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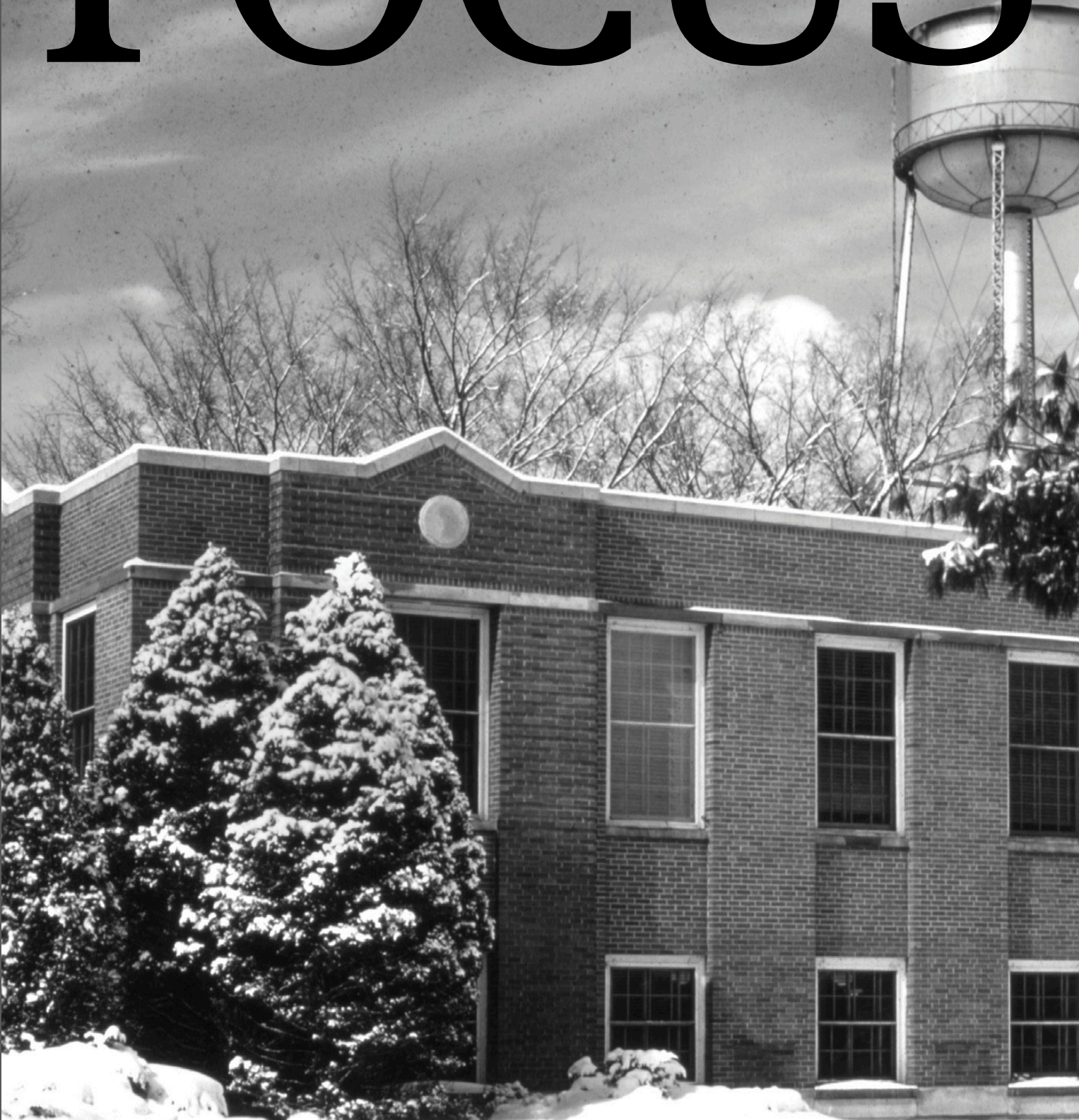
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Niels-Erik Andreassen  
President

On March 2, the board of trustees authorized Andrews to go ahead with a new major campus project. Elsewhere in this magazine you will see the architects' conception of this new facility,

including an upgraded Nethery Hall, a new Buller Hall planned where Griggs Hall now stands, with a connecting building between the two so that students and their teachers will move easily and comfortably between the departments of religion, history, English, social work, communication, behavioral sciences, the honors program, general education, the Center for College Faith, and other services of special interest to our undergraduate students. Why do we build at this time of uncertainty? Let me respond with a few clarifying comments in bullet form.

- Five years ago a small group of Andrews friends, referring to itself as the Blue Ribbon Committee, told administration that Adventist higher education must never take itself for granted. It must plan for the future by seeking young adults who can benefit from an Andrews education, and bring them here from academies, high schools and home schools in the U.S. and abroad, wherever they are found, and connect them with the most able and committed teachers we can engage to teach here. It is a promise to offer our students the best.
- A few years earlier Andrews had introduced the APS plan (Andrews Partnership Scholarship). The idea behind this is that Andrews enters a financial partnership with its students and their families so that both the university and our students and their families jointly invest in our students' education. Next year our most committed and industrious students can claim a \$10,000 scholarship for each of the next four years from the university's scholarship program. Other resources available to our students will depend upon their and their family's need. It is a plan to make college affordable.
- The most important moment of a student's college career is surely the very first year, when the 18-year old recent high school, home school or academy graduate first sets foot on this campus. Because this year is so important we want to offer our students the very best learning environment. The Buller-Nethery undergraduate learning center will provide that environment. It will have state-of-the-art smart classrooms, open spaces where students can meet with each other and with their teachers, and a small chapel for prayer and meditation. We encourage every professor to dust off the class notes and make new ones, if need be, find new books for the students to read, and most important find new time and moments of interaction, encouragement, prayer, guidance and help. This center will be a good place to begin college—the best.
- One of the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee asked me when we began planning this new center, if I would promise him that when his great-great-grandchildren were ready for college, there would be a distinctive Christian college “up there” in Berrien Springs for them to attend. I promised. Today we begin to fulfill this promise anew to our incoming students, to their parents, to their church and to the communities where they will settle following graduation. It is a promise worth keeping.
- A good college, certainly a good Christian college is never better than its undergraduate program. Some think of those first college classes as though they were intended to fill up empty student heads with general information. Nothing could be further from the truth. The purpose of these first college classes is to light candles in the heart and soul of all incoming students, and help them burn brightly until graduation. That is what the Buller-Nethery project is about. It is not planned to be merely another building. It is intended to provide our students with a new learning center, right in the heart of the old campus, where South Hall once stood. It is a promise to offer our students the best Adventist college education we can provide under God, with the help of the most able faculty we can find.

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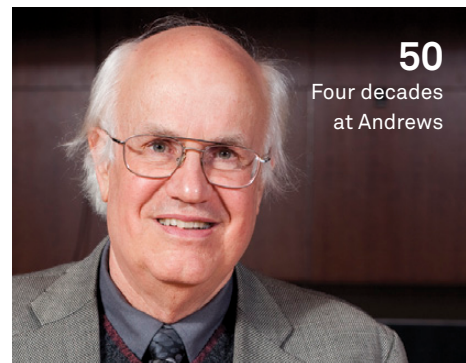
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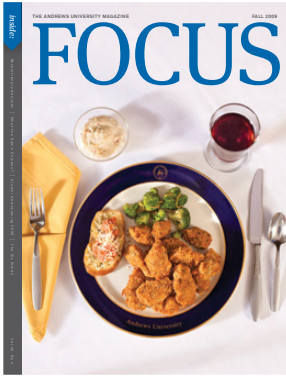
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Four decades at Andrews

On the cover: Griggs Hall's 72 years of service will come to an end in May as it makes way for the new Undergraduate Learning Center. Photo circa 1960 by Lenard D. Jaecks (BA '55, MA '61, DMin '76)



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**The vault is closed. We tried to obtain the secret recipe for the delectable morsels of Sam's Chicken that we all crave but it was not to be. So you'll just have to come visit your alma mater and enjoy our signature dish in person.**

## “Scribbleshack” origins solved

I found it interesting when I read the letters about the Rittenhouse, Scribbleshack, Scribbleshanty corrections. When I read the article, I found nothing amiss because when I attended Atlantic Union College before transferring to Andrews, we all referred to the Rittenhouse clan as “Scribbleshack.” It is possible that whoever supplied that nickname had heard it from some of us who came from the East Coast. Perhaps his memory was not as errant as he thought. Both are correct nicknames, obviously, but I had never heard the “shanty” angle. Depends on whether one attended AU (EMC) or AUC!

**Peggy Elizabeth Smith** (BSELED '76, MAT '80)

## Mouth-watering memories

I found the most recent issue very interesting. Just the mention of Sam's Chicken makes my mouth water.

I truly regret that we forgot the date of the reunion here in the D.C. area. We have very much enjoyed these occasions in the past. We are not close friends, but we do know Steve Willsey, and it would have been a pleasure to see him honored.

It sounds as if Andrews is doing well at this time. Praise the Lord for that, and keep up the good work.

**Karen Shea** (BA '64)

First, I must say I thoroughly enjoyed the article about Sam's Chicken. Thank you for printing it. We happen to be living in Japan right now, so it made it that much more interesting.

I'm curious though, did you not print an actual recipe for Sam's Chicken because of some copyright restrictions? I would really love to have a basic recipe for it, and I know I'm not the only one. Is there any way you could print one, or at least direct me to where I could find a recipe for it? Thank you.

**Virginia (Miller) Mills** (BSELED '95)



Always a popular item at Dining Services, Sam's Chicken was also a popular feature with readers. Picture this time-consuming process of hand-pulling each piece the next time you eat some.

**Correction:** In the article “Revolutionary Decision” about the establishment of Andrews University, on page 16 of the fall 2009 *Focus*, we said the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary was located in Takoma Park, Maryland. It was, in fact, located in Takoma Park in the District of Columbia.



## Thanks for writing

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

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## Response to the January 12 earthquake in Haiti

Andrews University is taking action to aid the Haitian earthquake victims both in Haiti and on-campus

On Saturday, Feb. 20, a special memorial service was held to comfort students, faculty and staff who lost loved ones in the catastrophic January 12 earthquake. Timothy Nixon, chaplain for inreach, gave the homily alongside special musical selections, poetry and remarks. In remembrance, attendees were invited to write the names of their loved ones on a card and pin it to a special wreath at the end of the service. The 42 cards now hang on a memorial in the Campus Center.

Other relief efforts are in place. The AU Students United for Haiti group has created a memorial on display in the Campus Center that allows students to express their thoughts regarding the earthquake as well as learn how campus organizations are helping. The group has raised over \$8,000 for ADRA in Haiti and is aiming to reach \$10,000 by the end of the school year.

On a larger scale, leaders from across campus met January 13 to discuss the situation in Haiti and Andrews' response to the crisis. Under the leadership of Pastor Ron Whitehead, assistant to the president for spiritual life, plans were put in place for a relief trip, an aid fund and initiatives to support the students, faculty and staff who were personally affected by the tragedy.

The trip was planned for spring break (March 12–22) but because of a travel advisory from the U.S. State Department and a request from the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists for all non-medical groups to refrain from serving in Haiti, it has been postponed until May 30–June 6, 2010. WeCare Disaster Response, an organization of the Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE), has not changed its focus with regards to the Haiti trip and will continue to move forward with plans to serve the people who need assistance there.

For more information about WeCare Disaster Response, the AU Haitian Relief Fund or to learn how you can get involved, please contact Wanda Swensen ([wandas@andrews.edu](mailto:wandas@andrews.edu)) or Vern Byrd, CYE director of operations ([vernon@andrews.edu](mailto:vernon@andrews.edu)).



Above: Chaplain Timothy Nixon  
Below: Silent Praise provided special music



## Follow the Bible tour comes to Andrews

The Traveling Bible is printed in 66 different languages

Lebanon, Dubai, Mexico, Jamaica and the Arctic are just a few of the places the *Traveling Bible* has visited as part of the Follow the Bible tour, a Seventh-day Adventist-sponsored event traveling the globe. On Saturday, Jan. 23, at 3:30 p.m., the tour made a stop at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

The tour's *Traveling Bible*, which is printed in 66 languages—one for each book—was on display. The 12x18 inch Bible is a symbol of intercultural Christian solidarity and consists of 1,500 pages. Readers can view *Deuteronomy* in Japanese, *Joel* in Haitian Creole, *Matthew* in Indonesian and many other translated books.

The event was a community celebration of scripture featuring a number of presentations on the importance of the Bible to culture,

including scriptural songs with Stephen & Susan Zork and recitations of key texts by Susan Joshua.

Exhibits in the Howard Center lobby creatively displayed Bible study resources, ancient and modern Bibles and archaeological materials connected with scripture.

Follow the Bible is an initiative to stimulate a deeper interest in reading the Bible. The tour began fall 2008 in the Philippines and will travel to each Adventist world division until July 2010, when the journey climaxes at the opening of the Seventh-day Adventist General



The *Traveling Bible* was on display in the Howard Center lobby

Conference Session in Atlanta, Ga.

The tour's stop at the Howard Center was sponsored by the Andrews University Department of Religion & Biblical Languages in partnership with various community Christian organizations.

## Spring 2010 board report

*Momentous decisions for the future growth of Andrews*

A new provost and three major building projects were voted and approved at the spring meeting of the Andrews University Board of Trustees. On Tuesday afternoon, March 2, President Niels-Erik Andreasen met with faculty and staff in Garber Auditorium where he gave a briefing of the Board's actions.

Andreasen announced the appointment of Andrews' new provost, Andrea Luxton. Luxton is currently serving as president of Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. According to Andreasen, the timeline for her arrival is yet to be determined. The news of her appointment was met with a round of applause from faculty and staff in attendance.

The Board also voted and unanimously approved a financial plan for three building projects: construction of Buller Hall, construction of a new residence hall and a major renovation of Nethery Hall. The combined cost of all three projects is \$17

million and will be paid for by debt financing combined with fundraising. The total sum includes a contingency of approximately \$1M.

Andreasen explained that Buller Hall and Nethery Hall will result in a new Undergraduate Learning Center. Although connected in philosophy, the two projects are on a separate budget. The Buller Hall project was originally projected to cost \$9.4 million, though construction bids have come in at \$8.6 million. Construction will begin May 2010 and completion is expected by May/June of 2011. Griggs Hall, which stands in the footprint of the new building, is scheduled for demolition at the beginning of May.

The third project, construction of a new as-yet-unnamed residence hall, will meet the growing housing needs of the graduate female student population. The new 35,000 square foot hall will be constructed as a companion tower to Burman Hall. When Burman Hall was originally built, the infrastructure was put in place to later add a second tower,

with both towers sharing a common lobby area. The 5-story, 94-bed residence hall will offer private and shared suites, some with kitchen facilities. The cost is \$5.8 million and construction is scheduled to begin in April 2010, lasting approximately one year. Design Collaborative, a Fort Wayne, Ind. firm, is the designer of this new residence hall.

The Nethery Hall project includes a major renovation with an approved cost of \$3.2 million. It will begin in May of 2011 and be completed by August of the same year.

The 2011 University budget was also voted and approved. Andreasen noted that although milk revenue is increasing, it is still behind budget. The new budget will also cope with an increase in electricity costs, which were up \$175,000 this year. Andreasen reported merit salary increases remained in the budget, but the special salary raise is on hold.

The Board approved a number of faculty/staff appointments and retirements View them online at [www.andrews.edu/news](http://www.andrews.edu/news).

## Educators travel to South Africa

*For the third triennial IAACS Conference*

Four members of the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum (TLC) participated in the third triennial conference of the International Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (IAACS) in Cape Town, South Africa, Sept. 6–10, 2009. The conference theme, "Rethinking Curriculum Studies," generated a variety of papers and presentations on the impact of current social issues on curriculum development, design, theorizing and practice. This year's location provided the opportunity for reflective conversations on the impact of Apartheid on education in post-Apartheid South Africa. Papers from the Andrews group reflected the diversity of topics addressed.

Larry Burton, professor of teacher education, presented "Reframing 'traditional': Relational pedagogy in STEM education." Calvin Joshua, 2009 PhD graduate from the School of Education, spoke on "Intercultural studies for clergy in the era of globalization." Faith-Ann McGarrell, assistant professor of curriculum

and instruction, presented "Academic service-earning in first-year writing: Implications for practice."

IAACS convenes every three years with the intent to provide a space where conversations about curriculum and curriculum theorizing are shared and valued regardless of national or international borders, policies, politics or government influences. Attendees included scholars in the field, teaching faculty, graduate students and supporters. The first conference met in Shanghai, China, the second met in Tampere, Finland, and the



TLC participants, L-R: Faith-Ann McGarrell, Pretoria St. Juste, William Pinar (conference initiator), Calvin Joshua, Larry Burton

next conference is scheduled to take place in Brazil, South America. Burton has attended all three conferences, while McGarrell and St. Juste have attended the last two conferences.

## 2010 Legacy of Freedom Awards

Recipients were Charlotte Groff, the Mildred C. Wells Academy of Benton Harbor and Gateway of Berrien Springs

Three very different kinds of educators were honored at the 2010 Legacy of Freedom Awards convocation on Sunday, Jan. 17, in the Seminary Chapel.

Edwin Hernandez, research fellow for the University of Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Research in the Center for the Study of Latino Religion and research director for the DeVos Family Foundation of Grand Rapids, was the keynote speaker. He challenged the audience to answer the call as keepers of the dream through working to change the achievement gap within our private and public educational system. "Perhaps no other issue is as critical to the future of our country—and to realizing the dream of social equality—than education. The achievement gap is the civil rights issue of our day—a fundamentally moral issue—demanding our attention, our minds and all of our energies."

Bill Richardson, interim provost, presented this year's Freedom Awards to local educator Charlotte Groff, The Mildred C. Wells Academy of Benton Harbor and Gateway of Berrien Springs. The Legacy of Freedom Award recognizes individuals or organizations who exemplify King's values of civility and equality.

Groff, over the nearly five decades of her classroom teaching career, has creatively and energetically applied educational strategies to transform minds and redeem humanity. Her work in education has contributed to the success of thousands of students in the Michigan Migrant Program; Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and Coloma schools; Lake Michigan College and Andrews University.

Renene Price, school leader, accepted on behalf of the Mildred C. Wells Academy (MCWA), which was founded in 2005 in Benton Harbor to address America's most urgent civil rights issue: the comprehensive education of all children. Today, this unique learning environment consists of 181 students in grades K-12, 37 highly qualified adults, and a host of supportive parents, volunteers and board members.



L-R: Mary Lee Moore, executive director of Gateway; Charlotte Groff, local educator, and Renene Price, school leader at Mildred C. Wells Academy

Mary Lee Moore, executive director, accepted the award on behalf of Gateway. Established in 1974 in Berrien Springs, Gateway engages the efforts of committed local citizens to provide vocational training opportunities for special-needs children and adults. Gateway's mission statement is "to improve the quality of life and level of independence of individuals with disabilities and barriers through vocational opportunities, therapeutic services, training and other support."

## 2009 milk production awards to Andrews Dairy

"High Herd in Milk" and "High Cow in Milk Production" among others



Larry Adams, herdsman, with awards won

On Jan. 19, 2010 at the annual meeting of the Berrien County Herd Improvement Association, the Andrews University Dairy walked away with numerous awards for milk production in 2009.

Among them was the prestigious "High Herd in Milk" with an average of 27,244 pounds (3,168 gallons) of milk per cow last year. (The average herd in Michigan produces 18,650 pounds/cow/year.) The Dairy also won the "High Cow in Milk Production" with Cow #4181 producing 41,747 pounds (4,854 gallons) of milk last year. The Dairy also won most of the awards for milk production by cows in different age categories.

The majority of the 800 cows at the Andrews University Dairy are black and white Holsteins but there are a number of red and

### Cow #4181 produced 4,854 gallons of milk last year

white Holsteins and a few other breeds—Jerseys, Jersey-crosses and Brown Swiss. The calves born at the Dairy stay here until they go to the farm at Indiana Academy when they are about 4-5 months old. They return to the Dairy shortly before they have their first calf at two years old.

Altogether there are about 1,300 cows owned by Andrews University. The Dairy employs eight full-time staff (several of whom also teach agriculture classes) and 45-50 students on a part-time basis each year. The students were able to earn a total of more than \$168,000 toward their tuition and expenses last year.

## Students spearhead community food drive

Collecting \$3,000 and more than 2,500 pounds of goods

For the students of Andrews University, the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend was an experience of both celebration and service. Through the MLK Food Drive, students, staff, faculty and members of the community joined together for a common cause: to help those in need.

For more than a week leading up to Dr. King's birthday, a group of volunteers collected food donations to benefit Neighbor to Neighbor, a community service organization located in Berrien Springs, Mich. Donation boxes were placed across campus, at the Berrien Springs Public School and the Village Adventist Elementary School. Students were also able to donate money from their own meal plans, which generated nearly \$3,000 in donations. Then, on Monday, Jan. 18, all the volunteers gathered in the Office of Campus

Ministries. Timothy Nixon, chaplain for inreach, prayed before the team

headed out: "We recognize that there was nothing extraordinary about [Martin Luther King Jr.], but what was special is what You did through him. And just as You worked through him, You can work through us. So we present ourselves this day in service for You."

"We were expecting about 50 volunteers. In the end, we had a total of 111 volunteers," said Louise Albert, a coordinator for the event.

Together, they collected and delivered over 2,500 pounds of goods to Neighbor to Neighbor. Once everyone and all the donations were transported over to Neighbor to Neighbor,



Volunteers sort and weigh food donations at Neighbor to Neighbor, a community service organization

**"We were expecting about 50 volunteers. In the end, we had a total of 111."**

the community service center was packed.

They immediately organized and got to work. Some formed an assembly line to transport boxes from the truck into the building. Others opened boxes, weighed the contents, repacked and stacked them. Another team went to work sorting clothes by size and color in the thrift store.

"I knew a lot of people would be coming out," said Laura Meyer, executive director for Neighbor to Neighbor, "but I didn't imagine it would be so many. We really appreciate so many students taking this time

out of their day off."

Sandie Martins, a premed freshman at Andrews, didn't see it as much of a sacrifice at all. "Actually, I loved it. I feel like doing this every day," she said. "You get to both spend time with people and help out in a way that's just so useful instead of sitting in your dorm room all day watching a movie."

The event was scheduled to take several hours, but volunteers finished processing all the donations in just two hours. Many stayed by to continue doing whatever odd jobs needed doing at the center.

"Martin Luther King Jr. gave up his time, energy and even his life to help others," said Martins. "Giving an hour or two of our time really represents him."

## Business programs now IACBE-accredited

Confirming the quality of School of Business Administration degrees

Andrews University has received specialized accreditation for its business programs through the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE), a specialized accrediting body that promotes and recognizes excellence in business education in colleges and universities at the baccalaureate and graduate levels, both in the United States and internationally.

Business programs in the following areas are accredited by the IACBE: Bachelor of Business Administration with concentrations in accounting, finance, information systems, international business, management and marketing; and Master of Business Administration. The accreditation is through November 2016. The IACBE official

notification letter read, in part, "...this accreditation is granted without notes or observations. This is indeed a rare occurrence, and you, the faculty and staff of the School of Business Administration, are to be congratulated on this achievement."

The on-site accreditation took place April 27-29, 2009, and Allen Stembridge, dean, wrote the accreditation report.

Stembridge says of this milestone accomplishment, "This accreditation confirms the quality of the business programs offered at Andrews University and the highly qualified and caring faculty who are dedicated to bringing out the very best in our students."



## Korean teachers “immersed” at Andrews

*A four-week intensive at the Center for Intensive English*

For four weeks during January and February, the Center for Intensive English opened its doors to 34 elementary, middle-school and secondary education language arts teachers from Korea. The group arrived on campus for a four-week intensive “immersion” experience, which ran from Jan. 4–Feb. 3, 2010. Sponsored by the GyeongGi English Village as part of the South Korean government, the visit was designed to instruct teachers how to teach English in English.

“I think of our program as a bridge that connects the University to students who are outside the community,” says Jeanette Bryson, director of intensive English programs. “We are a group of people who work together as a team to improve fluency and assist students in need.”

This is the first year Andrews was chosen as a host-institution alongside Southwestern Adventist University and the University of California-Riverside.

“The Korean government chose Andrews out of all the potential institutions in the United States,” says Bryson. “By hosting the teachers, we provided opportunities for conversation and fluency. Actually, I was surprised that many already had a strong background in English.”

The experience completed the teachers’ six-month study program that included online classes and conference attendances. The final step was to spend four-weeks at an American university campus, a stay consisting of school visits, activities, traveling and classes.

“We planned a short tour and long tour for the teachers each week,” says Bryson. “We visited Chicago, spent three days in New York, and went to Washington, D.C., Niagara Falls, the University Park Mall, Michigan City and an Amish village.”

When they weren’t traveling or attending classes, the teachers spent time in campus housing and the last two weeks with a host family in the community. Of the 24 families who opened their homes, only five families were not affiliated with Andrews.

“My husband, Paul D. Smith Jr., and I had a terrific time with our guest, Jee Eun ‘June’ Kim,” said L. Monique Pittman, director of honors and associate professor of English. “The experience was a great opportunity for Paul and me to learn about another culture



L. Monique Pittman, director of honors and associate professor of English, and her husband Paul D. Smith Jr. enjoyed hosting Jee Eun “June” Kim

and to confirm (as you would expect) that regardless of national and ethnic differences, human beings have the same struggles, aspirations and pleasures the world over.... We would most definitely recommend the experience of serving as a host family. We made an amazing new friend, learned about Korean culture and analyzed American life through the eyes of a visitor to the country.”

An Awards and Farewell Banquet was held on January 28 and consisted of a dinner and various entertainment acts. The evening concluded with awards and presentations given by Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and Korean government official Young Gi Kim, a researcher for the Gyeonggi Foreign Language Research Institute. Each teacher received a certificate of completion for 120 hours of course work and cultural immersion experiences.

“After being on our campus, the students have changed their worldview of America, Christianity and Seventh-day Adventists in particular. It is amazing to me,” says Bryson. “This was not just a four-week intensive program where the teachers came and went. It was the beginning of relationships that will build and last.”

## European Tours

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join one of the following 2010 and 2011 tours offered by Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

### The Lure of Ireland

*September 7–22, 2010*

Featured will be Irish culture, Celtic music, writers, spiritual heritage, arts and crafts, spectacular scenery, and much more from Dublin to Killarney, Dingle Peninsula, Galway, Aran Islands, Donegal, the Giant’s Causeway, and places in between. Tour information and full itinerary available upon request

### The Splendors of Egypt and the Nile

*February 11–23, 2011*

Including Cairo, Luxor, the Valley of the Kings, Aswan, Temples along the Nile, Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza. A 5-day extension to Petra and Amman, Jordan, is available. Full information available upon request.

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## Short-term mission: long-term partnerships

Youth missions team returns to Honduras for the 10th year

Every year millions of Christians participate in mission trips. The most effective short-term missions create long-term partnerships between the sending church and receiving community.

In 1991, the Youth Missions ministry began at Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC). A partnership was established with REACH International, a global Adventist children's care agency headquartered in Berrien Springs, Mich. REACH provides food, shelter, love, education and a chance for eternity to abandoned children around the world.

"During the 90s, PMC Youth Mission teams began serving at REACH children's homes in Romania," says Glenn Russell, assistant professor of religion and team leader. "Since 2000, we've been going to Honduras where REACH sponsors the Hogar de Niños, a daycare center, an elementary school and a secondary school. This partnership has been so beneficial that we went again in December 2009."

"This was my fifth time going to Honduras as a team member," commented Bradley Smith, religion and education major. "The kids are really maturing. They appreciate our friendship

and often remind me of the memories we have had together over the years."

Scott Schalk, a financial advisor and lay leader, served as the FLAG (Fun Learning About God) Camp director. He keeps going back to Honduras to continue his friendships with the children and to support the ministry of the faithful staff.

The team participated in many activities: leading Sabbath School, being the guests of a live, local television show, teaching, singing, playing, listening and sharing.

"Jesus said the kingdom of heaven belongs to children. When I first set foot at the Hogar, one child after another was throwing their arms around me, laughing with me, putting their trust in me—yet they had just met me. What a lesson!" says Jonathan Rios, religion major.

Friendships continue through e-mails and letters, and the team looks forward to next year's journey. Yes, it was a short-term mission but it's a long-term partnership, giving and growing, learning and doing.

Top right: Bradley Smith with his friend Dario  
Bottom right: Glenn Russell with two Honduran children



## Student scholarly research awarded

Department of Behavioral Sciences has 100% acceptance rate of research submissions

The Behavioral Sciences Department offers a four-course sequence in research methods and statistics taught by Øystein LaBianca, Karl Bailey, Herbert Helm and Duane McBride. As a part of their learning experiences, student conduct their own research projects and present the results to the teachers and their classmates. The teachers select the best of the projects to submit to the annual Midwest Psychology Association meeting in Chicago. Six projects were submitted, involving 13 undergraduate and graduate students. A total of 423 student projects were submitted, of which approximately 89% were accepted. The ones submitted from the Department of Behavioral Sciences had a 100% acceptance rate.

The peer review process also selects the best five percent of the submissions for research awards. The submission by Jason Miller, double major in behavioral neuroscience and political science, received an award. Presentations were as follows:

1. "College-Related Stress and Resiliency" by Nancy Miller (*first author*), Cheryl Logan, Dorica Kafunya and Beatrice Dolce
2. "Tolerance among Christian and Muslim University Students in Lebanon" by Omedeli Joseph (*first author*), Filip Graovac, Chris Reyes and Terri King
3. "Eye Salve for the Righteous? Attentional Biases as Correlates of Religious Behavior and Orientation" by Elkyn J. Beltre
4. "Decision Making and Neuromythologies: an Eye Tracking Investigation" by Ashley Raethel
5. "The Effect of Loneliness on Visual Attention" by Cheryl Swaniker (*first author*) and Anthony Weston
6. "Attitudes towards Women in Power: How Conservative Religious Individuals form Religious and Political Decisions" by Jason Miller (*award winner*)

The Midwest region contains some of the best colleges and greatest national comprehensive universities in the United States; therefore it was a significant accomplishment for all of Andrews' submissions to be accepted. McBride, department chair and research professor of sociology, says, "I believe this shows Andrews students can conduct very scholarly competitive research, the importance of integrating student research and peer review submission into our curriculum, the importance of mentoring and, perhaps, the strength of double majors. We are very proud of our students as they witness for the quality of an Andrews education in this important venue!"

# Louise Albert

(BA '08, current MDiv student)

## When did you come to Andrews and what brought you here?

I came in fall 2004. I didn't have a typical Adventist upbringing. I sang in an interdenominational choir which led to questions about my religion and challenged me to learn more. After spending one semester at Southern Adventist University, I planned to attend Oakwood but was called back to New York in fall 2001 to take care of family responsibilities. I took a job working for Conde Nast as a purchasing coordinator and thought, "Maybe this will be my life: just working and living in New York City." In late 2003, I lost a 24-year-old friend to cancer. That led me to feel called to return to school. A prayer partner, Adrienne Townsend, was working at Andrews. I shared my conviction with her and she suggested I consider Andrews. I prayed about it and asked God for a couple signs—a new car and which school would respond with an acceptance letter first. Both signs pointed to Andrews University.

## What led to your involvement with Fusion?

When I came to Andrews I looked at many different ministries but Fusion was "the one." I volunteered to help, pick up chairs, clean up, whatever was needed. Then-director Dillys Brooks said, "Let me pray about it and I'll get back to you." At the top of the semester she said, "The Holy Spirit has told me to tell you you're going to be the director." I told her, "I asked how I can help, assist, you understand! And she said, "No, it's you." Prayerfully, throughout the semester, she invited me to watch rehearsals, etc. And the Lord blessed. I was Fusion director for 2005–06 and maintained the worship leader position for 2006–07. Since then I've mentored and been a cheerleader. I'll always be a "Fusionist."

## How do you feel Fusion affects the student body as a whole?

It's an atmosphere where they have freedom to worship; where they are accepted; where they won't be judged; and they can come as they are. It's nice to have that atmosphere. Andrews is such a diverse community and Fusion offers the opportunity to worship in a manner you've been accustomed to in the church where you come from. There are also many people who watch the live streaming of Fusion from off-campus, an initiative which was student-led. Praise God for that.

## Have you felt supported as a student involved with ministry?

One thing I know about Andrews University—I love this school. I'm proud of the students and faculty here. In every project I've been involved in on this campus, the students have never let me down, and faculty and staff have always supported me.

## What other ministry activities have you been involved with?

Worship leader for Undergraduate Ministerial Association for two years, involved with CMRadio for a year, and led a prayer band in Lamson Hall. I currently work with New Life Fellowship. In that role, I led a winterization project in Benton Harbor last year, and this year we did a food drive to benefit Neighbor to Neighbor. Now I'm working with the Parlé Club and Diaspora, who have collaborated with other clubs to put up an exhibit in the Campus Center (shown in photo).

## What would be your ideal job after graduation?

Before coming here I never thought I had leadership or organization skills. Being at Andrews brought that part out of me. Honestly, I would love doing what I do now for a living: various projects and organizing conventions and events that bring people together and are a blessing to people.

# 15th Annual Creative Arts Festival

by Ashleigh Jardine

Designed to refresh students, faculty, staff and community members during the sometimes-drab winter season, the March 1–7 festival offered a weeklong celebration of fine arts, crafts, drama, music and poetry at Andrews University.

The celebration began in the lobbies of Meier and Burman Halls. For several hours on Monday afternoon, Brian Manley, assistant professor of art, and his students drew complimentary sketches for anyone interested in sitting for a portrait.

Other Monday events included a crochet demonstration and teaching session in the James White Library by Norma Greenidge, library cataloguing specialist. To end the day's events, a Jazz & Poetry Night, sponsored by the Nu Sigma English Honors Society, was held at the Forsyth Honors House. Creative Writing Poetry students entertained the audience with various poems interspersed with live jazz selections.

"It was very interesting to see how Andrews students are involved in reading and writing poetry because poetry is a dying art!" says Erin McLean, senior mathematics and English major. "... I was also impressed by the number of religious poems that were read. It was heartening to see students use their creative outlets and abilities to express their faith."

On the second day of the festival, a calligraphy demonstration was held in the library by community member Angie West. Later that evening, local writer Gayle Pearson-Burrell held a poetry reading in the Nethery Hall Writing Center.

The marvelous Soweto Gospel Choir held a concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The 26-member traveling singing group, hailing from South Africa, performed lively selections in six of the country's 11 official languages for an enthusiastic crowd of more than 700. The choir is a two-time Grammy Award winner for best traditional world music album.

"The performance was very good. I like the fact that it wasn't just singing but was much more," says Andre Morgan, web designer/developer at Integrated Marketing & Communication. "They brought out their culture by using costumes, dancing and rhythm. There was also drama... and I was only expecting singing!"

Other favorite musical performances during the week were the Classical Brown Bag Concerts held in the Seminary Commons during Tuesday to Thursday lunch hours. The performances featured selections by a flute ensemble, classical guitarist and string trio. Local artist Harry Ahn painted an inspiring religious still-life to add to the ambience of each lunch hour concert.

Wednesday's events included a special cake decorating session taught in the James White Library by community member Sandra White.

The annual Lake Union Music Festival, which ran March 3–6, featured a Showcase Recital by the Department of Music at the Howard Performing Arts Center on Wednesday evening. The recital featured the Andrews University Sinfonietta, directed by Claudio Gonzalez with

Aaron Sinnett, cello, and the Andrews University Singers, directed by Stephen Zork. The music festival brought 180 students and chaperones from nine Midwest academies. They had two intense days of practice which culminated in performances at Pioneer Memorial Church and a 4 p.m. Festival Concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 6.

"It's always fun to go on tour and meet new people and I really enjoyed coming to Andrews for the Music Festival," says Mayu Kuramochi, a sophomore in the Great Lakes Adventist Academy Chamber Singers group. "I was a little nervous about performing at Pioneer Memorial Church, but I thought our performance went well and that the song service was good, too."

"The music was great because it showed how hard the academy students worked. It reminded me of when I was in academy in the choir and how much I enjoyed performing for lots of people," says Janelle Bedford, senior biology major.

University Forum welcomed author Lauren Winner on Thursday, March 4. She's been called "an unlikely poster girl for abstinence before marriage...wearing cat's-eye glasses, sparkly tights, and a charming smile." Her experience in converting from Orthodox Judaism to Christianity and thoughts on the joy of Sabbath-keeping held the attention of the audience.

Students in the Department of English, under the direction of Bruce Closser, had planned to offer three performances of *The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail* by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. Their first performance, on Thursday, March 4, in Burman Hall's auditorium went off smoothly, but the final two performances had to be indefinitely postponed due to a main cast member's illness.

The Andrews University Wind Symphony, under the direction of Alan Mitchell, offered a Friday vespers program. "We were focused, and brought out the dynamics and emotions that Alan Mitchell (conductor) wanted us to portray," says Logan Steely, trombone player. "If you didn't go, you missed an excellent concert!"

Creative Arts Festival was a welcome respite for campus and community alike as the winter season wound down. Look for it again next March! ■

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## Variety galore

From student musicians at the annual AU's Got Talent and Deliverance Mass Choir at the Haiti Benefit Concert to award-winning musicians—Jaci Velasquez, six-time Dove Award winner and Latin Grammy nominee, and the Grammy Award winning Soweto Gospel Choir—there is always something for everyone at the Howard Center. The season will wrap up with year-end performances by Department of Music ensembles and a rush of music majors completing their senior recitals. The Howard Center—An Excellent Concert Experience.



Clockwise from top left: Winners of AU's Got Talent, Saturday, Nov. 7 ■ Symphony Orchestra, Saturday, Nov. 21 ■ Jonathan Logan (Amahl) and Alice Hyde (Mother) in the Department of Music's opera production of *Amahl & the Night Visitors*, Sunday, Jan. 10 ■ Jaci Velasquez, one of Christian music's most successful solo artists, Saturday, Jan. 30 ■ Cellist Aaron Sinnett performed *Allegro moderato* movement from the *Concerto for Violoncello and Orchestra in D Major, Op. 101* by Joseph Hadyn with the Sinfonietta, Saturday, Feb. 6 ■ Wind Symphony Pops Concert, Saturday, Feb. 20 ■ World-renowned Soweto Gospel Choir, Tuesday, March 2 ■ Deliverance Mass Choir and guests, Haiti Benefit Concert, Sunday, March 7

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## Calendar

Visit [howard.andrews.edu](http://howard.andrews.edu) for an updated schedule of upcoming events. Schedule is subject to change.

### Faculty Recital

Saturday, March 27, 8 p.m.

Chi Yong Yun, director of piano studies and assistant professor of music, will perform works by Bach, Liszt, Schumann and Ravel.

### Easter Choral Concert

Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 3, 8 p.m.

Join this musical narrative portraying the ministry of Jesus Christ and His ultimate sacrifice for our Salvation. The choral groups will celebrate Christ's resurrection through a performance of *Gloria* by John Rutter, among other pieces. Free admission. Open seating.

### Young Artists Concert

Saturday, April 10, 9 p.m.

Enjoy up-and-coming musicians performing with the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra.

### Second Sunday Concert Series

Sunday, April 11, 4 p.m.

Peter Jankovic, guitar, will perform.

### Wind Symphony Spring Concert

Sunday, April 18, 4 p.m.

Don't miss the festive end to the Wind Symphony's season.

### Symphony Orchestra & Chorale

Saturday, April 24, 9 p.m.

Presenting Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

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## New provost appointed

Current president of Canadian University College, Andrea Luxton

Following a March 2 vote by the Andrews University Board of Trustees, President Niels-Erik Andreasen has announced the appointment of Andrea Luxton as the new provost at Andrews University. The timing of her arrival to campus is yet to be determined.

Andreasen says, “Andrea Luxton has many years of experience in higher education, as a faculty member, administrator and advocate of Adventist higher education both in this country and internationally.

I believe she will bring extraordinary gifts to the provost position at Andrews and will help move this University forward in the direction it is destined to go.”

“I look forward to engaging with the many professionals at Andrews University and being a part of the University’s positive future,” says Luxton. “I will particularly enjoy the diversity and internationalism of the campus and the synergy of working with so many others who share the same values I do in delivering Adventist Christian education. Thank you to the campus and Board of Trustees for your confidence in me by inviting me to become part of the leadership team.”

Luxton holds a BA in theology and English from Newbold College, an MA in English from Andrews University, a PhD in English

from Catholic University of America and a Postgraduate Diploma in Institutional Management and Change in Higher Education from the University of Twente, Netherlands.

She began her career in education in 1982 as Head of English for Stanborough School in England. After spending four years at

**“Thank you to the campus and Board of Trustees for your confidence in me by inviting me to become part of the leadership team.”**

Catholic University in Washington, D.C., as both a teaching assistant and lecturer, Luxton returned to England to chair the English Department at Newbold College from 1986–1991. Beginning in 1991, she held multiple responsibilities as education director, Sabbath School director and women’s ministries coordinator of the British Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1993, Luxton returned to her roots at Stanborough, this time as principal. She remained there until 1997, at which time she became president of Newbold College. In 2001, Luxton relocated to Canada where she served as vice-president for academic administration at Canadian University College from 2001–2003. She served as associate director of education for the General



Andrea Luxton

Conference of Seventh-day Adventists from 2003–2006. Since 2006, Luxton has been president of Canadian University College. She has also served, first as secretary and currently as president, of the Adventist Association of Colleges and Universities.

Luxton has written articles for a number of publications, including *Adventist Review*, multiple British Union church papers and the *Canadian Messenger*. She is also an experienced speaker with international experience for both secular and church audiences.

## Paul Petersen returns to Andrews

As chair of the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages

Paul Petersen, most recently field secretary for the South Pacific Division, is the new chair for the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages. Peterson has served in both the South Pacific Division and Danish Union of Seventh-day Adventists in multiple capacities. He officially began his new role in December 2009, filling the position left by Ranko Stefanovic’s transition to the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

Petersen completed his PhD at Andrews in 1999, and was glad to receive a call to return and serve at his alma mater. He earned a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of Copenhagen in 1986.

In his capacity as field secretary since 2000, he served Australia and the nearby territories doing biblical research and acting as an academic advisor for ministerial training in that region. In his birth country of Denmark, Petersen served as president of the Danish Union of Churches, youth director, college pastor and teacher.

Speaking of what he enjoys about his new job at Andrews, Petersen said, “Compared to what I have done in recent years, I definitely like the interaction with young people and students.”

Petersen will also be professor of Hebrew scriptures for the department. His research



Paul Petersen

and teaching has specialized in topics of the Trinity, the books of Daniel and Revelation, and prayer.

## Sedlacek joins Department of Social Work

*Develops dual MDiv/MSW degree between Seminary and Social Work*

David Sedlacek, professor of social work, comes to Andrews from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Ala.

Sedlacek is already a familiar face on campus. Since July he has been working to develop a new collaborative between the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and the Department of Social Work to offer a dual MDiv/MSW degree. He has also been assisting the Department of Social Work with their reaffirmation self-study for the Council on Social Work Education.

From 1972–1979, Sedlacek held various roles in the greater Cleveland, Ohio area, that serviced individuals suffering from alcoholism. In 1979, he began his career in academia as a lecturer at the University of Akron. He later served as a lecturer at a handful of other colleges and universities including Cleveland State University. Following completion of his doctorate in 1979, Sedlacek served in various ways as project coordinator, assistant clinical professor for the Department of Family Medicine and adjunct assistant professor of social work for the Department of Family Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. Between 1981 and 1996, he held several clinical and administrative roles at institutions that treated chemically dependent individuals.

In 1994, Sedlacek turned to a different calling and began to focus on ministry, first as a pastor in the Ohio Conference and then in various roles at Weimar Institute and Weimar College in Weimar, Calif. In 2000, he co-founded and began serving as director for Into HIS Rest Ministries, a role he continues to fill. Prior to his faculty appointment at Andrews, Sedlacek was associate professor of social work at Oakwood University and program director for the New Beginnings Resource Center for Single Parents since 2004.

Sedlacek holds a Bachelor of Science in biology from Cleveland State University, a Master of Science in social administration with concentrations in administration and alcoholism from Case Western Reserve University—Mandel School of Applied Sciences, and a Doctor of Philosophy in social welfare with a concentration in alcoholism from the School of Graduate Studies, Case Western Reserve University.

He has been published in numerous professional journals including the *American Journal of College Health*, *Journal of Family Practice*, *Journal of Medical Education* and *Psychiatry Digest*. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Council on Social Work Education, North American Association of Christian Social



David Sedlacek

Workers and International Association of Adventist Social Workers.

Sedlacek and his wife Beverly have five children and ten grandchildren. They recently coauthored a book, *Cleansing the Sanctuary of the Heart: Tools for Emotional Healing*.

## LaRondelle presented with Festschrift

*A collection of essays written in his honor*

Hans LaRondelle, professor emeritus of theology, was presented with a newly published collection of essays written in his honor on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010. Two of the three editors, Jiri Moskala, professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology (pictured right) and Peter van Bemmelen, professor emeritus of theology, were in attendance to present LaRondelle with the book, *Christ, Salvation and the Eschaton: Essays in Honor of Hans K. LaRondelle*.

In 1991, LaRondelle retired after 25 years of teaching at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Prior to joining the Andrews faculty, he served in the Netherlands as a pastor-evangelist for 14 years. He received his doctoral degree in systematic theology under the direction of the distinguished Dutch theologian G.C. Berkouwer at the Reformed Free University in Amsterdam in 1971.

A prolific writer, he has authored 10 books and numerous scholarly and professional articles in addition to contributing chapters in the following books: *A Symposium on Biblical Hermeneutics*, *Perfection: The Impossible Possibility*, *The Sabbath in Scripture and History*, *A Symposium on Revelation—Book II*, and *Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Theology*.





## End of an era

*Ben Chilson retires as director of Dining Services*

Ben Chilson has seen the cafeteria at Andrews University go from faded turquoise and pink, to pumpkin color with wood finish, from vinyl tile to carpet, from straight-line service to multiple stations. As he spoke words of thanks at the conclusion of a retirement tribute held for him on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, it was clear that these renovations had been a very important part of his work as director of Dining Services for 28 years.

“It has been so meaningful to be part of the University and to be able to implement innovations and quality food service on this campus with such a devoted team of workers,” Chilson said in a later interview. “It’s been great to be able to interact with the students and to determine their needs and to design our program around them.”

At the retirement ceremony, many University faculty and staff read tributes and shared memories of Chilson. The program featured songs by Chilson’s children and grandchildren and a musical tribute by Stephen and Susan Zork, associate professor of music and assistant professor of religion, respectively. Chilson recalls the celebration as fun and uplifting. It was really a highlight of his life because there were so many friends and colleagues present to support him. “I think my family being involved was also an exciting thing because I was saying that I’m just retiring and the kids didn’t need to come

nutrition at Andrews, who asked him to run an off-site program for dietetics students. As the Chilson’s four children were becoming of school-age, they decided to begin looking for a place where they could raise them away from the bustling city.

“In January 1981, I was at one of the faculty meetings for Andrews and the food service director at the meeting mentioned he would be moving away from Andrews,” said Chilson. “It occurred to me immediately that this might be what God had in mind for us.”

Chilson contacted University administration, and in August of that year he arrived at Andrews as director of what was then known as Food Service. Prior to coming to Andrews, Chilson had earned his degree in dietetics while working as a food service director at Union College in Lincoln, Neb. Along with his new role as director of Food Service it seemed a natural fit for him to also become an assistant professor of nutrition at Andrews.

Chilson has been a part of many changes that took place in Dining Services since he arrived. In addition to the dramatic remodeling of Dining Services, the servery and the dining rooms in 2008, Chilson was also a driving force behind the installation of more efficient cooking equipment and digitization of the recipe system, which enables workers to punch in the number of servings needed and have the computer calculate the recipe.

But now Chilson says he feels the pull to retire and get to some other much needed business, including beginning work on a quantity vegetarian cookbook. “I think there’s a real need for that and we have a wealth of recipes here at the University that we could compile, print and make available to the public.”

He also wants to spend more time taking care of things at home. “It’s a little overwhelming to be the home manager as well as manage things up here (Dining Services),” he said. His wife Sandra had a stroke in 2007, losing most of the use of her



Ben Chilson



Ben Chilson with some current/former Dining Services staff

**“Ben led by example and did not require more of his staff than he was willing to do.”**

and travel all those distances, but I’m really glad they chose to come and I was really surprised to find out that they were actually part of the program.”

Chilson says he is also grateful for the time spent working with and the support of the administration and staff at Andrews. “I’ll miss all of that but I want them to know that they are very important to me, that they are really a wonderful group to work for.”

Chilson came to Andrews in 1981 but that wasn’t his first contact with the University. Six years earlier, while working at Adventist Hinsdale Hospital near Chicago, Ill., he was contacted by Patricia Mutch, professor of

right arm. “It’s amazing what she’s able to do but I feel that I’d like to be there to help her,” he said.

As much as Chilson will miss working for Dining Services, many of his colleagues will also miss him. Retired staff John David, who worked with Chilson for many years, submitted a tribute for the retirement party.

“Even though he was my boss, after getting to know him...I consider him as a friend...” said David. “Ben Chilson worked for the Church, not just for the money he received...otherwise it would have cost the University a lot more to pay for all the long days he put in at Dining Services. Ben led by example and did not require more of his staff than he was willing to do...When it comes to relationships, he is always one to put the interest and concerns of those he worked with or served first.”

# FACULTY & STAFF

The 2010 Faculty-Staff Service Awards Celebration was held Monday, March 1, in the Howard Performing Arts Center. At this annual event, faculty and staff members who reach a milestone in their Andrews career are honored with a Years-of-Service Award. The Excellence in Service Awards, Spiritual Life Award and Daniel A. Augsburger Awards for Excellence in

Teaching are also presented.

Following an hors d'oeuvres buffet in the Howard Lobby, President Niels-Erik Andreasen opened the program. Stephen Payne, vice-president of Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication, served as master of ceremonies.

He presented an unscripted award to Sandra Richardson, wife of interim provost Bill Richardson, for her support and sacrifice following her husband's decision to come out of retirement to serve at Andrews for this previous academic year. At the end

of the program, in a gesture meant to acknowledge his near-milestone contribution to Andrews, Richardson was presented with a one-of-a-kind 29.5 Years-of-Service Award.

In honor of the 15 staff and faculty who received a 30, 35 or 40 Years-of-Service Award, an "Andrews Family Matters Quiz" was distributed. Each multiple-choice question highlighted a unique fact about one of the 15 award recipients. At the end of the program, the person with the most correct answers, Bonnie Beres, won an iPod. Two runners-up, Steve Nash and Ron Neumann, each won a fruit basket.

## Excellence in Service Award Recipients

**Aimee Vitangcol-Regoso**, assistant registrar, is known as an excellent team player, a quality she demonstrates daily within her office and across campus. Aimee coaches employees to perform in ways consistent with her own commitment to service, and is an exceptional communicator with superior listening skills, which she uses regularly to serve people effectively. Along with these extraordinary people skills, Aimee is also a highly productive organizer and planner with careful attention to details.

**Paul Elder** is currently the manager of Plant Service. Paul has demonstrated Christian values, work ethic, people skills and dedication to service. His willingness to be a team player, a ready helper, and his get-it done mentality have endeared him to those he serves.



Excellence in Service Award L-R: Deborah Weithers, Paul Elder, Aimee Vitangcol-Regoso

For the past five years, the name **Deborah Weithers** has been synonymous with excellence as manager of the Howard Performing Arts Center. Her goal is "to treat everyone that steps foot into the Howard like she would a guest in her own home." Dick Ford, long-time community supporter and volunteer, states, "Debbie's skills and good judgment have guided the Howard Performing Arts Center to new acclaim and recognition as a high quality and competitive entertainment venue."

## Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

**Karl Bailey**, assistant professor of psychology, has had an extraordinary impact during his first five years of teaching. His infectious enthusiasm for psychology and his ability to integrate faith and learning has made a difference in the lives of many students far beyond the Department of Behavioral Sciences. He is an outstanding mentor in the professional development of his students, many of whom have won research prizes for the quality of their work, and his impact on the spiritual lives of students is profound.

Since joining the Department of Physical Therapy in 1984, **John Banks**, professor of physical therapy, has covered the foundation science courses and human anatomy for Doctor of Physical Therapy and premed students. John, a



Bill & Sandra Richardson

# SERVICE AWARDS

great Christian role model, mixes excellent knowledge in the biological sciences with a keen awareness of student needs while maintaining high expectations. In 2005, he coauthored *Atlas of Clinical Gross Anatomy* which won the prestigious R.R. Hawkins Award, and is now a textbook used in many schools, including Harvard Medical School.



Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award Front Row L–R: Jacquelyn Warwick, Robin Johnson, Robert Moore, Lillianne Doukhan Back Row L–R: Dave Sherwin, John Banks, Karl Bailey, Duane Covrig. Not pictured: Randall Younker

**Duane Covrig**, professor of leadership and educational administration, has been very active in teaching, research and service for the University since he arrived in July 2005. As leader of AICER, the Andrews International Center for Educational Research, he collaborates with other departments in the School of Education and across the denomination. A colleague in his department noted, “In addition to academic knowledge and experience, Duane brings an unlimited amount of enthusiasm and a willingness to serve; quite the breath of fresh air.”

“Understanding, enthusiastic, open-minded, knowledgeable, caring and challenging” are attributes expressed by students who take classes from **Lillianne Doukhan**, associate professor of music and French. She is a mentor to younger faculty and a valuable source of advice to all her peers. She also contributes to the Department of International Language Studies, the Seminary and the International Development Program.

**Robin Johnson**, assistant professor of architecture, is the recipient of many awards, including the 2000 AIA National Honor Award for Interiors. She was also a cofinalist in the

2007 South Dublin County Council Percent for Art Program. Students in the School of Architecture find her classes valuable through her ability to find simple and practical ways to illustrate her material. They also recognize and appreciate her continual efforts to make her courses relevant and informative through the constant revision of her lectures, and the wealth of experience she brings into the classroom from her private professional practice.

**Robert Moore**, professor of mathematics and chair of the Department of Mathematics, is an energetic, articulate person who does everything with excellence and obvious dedication and devotion to duty. An organized and effective chair, he is known around campus for promoting good public relations, encouraging efficiency and academic quality, and modeling honest hard work. He encourages and mentors his faculty in their quest for excellence in teaching and service, and supports and appreciates their research activities.

When **Dave Sherwin**, assistant professor of technology education, returned to Andrews after years of experience at the Review & Herald and owner of his own studio, he brought with him professional experience that greatly benefits his students and his classroom. His understanding of the highly-competitive demands of clients has driven his high expectations during critique of student work. Under his leadership a portfolio development class was added for senior design and photography majors, requiring preparation of a body of work that will make them competitive when seeking employment or applying to graduate school.

**Jacquelyn Warwick**, professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration since 1998, is best portrayed in the words of her students. “The professor was energetic about the subject matter which made the class enjoyable.” “I can connect the things I learned to the real world.” Jacquelyn’s range of varied interests and activities highlights these comments made by her students. She is actively involved in the local community and serves as cosponsor of SIFE, sponsor of Delta Mu Delta, marketing track chair for the Western Decision Science Institute, member of Andrew University’s Rank and Tenure Committee, as well as the Honors Council.

Since **Randall W. Younker**, professor of Old Testament and Biblical archaeology, joined the Seminary faculty in 1986, he has demonstrated he is a world-class scholar and master teacher. Students have highlighted his “enthusiasm and energy” and that “his total control over the subject makes it more than interesting.” One colleague notes, “Randy is

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so passionate about archaeology it is hard not to love this subject when he is teaching.” Currently, he is directing excavations at Tall Jalul, near Mount Nebo, a city from the biblical period and the largest archaeological site in central Jordan. He has been active in scholarly societies, coauthored several scholarly books on archaeology, and most recently served as one of two consultants for the National Geographic book, *The Letter and the Scroll*.

## 35 Years-of-Service Award Recipients

**Bonnie Beres** has been an administrative assistant in the Department of Christian Ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary since 1974! She graduated from Andrews University in 1970 with a BA in English and a minor in speech and then taught at Cleveland Junior Academy for four years before returning to Andrews as an

employee. During her time in the Seminary, she has enjoyed spiritual conversations, chapels, speakers and getting to know the students and her coworkers better. She is known for having a positive attitude and reflecting a Christ-like character in all she does.



35 Years-of-Service Award  
L-R: Ron Neumann, Bonnie Beres

worked in ITS (previously the Computing Center) for his entire career at Andrews and is currently operations manager for Telecommunications. He received an Occupational Education Certificate in Electrical Wiring in 1974 from Andrews University and immediately began work as a computer operator. Ron has been involved in the amazing changes in the computer field as he worked with the University’s central computer systems beginning with the IBM 370, the Xerox Sigma, the Sequent computer and now with the Sun and Dell servers. He has also worked as an assistant operations manager, operations manager and with phone/data wiring and repair. He is often described as “going above and beyond” in assisting technology needs on campus.

## 30 Years-of-Service Award Recipients

**Richard Davidson** is J.N. Andrews professor of Old Testament interpretation and chair of the Department of Old Testament at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He

graduated from Loma Linda University in 1968 with a BA in theology. Two years later, he earned an MDiv from Andrews University and a doctorate in biblical studies in 1981. He has presented over 70 scholarly papers at professional meetings and has also written numerous articles for refereed journals and Adventist denominational papers. Besides several chapter contributions, he has also published four books.

**Leonard Gashugi** is chair and associate professor of economics and finance for the Department of Accounting, Economics & Finance. He attended Fordham University and received a BA in economics in 1970 and MA in economics in 1972. In 1977, he completed an MA in religion at Andrews University. He later continued his studies at Boston University and graduated in 1992 with a PhD in economics. He is the recipient of the 2007 John Nevins Andrews Medallion and the 2007 Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award. He has published several articles in the *Journal of the International Academy of Case Studies* and a book review.

**Norma Greenidge** is a cataloging specialist in the James White Library. In 1980, she graduated from Andrews University with a BS. She continued her education at the University, completing an MS in 1992 and PhD in educational psychology in 2000. Norma is known for her willingness to take on the toughest cataloging projects. She views change as a challenge and has made herself a specialist in the library’s cataloging software, training many staff and students. Norma also promotes a sense of community among the library staff.

**Margarita Mattingly** is a professor of physics and chair of the Department of Physics. She graduated from Andrews University in 1971 with a BA in mathematics and physics. In 1975, she received an MA in physics from the University of Arkansas. She continued her studies at the University of Notre Dame and earned a PhD in 1991. She is a recipient of the 1992 and 1996 Andrews University Researcher/Creative Artist of the Year award. She has published many articles in scientific publications, including *Physics Letters*, *European Physical Journal*, and *Physical Review*.

**Donald May** is associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and director of general education and student retention. He earned a BFA in photographic illustration from the Rochester Institute of Technology in 1979. He started the photography program at Andrews and taught photography for 20 years. In 1987 he completed an MA in interdisciplinary studies at Andrews. In 1992 and 1998, he was named Teacher of the Year by the AUSA. He is also a recipient of the 1992 Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Applied Arts. Another career highlight is the development of international academic study tours for photographers, and more recently an interdisciplinary general-education international study tour.



Front row, L-R: Cleon White, Virginia Nachreiner, Rebecca May, Donald May  
 Back row, L-R: Dennis Woodland, Donald Smith, Leonard Gashugi  
 Not pictured: Richard Davidson, Norma Greenidge, Margarita Mattingly, Richard Scott, Dianne Wilson

**Rebecca May** is director of campus relations in the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication. She received a Diplome de Langue in 1975 from the French Adventist Seminary in Collonges, France, and continued her education at Andrews University, completing a BA in French and journalism in 1977. She served as director of Alumni Relations for 18 years and in 2004 joined what is now IMC. In 2009, she received the Andrews University Excellence in Service Award. She has published many news items in Adventist periodicals.

**Virginia Nachreiner** is the office manager at Andrews Academy. She attended Andrews University and graduated with a BA in 1968 and MAT in 1984. She taught at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School for 16 years before joining the faculty at Andrews Academy in 1995. That same year, Virginia was awarded the Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award. She is currently in her 14th year at Andrews Academy.

**Richard Scott** is currently the director of Facilities Management. For his undergraduate studies, he attended Andrews University and graduated in 1967 with a BA in physical education. From 1972–1984, he served as dean of men and director of residence halls at Andrews. He left Andrews to serve as a teacher and dean of boys at GLAA, then assistant manager of Camp Au Sable, before returning to Andrews in 1992 as manager of Plant Service.

**Donald Smith** began working at Arboretum/ Grounds in 1979. He has worked with three bosses: Ed Roy, Dave Nelson and Mike Villwock. In 1988, he graduated with an associate's degree in horticulture. He enjoys interacting with students and not being "chained to a desk" all day. Fall is his favorite season of the year and his favorite job is mowing the airpark and a nearby farm area. While on the tractor he has seen sandhill cranes, turtles, snakes, deer, fox and more.

**Cleon White** is the principal of Andrews Academy. In 1963, he graduated from Walla Walla College with a BA in mathematics and teaching certification at the secondary level. He continued his studies at the University of Northern Colorado and received an MA in mathematics in 1969. He is a recipient of the 2002–2003 Andrews University Award for Excellence in Service and the 2008 John Nevins Andrews Medallion, among other recognition. He has also published an article for the *Journal of Adventist Education*.

**Dianne Wilson** began her career in food service working at Highland View Academy in 1975, after her marriage to Barry Wilson in 1974. They moved to Berrien Springs in 1979 and Dianne was hired as a salad leader for Food Service on August 9. She transitioned to working in the office in 1980 and served as office manager/student coordinator from 1981–2001. During that time she also assisted with event catering. In 2001, she became assistant director of Food Service and is currently the tech support specialist for Dining Services.

**Dennis Woodland** is professor of botany in the Department of Biology and curator of the Andrews Arboretum. He attended Walla Walla College and earned a BA in zoology in 1963 and MA in biology in 1965. He received a PhD in botany–systematics in 1974 from Iowa State University. Dennis was awarded the Michigan Botanical Club Outstanding Service Award in 2003 and the Andrews University Environmental Awareness Award in 2009. He has also published a major book revision and written numerous refereed journal articles and book reviews for scientific publications.

## 25 Years-of-Service Award Recipients



Front row, L-R: Lois Grimm, Judith Nelson, Janice Wrenn, Marcia Kilsby  
 Back row, L-R: Peter Swanson, James Massena, Lorena Bidwell, Rhonda Root  
 Not pictured: Jacques Doukhan, Eileen Leshner, Keith Mattingly, Mary Mun

# SERVICE AWARDS *(continued)*

## 20 Years-of-Service Award Recipients



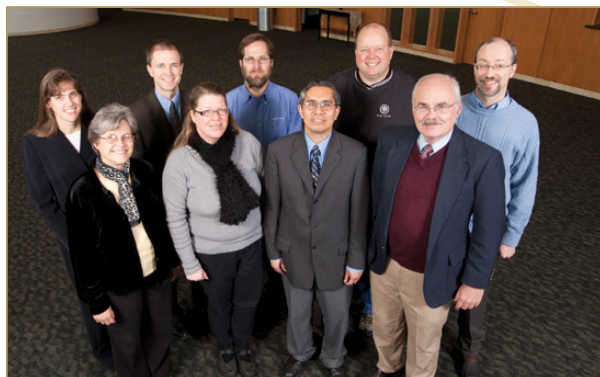
L-R: Lori Colwell, Jeannie Mack, Gordon Atkins  
**Not pictured:** Patricia Banks, Mickey Kutzner, Arlen Springer, Curtis VanderWaal, William Wolfer

## 15 Years-of-Service Award Recipients



**Front row, L-R:** Marilyn Bender, Liljana Vajdic, Emma Tenorio, Sara Bermeo **Back row, L-R:** Jerry Moon, Llewellyn Seibold, William Greenley, Erich Baumgartner, Thomas Goodwin  
**Not pictured:** Niels-Erik Andreasen, Kathleen Berglund, Roy Gane, Daniel Hamstra, Lucia Kijai, Lynn Millar, Desmond Murray, Elizabeth Oakley, David Village

## 10 Years-of-Service Award Recipients



**Front row, L-R:** Beverly Peck, Paula Dronen, Ben Maguad, Ralph Wood **Back row, L-R:** Gina Pellegrini, Brent Geraty, Martin Bradfield, Vernon Byrd, Kevin Wiley **Not pictured:** Heather Carpenter, James Doran, Karl Hubin, James Jeffery, Gregory Morrow, Luz Dominguez Sauve, David Sherman, Ranko Stefanovic, Wanda Swensen, Sharyl Turon

## 5 Years-of-Service Award Recipients



**Front row, L-R:** Luz Ruiz-Tenorio, Beverly Brown, Stephanie Tilly, Kelly Youngberg, Cynthia Caballero, Jody Villwock, Michael Villwock **Middle row, L-R:** Juliette Horton, Nancy Agnetta, Marie Grant, Amy Litzenberger, Ada Mendez, Henrietta Hanna, Martin Hanna, Deborah Weithers **Back row, L-R:** Verlyn Benson, Paul Elder, Peter Pribis, Karl Bailey, Wagner Kuhn, Roy Villafane, Michele Trubey  
**Not pictured:** Rosemary Bailey, Jameson Bangkuai, Cynthia Birney, Sylvia Budd, Ronald Dettmann, Gary Gifford, Claudio Gonzalez, Ryan Gooden, David Jardine, William Keith, Averil Kurtz, Nicholas Miller, Yun Myung, Gisela Schmidt

## Spiritual Life Award Recipient

**Carey Carscallen**, associate professor of architecture and School of Architecture dean, believes architecture is something that should be used to help and enrich the lives of others, to bring glory to God rather than to an individual. He is behind the founding of Architecture Missions Group and CERENID, which give students an opportunity for service and spiritual growth.

His colleagues say of him: “Carey is a man who stands tall in more ways than one. He is a man of strong convictions and Christian character.”

“Dean Carscallen may at first seem quiet and reserved, but he models the Biblical ideal of servant-leadership.” “Through him, I have seen what being a good Christian is.”



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# HONORED RETIREE

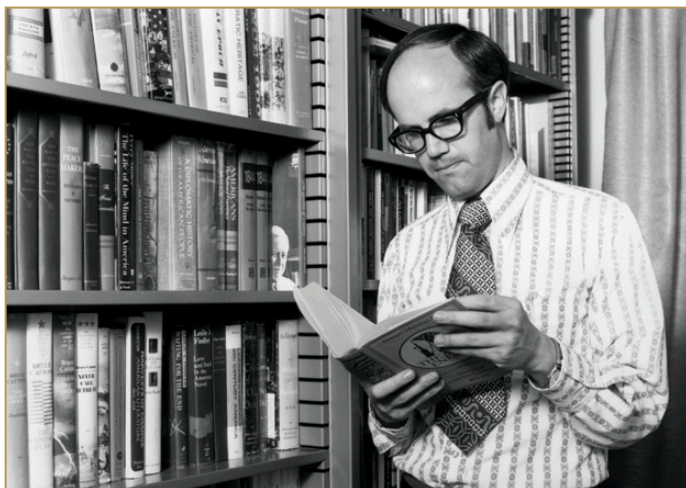
**Gary Gene Land** began his career at Andrews University in 1970 as an instructor in the Department of History & Political Science. Forty years later, he is retiring as professor of history and chair of that same department, positions he has held since 1981 and 1988, respectively.

Born in San Francisco, Calif., Land received a bachelor's degree in history from Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., in 1966. After completing a master's degree in history in 1967 from the University of California, Santa Barbara, he earned his doctorate in history from the same university in 1973. His dissertation was titled: "The British Impact on the American Mind."

While always maintaining a full load of teaching Gary, a true academic, has produced seven books, 136 articles, chapters, monographs, book reviews, dictionary entries, etc; has read 29 papers and currently has six projects in progress.

His articles have been published in *Spectrum*, *Adventist Heritage*, *Andrews University Seminary Studies*, *History Teacher*, *Fides Et Historia: Journal of the Conference on Faith and History* and several other publications. Land's most recent publications include: editor and author of the forward for the book, *William Miller and the Advent Crisis* by Everett N. Dick, published by the University Press in 1994; coauthor, with Calvin W. Edwards, of *Seeker After Light: A. F. Ballenger, Adventism, and American Christianity*, published in 2000. His book, *Teaching History: A Seventh-day Adventist Approach*, was published in 2001.

He is a member of numerous professional organizations, and recently served as president of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians and president of the board of directors for the Berrien County Historical Association.



Past professional positions at Andrews University include assistant dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, graduate programs coordinator for the College of Arts & Sciences, and chair or member of numerous university committees to which his contributions were consistently significant. During the 2000–01 school year, he received the

Andrews University Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity.

When asked how students have changed during his tenure, Land says, "The most obvious change is the more international character of the student body. Also, the changing ratio of women to men. I tell my students that women will be running government and business within 20 years, for not enough men are graduating from college. On the negative side, as a book-oriented person I find fewer and fewer students interested in reading." He also enumerates the top three developments he witnessed during his 40 years of service. "The building of Apple Valley Market and the expansion of the bookstore in the mid-70s made the campus seem more mature. The development of doctoral programs in the Seminary and the School of Education have been major steps in creating a university, and the building of the Howard Performing Arts Center has given us a performance venue in keeping with our educational expectations."

Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, says, "He is noted for his wisdom and generosity, for aiming at precision and details, for his high regard for the individuality of others, his tactful, sensitive ways, his unflappable tranquility, his calm demeanor that has assuaged tempers and calmed nerves. We shall miss Gary's insight and his peace amidst the storms when he retires this summer."

Gary is married to Edith Marie Stone Land. They have a son and a daughter. ■





# A Dream Fulfilled

## The Undergraduate Learning Center—Buller Hall & Nethery Hall

by Rebecca May and Keri Suarez

In 1997, **Mildred** (BA '41) and **Allan Buller** (BA '41) of Worthington, Ohio, contributed a significant financial contribution to their dream of a fitting home for undergraduate learning at Andrews University. Even the Bullers had no idea how their dream would grow or how circuitous the path would be to fulfilling the hopes and aspirations for strengthening the Andrews undergraduate experience (*see timeline sidebar*).

The Bullers knew from firsthand experience that brick and mortar alone do not make or cannot transform the learning experience. They met while attending Emmanuel Missionary College during the lean years right after the Great Depression and World War II. “Resources were scarce—and I think they always are scarce in education,” says Allan. “This institution has a long tradition of creating the best with the means God provides. It’s wonderful to be a partner with Andrews as we find ways to support our faculty and to ignite a love of

learning in future generations of students through this building project.”

On Tuesday, March 2, the Andrews University Board of Trustees brought the Buller’s dream closer to fruition. They voted and unanimously approved a finance and construction plan for three major building projects: Buller Hall, Nethery Hall and a new residence hall. The combined price tag of all three projects is \$17 million. CSM Group of Kalamazoo, Mich., is the construction manager for these three projects (*see page 6 for board briefing report*).

The construction of the new \$8.6 million Buller Hall and a \$3.2 million major renovation of the 70-year-old Nethery Hall will result in a new Undergraduate Learning Center. With the Buller donation and others, the total funds raised for this project are already almost \$6 million. The Office of Development is working

to raise the additional \$2.6 million, in hopes that donations and gifts will entirely cover the cost of Buller Hall.

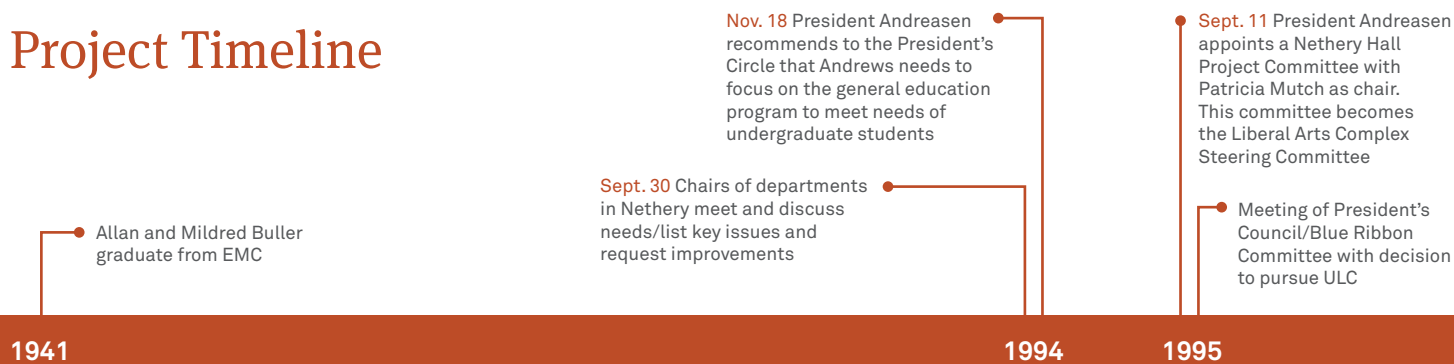
President Niels-Erik Andreasen says, “The Undergraduate Learning Center will provide our students with a new educational experience, right in the heart of campus. It is a promise to offer our students the best Adventist college education we can provide under God, with the help of the most able faculty we can find. The Center is our

**“The Center is our statement to students, ‘Andrews is investing in you.’”**

statement to students, ‘Andrews is investing in you.’”

The new Undergraduate Learning Center will create an intersection of ideas, minds and experiences that provides exceptional

## Project Timeline







Mildred and Allan Buller

general education for our students. With components of global learning, refreshed commitment to the essentials of an Andrews education, and spaces designed to inspire further collaboration between faculty and students on nationally-recognized research, the learning that takes place here will uniquely inspire and prepare Andrews University students to serve the needs of a complex world.

Three days after the board voted to move ahead with construction, President Andreasen led a conversation to address the question, “How will the Undergraduate Learning Center be used to facilitate learning?” The following individuals were given assignments to come up with a plan to enrich the process in six areas of focus. The individuals assigned are as follows:

- Undergraduate Research**—Duane McBride
- Freshman Experience**—Douglas Jones, Don May, Paul Petersen, Delyse Steyn
- Spiritual Dimension**—Paul Petersen

**Diversity**—Pedro Navia, John Markovic

**Personal Engagement with Parents**—

Stephen Payne, Don May

**Learning Communities**—Keith Mattingly,

L. Monique Pittman

The President has asked these individuals to address the goals for each area, the process of meeting those goals, how to get started and measurements of success. Each area will submit their initial report in early April.

Demolition of Griggs Hall, immediately followed by groundbreaking on Buller Hall, is scheduled to begin in early May 2010. Buller Hall will be constructed in an architectural style reflective of the collegiate gothic of Nethery Hall. The two buildings will be connected by an interior walkway and exterior courtyard that is both philosophical and practical. The bridge will tie together the departments and disciplines that make up the core of the undergraduate learning experience while also providing a protected area between the two buildings in times of inclement weather.

Some other notable features of Buller Hall include an amphitheater-style classroom—helping to accommodate some of the core undergraduate classes. A small chapel and academic departmental lobbies, some

with fireplaces, will also foster a sense of community. The Troyer Group of Mishawaka, Ind., is the designer of Buller Hall.

The renovation of Nethery Hall is scheduled to begin immediately following Buller Hall’s completion in May 2011. It includes installation of heating and air-conditioning, a complete renovation of restrooms, installation of energy-efficient windows, and renovation of office spaces. Nethery Hall renovations will be completed in August 2011, in time for the 2011–12 school year.

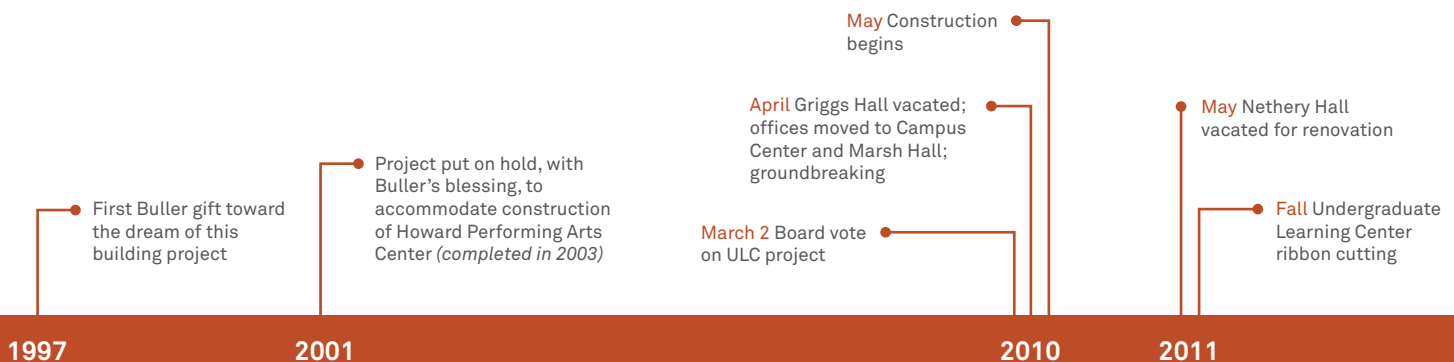
Although both are part of the Undergraduate Learning Center, Buller Hall and Nethery Hall are on separate project budgets. Construction of Buller Hall was originally projected to cost \$9.4 million, though bids have come in at \$8.6 million. The Nethery Hall renovations will cost \$3.2 million. “This is a very good time to build things and a very good time to arrange financing. A board member said, ‘Andrews is either lucky or blessed.’ I choose to believe the second,” says Andreasen. ■

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## Investment Opportunities

Auditorium	\$1,000,000	<b>Giving Levels</b>	
Academic Suites	\$100,000	Benefactor	\$25,000
Courtyard	\$100,000	Partner	\$10,000
Lobby	\$100,000	Sponsor	\$5,000
Prayer Chapel	\$100,000	Supporter	\$2,500
Student Lounge (Buller)	\$100,000	Friend	\$1,000
Classrooms	\$50,000		
Faculty Lounge	\$50,000		
Student Lounge (Nethery)	\$50,000		
Offices	\$30,000		



1997

2001

2010

2011

# one woman's journey

## when

by Madeline Steele Johnston

the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary moved to Berrien Springs and became part of Andrews University in 1960, faculty member Leona (Glidden) Running came with it, bringing her lifelong love of languages, to produce generations of better-equipped pastors, plus a few “stars” who also became professors. Today she and Earle Hilgert are the only surviving Seminary professors to have taught on both campuses, and she was that school’s first full-time female professor, a distinction she held from 1955 to 1982, when Nancy Vyhmeister joined the faculty. Her life circumstances also made her a champion and model of women’s rights in ministry.

Born near Flint, Mich. in 1916, Leona Rachel discovered her love for languages at age 3 or 4. Her mother, a church-school teacher, began teaching her phonics. “The connection between marks on the blackboard or paper and sounds in speech had clicked for me, and I was voracious to progress,” Leona says. Her father built and repaired trucks and did welding, and for a time both parents worked as photographers (the Glidden & Glidden Photographic Studio in Bay City).

Though funds were scarce, Christian education held high importance in the

Glidden household, leading Leona to attend Adelphian Academy. Eager to learn Spanish, she had to wait until her junior year to take a course in it. But an older student, Floyd Macomber, taught her Spanish words during meals. By her senior year, Leona not only tutored other students but taught both the junior and senior classes in Spanish when the teacher was often out sick. Following high school, Leona studied French and German at EMC, graduating as valedictorian in 1937.

In the Depression it seemed a natural step for Leona to accept a faraway position at Laurelwood Academy in Oregon, teaching French and German. With a weekly salary of \$15.50, she soon learned that single women in church employ lived by different standards than male employees. Nevertheless, she began a pattern she would follow throughout her teaching years: giving of herself to her students. She was known for helping those struggling with foreign languages, and somehow her apartment attracted academy students on Saturday nights for fudge and Monopoly.

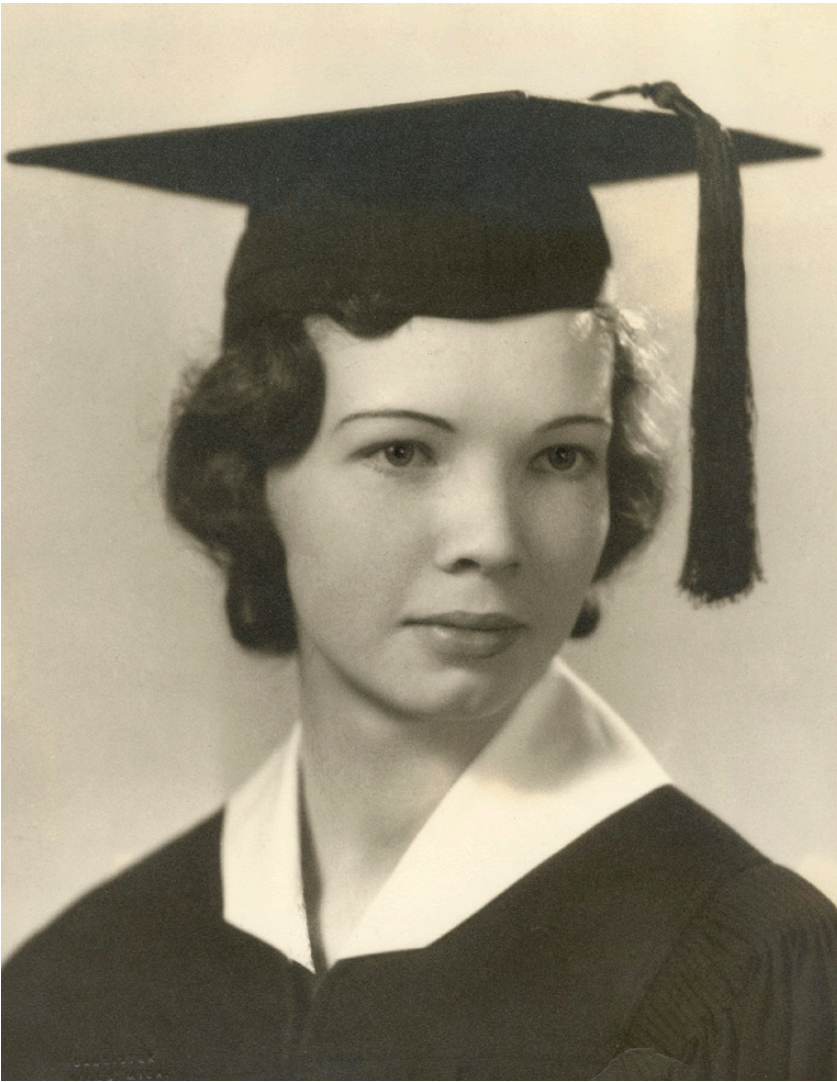
Another lifelong pattern began to develop that first year: finding and cultivating “star” students. Fourteen-year-old Earle Hilgert actually thought



Leona was a new student, not a teacher. Having already learned the Arabic alphabet, he devoured her German classes and then spent his free periods being tutored by her in French and college-level courses in both languages.

Though she was passionate about languages and loved her students, the stress of teaching began to take a physical toll. One Christmas vacation, she traveled with a friend, Ruth Running, to visit Ruth’s brother, Bud. He was recovering in a tuberculosis sanatorium

# travel



◀ Leona Rachel discovered a love of reading and languages at an early age

▲ Graduation from Emmanuel Missionary College with a BA in 1937

in Weimar, Calif. His wife had recently left him, he had experienced two surgeries for TB, and discouragement had led him away from the church. Leona wanted nothing more than for Bud to be happy, healthy and back in the church. They soon fell in love.

The next spring, needing more rest, she resigned and went home. A Detroit doctor, who had treated her sister Beth the year before, diagnosed her undulant fever, acquired from the raw milk at Adelphean. While she recuperated, Leona and Bud wrote each other daily and soon decided to get married when they could. Leona began working as a secretary in the Pacific Union Conference office in Glendale, Calif., living in a rented room and using the bathroom sink to wash clothes and utensils. Still, every six weeks she took a bus to visit Bud in Weimar.

Just before one of these trips, a friend urged Leona to take along her wedding outfit and get married. With encouragement from the sanatorium administrator, Bud and Leona took a bus to Nevada, stopping first for Bud to pick up a suit he'd made a payment on, buy shoes, and be baptized in Sacramento. They chose a little town named Lovelock and picked some flowers by the side of the road as wedding corsages. They were married on May 17, 1942, with Leona making sure the justice of the peace omitted "obey" from the vows. Being advised to stay at Weimar another two months, Bud got off there, but 10 days later he sent her a telegram saying he was coming to Glendale.

When the *Voice of Prophecy* needed another linguist, Leona couldn't resist. From 1944 to 1948 she worked in the

**1951** England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland and Italy with Del Delker

**1957** Siegfried Horn's first study tour: England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Israel and Greece

**1965** Summer sabbatical in Israel, with stops in Scotland, England, Germany, Italy, Turkey and the Greek islands

**1970** Summer sabbatical: England, Scotland, Wales, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Greece, Iran, Israel, Lebanon and Cyprus

**1972** Maryland, North Carolina, Iowa and South Dakota, to interview relatives and pupils of William F. Albright

**1970s** Annual summer trips with Blythe Owen to the Shakespeare Festival at Stratford-on-Avon, Ontario, Canada

**1974** A teaching stint at Newbold College in England, tours to France, Germany and Austria

**1991** Her only trip back to Glendale, Calif., to visit Bud's grave, after the AAW convention in Santa Clara

**1993** Alaskan cruise with her sister Beth and niece Linda

**1990s** Trips to Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Kentucky, the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, New England, New York, Maryland, Wyoming, South Dakota, Missouri—most of them driving with Muriel Chapman, some of them on tours led by Betty Garber

**1999** A Caribbean cruise led by Betty Garber



Wedding photo of Leif (Bud) and Leona Running, 1943 (taken a year late)

Foreign Language Division, translating English lessons to German and typing Spanish and Portuguese scripts. She loved the work, saying, “They let me use my brain.” Working with the tools of the day, which included an old manual typewriter, hard-surface stencils and a glass eraser, Leona often found errors of translation and helped correct them. Bud’s poor health had made finding work difficult, but he was able to take a part-time job at the *VOP*.

Although she was providing for an invalid husband, Leona still remained a female employee with no head-of-household status and a monthly

salary of \$126.75, while men received much higher salaries plus benefits. Eventually, shortly after an old friend in administration found her crying from the pressure, the board voted her a \$15/month medical allowance.

In 1946, heartbreak struck. Bud underwent his third lung operation, and after seven hours on the operating table his heart stopped. In that one moment all of Leona’s dreams were dashed. She had envisioned Bud recovering, perhaps even enough to take the medical course he wished for. Leona was devastated. Few around her understood the grieving process, and Leona entered what she called “my dark tunnel,” a depression relieved only by electroshock therapy eight years later.

After four years at the *VOP*, Leona accepted a job in Brookfield, Ill., at the foreign-language press of Pacific Press Publishing Association. But it was a big mistake—a depressing, dark, old building, pay even less than the *VOP*, and a job of merely recording address changes—no recognition that she was really copy-editor of the German *Signs*. To save her sanity, Leona went home promptly at 5 p.m., ate quickly, donned a pink uniform and worked at the corner drugstore each weekday evening for three hours.

In the summer of 1950, after working 18 months in the Carolina Conference, she moved to D.C. and became the copy editor for *Ministry*. That first year, she wanted to go to the great Youth Congress in Paris. Borrowing \$300 from the bank, Leona went with Del Delker on an old

troop ship and visited eight countries. The experience inspired Leona’s first book, *36 Days and a Dream*.

Leona’s passion for languages continued. In 1952, she met Charles Weniger, dean of the Seminary. He encouraged Leona to obtain a master’s degree, so she began studying Hebrew and later Greek, typing theses to pay her way. When she graduated in August 1955, her mentors W.G.C. Murdoch, Siegfried Horn and Roland Loasby tried to get her hired to teach beginning Greek and Hebrew, to free them for exegesis and theology courses. The president at the time did not believe men would study under a woman, so she began on a very precarious trial basis. During her second quarter one of three classes didn’t fill, causing her pittance to be cut by a third.

In early 1956 Weniger persuaded the board to grant Leona regular status, and soon she received tenure. In her second year of Seminary teaching, Loasby pressured Leona to begin a doctoral program, as she was the only faculty member without a doctorate. The only possibility she saw was pursuing an EdD at American University. When Horn heard of her plans, he insisted, “Leona, if you can do that, you can go to Johns Hopkins and get a proper degree in your proper field!” She wondered how she could manage—by then she was also helping half-time with the editing of the Review & Herald’s *SDA Bible Commentary*. But Horn took her to Baltimore and introduced her to William F. Albright, known as the dean of archaeologists. Together, the two worked out a schedule she could manage, and after an hour of conversation in different languages, Albright informed Leona she had just passed her incoming language exams.

Horn’s first study tour of Europe and the Bible Lands came in 1957, and Leona went along. They covered museums, archaeological and historical sites, Adventist institutions and more in 12 European and Middle Eastern countries—a total of 6,415 miles by plane; 1,800 by train; and 4,485 by bus/car. Horn would lecture to the group as they traveled between sites. They visited castles and wax museums, climbed pyramids, ascended Mt. Sinai, stayed

# language

The first six are modern languages that Leona either worked with at the *Voice of Prophecy* or taught. The last five are ancient languages, all of which she taught.

English  
Spanish  
French  
German  
Portuguese  
Italian

Greek  
Hebrew  
Akkadian cuneiform  
Ancient Syriac  
Egyptian hieroglyphic

# tributes

## **Lael Caesar, PhD** (MA '86)

Leona Running was committed to anyone who was in it for the long haul, rather than merely intrigued by the idea of Hebrew... I had not been prepared to find that such an awesome woman, such a pioneering spirit, such a rigorous scholar, would be so caring about my welfare and success.

## **Peggy Dudley, PhD** (BS '81, MA '83, PhD '88)

Through the years I have watched in admiration as you broke all kinds of barriers for women in the field of education. Your love for teaching and your love for students shine throughout your lifetime of service.

## **John Duge, MD** (former faculty)

My memories of Dr. Running go back to fall of 1963, when I first sat in her Intermediate Greek class. Dr. Running was razor-sharp, interesting, expected (and got) hard work, and was clearly interested in her students.

## **Beatrice Neall, PhD** (MA '71, PhD '82)

[She] wowed us with her deep knowledge of many languages...We were often in a fog, but she assured us that as we went along, the fog would clear up behind us. Sure enough, it did. I have always been glad I studied Hebrew as well as Greek. It is an invaluable tool for an in-depth study of the Old Testament.

## **Jon Paulien, PhD** (MDiv '76, PhD '87)

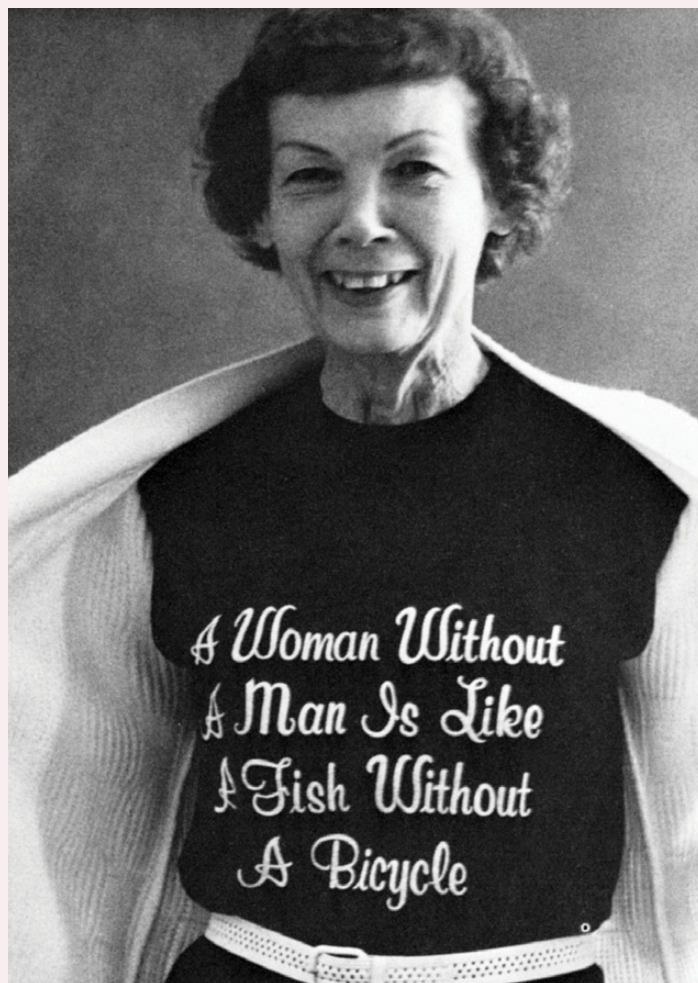
Taking Hebrew from her was much more than just a language class; it was an exercise in critical thinking at a high spiritual level. I have taken her approach as a model for my own teaching. I want to pass on knowledge and skills, but more than that, I want to pass on a way of thinking and living that meets the principles of the Bible and not just a surface orthodoxy. Leona was a crucial piece of what made the Seminary a seminary. Leona was never too subtle when it came to promoting the role of women in the Seminary and the Church. I shudder where we might be today without her influence.

## **Paul Ray, PhD** (MA '84, PhD '00)

My actual experience in Dr. Running's language classes was much different than the rumors I had heard beforehand. Not only did I not receive one of her dreaded drop slips, but after I went through Greek and Hebrew, I was even brave enough to take Syriac, Akkadian and Egyptian with her. For 30 years now my life has been enriched by Dr. Running, first by instilling in me a love of the written word in multiple languages, but also as an inspiration of dedication to excellence and loyalty to fixed goals.

## **William Shea, MD, PhD** (former faculty)

I taught in the Old Testament Department at Andrews with Leona Running for 14 years. I have always known her as an outstanding linguist, a deep and detailed researcher and editor, and a teacher who always had the welfare of her students at heart...I am quite certain that she has assisted more doctoral students in the writing of their dissertations than anybody else on the staff of Andrews University. The students whom she has assisted in this way are legion, and some of them for whom English was not their native language owe a special



debt to her for bringing clarity to their writing...She has been a credit to her profession, her gender, her church and her educational institution.

## **Tom Shepherd, PhD, DrPH** (MA '86, PhD '91)

I was introduced to Leona Running when I attended the Seminary to work on my MA and PhD back in the late 80s. She taught me Beginning and Intermediate Hebrew... Her approach to introducing us to Hebrew was to give a quick presentation of lots of material. She said, as I recall, repeatedly, "Don't write this down, just listen." I soon obeyed and let the knowledge of this beautiful and subtle language kind of "wash over me."

## **Zdravko Stefanovic, PhD** (MA '83, PhD '87)

I appreciate in particular that she was able to teach in the Seminary for many years and at the same time stay out of administrative and theological divisions and contentions that plagued the Seminary every now and then. Instead of taking sides, she consistently remained committed to her work of teaching and scholarly research. She [also] had a good sense of humor, especially when she talked about the issues re her gender. My favorite time in her classes was the day she came to class wearing a T-shirt with the following text: "A Woman Without A Man Is Like A Fish Without A Bicycle" (see above photo from 1977-78 Cardinal).

## **Wilfried Warning, PhD** (MA '72, PhD '98)

In the final phase of my doctoral programme, I was privileged to experience your deep personal interest in my studies. While taking my comps, it was because of your encouragement that I didn't quit, and shortly afterwards it was your initiative to become a member of my doctoral committee. Furthermore, it was you who edited my dissertation, and in recent years it has been you who deleted any Germanism from articles of mine written in English. Danke.

two nights at St. Catherine's Monastery, swam in the Dead Sea, hiked through Hezekiah's Tunnel, enjoyed Sabbath services and communion by the Garden Tomb on what would have been Bud's 48th birthday, and much more. As much as she had enjoyed the trip, Leona's first meal on return was a big piece of apple pie and two chocolate ice-cream sodas in the airport.

She had taken copious notes, which led to the publication of *From Thames to Tigris* by Washington Missionary College Press. By that fall, with the Review paying better than her full-time Seminary work, she was able to pay half-time tuition at Johns Hopkins and began studying Akkadian.

A shock came at Autumn Council in 1958. Plans had been laid for the Seminary, the new School of Graduate Studies and Washington Missionary College to unite as Potomac University and build a new campus on a country site. Following a whirlwind of events, the Council voted to relocate Potomac University to Berrien Springs, Mich., to join Emmanuel Missionary College.

This huge transition in the church left Leona wondering how she would complete the doctoral program. Would she have to start over at the University of Chicago? Floyd Rittenhouse, president of the newly combined institution (soon to be renamed Andrews University), arranged to cover her tuition and grant her time to complete her degree at Johns Hopkins. In 1960, she completed four of her comprehensives and moved to

Berrien Springs, where she was given a "dollhouse" on Grove Avenue.

Leona had returned to her alma mater. With the construction of Seminary Hall underway, she taught in another building on campus while still pursuing her own degree. During the first year, she took her comprehensive exam in Ancient History and the following year, Hebrew Bible and Critical Studies. She ably passed all six.

The Seminary moved into its new offices in 1961, with two teachers to a suite and a secretary between. Later, Leona moved to a quieter office, to concentrate on the Syriac microfilms of Isaiah she was reading in the high, old microfilm reader the library lent her for this dissertation research.

The merger into a university required adjustments. The Seminary, a GC institution, had been promised it could retain all its "perks" and be separate, and the college people weren't any happier to receive the Seminary folks than the latter had been to move. But soon the accrediting agency insisted on "amalgamation." As the only female faculty member in the Seminary, Leona felt isolated. But Rittenhouse was getting a good deal. He had commented to Leona, "I like to hire women teachers—they don't cost me so much money." Eventually the groups merged, while Leona kept focused on her dissertation.

The final copy included 147 pages of handwritten Syriac, which she wrote twice, pressing hard for two carbons, as six copies were required. She took

the sleeper train to Baltimore, and department members took her to lunch at the Johns Hopkins Club, where only men could enter by the front door—women and mixed groups used a rear kitchen door, passed through a corridor lined with heating pipes, and ascended to a separate room. She says, "I resented such blatant discrimination even then." The early-afternoon defense went well, and she waited in the hall until the committee called for "Dr. Running" to return. She felt relief and elation. Back at Andrews, at the faculty-board banquet the president and seminary dean announced her success and ostentatiously called her "Dr." to let people know not to call her "Mrs." anymore. Still, she did not feel finished until she attended the graduation ritual in June 1964 and received her diploma. Her gift to herself was a white Corvair with red interior.

That fall Leona took some students to hear William Albright lecture at the University of Notre Dame. Albright told her, "I've been thinking about you. I'd like you to be my research assistant." She immediately arranged for a one-year leave of absence. Upon informing Albright of her leave, his first question was, "Can you type?" He would not only pay her well, but would also allow her to fulfill her plan to spend the following summer in an Israeli Ulpan, studying Modern Hebrew. She traveled via Europe, enjoyed a night in a Kibbutz, learned a lot of Hebrew and toured other areas.

That fall she returned to Baltimore, found housing near the Albright

# achievements

**1977** Honored alumna at the 40th anniversary of her EMC graduation

**1978** Honored alumna at the 45th anniversary of graduation from Adelphian

**1979–81** Vice president, then president, Chicago Society of Biblical Research

**1980s** The Charles Weniger Award for Excellence in Teaching

**1987** A surprise issue of *AUSS* as a Festschrift honoring her 25 years as copy-editor (she still helps with that work)

**1991** Honored by the Association of Adventist Women at Calif. convention

**1992** Trailblazer Award—Lake Union Conference Women's Ministries Department

**1993** J.N. Andrews Medallion at May graduation

**1997** GC Education Department's Medallion

**2001** Honored at the dedication of the renovated Seminary building as the first woman professor and the last professor who had taught in Takoma Park

home, revived her shorthand and took dictation from Albright each day, transcribing it each evening. By summer 1966 Leona missed teaching. She had approval for another year's leave, but she and Albright were both wearing out from the intensity of their work. Leona phoned Dean Murdoch to see if they needed her and was assured they had her classes covered—not what she wanted to hear. Murdoch quickly assured her they could rearrange things and happily welcome her back.

Leona returned to help Albright during term breaks, Christmas breaks, and a sabbatical in 1970. Dispensing with shorthand, she took dictation directly on his portable typewriter and handed the work back to him to edit. In 1966 Leona assisted Albright's family in celebrating his 75th birthday. For his 80th, at which he was given a Festschrift, she surprised him and joined the family for supper at the Johns Hopkins Faculty Club. Then as the family began planning a 50th-anniversary celebration, he suffered several strokes and subsequently died.

Leona's recent autobiography, *My Journey*,\* details how she came to coauthor Albright's biography with another of his former students, David Noel Freedman, then teaching at the University of Michigan. This included additional time in the Albrights' apartment, sorting papers, adding information from Freedman's 25-year correspondence with Albright, visiting helpful relatives, and ultimately dealing with threats from a couple of family members who had changed their minds about the project.

In 1967, the administration offered Leona her house if she would move it. For less than \$1,000, she had it moved to Fourth Street. Judson Habenicht, her sister's husband, moved the garage on a trailer pulled by his tractor, attached it to the house and built some additional rooms. Around the same time, Horn, Murdoch and Hammill negotiated a policy with the GC for women in educational work to be paid equally to men, giving Leona a substantial raise. In 1992, after 25 years in the house, she had outgrown it. She bought a two-story

home on Sunset Drive with a rental apartment, where she lives to this day.

A steppingstone in Leona's quest for gender equality came in the fall of 1972 when Hammill decreed that Leona could wear pantsuits to her college Greek class, as she substituted for Elly Economou, working on her doctorate in Strasbourg. It was the first winter her legs were not chapped. But Murdoch took over her Hebrew class while she went home to change, as he and Hedy Jemison, his secretary, were dead set against women wearing pants. When Horn became dean in 1973, he immediately approved pantsuits. He also offered Leona the chairmanship of the Old Testament Department, which she declined.

In the summer of 1970, Leona was asked by the GC to write a paper on the role of women in the church. In it she discussed a few discrimination issues. When she asked Wilber Alexander to read the rough draft, she was amazed to hear that he thought they had in mind the ordination of women, which had never entered her mind! For many years, Leona collected articles, journals and books on the issue of women in church and society, which she eventually donated to the Center for Adventist Research in the James White Library. She still adds to it from time to time.

Leona retired at the age of 65, but continued to edit dissertations and sponsor students who needed help. For the first 21 years of retirement she still taught Egyptian, Akkadian and Syriac, finally quitting in May 2002 after 46 years.

Her students sometimes wished her name was Walker, or referred to her as "Leona Flying," rather than "Running." She had a reputation for immersing them in a language quickly and thoroughly, but she was always there to help them. She treasured her time spent mentoring students. Wilfried Warning of Germany was another of Leona's star students. Warning, who graduated in 1998 and teaches at Schulzentrum Seminar Marienhoehe in Darmstadt, still phones Leona regularly every couple of weeks to check on her. Her final star was archaeologist Robert Bates, who graduated in August 2004, with Leona given the privilege of hooding him.



For Leona's 80th birthday the Women's Scholarship Committee at Andrews wrote to friends, colleagues and former students and established the Leona Glidden Running Endowed Scholarship for women Seminary students. To date, more than a dozen women have been assisted.

In 2006, Leona celebrated her 90th birthday at a Faculty-Lounge Sabbath School potluck hosted in her honor. A letter from her first star student, Earle Hilgert, was read; and her last star, Bob Bates, just back from Jordan and Egypt, attended, a fitting tribute that spanned Leona's teaching career from Laurelwood Academy to Andrews University. A true "mother in Israel" in a bastion of men through most of her remarkable career, Leona has impacted thousands of lives—and ministries—around the world. ■

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Madeline Steele Johnston (MA '77) worked for 20 years as secretary for the Seminary's Department of World Mission. In her retirement, she enjoys photography, traveling, writing and knitting, as well as serving as a copy-editor for AUSS.

*\*My Journey (2009) is available at ABCs, Andrews University Bookstore, or by sending \$15 to the General Conference Ministerial Association, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20904.*

# CREATION AND EVOLUTION

Dwight K. Nelson on the re-release of his landmark book

by Karen Pearson

More than a decade ago Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University, wrote a little book about creation and evolution entitled *Built to Last*. Timely when originally published, it has become even more relevant today, with the escalating public clash between the two worldviews: creation vs. evolution.

Higher education is at the frontline of the debate, as evidenced by a tension

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that has become increasingly apparent in many college campuses across the country. Nelson believes this is a result of a resurgence of youthful, evangelical thinking among Christian university students that is raising creation/design questions in the academic environment. In a recent statement, Jan Paulsen, General Conference president, appealed to “all educators at Seventh-day Adventist institutions at all levels to continue upholding and advocating the church’s position on origins.”

Nelson notes that the church through its institutions of higher education must continue to seek ways to prepare a generation of young adults, schooled in the teaching of supernaturalism/

theism/creationism, and instructing them in the basic presuppositions of Darwinism and evolutionary theory. “We have four years,” he states, “to prepare our young adults to be informed, unashamed, and unafraid to articulate the Bible’s creation paradigm intelligently and logically in a society that unabashedly embraces naturalism.”

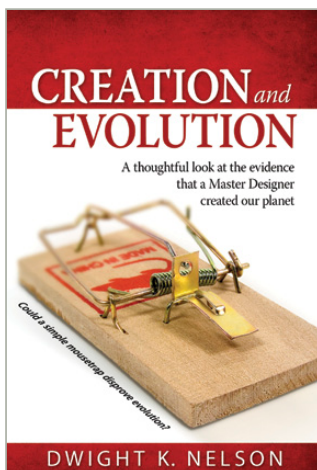
Pacific Press® recently reprinted Nelson’s book under the title *Creation and Evolution*, making this excellent resource available to a new generation of young adults. Although *Creation and Evolution* is not a scientific treatise on the subject, he notes in the preface, “I am fully aware this book cannot possibly treat the issues comprehensively. However, the further I delve into this debate, the firmer grows my pastoral conviction that faith in the biblical accounts of Creation can intelligently withstand the assault of Darwin’s theory.

“Through his promise of heaven God is assuring us that we are not destined to helplessly watch this ecosystem disintegrate into a final flickering spark. Rather we have the hope that even as He created the world out of nothing in the beginning, even so He will once again recreate this planet back into the pristine and primordial beauty and perfection of the beginning. Heaven is God’s promise to a “green generation” that what they deeply long for will one day become reality. It is no wonder Seventh-day Adventist young adults (and the rest of us, for that matter) can face the future with such hope and confidence in Christ!” ■

Karen Pearson (former staff) writes from Nampa, Idaho.



Dwight K. Nelson (above) The re-release of *Built to Last* is entitled *Creation and Evolution* (below)





## Alumni calendar of events

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### April

- 14 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
6 p.m.  
Alumni House  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.
- 29 Alumni Graduation Picnic**  
6 p.m.  
Alumni House  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.  
Just prior to graduation rehearsal, the Alumni Association will host graduates at this traditional celebration. If you're local and interested in volunteering, please contact the Office of Alumni Services.

### May

- 12 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
6 p.m.  
Alumni House  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.

### June

- 9 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
6 p.m.  
Alumni House  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.

- 12 Michigan Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church  
Cedar Lake, Mich.
- 19 Southern New England Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
Southern New England campgrounds  
South Lancaster, Mass.
- 19 Indiana Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
Indiana Academy  
Cicero, Ind.
- 19 Wisconsin Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
Andrews University cabin  
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wis.
- 19 Lake Region Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
Camp Wagner  
Cassopolis, Mich.

### July

- 14 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
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Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.

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### August

- 5 ASI/Florida Alumni Gathering**  
6 p.m.  
We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those who will be attending the ASI Conference in Orlando, Fla.
- 11 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting**  
6 p.m.  
Alumni House  
Andrews Univ, Berrien Springs, Mich.

### RSVP for an event

RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: [vwww.andrews.edu/alumni](http://vwww.andrews.edu/alumni).

**Please Note:** Locations and times are subject to change.



**General Conference Alumni Gathering**  
June 27, 2010, 9 a.m.  
Georgia Aquarium  
Atlanta, Ga.

RSVP required (limited to 300 guests)  
\$20 fee (children under 10 free)  
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Plan to bring your family and join us at this premier location for breakfast in the ballroom, complete with views of fish and sea life, then feel free to spend the day at the world's largest aquarium. Includes Wolfgang Puck catering, admittance to the Georgia Aquarium and an opportunity to win a copy of the new *Andrews Study Bible*. We can't wait to share Andrews and Atlanta with you!

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

## Alumni gatherings

### Orlando, Florida

Thursday, January 7, 2010



Over 100 people attended a dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association, at Highland Manor, in Orlando, Fla. Alumni and other attendees were served a delicious buffet-style meal in a large reception hall of the restaurant. President **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) shared stories about Andrews and plans for its future with the group, and all seemed to enjoy hearing him speak with passion and enthusiasm about the university. In addition, **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), assistant director of Alumni Services, shared pictures and updates from campus in a short presentation.

### Arlington, Texas

Thursday, January 27, 2010



Alumni and friends gathered at The Spaghetti Warehouse in Arlington, Texas, where we packed the room with twice the number we had last year. **David Faehner** (MA '72), vice president for University Advancement, Chris LeBrun, director of development, and **Ryan Keough** (BT '03), senior development officer, enjoyed mingling with the group, while **Tami Condon** (BS '91) shared pictures and news about recent events at Andrews.

### Riverside, California

Sunday, January 31, 2010



More than 100 alumni came out to the Old Spaghetti Factory for dinner, where we had a spacious private room, filled with character. After a prayer by **Lawrence Geraty** (MA '63, BD '65) and a meal, **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), assistant alumni director, shared pictures and updates from campus, while President **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) addressed the group and took questions. A short snippet of the president's comments can be viewed on your YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/andrewsalumni](http://www.youtube.com/andrewsalumni).

### San Diego, California

Tuesday, February 1, 2010

This was our second visit to this recently added location on our California tour of events. We met at the festive Cozymel's Mexican Restaurant, where we had a private room to visit and hear news of campus from the Office of Alumni Services as well as some updates on the Legacy of Leadership campaign from the Office of Development. We look forward to growing the attendance and welcome any feedback from the local alumni community on any improvements or changes we should make to this event.

### Napa, California

Tuesday, February 3, 2010

We enjoyed an authentic Mexican buffet at Compadres Rio Grille, the second time at this location which was enjoyed by all present. After an introduction from his wife, **Demetra** (att.), President **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) shared some enrollment updates and explained the increase in Andrews Partnership Scholarships. During a question and answer session, Andreasen discussed the changing national education trends and offered some insight on Andrews University's favorable position in the current educational market.

## Sacramento, California

Monday, February 2, 2010



We enjoyed a meal at The Old Spaghetti Factory, where we had a private meeting area just for Andrews alumni. President **Niels-Erik Andreasen** (MA '65, BD '66) addressed the group and took questions. To update local alumni on campus news and events **Andriy Kharkovyy** (BBA '06, MBA '09), assistant director of Alumni Services, shared a presentation from the Office of Alumni Services.

## Cardinal vs. Alumni hockey game and open skate

Saturday, February 27, 2010



Students and alumni enjoyed games during the Cardinal vs. alumni hockey game and open skate sponsored by the Department of Social Recreation & Athletics and Alumni Association, held at the Ice Box in South Bend, Ind. The open skate was broken up periodically with different races and games, including couples, girls, guys and train races. There was also a special men's speedskating competition. Prizes were given to the winners, including various gift cards to local restaurants.

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## Alumni spotlight

Andrews University's oldest known alumna celebrated her 105th birthday on Jan. 4, 2010. **Vinamae Pearl Clark Losey** graduated from Battle Creek Academy and attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1923 and 1924.

Since that time, many of Losey's descendants have graduated from her alma mater. Four living generations have attended Andrews University: daughter **Florence (Hunter) Jerome** (BA '55) and her husband **Gene** (MAT '68), granddaughter **Cheryl (Losey) Logan** (BS '09), and great-grandchildren **Andrew Logan** (BS '09) and **Clara Logan** (BS '05).

Born in Battle Creek, Mich., on Jan. 4, 1905, Losey is of Swedish descent. She has lived through the history that many can only dream of with help from books, movies and documentaries.

She loves to tell stories of the early days of the church in Battle Creek. Her mother graduated from the Battle Creek School of Nursing and worked at the Sanitarium, and her father was head chef. When Pearl was an infant, her mother counseled with Ellen G. White regarding raising children and church attendance and Sister White advised "bend them gently." Another story Pearl often told was being nine years old, squeezed on a pew in her church, the Dime Tabernacle, with a record attendance for Sister White's funeral.

She was 17 when the Dime Tabernacle burned down. Sabbath evening the young people had met in the Tabernacle for MV meeting. About two hours later the young people were ice skating on Frog Pond when they saw light against the night sky. Putting their shoes on, they ran a mile, wondering what was burning, hoping it wasn't their church. She also humorously recalls a gentleman named Harvey Kellogg dressed in white from his head down to his shoes and telling her great-grandson Andrew, "I'm sooooo glad I didn't have to wash that."

In addition to Pearl Losey's many stories of the early days of the church in Battle Creek, she is known as a naturalist with an encyclopedic memory and curiosity about God's creation.

Pearl made her mark on the world as "the bee lady," outside of Jackson where she and her husband homesteaded and started the family beekeeping business in 1928. She taught many people throughout the Great Lakes region about beekeeping and worked beside her husband until 1974 caring for 1,200 beehives. She retired at the age of 100. When asked how she's lived so long, she responds, "because I've always been a vegetarian."

Granddaughter Cheryl Logan adds, "She sponsors children in Christian education because when she was a child, Battle Creek



Vinamae "Pearl" Clark Losey

Church members helped her." Pearl is faithful to God and has lived unconditional love by opening her arms and home to orphans who lost their dad in a plane crash in the African mission field and even today sponsors six kids in Uganda.

"Having lived through two World Wars and the Great Depression, she is a woman with resolve to tackle anything life throws at her with grace and dignity," says granddaughter Velma Popham.

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Ken Wilson



Keith Howson



Tony Martin

## 1960s

**Harvey J. Byram** (BS '68, MA '71) is semi-retired from his position as planned giving director at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He and his wife, **Carolyn (Titus)** (att.) live in Cleburne, Texas.

**Rose Mary (Guajardo) Olivares** (att.) is a retired school counselor from the Dallas, Texas Independent School District. Her husband, **Ishmael** (BA '69, MA '73), is a retired school administrator. Rose Mary says, "The Lord blessed us with three beautiful girls and their families, talented and faithful to Him." One of her memories from Andrews is making and selling sandwiches and donuts with Dean Bradley to dorm students. Her professional accomplishments include a scholarship from SMU to obtain a master's in bilingual education, a "Stand and Deliver" Award, Teacher of the Year in 1992, and counselor certification from Texas A & M University. They are both actively involved in their local church as elders, Sabbath School teachers and Rose Mary is also a leader in the stewardship department.

**Ken Wilson** (MDiv '76) owns and operates an alcohol/drug treatment center, Steppingstones To Recovery and the Awakening Center in Augusta, Ga. He says, "We recently received a grant from the VA (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs) of \$500,000 to construct a homeless women's shelter for the VA. My middle daughter, Jessica Epps, LCSW, also works with me as the most important employee. Probably more so than me. I invite former classmates to contact me at [ken@steppingstonestorecovery.net](mailto:ken@steppingstonestorecovery.net)."

## 1970s

**Rex D. Edwards** (MA '71, MDiv '74) recently published *From the Manger to the Empty Tomb* by Stanborough Press. Editor David Marshall says, "...One of the most notable features is the author's ability to bring out the dramatic qualities inherent in the life of Christ. The author interprets the Scripture and describes Christ not only in historical perspective but in exciting and contemporary terms."

## 1980s

Two Avondale College lecturers have received Teacher Recognition Awards from the Hunter region of the Australian College of Educators (ACE) after being nominated by their students. **Keith Howson** (BS '80, MBA '81), dean of the Faculty of Business and Information Technology, and **Tony Martin** (MAT '80), a lecturer in and the course coordinator for the Faculty of Arts, joined 59 other educators from the region's primary, secondary and tertiary institutions as award recipients at Newcastle Town Hall on Nov. 3, 2009. Citations reflect comments by nominating students describing why educators serve "above and beyond the call of duty." Keith's nomination was for being "a visionary and champion to his students" while Tony's was for being "compassionate and considerate of every student's individual needs as well as encouraging us to do our very best, and to 'dig a little deeper.'"

**Sharai Lee-Lindsley** (BSMT '82) received her teaching certificate in 1999 and taught algebra and geometry at Hackett Catholic Central High School for three years until retirement. She has four sons and two grandsons.

**Orlan Johnson** (BA '84) has recently joined the Saul Ewing LLP Washington, D.C. office as a partner in the business department and a member of the Securities Transactions and Utility Practice Groups. Orlan joins the firm from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP where he served as co-head of its regulatory practice in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to that, he served for nine years as a staff attorney and branch chief in the division of investment management for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition to his legal practice, Johnson is an adjunct professor of law at Howard University School of Law, where he teaches Securities Regulation classes. Orlan and his wife, Zina, have three children.



The Neall family



The Wines family



The Pelley family

**Edwin Reynolds** (MA '87, PhD '94) lives in Ootewah, Tenn., with his wife **Connie (Tucker)** (att.). Edwin is currently professor of New Testament and Greek for Southern Adventist University. Before coming to Andrews, Edwin taught at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. While he was there he was able to design and supervise the construction of the bell tower at the entrance to the school. In addition to his work in the Philippines, he has also served as a missionary in Pohnpei, and at Solusi College in Zimbabwe. Edwin has served as editor of various publications, and is currently editor of the *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*. Memories of his time at Andrews include helping to set up the graduate student association and writing its constitution. Edwin and Connie are blessed to have three children, Beth, David and Brandon.

**David Raih** (MS '87) lives with his wife, Ruth, and their three children in Greenville, Mich. David works as an office nurse in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Ruth is a housewife.

**Cletus Georges** (BS '87) is a urologist who has made his home and practice in Orlando, Fla. From January 2005 until December 2006, Cletus served as the chairman for the department of urology at Florida Hospital Orlando. In his free time he enjoys traveling all over the world to places as far-flung as Australia and South Africa. Cletus is grateful for many things including good health, family and the "lasting friendships" he formed at Andrews.

## 1990s

**Gregory D. Bratcher** (MDiv '91) and Pamela (Kech) recently moved to Dallas, Texas where Gregory works as a finance analyst and Pamela is an administrative assistant. They have two granddaughters, Bethany, 3 and Gabriella, 2, who are the joy of their lives.

**Geoffrey Alfred Pauner** (PhD '91) was ordained as a pastor in 1981 and has served as president of the Singapore & Sabah Mission, director of education for the southeast Asia Union Mission and, although retired, has recently been appointed as a lay pastor by the Texas Conference. He and his wife, **Kathleen (Leong)** (AS '96) have two sons who also graduated from Andrews: **Richard Allen** (BArch '94) and Roger Lee (BS '98). Richard received a degree in architecture and Roger received his nursing degree. Geoffrey traveled to the Far East every year from 1989–96 to recruit students for Andrews.

**Christine (Bothne)** (MA '98) and **Robert Ronald Neall** (MDiv '94) are the proud parents of a baby boy, Elliot Ronald Neall, born August 26, 2009, 9 pounds, 3.5 ounces, 21 1/4 inches. Rob and Christine are currently working at Ouachita Hills Academy & College where Rob loves teaching Bible and directing the Ringers of Hope bell choir, among other responsibilities. Christine is working from home. They have been actively involved in youth ministry, missions and ASI.

**Jeffery E. Wines** (BS '97, MAYM '02) has accepted a call to serve as the youth and communication director for the Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is currently serving as senior pastor for the Columbia Seventh-day Adventist church in Columbia, Mo. Six and a half years of pastoral ministry and three years of teaching have only deepened Jeff and Cathy's love for young people. "More than anything I want to see the church grow with young people leading the way," Jeff said. "The Seventh-day Adventist Church is called to spread the love of God to a dying planet just before Jesus comes and young people are to be on the cutting edge of this call. I look forward to being back in Minnesota reaching our youth for Christ by connecting, worshiping, playing and talking with young people."

## 2000s

**Paul** (BS '00) and **Rebekah (Widner) Pelley** (BS '02) are proud to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Paul, born Dec. 13, 2009 in Santa Clara, Calif. After graduating from Andrews, Paul attended Stanford University where he earned a master's degree in aerospace engineering and Rebekah attended La Sierra University, earning an Educational Specialist degree in school



Sean &amp; Rachel Sinnett



Dena &amp; Elia King



Jeff &amp; Yomarie Habenicht

psychology. Paul currently works as a software engineer for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, Calif., and Rebekah is a school psychologist in San Jose, Calif.

**Sean Sinnett** (BMus '02) and **Rachel Cabanilla** (BA '00, BMus '01) were married December 28, 2008, in Joliet, Ill. They currently live in Buchanan, Mich.

**Maggie Erickson** (BA '04, BBA '07) was named 2008 National Artist by the Gospel Music Association (GMA) and won Disney's Best of Show at Estes Park in 2008. She released her first record in 2009 and is actively involved in music ministry at Mosaic SDA Christian Fellowship. She says, "I travel all over and sing at different churches...trying to use my music to encourage people to love well, to do all that we possibly can to be the hands and feet of Jesus here."

**Elia King** (BA '05) was recently hired as senior designer in the Office of Marketing and Public Relations at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. His wife, **Dena (Drane)** (former staff), serves as assistant vice president for Advancement at Southwestern.

**Richard Parke** (BA '05) is currently employed as IT administrator at the Buchanan Family Medical Center, Buchanan, Mich. In his spare time Richard volunteers at Andrews as Easter Passion Play director and CMRadio Internet Radio Station manager ([www.andrews.edu/go/cmradio](http://www.andrews.edu/go/cmradio) and [passionplay.andrews.edu](http://passionplay.andrews.edu)).

**Darrell J. Rohl** (BS '07) received a Master of Arts in archaeology, with distinction, from Durham University, UK. The degree was conferred on January 15, 2010.

**Jeffery Habenicht** (BS '09) has been accepted into Harvard Law School where he will begin studying the fall of 2010. He is presently working on his master's in psychology at Boston University, which he will complete in spring 2010. Habenicht credits two Andrews faculty, in particular, for his success as an undergraduate at Andrews University: Karl Bailey, assistant professor of psychology, and Monique Pittman, assistant professor of English and director of the J.N. Andrews Honors Program. "Bailey was my advisor and friend in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and played a huge role in my education. Not only was he an excellent professor, but he was a great help and motivation outside of the classroom," says Habenicht. The J.N. Andrews Honors Program also played an integral role in his education at Andrews. "Pittman and the entire J.N. Andrews Honors program faculty were especially helpful in broadening my academic horizons and helping me see the big picture in education," he says. "That extra time and attention which may be absent at a larger school played a huge part in making me the student I am today. The rigorous courses prepared me for the level of work I could expect later on in graduate school." Habenicht plans to pursue a joint degree in law and public policy, and anticipates specializing in public policy and legislation. Habenicht, who is a newlywed, is married to Yomarie Silvia.

## Keep us informed

Were you recently married? Have you rejoiced in the birth of a new child? Celebrated the life of a loved one who passed away? Share your recent life stories with alumni friends. Class notes provide an opportunity to include news about achievements, professional development, additional degrees or certificates, travel, hobbies, volunteer work or anything else interesting about you, or your family. If possible, please include a high-resolution digital photo or original print for publication in class notes. Thank you for keeping your alumni family up-to-date with your life.

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## Births & Adoptions

To **Sarah** (MSA '06) and **Marius Asafei** (CERT '05), a son, Tristan Alexander Vasile Matthews-Asafei, born Oct. 26, 2009.

## Deaths

**Alean Dawn Cato** (MA '97) of Winston-Salem, N.C. went to rest on Dec. 21, 2009 after a well-fought battle with leukemia.

The eldest of ten children, she was born to Charles (deceased) and Eula Lee Gordon on Sept. 29, 1946 in Belmont District, St. Andrew Parish, Jamaica, West Indies. Upon completion of primary school, Alean matriculated to Kingsway High School in Kingston, Jamaica, from which she graduated. She went on to pursue a teacher's certificate at Mico Teacher's College in Kingston, Jamaica. Alean received her bachelor's degree in education at Kean College in Union, New Jersey and culminated her academic career when she received her master's degree in curriculum & instruction from Andrews University in 1997.

She married **Vernon Cato** (MA '78) on Sept. 2, 1970. To this union three children were born, Mishael, **Michael** (BS '94) and **Marsha** (BS '01).

Alean was an exceptional teacher with an extensive career spanning 35+ years. She taught in various Adventist schools in Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, New York, and North Carolina. From Cayman Academy to Lakeside Christian in Ohio, from Mt. Calvary in Florida to Trinity Temple in New Jersey, from Flatbush in New York to Ramah in Ohio, from Baldwin's Chapel in North Carolina to Bethesda in New York, and finally to Napoleon B. Smith in North Carolina. Alean's last position, as principal of the Napoleon B. Smith Academy, combined her love and passion for teaching with her natural affinity for administration.

She is survived by her husband Vernon, children Mishael Cato-Williams (Willie III) of Charleston, S.C., Michael Cato (Simone) of Charlotte, N.C., and Marsha Cato of Winston-Salem, N.C.; two grandchildren Patricia Dawn Williams and Willie Williams, IV (aka Big Bill) of Charleston, S.C.; her mother Eula Lee Gordon of Jamaica, West Indies, siblings Franklin Gordon (Barbara) of Canada, Rudolph Gordon (Sharon) of Canada, Jacquelin Hall (Carson) of

Jamaica, Glasford Gordon (Cheryl) of Jamaica, Jefferson Gordon (Janet) of Virginia, Asquith Gordon (Marcia) of Jamaica, Charles Gordon (Debbie) Jr. of New York, sister-in-law Kathleen Gordon of New York.

**James A. Cress** (MDiv '73), 60, ministerial secretary for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists since 1992, died on the evening of Nov. 26, 2009 at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore, Md.

Cress led out in training, encouragement and mentoring of pastors, elders, deacons and deaconesses around the world. His position saw him travel to many countries around the globe, holding seminars, preaching sermons and working with local leaders and pastors to promote excellence in ministry.

Cress was the author of several books, including *Common Sense Ministry*, *More Common Sense Ministry*, and *You Can Keep Them If You Care*, and hundreds of articles for *Ministry* magazine, of which he was publisher. In that role, Cress continued and strengthened fund-raising efforts to send copies of *Ministry* to pastors outside of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, as a way of building bridges between Adventists and other faith communities. This also led to the annual PREACH seminar, which under Cress' leadership expanded to global satellite, cable TV and Internet broadcasts, reaching 25,000 pastors each year with continuing education in homiletics.

Cress graduated from Southern Missionary College with a bachelor's degree in theology, a Master of Divinity from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, and a Doctor of Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He had previously served as a pastor evangelist and ministerial secretary in the Mid-America region of the United States before joining the General Conference.

Cress is survived by his wife Sharon and a brother, **John C. Cress** (MDiv '80, DMin '00), of College Place, Wash., an Adventist pastor who serves with Adventist Health Care. A third brother, **David Cress** (MDiv '82), who had been president of the Georgia-Cumberland Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, died in an airplane crash in December of 2004.

**Dottie Davidson** (att.), 82, passed away Nov. 4, 2009, in Avon Park, Fla.

Dottie was born on June 30, 1927 in Battle Creek, Mich., to Mike and Dorothy Shasky. Her father became an Adventist at the age of 16 and helped to bring his 11 siblings into the Church. Her mother was treasurer for the Kentucky Conference and secretary for A.G. Daniels at the General Conference.

While attending Andrews University, Dottie was introduced to **Jim Davidson** (BA '51), the love of her life. Immediately she thought, "This is the man I am going to marry!" Little did Jim know he was destined to be a husband for 61½ years and the father of five children.

She was proud of all her children's professional accomplishments. **Jim Jr.** (att.) is a nuclear environmental scientist; **Joni (Davidson) Pickukaric** (att.) works in healthcare information management and hospital administration. **Brent** (att.) is a physician; **John** (att.) is a businessman; and **Bonnie (Davidson) Briggs** (BBA '86) is a homeschooling mother.

The loves of her life were the Christian education of her children and grandchildren, her work in a variety of mission fields, the genealogy of her parents' families, being an author, and working with the Wildwood Foundation.

In 1973 her Uncle Fred willed all of his properties to Wildwood Sanitarium, Inc. and she was made vice president of the corporation in charge of land management. Fred had 2,500 acres of land in six states, plus several houses around Battle Creek, Mich. Dottie became a real estate salesperson, and took her state boards in June 1976. She passed them the first time, thanks to many prayers and the Lord's blessing.

She and her son, Jim Jr., developed a spreadsheet macro on one of the first Macintosh PCs that was used for years to process Jim Sr.'s survey data. Over the years she worked hard to keep up with the rapid changes in computing. She was able to stay in touch with her family and friends all around the world through e-mail and Facebook™.

In Dottie's own words, "God has blessed us with a work in missions, at home and abroad, and we want to live our lives to glorify His name. Our mission work has taken either Jim or me or both to Okinawa, Europe, Africa, Mexico, Belize, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Colombia, Chile and Uruguay. From Uncle Fred's funds, we have had the great privilege of establishing churches, schools and clinics in several of these



countries. Many trips have been with students from Andrews University that have gone with us on Maranatha trips. We praise Him for allowing us to be a part of His great work in spreading the gospel of his soon coming.”

Dottie is survived by her husband, James Richard Davidson Sr.; her five children, Jim Jr., Joni (Davidson) Picukaric, Brent, John and Bonnie (Davidson) Briggs; and eight grandchildren.

**Roberta Annette Bliesath Litchfield** (att.), 66, of Adelphi, Md., died Oct. 11, 2009, after an extended illness. Born on Nov. 20, 1942, Roberta was raised in Napoleon, Mich.

She graduated in 1961 from Adelphian Academy in Holly, Mich., and attended Andrews University from 1961–62 and 1963–64. After marrying **Neil Bradley Litchfield** (BA '65) in 1964, Roberta relocated to Philadelphia and later to Takoma Park, Md., where she worked for several organizations, including GEICO and Washington Adventist Hospital, prior to the birth of her daughter, Corinne (née Corylyn Rae).

She was an avid crafter with an affinity for needlework and beading. Roberta is survived by her husband, Neil; daughter Corinne; stepmother Arlene Bliesath; sisters Maris Bliesath Hodges, Sheila Bliesath, Carol Bliesath Bostedor and Marti Bliesath Weiss; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lea Bliesath and Vivian Trask Bliesath; sister Lorinda Bliesath Jenks; and brother Robert Scott Bliesath.

**Jose Antonio “Tony” Arias** (MDiv '99), of Las Vegas, Nev., passed away in a tragic accident, August 18, 2009, while vacationing with his family in Safford, Ariz.

Tony, 36, was born in El Salvador, Sept. 24, 1972, and grew up in Los Angeles, Calif. He attended La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif.

In his short time on this earth, Tony touched many lives through his ministry, both in Arizona and Nevada. His death is deeply mourned by his wife, of 13 years, **Mistee Arias** (former staff); and two children, Eric (7) and Salina (6). He is survived by his parents, Gloria and Juan Arias; sisters, **Etmny Arias-Cornejo** (BArch '99), Mirza Arias and Rachel Arias; and his brother, Juan Arias.

**Melchor R. Liwag** (MBA '77) passed away August 12, 2009 after a brief illness. He worked with Adventist Health System for 28 years and was director of internal auditing for Adventist Care Centers before retiring in 2005.

He and his wife loved to travel and enjoyed the opportunity to cruise and/or tour many parts of Europe, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean Islands, the Philippines, New Zealand, Australia and Eastern Europe the last 18 years. He will be remembered for his faithful service to the Altamonte Springs SDA Church as treasurer, Sabbath School teacher and elder; a generous and kindhearted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, **Liwanag (Reyes) Liwag** (MSA '98), daughter **Meli (Liwag) Fleming** (MSA '98), son Melvin Jay Liwag and one grandson.

**Eileen Jean (Lester) Peterson** (former staff) was born in Rochester, N.Y., on April 23, 1937. She died Monday, July 21, 2009, in Greenbelt, Md., due to complications following surgery.

Eileen graduated in 1955 from Lynwood Academy in California, took a year off to earn money for college, and then entered Walla Walla College in Washington. She originally planned to study to become a kindergarten teacher, but in college she showed a literary bent, serving as editor of the student literary magazine and feature editor of the student newspaper. In 1961, she graduated with a BA in English and promptly married a fellow student journalist and English major, **William S. Peterson** (former faculty). They divorced in 1994.

In the first five years after her graduation, as her husband pursued graduate degrees, she lived in Madison, Wisc., and Chicago, Ill., eventually settling just outside the rural town of Berrien Springs, Mich., where her husband was hired as a teacher at Andrews University.

She worked briefly in the university's public relations department and as a proofreader for the University Press, but turned to full-time homemaking after the birth of her first child in 1963. A second child was born in 1969. In 1971, the family moved to Greenbelt, Md.

In 1975, she helped her husband found The Cottage Press, a home-based printing business. Sitting at an enormous electronic typesetter that gave off noxious fumes when pages were printed, she painstakingly typed up books that were published by Oxford

University Press, University of California Press, the Browning Institute, and other presses.

She volunteered as a staff writer for the *Greenbelt News Review* from 1984 until her death and also wrote occasional poems for her own enjoyment.

As her youngest child approached adulthood in 1985, Eileen returned to the workforce, pursuing jobs related to children and young people. Her final jobs were at a series of childcare facilities in Greenbelt.

Eileen was best-known for her community service, which resulted in the rescue and founding of a number of Greenbelt cultural institutions, including public libraries and other arts institutions. Many of her community service projects over the years involved children's education.

Amidst her professional and volunteer work, Eileen found time to pursue various hobbies, such as collecting newspapers reporting on major world events and planting 50 brightly flowering forsythia shrubs on her lawn. Other interests included tennis, soccer and a wide range of musical styles.

Survivors include her children, Heather Peterson of Greenbelt and Glenn “Pete” Peterson of Baltimore, Md., and her siblings in California: Dean Lester of Long Beach, Robert Lester of Loma Linda, and Llona Lester Rowell of Exeter.

# Never too late

by Lynn C. Smith

Thirty years ago I graduated from Andrews University (AU). Thirty years ago I made a “mental” commitment to write to *Focus* on a regular basis to give updates on my whereabouts and accomplishments. Alas, 30 years later and this is my first attempt to put pen to paper (more accurately, fingers to computer). Now mind you, every time the *Focus* magazine came, I eagerly read through it, looking for updates on classmates, sad to see great teachers retire, but happy to see my old campus change before my very eyes. And I would be motivated again to submit something. But then life happened—I got married, started working for the “organization,” had three children, taught high school for many years, became an administrator in several Adventist schools for many years, and now my three children are in college—as a matter of fact, my oldest girl graduated with her BSW six months ago and got married eight weeks ago. A lot happens in 30 years!

I believe, though, that the springboard for finally writing to *Focus* comes from the fact that my niece just graduated from Andrews University this past August, and my second daughter is a transfer student spending her senior year at my alma mater. Both these girls, along with my other two girls, have heard many stories of the wonderful years I

Andrews, for me, was more than just a place to get a degree. Besides the fact that I found my life’s partner of 28 years there, I found a wealth of friends from all over the world—many with whom I’ve recently reconnected, thanks to Facebook. I have a head full of memories: experiencing my



Lynn and Michael Smith with their three daughters

first snowfall, getting frostbite on my toes from standing in snow for 1½ hrs. on a biology outdoor field trip (for which I was not properly dressed), my days of working in the cafeteria and at the front desk in Lamson Hall, Friday nights at BSCF and Sabbath afternoons at Caribbean MV (Sabbaths were a very welcomed time). My favorite memories were singing and travelling with the University Singers, as well as a mixed quartet I was a member of.

But more than all of this, I have very fond memories of the people who made AU more than just a place to learn—the teachers who whetted my appetite for knowledge and research and whose encouragement (and invitations to dinner) kept me going when I was homesick or feeling like I would never make it through my master’s program. Many of these

wonderful people come to mind: Bonnie-Jean Hannah (who introduced me to Special K Loaf), Irma-Jean Smoot (who always wanted to learn about my tiny island home), Lois Degner (who gave me an appreciation for professionalism), Merlene Ogden (who broadened my literary horizons), Ruth Murdoch (whose developmental psychology insights I’ve drawn on over the years), Franklin Lusk and Harold Lickey (who made singing fun and hard work at the same time), Wilfred Liske (who made my student teaching semester less stressful), Norman Miles and Walter Douglas (whom I got to know warmly through my seminary-husband), and Arlene Friestead, Sharon Jones and Zezas (who made living and working in Lamson Hall a joy). And who could forget Mrs. Guthrie?

Andrews not only prepared me for a profession, it prepared me for life. Andrews prepared me for service—to my Church and my community. Andrews prepared me spiritually—to deepen my faith in God and find a personal relationship with Him. I love AU’s new motto: “Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World.” This motto was not spelled out 30 years ago, but this is what Andrews has always been about. Thirty years later I have to acknowledge the role that Andrews has played in my life. Thirty years later I am happy my niece and my daughter have been able to experience life at Andrews. And 30 years later I’m happy I finally submitted an article to *Focus*.

## “Andrews not only prepared me for a profession, it prepared me for life.”

spent at Andrews, including how I first saw their father in the cafeteria, how we spent an hour talking to each other in the snow by a tree outside Lamson Hall (they are still looking for the tree), and how we spent many casual dates at Bon Appetite. I was happy when Highway 31 was widened, but mourned the demise of Bon Appetite.

Lynn C. Smith (MAT ’81) was born in Nassau, Bahamas and married Michael A. Smith (MDiv ’83) in September 1981. She has worked as a teacher, vice principal and principal in the Cayman Islands, Freeport and Nassau in the Bahamas. She currently resides in Freeport, Grand Bahama, where Michael pastors three churches and is the executive secretary of the North Bahamas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. They have three children: Nashanda, Shanae and Dawn.

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Rudi Maier (left), professor of mission, and Bruce Bauer, chair and professor of world mission, with 33 of the 34 approved dissertations from a DMin cohort which began at Babcock University in 2006. Students will be granted their degrees in the May 2010 graduation and receive their diplomas at a special ceremony held at Babcock in June.