed as a trainee or dietitian at Porter Adventist Hospital in Denver and/or Littleton Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colorado, for a total of 41 years since her graduation. She and Dick raised an adopted son, Jonathan (now deceased), and daughter, DaNelle.

Gerald Miller (BD '67) is currently general counsel for electrical utilities in the State of Washington. Prior to that Gerald served as general counsel in the aluminum industry. Both of the above jobs followed years of teaching religion at Pacific Union College, Union College and Walla Walla University where he also was the first campus chaplain. He makes his home with his wife, Nancy, a registered nurse in Vancouver, Wash. The couple has three daughters.

Elizabeth (Unger) Young (BA '67, MAT '72) is retired with her husband Alvin in Bennett, Colo. For 21 years Elizabeth served as a health-care chaplain where she provided staff support and met between 25–50 patients and their families each day. In 1987 she became a certified fellow in the College of Chaplains. Besides chaplaincy she also spent two years teaching in academy. Through her work she had the privilege of performing baptisms and funerals for many people. She writes that she has "more blessings than I could ever tell."



Susy, Emmanuel, Kate & Roseline Daitey



Terri Dallas-Prunskis

Dwyane Toppenberg (BD '68, DMin '87) and his wife Janet make their home in Campbellsville, Ky. The couple has had a busy year with church work and visiting family. In September, Dwyane preached an evangelism series and Janet played the organ for the meetings. They write that they enjoy lots of birds at their feeders, flowers, produce from the garden and the two-seater rocking chair on their front porch. The couple is blessed with two children and two grandchildren.

1970s

Harvey Brenneise (BA '73, MA '74, former faculty) recently accepted the position of head librarian at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Research Library. Located in Southern California, RSABG is affiliated with the Claremont Graduate University, one of the Claremont Colleges, and is a world-class botanical research institution. Combining personal interests with professional training makes this a "dream job" for Harvey, who lives in San Bernardino with his dog and two cats (and a large 12-month garden).

Margie (Brennan) Cameron (BA '74) teaches in the Manassas Adventist Preparatory School. Their son, **Blake** (BS '06), was married last summer to **Catherine McDermott** (BA '06) and is in his second year at Loma Linda School of Medicine. Their daughter, **Courtney** (att.) currently attends Regent University. Bruce writes a weekly Bible study guide to the adult Sabbath School lesson quarterly which Blake publishes on the Internet (www.GoBible.org/www.SabbathSchoolLessons.com). The lesson is translated into several languages. In the last month a new e-mail distribution list picked up the lesson boosting its readership from 26,000 to 33,000 each week.

Linda Colwell (BSD '77) is a clinical dietician living in Topsham, Maine. Besides work Linda has enjoyed harmonizing with the award-winning "Royal River Chorus" at the Sweet Adeline International and also with "Flashpoint! Quartet." Linda enjoys getting to meet people and last year she was able to locate and visit some relatives in Ireland. Memories that stick out for Linda from Andrews' days include "dressing up as a nun and going incognito to Dr. Bacchiochi's class, trips to Taco Bell and a Maranatha trip to Mexico Christmas 1976." Linda has one son, Randy Smith.

Emmanuel Daitey (BA '77, MA '79) resides in Accra-Central, Ghana, West Africa with his wife, Kate, and their two daughters. Since 2002 Emmanuel has been a lecturer and he currently is head of the general studies department in Wisconsin International University College-Ghana. He was able to help this college achieve accreditation from the government and the University of Cape Coast. Besides teaching he is also working as the campus chaplain for over 2000 students and some 90 staff members. He has remained actively involved in the life of his church and is currently the leader for personal ministries. For six years in the 1980s Emmanuel served as a missionary in Nigeria where he was able to build three churches, establish a school and work as a chaplain. He writes that his Andrews days were "fantastic." "I cannot forget the beautiful friends and love I left behind."

Terri Dallas-Prunskis (BS '77) resides in Barrington Hills, Ill., with her physician husband John and their two children, Owen and Kristin. Terri is a pain management physician at the Illinois Pain Institute who writes, "I have the type of job where I can minister constantly. Every patient gets prayer with me." From her time at Andrews Terri remembers many things including "Friday night worships, wonderful friendships and a claiming promises class I took in religion with Dr. E." John and Terri are very proud of their children who are outstanding skiers, having won gold medals nationally and internationally.



The Lamp Family

David Lamp (MDiv '77) and his wife **Joan (Cessford)** (BSN '77) make their home in Norfolk, Va. David is a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and is currently “the team lead, command & control functional improvement teacher, Deep Futures Department, Joint Futures Lab, US Joint Force Command.” Recently he delivered a \$2.4 million prototype in a 120-day rapid development proof of concept to enhance warfighter logistic readiness. David and Joan are blessed with two college-age children, Devin and Taryn.

Melchor Liwag (MBA '77) is retired in Altamonte Springs, Fla., with his wife **Liwang (Reyes)** (MSA '98). Melchor worked for Adventist Health System for 28 years and Liwang worked for Florida Hospital for 30 years. The couple is thankful that both of their children, including **Meli Liwag-Fleming** (MSA '98) “are active and faithful in the church.” Melchor also remains active in the life of his church as a teacher, elder, treasurer and chair of the finance committee.

This summer **Bev Scheider** (BA '77, MA '82) moved back to Germany with the intention of staying a couple of years. Before leaving the States, Bev made her home in Georgetown, Texas. She taught math at a high school there and “really enjoyed it.” Bev is the proud mother of three children with two in college and one working in the corporate world as a writer/editor.

Brenda (Valentine) Smith (BS '77) makes her home in Huntsville, Ala., where she works as a speech-language pathologist in a medical facility for senior citizens. Prior to that Brenda worked as an elementary school teacher for 20 years.

Allen Steele (MA '77, EdD '84) resides in Normanhurst, New South Wales, Australia with his wife **Andrea** (former staff). Allen is currently the president and CEO for Adventist Media Network which is the amalgamation of the South Pacific Division Communication Department, the Adventist Media Center and the Signs Publishing Company. Prior to this Allen served 20 years with Adventist World Radio, living in places such as Portugal, Guam, Germany and Britain. Allen also taught for seven years as a professor of communication at Avondale College.

Jack Vance (BS '77) makes his home in Jacksonville, Fla. Last year he received the teacher of the year award for his work with profoundly mentally handicapped students. In addition to an undergraduate degree, he has received two master's degrees from Butler University. Of his experience at Andrews, Jack writes that while he may not remember all the studies he does remember all the friends. “Time with friends is still very precious and vivid.”

Elizabeth Vandenburg (BA '77) resides in Chester, Va. Elizabeth works as a clinical social worker at John Randolph Medical Center in Hopewell, Va. She counts among her professional highlights receiving her Master's in Social Work.

Candice (Krause) Varmer (BA '77) makes her home in Olney, Md., with her husband **Hans** (MDiv '74). Candice has worked at EDS for 26 years in a variety of positions in administration, training and project management. Currently she serves as an advanced business analyst for the company. Candice enjoys kayaking, motorcycles and doing photography for her home studio business. She loves being involved in music ministry and has served for the last 13 years as the worship leader for the Damascus Road Community Church. The couple has four children and two grandchildren.

Charles Young (BA '72, MAT '77) along with his wife **Joyce (Gershon)** (BA '72, MAT '77) reside in Calhoun, Ga. Charles worked as a business teacher and treasurer for Georgia Cumberland Academy for 14 years, and currently serves as the undertreasurer for the



Doug Fleming, Meli Liwag-Fleming, Liwang Liwag, Melchor Liwag & Melvin Liwag



Candice (Krause) & Hans Varmer

Georgia Cumberland Conference. Joyce currently serves as a teacher. The couple has three children, Brian, Julie and Kevin.

1980s

Frederick Burghardt (BS '82) and his wife **Beth (Cady)** (BS '83) make their home in Liverpool, N.Y. with their three daughters. Frederick has been involved in a variety of things since Andrews, including working as a teacher and principal at Parkview Junior Academy. Currently he is a stay-at-home father who does some contracting on the side. He also has served as his church's choral director and music minister for the last twenty years.

Edwin Galan (BS '82) writes that he "never dreamed of such a great family or career experiences!" His career has included having 20+ years total active duty service as a nurse officer. He has worked with the U.S. Public Health service and the U.S. Navy, and has been deployed for numerous disasters including post 9/11 work and Hurricane Katrina. Through his work he has been able to travel, including three Persian Gulf Tours, work in Somalia and various African nations. From his time at Andrews he remembers "awesome friends and teachers." Edwin and his wife Alicia have two sons and make their home in Lees Summit, Mo.

Kellie (Corbitt) May (BSD '82) resides in Castle Valley, Utah with her husband Randall and their three children. Kellie works as a teacher at Day Star Adventist Academy and Randall is an artist. Kelli writes, "I enjoyed my career as a home school mom. Now I'm teaching other people's kids at an incredible academy. Life is good!" In addition to teaching at the academy she also serves as a teacher for Sabbath School and as a deaconess at her local church.

Sandria Nixon (BS '82, MS '01, FMP '01) makes her home with her husband Timothy (MDiv '91) and their two children in Niles, Mich. Sandria is a family nurse practitioner and Timothy serves as one of Andrews University's campus chaplains. A couple of recent highlights for Sandria include being published in *Nursing Journal* and completing the Chicago marathon. From her time at Andrews she is so thankful for her "dear friends" whom she has to this day.

Jean Sheldon (BA '82) is a college professor at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. Jean received a PhD in Near Eastern Religions jointly from the Graduate Theological Union and the University of California, Berkeley in the spring of 2002. She writes, "Dr. Douglas Waterhouse's teachings inspired my doctoral dissertation." After graduating from Andrews, Jean taught biblical studies for three years at Hong Kong Adventist College. Looking back on Andrews' days she recalls "walking a mile in the winter wonderland early in the morning to get to work and friends who supported me during difficult times."

"My greatest achievement is my family!" writes **Thomas Slikkers** (AS '82). "God has richly blessed me and my family. I have an excellent marriage, two healthy intelligent kids and a great family business to work in." A church highlight for Thomas occurred in 2005, when he led the 2005 Maranatha project to develop and construct a floating church on Lake Titicaca, Peru. Thomas, his wife Barbara and their two children make their home in Holland, Mich., where Thomas works as the executive for his family's business, 52 Yachts, Inc.

Michael Donohue (BS '87) and his wife **Renee (Bisson)** (BS '87) make their home in Clarkrange, Tenn. Michael works as a nurse anesthetist and Renee is a "RN homemaker" for their two children, Brittany and Nicholas.



Sherri, Elizabeth, Alexander & Steven Dovich

Sherri Dovich (BBA '87) describes herself as a “stay-at-home mom” for her two children, Elizabeth and Alexander. Before being a full-time mom she spent 12 years working in accounting, finance and treasury. Sherri and her husband **Steven** (BS '83) make their home in Andover, Mass.

Christopher Ederesinghe (MA '75, MDiv '78, DMin '87) is a retired minister living with his wife **Esther (Fernando)** (BSELED '90, BS '90) in Milwaukee, Wis. Besides pastoring, Chris worked for five years as a hospital chaplain. He currently conducts workshops on congregational singing and presents piano worship programs at various churches. He has written a book, *Singing as we Journey*, and most recently published a piano music CD. Before returning to Andrews to complete his doctorate in ministry, Chris served as professor of theology, hymnology and church history at Colegio Adventista in Chilan, Chile. He currently serves as an elder and the Sabbath School superintendent for his local church. Chris and his wife are blessed with two children and seven grandchildren.

Lyndon Ernst (BARCH '87) resides in Nice, Calif., with his wife Ruby. Lyndon works as an architect at his own firm. The couple has two children and are excited to have become grandparents to Jennifer last year.

Elizabeth (Rowell) Hellman (BS '87) writes she is “blessed to live with my husband [Jay (BSELED '88)] and four children in the beautiful Upper Peninsula of Michigan.” She works in Iron Mountain, Mich., as a social worker and Jay is a teacher and principal. Elizabeth is currently working as a consultant for childcare providers for a childcare expulsion prevention project as well as counseling for the Department of Human Services. She has many memories of Andrews, including “fun with friends, the campus and meeting my husband, Jay.”

Monique (Voet) Miller (BSD '87) describes herself as “at home raising a family.” She and her husband Cory are the proud parents of five children and they make their home in Dowagiac, Mich. Besides being a stay-at-home mom, Monique is also a registered dietitian. From her time at Andrews she has many memories including “bike rides down Lemon Creek, sing-n-share and dietetics department gatherings in Marsh Hall.”

Beth (Haubrich) Ruehl (BS '87, MA '95) makes her home with her husband of four years, Kevin, and their baby daughter Emy in Stevens Point, Wis. For the last 14 years Beth has served as an alcohol and drug counselor and in 2005 she coordinated an intensive outpatient program for her current place of employment. Among her memories from Andrews she enjoyed “quality time with Pastor Rand and working as a reader for Dick Proctor.” Beth also enjoys serving as an adult Sabbath School teacher and helping with women’s ministries.

Steven Timm (BA '87, MS '88) resides in Batavia, Ill., with his wife Katherine Williams. In 1995 he earned a PhD in physics from Carnegie Mellon. Steven works as a computer system administrator for Fermilab. In 2000 he established www.sdanet.org, which has a wealth of information and news on it about the Adventist Church. Among his blessings Steve counts his Brittany puppy, Ziggy.

1990s

Brynja (Snorrason) Davis (BS '97) and her husband **Ivan** (MA '92) are both professors at Andrews. Brynja is assistant professor of speech language pathology at Andrews and Ivan is a professor in the English department and also served as the Focus editor from

2002–2007. Before her work at Andrews, Brynja worked as a speech therapist in the Eau Claire, Mich., public schools as well as doing speech therapy in home health care. She is grateful for her experience as a student missionary in the Marshall Islands and highly recommends the experience of being a missionary. Brynja and Ivan are blessed with two children, Bryndis and Leif.

Joan Derrick-Griffith (BS '97) writes, "I thank God each day for His manifold blessings. Many are the hardships and problems especially since my husband's death in 1998, but God is still seeing me through and holding me up in His arms." Joan makes her home in Trinidad and Tobago where she is the associate registrar at the University of the Southern Caribbean. She has one son, Alan, who recently completed his Doctor of Dentistry degree.

Erin (Good) Dockerty (BS '97) describes herself as a "stay-at-home mommy" for her three girls, Grace, Lillian and Anabel. Along with her husband, Tim, the family resides in Berrien Springs, Mich. Before giving birth to three daughters in three and a half years, Erin was a speech language pathologist. She is thankful for the "wonderful friends made at Andrews," ones that she still sees and maintains friendships with.

Aleksandar Gosev (MAPM '97) makes his home in Bracknell, Berkshire, United Kingdom with his wife Snjezana, a staff nurse, and their two sons, Timothy and Robert.

Heidi Gildersleeve (MS '97) is a research scientist in Seattle, Wash. She has spent six years working in four different research laboratories doing molecular genetics work, particularly DNA sequencing. Prior to that Heidi had her own catering business. She has many memories of Andrews including "the great biology department and the beautiful grounds."

Pablo Huerfano (MDiv '97, PhD '01) "enjoys ministry" and is the pastor of two Hispanic churches in the North Eastern Conference. He lives with his wife **Magla** (att.) and their two sons in Rochester, N.Y.

Jeremy Johnson (BS '97) makes his home in Monroe, Wash. In 2001, he graduated from the Loma Linda School of Dentistry and he has now set up his practice in Monroe.

Joseph Liu (BBA '96, MBA '97) serves as the acting chief financial officer in accounting for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations. Joseph and his wife Shelley make their home in Saskatoon, Sask., and welcomed their first child, Joah, this past year.

Christopher Small (BA '97) spent nearly six years working as a pastor in the Michigan conference before going on to teach at several universities as adjunct faculty. He has also founded two businesses and done work as a filmmaker. One of his businesses, "Small Associates, LLC," helps businesses, educators, families and clergy free their effectiveness. Currently he is presenting seminars for churches, families and pastors with this business. The other business that Chris has started is "The Lincoln Project," in which Chris portrays the 16th president to help others learn more about Abraham Lincoln. "The Lincoln Project" has partnered with Cogfilm to produce a documentary film, *Becoming Lincoln*. Besides work Chris is grateful for his family, his wife **Karin (Strong)** (BS '97) an OB/GYN physician, and their one-year-old son, Elijah. Chris and his family make their home in Greeneville, Tenn.

Meletha St. Hill (MA '97) makes her home in Arima, Trinidad where she serves as a counseling psychologist. Meletha has written and published five books, two of which are textbooks in high schools and universities. Her books include *Anyone Can Make It and So Can I*, *Empowered to Make Your Marriage Work* and *Principles of Accounts for CXC*.



Kaleb and Zachary Isaac Humphreys

Jack Staddon (BS '97) is currently living in Loma Linda, Calif. In May he finished the MD/PhD program and is now doing his pediatrics residency at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. While in graduate school Jack was able to be involved in the Minneapolis First SDA church where he taught children's Sabbath school.

2000s

Pam (Zabudsky) (MArch '01) and **Barry Humphreys** (BSIT '99) recently welcomed another son, Zachary Isaac, who was born on Jan. 3, 2008. Their oldest son, Kaleb, is three years old. Barry works for a scaffolding company, Patent Construction Systems. Pam is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom while taking exams to get her license as an architect. They both play softball for local city leagues. They currently live in Elgin, Ill.

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Weddings

Brenda Butler (BSW '97, MSW '99) and Owen N. Johnson III were married on Sept. 22, 2007, in Fort Belvoir, Va. They currently reside in Maryland.

Candice Hines (BS '04) and **Jiro Forbes** (MS '05) were married on March 16, 2008. They reside in Orlando, Fla.

Births & Adoptions

To **Charity (Glass) Glass-Cotta** (BA '00) and **Chad Cotta** (BSW '01, BT '04), Bothell, Wash., a boy, Oliver Michael, March 28, 2008.

To **Marsha Koppel** (BS '80) and **Lewis Nagel** (BS '72), Riverside, Calif., a boy, André Lewis Nagel, March 25, 2008.

To **Kristin (Smith)** (BA '99) and **Pete Rosa** (att.), Rota, Spain, a girl, Amélie ZuZu, Nov. 28, 2007.

Deaths

Paul A. Johnson (BA '50) died March 26, 2008, at his home in Anderson, Ind., at the age of 83. He had not been sick and his death was sudden and unexpected.

Paul taught at Indiana Academy after graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College, then went into the construction business, a profession that he loved and pursued for over 40 years. Paul loved his family and was active in his church all his life.

In 1945 he married Phyllis Tumulty, who survives him. Also surviving him are daughter Joyce and husband Tim Reutebuch, daughter Marsha and husband Eric McKnight. A son, David Johnson, passed away in 1991. He left his five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to mourn him. One grandchild, Mathew David Johnson, died in 1979.

Mary Josephine Michel Specht, 92, died March 26, 2008 at the Garden Villa

nursing home in Bloomington, Ind. She was born in Farmington, Wash., August 18, 1915, the youngest of ten children, and married **Edward John Specht** (former faculty, Honorary DSc '84) on Dec. 25, 1938. Surviving are her husband Edward; a son, Frederick, of Bloomington, Ind.; a daughter Lahna, of South Bend, Ind.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband Edward is professor emeritus of mathematics. He served Andrews University from 1947–1972 as chair of the department of mathematics. He resides in Garden Villa nursing home in Bloomington, Ind.

Mark Laird Darrough (CERT '83) died March 16, 2008, at the age of 47. He and his 23-year-old daughter, Jessica Darrough, were among those who jumped into the water trying to rescue a 13-year-old teen girl who was swept into the surf by a large wave. They were at a church youth group outing at Monastery Beach at the Carmel River State Beach Park.

At the joint funeral service, the pastor of the Ceres Seventh-day Adventist Church, Keith Mulligan, noted that the father-daughter drowning victims demonstrated the ultimate in love: giving their lives up for another.

Born Oct. 4, 1960, in Denver, Colo., Darrough was raised in Arvada and Inglewood, Colo., and then moved to Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member and deacon of the Ceres Seventh-day Adventist Church and also served as a Pathfinder Club counselor. He and his wife, **Sheri (Bush) Darrough** (BS '83), were married on Dec. 3, 1983, in Hayward, Calif. They moved to South Modesto in 1988. He was employed as a security guard in Modesto, Calif. He enjoyed camping, collecting rocks, bird watching and nature walks.

As family and friends lined up to file past the pair of open caskets, Sheri Darrough, Mark's widow, gave comfort with hugs and words. During the funeral service, Pastor Mulligan read a statement from Sheri intended to bring peace to those who were involved in the tragic event on the beach. "Everything was done that could be done—there's no blame—this was an

accident." She also said, "This is all beyond our understanding. But the Lord is with us and seeing us through."

Mark had a big heart for others. His father, Ralph Darrough, said he was amazed at the tenderness of his son at a young age. His pastor said he was very serious about his faith and responsibilities to his church.

Mark leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Sheri Darrough of South Modesto; his children, Jennifer Darrough and Terry Darrough; his father Ralph Darrough (Lois); his sister, Susan Alexander; his brother, Brian Darrough (Theresa); and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Emmett Bush and Nellie Bush of South Modesto; and sister-in-law Debra Jordan.

Margaret Benedict Gill (BA '46) died on March 15, 2008, in Clermont, Fla., at the age of 101.

One of 10 children born to Abbie and Samuel Benedict, Margaret entered this world on August 11, 1906. She began her teaching career at a public school in Michigan in 1925.

After graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1930, she began a career as an educator for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination that would extend for nearly 60 years.

She taught at EMC from 1946–1955, supervising student teachers of grades 5 & 6 until another challenging opportunity arose. She accepted an invitation to serve as a missionary in Malawi and for the next 15 years, she trained teachers in Africa. It was there she married her husband, Williard Gill, in 1959. When his failing health forced them to leave Africa, they returned to the U.S. and lived in Washington. Williard died in 1974.

She returned to Africa, alone, in 1976. Unfortunately, her teaching assignment ended abruptly when the lives of missionaries were threatened by the civil war in Rwanda. She fled the area in 1978. Memories and stories of her experiences and of God's work in foreign countries continued to bless listeners for the remaining years of her life.

She was 74 years old when she moved

to Florida, but her career had not ended yet. From 1980–1987, Margaret taught at Groveland Academy in Lake Country.

The Clermont SDA Church benefited from her gifts as an exciting storyteller and wonderful teacher when she joined their congregation. She taught her weekly Sabbath School class up until two weeks before her death.

She leaves to mourn her youngest sister, a 94-year old mother of 10; her niece, Alberta Ottinger, who moved to Florida to care for Margaret during the last years of her life; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and friends.

C. Burton (Burt) Keppler (BA '61) died on March 6, 2008 in Asheville, N.C. at the age of 79.

On August 17, 1950, he married Dorothy Virginia (Dottie) Parker. Keppler attended the Florida Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1953 as a registered nurse. In 1955, they began serving as medical missionaries in Bolivia, where they worked for the next three and a half years. During this time Burt gave physicals to school children, pulled teeth, treated various ailments and gave immunizations including the smallpox vaccine during the worldwide effort to eradicate the dread disease. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1959, he decided to pursue further education in healthcare. The young family, which by this time included two daughters, moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., where Burt completed his pre-med requirements. He graduated with honors and became an avid bird watcher thanks to the enthusiasm and guidance of his ornithology professor.

Four years later Burt received his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, graduating in the top third of his class. He completed his internship at Greenville Hospital in South Carolina and then began practicing family medicine with his wife, Dottie, acting as medical assistant, officer manager and accountant for the fledgling practice.

In 1974, Keppler entered the anesthesiology residency program at Lloyd Nolan Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. After successfully completing his training, the

family moved to Kingsport, Tenn. where he practiced anesthesiology for the next eight and a half years.

In 1984, several of his classmates approached him about coming to practice at the then-struggling Park Ridge Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C. He took up the mission of starting the anesthesiology department at Park Ridge and served there until his retirement from active practice in 1993.

Despite a 14-year fight with prostate cancer, he and his wife continued to serve on short-term mission trips, providing medical care to underprivileged people in such diverse countries as Mexico, Panama, Thailand, the Solomon Islands and Guam.

Keppler is survived by his wife, Dottie; three daughters, Brenda, Susan and Karen; one son, Benjamin; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Malcom Scott Fisher (att.) passed away on Feb. 1, 2008, at his residence in Lister, B.C., Canada, at the age of 90. He was born on Sept. 16, 1917, in Hazelridge, Manitoba, Canada, and attended Canadian Union College.

Malcolm married Arvida Bjurstrom in Red Deer, Alberta, on April 30, 1942. He pastored churches in both Canada and the U.S., served as dean of men and business manager at Canadian Union College, spent three years in Africa as a missionary and was the director of student finance at La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif. He enjoyed building homes, gardening, flowers and nature, as well as helping others.

Malcolm was predeceased by his wife Arvida Fisher on Sept. 12, 1999. He is survived by his wife Marie (Buhler); his four children Marlene (Don) Lamming, Sharon King, Dean (Henrietta) and Dawn West; four stepchildren Lester, Ron, **Pat Spangler** (BS '04) and James; sister Olive Hoehn; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Joyce Ann Morse (MA '72) passed away Jan. 16, 2008, in Glendora, Calif., at the age of 74. She was born August 2, 1933, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Joyce worked for the Seventh-day

Adventist educational system for 43 years. She spent 20 years as a teacher and 23 years as a school superintendent. She will be greatly missed by all her friends. Memorial services were held Feb. 2, 2008, at the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Laurence W. Botimer (BS '42) died August 20, 2007, in Ooltewah, Tenn., at the age of 88.

He was born in Jackson, Mich., in 1918 and obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1942. He married Roberta Strickland on Sept. 17, 1942.

He served for three and a half years during World War II, spending one and a half years in Italy. Shortly after his return he was invited to teach at Washington Mission College in Washington, D.C. He taught chemistry there for 13 years and earned a doctoral degree in chemistry at Maryland University in 1959. He was also a professor of chemistry at La Sierra College in Southern California and at Caribbean Union College in Trinidad. He loved teaching and after retirement continued to teach at Weimar College until the age of 80.

His many hobbies included photography, hiking and gardening, and he was an avid ham radio operator known by his call sign, WA6NVN.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta, two daughters, Cynthia Bietz and Laurella Poulson, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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Minnie Iverson Wood (former faculty), died as the result of a stroke on Feb. 28, 2008, just three months short of her 100th birthday, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born May 26, 1908, in Falmouth, Maine, and graduated in 1924 from Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. In 1928, she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Washington Missionary College. She earned a master's degree in music from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Working for more than 75 years, Minnie probably accomplished more than five average people do in their lifetimes. She taught music at all levels, directed choirs in the United States and abroad, and planned and implemented huge fund-raising musical events.

Although her first love was acting, Wood could not fit that into her Christian ethic. Instead of Broadway, she and her husband, Wilton Wood, headed for China, where she taught at Far



Photo and obituary courtesy of the Association of Adventist Women

Eastern Academy in Shanghai and later in Hong Kong. She also was on the faculty at Baltic Union Seminary in Riga, Latvia, Malayan Seminary in Singapore and Philippine Union College. After returning to the U.S., she taught at Columbia Union College and Andrews

University, where she taught voice and directed the choir.

Wherever she was, Wood planned major music events—Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *The Creation* and Brahms' *Requiem*. Her choirs shared the stage with presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. Wood also helped to coordinate choir music for the General Conference session in Cleveland in 1958 and she sang frequently with the Faith for Today quartet.

Minnie and Wilton Wood retired to Loma Linda in 1972, where she maintained a music studio, teaching and mentoring several dozen private students. She was also active in the music program of the Loma Linda University Church, where a special tribute was held on Sabbath, May 24. Former choir members, voice and piano students from 1928–2008 performed the Hallelujah chorus from the *Messiah* at a vespers concert.

Glenn Austin Lemon (Honorary Alumnus '05) passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 20, 2008, at the age of 103. Until the end, his mind was sharp and his sense of humor was still present.

He helped build many of the buildings currently on campus, including Lamson Hall and Johnson Auditorium. A strong supporter of education, he used the skills obtained at Andrews when he began his own heating and air conditioning business. He worked as a contractor for Sears for 20 years.

Over the years, Lemon hired many EMC and Andrews students to assist him in his business, often going without pay himself to assure his workers had their weekly paycheck.

Lemon was presented with his honorary alumnus certificate at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia, Md. on December 3, 2005. It was a proud moment for both him and his family. The congregation responded



with a rousing standing ovation.

Glenn resided in Odenton, Md., with his son, Cecil, and daughter-in-law, Ingrid. He enjoyed reading and daily walks and, until recently, still handled his own finances and pumped iron to keep

his body strength up to par. A frequent flier, he traveled all over the U.S. and Canada, and also visited Ireland and Europe. He drove all around the U.S. until 1997, only giving up his driver's license when it officially expired on his 100th birthday. At that time, his part of the Lemon family tree totaled 115 individuals, living in all parts of the United States, Canada and Singapore.

Five of his six children graduated from Andrews. Until his retirement several years ago, his son-in-law, **Theodore Hatcher** (BS '57), was on the math faculty at Andrews. Many of his grand- and great-grandchildren are also alumni.

Glenn was predeceased by his wife, L. Beatrice Lemon and his eldest son, Roy. He is survived by two sons **Cecil L.** (BMus '63), **Duane** (BA '65, MA '74) and three daughters **Vivian Hatcher** (BS '79), **Beverly Zacharias** (MMus '83) and Doris Lucas.

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Preamble

The CC grew up thinking that “being in the world but not of the world” meant eating Fri-Chik, playing Rook and going to Movie Night at Johnson Gym. We Adventists recognized the necessity (?) of eating things that resembled and/or tasted like meat ... but not actual meat. We needed to play cards (?), but a game based on nature (the bird!) and without gambling – bidding requires no chips, after all – was acceptable. We needed to be able to watch movies for entertainment (?), but since Jesus wouldn’t go into a movie theatre, we needed to find our entertainment in the safe, pure and pristine environment of a college gymnasium to ensure two, religiously-sanctioned “thumbs up.”

Yes, the world of Adventist substitutes has always fascinated the CC. If “those things” are not desirable and good, why do we need things that are kinda-sorta-a-lot-like-but-certainly-not-exactly-like those very things? As Andrews University continues to imagine and rethink its place and mission in this world, the CC hopes that the university will never think of itself as a substitute for “real” higher education. Andrews University needs to be something unique, no substitute at all. Maybe AU could be the Corn Flakes of higher education? Let Adventists create, as Kellogg did, a whole new genre and let the world try to make substitutes of us. Just thinkin’ out loud....

CAMPUS CRAZE ADVENTIST SUBSTITUTE EDITION

Vegelinks/Superlinks/ Big Franks		Because in the world of hot dog substitutes, vegetarians need choices in soy flavor and rubbery consistency.
Alumni Games		Because competition is bad ... unless the kids are playing out-of-shape and older wanabees who used to go to the same school.
Nuteena		Well. It’s not really a substitute for anything. There is nothing in the world like Nuteena.
Medic		So you can serve the nation and still wear the “camos.”
Sound of Music		Music, love and civil disobedience. It’s got everything a good Adventist life should have.
Postum		Second rate coffee flavor <i>and</i> no risk reduction characteristics for Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s.
Beach2Bank		No Adventist triathlon would be complete without a little canoeing.
Sparkling Grape Juice		For those Adventists who are too sophisticated for root beer.
Banquets		Typically Adventist. Just replace the dancing with even more food. Potluck, anyone?
Choplets		The choplet is to Adventist cooking as the Chicken Fried Steak is to Southern cuisine.
LSDA		The CC isn’t <i>actually</i> aware of any Adventist hard drug substitutes....



Speaking of...

“God doesn’t fit into the categories by which we often see Him.”

Bill Knott, executive publisher, Adventist Review, baccalaureate speaker, May 3, 2008

“I have to say, if Solomon were penning those words today he might say, if it cost you all you have, most of what your parents have, and a hefty bank loan ... pursue understanding.”

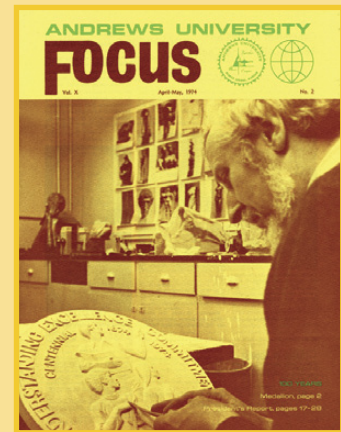
Gary Hamel, author, consultant and management educator, graduate commencement speaker, May 4, 2008, referring to Proverbs 4:7

“Innovation is a choice between positively changing to be even better, or plateauing out below your full potential.”

Jeff Fettig, chairman and CEO of Whirlpool Corporation, undergraduate commencement speaker, May 4, 2008

Fun-da-mental facts

- ▶ According to rootbeerworld.com, there are 2,496 brands of root beer worldwide. To put that in perspective, that’s enough to supply 208 groups of apostles with their own, unique bottle of the sarsaparilla.
- ▶ Haystacks” is the name of a series of paintings by impressionist Claude Monet. Any Adventist could tell you that a true haystack is indeed a work of art.
- ▶ There’s really a lot of cool Sabbath School resources out there. Check out these sites: sabbathschoolu.org, sabbathschool.com or adventist.tv/ssu.html. Plus, we got the learnin’ on the right day!
- ▶ Special K loaf is delicious, to be sure; but the CC’s carnivorous friend tells the CC that it has nothing in common with meatloaf. The CC points out to its friend that the two dishes share the word “loaf.” You’re welcome, friend.



Out of Focus

From the April-May 1974 issue

In a Q & A article with then North American Division Board of Higher Education Executive Secretary, F. E. J. Harder, readers glimpse the process of deriving principles from Ellen White’s practical counsel. Questioned as to how White’s admonitions should be regarded, as providing either a “blueprint” or a “general guide,” Harder argues for the latter with a telling observation. “Mrs. White counseled that girls should be taught to harness horses. This is not relevant today, but the principle may be relevant to a consideration of driver education.” Still, it’s a long way from ordination.



A frowsy fallacy

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ANDREWS, AFTER THIRTY-SIX YEARS



by Arthur N. Patrick

Early in December 1957, three wise men from North America arrived on the campus of the Australasian Missionary College (now Avondale College) to offer the first-ever Seminary Extension School in the lands “Down Under.” Melvin Eckenroth lifted our sights toward more effective evangelism and “Christ-centred preaching.” Arthur White inspired us with his “Prophetic Guidance” narratives, and Edward Heppenstall pushed back our Adventist horizons with classes entitled “Law, Grace and the Covenants” and “Doctrine of the Sanctuary.”

A new graduate (BA, theology) appointed as a ministerial intern to New Zealand, I deemed it an unusual privilege to attend the two-month extension school before crossing the Tasman Sea. The event was so challenging that I decided I must experience more of it—at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Getting to the Seminary involved far more than travel to the top side of the world. I married Joan Howse on Jan. 14, 1958, and we ministered together in New Zealand for nine years and saved rigorously before transferring to the Illinois Conference. Finally, mid-1970, jobless and with three children, we arrived at Andrews University.

We were desperate for work to pay Seminary fees and living expenses. Providentially, the Michigan Conference employed Joan as an elementary teacher and then principal at Hartford. I established a landscaping business. During

the winter I worked night-shift, caring for the cows in the University dairy. Later, Steven Vitrano employed me part-time in the religion department.

Seminary classes, at last! In Old Testament, with Gerhard Hasel skillfully helping me implement *Kate Turabian’s Manual* for writing research papers; with Raoul Dederen, master of the succinct summary of yesterday’s lecture and today’s topic; with Mervyn Maxwell, narrative historian par excellence; with Edward Banks, passionate enricher of marriages; with Charles Wittschiebe, the white-haired advocate of the innovative idea (for Adventists!) that “God invented sex.” Outstanding was Leona Running, who retaught me Hebrew and Greek, after the manner in which Adventists baptize—by total immersion.

As Seminary dean, W.G.C. Murdoch felt certain that Andrews’ accreditation for doctoral programs would be received quite soon. So, after an MDiv, I dallied with master’s in systematic theology and additional classwork. Still the negotiations were incomplete. Murdoch’s sterling help moved me to Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, as the only Adventist amongst 300 students from 26 denominations.

Thirty-six years after finishing at Andrews, the grateful memories remain, in vivid technicolor. We treasure the era we lived in Dogwood Drive and were impacted by Seminary faculty, students and the James White Library—especially its primary documents relating to Adventist

history and thought. Joan also enjoyed the summer schools she attended, but she sacrificed graduation so we could return to pastoral-evangelism in Australia. I felt it was my duty to return to our home Division, despite attractive options for teaching and ministry in the United States.

The Seminary was not to blame that my life-goals impelled me to study elsewhere: DMin (academic emphasis, Biblical Studies); MLitt (Ellen White Studies); PhD (Religious History). But I wonder if our two daughters and our son have forgiven us for the financial privations of their childhood, caused by a father who *had* to attend Andrews University?



We’d love to hear your reflections on the time you spent at Andrews University. If you’re interested in contributing, please e-mail focus@andrews.edu.

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Staff members view the progress being made on the dining area of the new cafeteria. The project is on schedule for completion by the beginning of the 2008–2009 school year. *Photo by **Martin Lee** (current staff).*

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