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President

Spiritus, Mens, Corpus

These three Latin words are found on the Andrews University seal, and therefore on the diplomas students receive at graduation. It is fairly common for university seals to have inscriptions in Latin. For example, the seal of Oxford University has Dominus Illuminatio Mea (the Lord is my light). Harvard's seal incorporates the word Veritas (truth). Yale's seal has Lux Et Veritas (light and truth). It is presumed that Latin is used in these university mottos because at one time, in Europe at least, Latin was the language of instruction at universities.

The Andrews University seal is also composed of Latin words, perhaps for the same reason, but in addition it draws attention to three important aspects of Adventist education, the spiritual, the intellectual and the physical part of our students' development. It is holistic. In that respect our university motto differs from the others noted above.

Finally, let me draw attention to the fact that the word "university" derives from a Latin word indicating the whole, all there is, as in the word universe. While it is now common to use the term university for any institution of higher learning, at one time it was reserved for comprehensive and inclusive institutions that study all (or most) of what there is to learn.

In recent years, Andrews has focused mostly on the first two Latin words on our seal, spiritus and mens. The physical part of education that once was achieved through our work study programs has in recent years received less attention than it ought. Of course some students work in our farm and on the grounds, but much of our physical work is now performed by machines. Let us face it, we are an inactive generation. How do we pay attention to the "corpus" part of our motto?

I suggest we do it by focusing upon health, "Andrews health," by making this the most health conscious campus in our church and in our country. Adventists after all have a health message, and the whole world has become aware of the importance of health and the challenges to it—such as poor nutrition, too much fat and sugar in the diet and not enough green food, too little drinking water, a sedentary lifestyle, lack of exercise, poor living habits, harmful addictions and many more. I would like to see our campus community of students, faculty and staff become the most health conscious campus anywhere. How can we do that? Here are our plans.

We would like to focus anew on health education by organizing all our healthcare professions into a new School of Health Professions. It is in the budget and we hope to make a beginning next year. Secondly, we plan to build a new health and wellness center for our students and community. We will begin with fundraising for it. It would be a twenty-first century version of Johnson Gymnasium. We would like to institute a new focus on being healthy and staying well. We may call it "Andrews health." It will reintroduce the third Latin word on our university seal into our university life (along with the other two of course).

It will be spiritus, mens and corpus at Andrews: spiritual maturity, intellectual strength and good health to last for a lifetime. That is how Adventist education began and we want to return to it full force.

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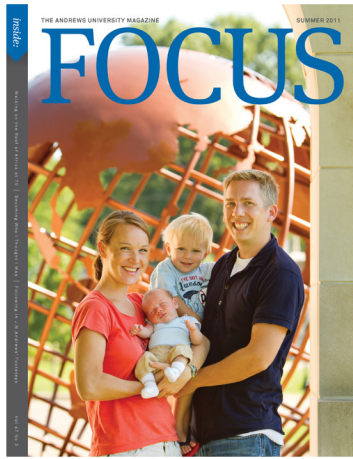
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From Itzhak to acrobatics, the opportunities for new experiences at Andrews abound. Celebrating established traditions like Alumni Homecoming and New Life Fellowship also make many new memories that will last a lifetime. Even if you were unable to attend, enjoy a look at what you missed.

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Ed McWilliams (MA '63) shared the spring issue of FOCUS with me, and asked if the third person on the last row was my sister. It is. She is LaVerne Cunningham Kunze. She graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1949, I believe, and worked for Home Study and then for the purchasing department of the General Conference in Takoma Park, Md.

Alice Cunningham, MD (att.)

Setting a good example

I was fascinated by the article "Walking on the Roof of Africa at 70" (FOCUS, Summer 2011 by Samantha Snively). Congratulations, Woodland, for your success in reaching that peak at the age of 70. Even though my home is about 50 miles (80 km) from Mt. Kilimanjaro, I feel bad that I have not made an effort to climb it. Maybe it is not too late for me at 70+ to follow Woodland's example.

For me, it was nice to know that Mt. Kilimanjaro is "the highest free-standing mountain in the world" and that some species of flowers are found only on Mt. Kilimanjaro.

Just one minor correction. The writer in the article states that "The figures for the disappearance of Kilimanjaro's glacier center on 2025, which means that the expanding population in the Arusha Plain will lose their main source." I think instead of Arusha Plain it should have been Moshi Plain. Arusha Plain gets most of its water from Mt. Meru.

Mishael Muze (BA '64)



Dennis Woodland (right) and his son-in-law, Michael Hughes of Seattle, on the trail up Mt. Kilimanjaro. The elevation rain forests are lush with many ferns, tree ferns, epiphytes and woody vines on the trees. Precipitation here is over 80 inches per year.

"Memories of Sacrifice, Reasons for Hope"

Andrews hosts a week-long series of events in remembrance of 9/11

Ten years ago, today's Andrews University undergrads would have been anywhere between 9 to 12 years of age. As elementary and middle-school children, they watched the 9/11 terrorist attacks unfold and grew up during the tumultuous decade that followed. As young adults at a university, they participated in a campus-wide commemoration of that day.

The week-long series of events, "Memories of Sacrifice, Reasons for Hope," began with a panel discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 6, in the Seminary Chapel. Also that day, students had the opportunity to hear from a World Trade Center survivor during University Forum in the Howard Center. Stanley Praitnath was recently featured in *Time* magazine as a 9/11 survivor. He was on the 81st floor of the World Trade Center when the second plane crashed into the South Tower. He eventually emerged from the building and found his way back home to his wife and two daughters.

On Wednesday night, Sept. 7, the weekly prayer service House of Prayer at Pioneer Memorial Church hosted a guest speaker, Imam Mustapha "Steve" Elturk of the Islamic Organization of North America (IONA.) Elturk is an active interfaith and community leader, and sits on numerous interfaith and racial-justice committees.

Elturk also presented "Blessed Hope" at University Forum on Thursday, Sept. 8. He further elaborated on his religious beliefs and post-9/11 experiences and one of his more recent projects—the institution of a mosque in Warren, Mich. Warren is known as a highly racist city. Elturk recalled the assistance he received from leaders of other faiths in the area, and related the story as an example of productive interfaith collaboration.

That evening, the art gallery hosted a reception for the "Post-9/11 Reflections" exhibit in the Art & Design Gallery. Brian Manley, associate professor of art, and Kristen Witzel gave lectures entitled "The Art of Peacemaking" and "Hospitality and Resilience." On Friday afternoon, the History & Political Science colloquium featured a faculty panel discussion on "Terror: Experiences, Perspectives and Judgments."

On the morning of Sunday, Sept. 11, students and faculty gathered around the flagpole to say a prayer and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m., when the first plane hit the Towers. Observers also planted small American flags in the lawn of the campus entrance.

The weekend closed with a commemorative concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center (see back cover for details).



Clockwise from top left: Panel discussion, Seminary Chapel ■ Stanley Praitnath, World Trade Center survivor, University Forum, Howard Center ■ Dwight Nelson interviews Imam Mustapha "Steve" Elturk, PMC House of Prayer ■ Small American and international flags were placed in the lawn at the University entrance

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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Southeast Asia Tour

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join the following 2012 tours offered by Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

Springtime in The Netherlands and Belgium

April 18–30, 2012

This tour will feature five nights in Delft, Holland, with day tours to include Delft, Amsterdam, The Hague, the flower auction at Aalsmeer, and much more. Best of all will be the day at the world-famous Keukenhof Gardens with their 7,000,000 tulips and spring flowers in bloom. Then it is off to Belgium for five nights in Brugge to visit that city as well as Ghent, Brussels, Antwerp, and the World War I battlefields around Ypres.

Vietnam, Cambodia and the Mekong River

November 10–25, 2012

Pre-extension to Bangkok, Thailand November 7–11, 2012

This tour features:

1. A seven-night Mekong River cruise in a river-view stateroom aboard the brand-new River Saigon with guided on-shore visits daily. The ship has only 30 all-outside cabins, and we have reserved 28 of these cabins for Andrews alumni and friends. It could be an enjoyable "homecoming" tour.
2. Seven nights in deluxe hotels in Ho Chi Ming City, Siem Reap and Hanoi, with guided excursions daily.
3. A two-day visit to Angkor Wat Temple Complex.

Full information is available upon request to:

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Envision, Andrews awarded at SAC

Receiving the prestigious Student Award, Reger Smith Jr. Cutting Edge Award, as well as several Best in Class awards

Andrews University took home several awards from the annual Society of Adventist Communicators convention held in Lombard, Ill., Oct. 19–22, 2011. At the closing banquet, an awards ceremony honored individuals for their contributions to the field of communication and recognized marketing- and communication-related projects and products that exhibit a standard of excellence.

Kimberly Maran, incoming president of the Society of Adventist Communicators, says, “With 35 categories, this is our first foray into the expansion of the awards and the presentation of them. We previously handed out five awards so this is a hefty increase.”

Kristina Penny, a senior journalism major, received the Student Award. This award is designed to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence not only in the classroom, but on-the-job as well. At the award ceremony, many of Kristina’s accomplishments were noted: editor of the *Student Movement*; lead editor of *Scriptural Pursuit* and *Sabbath School U*; completed internships with WDIV, an NBC affiliate and WDET, an NPR station, both in Detroit, Mich.; and her current work on production of a documentary about the country of Jordan.

Envision, a student-produced magazine, received the Reger Smith Jr. Cutting Edge Award. This award is named in honor of the late Reger Cutting Smith Jr., who served

the Adventist Church for 27 years in public relations, graphic design, photography and other areas of communication. Special acknowledgment was given to the Department of Communication; Debbie Michel, editor-in-chief and associate professor of communication; layout editor Daniel Campbell, a senior visual communication major; layout editor, Victor Mills, a senior visual communication major; managing editor Glenn Roper II, a master’s student in communication; and copy editor Michele Joseph, adjunct faculty.

“To receive an award in honor of Reger Smith is very special to us,” said Delyse Steyn, chair. “His influence and interest in our department was profound and meaningful.”

Andrews also received a number of Best in Class and honorable mentions for a variety of marketing- and communication-related projects and products, including a Best in Class award for FOCUS magazine.

The Society of Adventist Communicators is an organization for the socialization, continuing education, recognition, and nurture of Seventh-day Adventists whose careers are in fields of communication.



Above top: Kristina Penny, senior journalism major, received the Student Award.
Above bottom: Steve Vistaunet (left), outgoing president of the Society of Adventist Communicators, presented the Reger Smith Jr. Cutting Edge Award to the team behind *Envision* magazine. Delyse Steyn (center), chair of the Department of Communication and Glenn Roper II, an Andrews student and managing editor of *Envision*, accepted the award on behalf of the team.

English holds 4th annual lectureship

Dave Smith presents on the life and writings of Thoreau

The Department of English hosted the 4th annual J.O. Waller Lectureship of the Arts on Thursday, Oct. 27, in Newbold Auditorium of Buller Hall.

The featured speaker was Dave Smith (pictured left), senior pastor of Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, recently long-time president of Union College and before that, an English professor. Smith gave a presentation on the life and writings of Henry David Thoreau.

Focusing on Thoreau’s vocation as an avid walker, Smith addressed Thoreau’s idea of happiness as being closely related to living a simple life, appreciating the vibrancy of the

outdoors, and anticipating new discoveries in even the most ordinary environments. Smith recalled Thoreau’s referral to walking as “harvest time,” when one can revel in original thought, and no two “crops” are the same. Smith emphasized that Thoreau’s commitment to taking nature seriously has influenced ecology, contributed to the preservation of nature and encouraged many to lead more mindful, deliberate lives.

The lectureship is named in honor of John O. Waller, who chaired the Andrews University Department of English from 1963–1979.

Fall board report contains key votes

Three new programs to be added and one closed

On Tuesday, Oct. 25, President Niels-Erik Andreasen met with faculty and staff in Newbold Auditorium to give his post-board briefing. This marked the first board briefing in the new Undergraduate Learning Center.

The board voted to support the addition of three new programs: Documentary Film (Department of Visual Art & Design, College of Technology), Building Construction Management (School of Architecture) and Interior Design (School of Architecture). The board also voted to close the Department of Engineering & Computer Science’s MS in Software Engineering; however, it will teach out existing students and will focus its attention on the undergraduate program. The implementation of these changes is subject to standard campus processes.

Provost Andrea Luxton presented a short report to the board on outcome assessments, strategic planning and an update on the Griggs University integration and accreditation.

The audit subcommittee met with the board and reported on the University’s external auditors’ report, which came as a “clean opinion.” According to the committee, there was a great deal of praise from the auditors for the manner in which the financial statements were prepared. The internal auditor’s report was also reviewed.

The board looked at the beginnings of the 2012–13 budget, which will take effect on May 1, 2012. Enrollment is proposed to be budgeted at 97 percent of the previous year. Support from the General Conference is proposed to be a 2 percent increase and support from the North American Division (NAD), which gives the Seminary financial backing, is expected at 2+ percent. This proposed increase is tied to a salary increase for pastors; salaries in the NAD have been frozen for three years. The Lake Union anticipates a 1.5 percent increase, a number that is directly tied to tithing. The budget assumes an increase in food costs, benefits and employee wages. The budget discussion will resume at the March board meeting. Andreasen noted that if everything goes as planned the University would have a 3.5 percent budget gain.

The investment subcommittee authorized Andrews to draw up to 3 percent annually



Andrews University Board of Trustees, 2011–2016
Front row, L–R: Lisa M. Beardsley-Hardy, Rebekah Wang-Cheng, Danielle Wuchenich, Lynne K. Waihee, Benjamin D. Schoun (chair), Niels-Erik A. Andreasen (secretary), Dolores E. Slikkers, Michael G. Edge, Juan Prestol
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from the nearly \$40 million endowment. These funds will be used for scholarships and endowed chairs.

A capital request was approved for the lease of equipment for use at LithoTech. This lease arrangement will save the University \$80,000 a year.

In the financial report, Andreasen shared that so far this year the University is doing better than budget, in part due to an increase in tuition income. The Andrews Dairy is also doing well because milk prices are up. Meanwhile, healthcare benefit costs are running ahead of budget.

In closing, President Andreasen shared some thoughts reported to the board from the President’s Council, which included a strong recommendation to develop the School of Health Professions. The council also encouraged the University to develop a proposal for University health and wellness initiatives for all students, faculty and staff that would include a new health and wellness facility.

Faculty and staff appointments, including a large number from the School of Distance Education, were also approved.

School of Health Professions

The Board of Trustees also voted to affirm pursuing the establishment of a School of Health Professions. This new school will initially be comprised of five currently existing successful academic departments: Nursing, Physical Therapy, Nutrition & Wellness, Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology and Medical Laboratory Sciences.

The establishment of this new school is targeted for the 2012–13 year and will be charged with developing a cohesive vision for the future of health professions at the University. The new school will be poised to respond creatively to new opportunities, whether in existing programs or in the potential for new programs.

The University is now ready to advertise the position of founding Dean of Health Professions. This will be a visionary individual who has strong interpersonal and administrative skills and a professional background in health professions and/or teaching in the health professions.



James White Library receives generous grant

Collection of major science and religion works

Staff at the James White Library of Andrews University were elated to be selected by the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) to receive a rigorously peer-reviewed selection of major science and religion works. To showcase this prestigious collection, the James White Library is working to catalog the new materials and make them available for use. Valued in excess of \$10,000, the compilation includes 224 hardcover volumes, representing the intersection of religion and science with titles such as "Back to Darwin" and "God in Creation."

Faculty members Gary Burdick, assistant dean for graduate programs and research

"The collection covers a broad spectrum of topics where religion and science intersect..."

professor of physics, Tom Goodwin, professor of paleobiology, and Karen Abrahamson, a PhD candidate at the Seminary, and Tom Pittman of the Office of Development contributed to the grant proposal written by Terry Robertson, Seminary librarian.

The purpose of ISSR's grants is to make available to students and faculty the resources necessary to improve upon a foundational knowledge of the relationship between religion and science, and to enable those who make use of the highly informative collection to conduct more thorough and developed research.

Robertson observes, "The collection covers a broad spectrum of topics where religion and science intersect,

from origins to philosophy to spirituality, and also from the perspectives of different religions." The intention of the grant is not limited to simply adding more books, but to encourage interest in the content, perhaps leading to new discoveries and contributions.

The ISSR Library Project considers several aspects when selecting an institution eligible to be awarded a particular library collection.



Terry Robertson, Seminary librarian, peruses a volume from the collection given to the James White Library by the International Society for Science and Religion.

The criteria involves issues such as whether or not an institution is prepared to display the complete granted collection in a pronounced area for a given amount of time, and to what extent an institution provides academic situations that would benefit from additional material. Also taken into consideration is the likelihood of the granted material to receive a substantial amount of usage by students and faculty.

Department of Social Work retains full accreditation

Reaccreditation granted through June 2019

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) has granted reaccreditation to both the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) programs in the Department of Social Work through June 2019. The accreditation process reviews program competencies, practice behaviors, evaluation procedures, and program activities and processes.

"We are delighted our Social Work accreditation has been renewed for the maximum eight-year period," said Andrea Luxton, provost for Andrews University. "This speaks to the excellence of our faculty and programs, and we hope that even more prospective students will see the Andrews University Department of Social Work as the place of choice for their future education."

In February 2011, the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) sent site visitors to Andrews University to review the Department of Social Work BSW and MSW programs. "This was a rigorous review process," said

"We were especially pleased that the Commission had no areas of concern or remediation for our program."

Curt VanderWaal, chair of the Department of Social Work. "It provides assurance to students and employers that the programs maintain universally high-quality standards and implement the best practices of social work programs around the nation."

Although the Department of Social Work has continuously maintained its accreditation

with CSWE since 1990, all programs must be periodically reviewed to demonstrate their continued compliance with national standards. The examination of the program's 12 core competencies and over 70 individual practice behaviors is conducted to ensure graduates enter the profession prepared to serve clients with the highest level of knowledge and skills.

"The reaccreditation process is time-consuming and rigorous. We could never have completed it without the hard work and dedication of our quality faculty, staff and university administrators," said VanderWaal. "We were especially pleased that the Commission had no areas of concern or remediation for our program."

Fall 2011 season



Clockwise from top left: Opening Night (Gymnastics perform preconcert), Sunday, August 28 ■ Committed, Sunday, September 25 ■ City of Tomorrow Quintet, Sunday, October 2 ■ Second Sunday Concert, All About Sopranos, Sunday, October 9 ■ Tyler Rand, oboist, Sinfonietta Fall Concert, Saturday, October 15 ■ Debbie Weathers guest conducts the Wind Symphony, Saturday, October 22 ■ Francesca Battistelli, Sunday, October 23 ■ Faculty Recital, pianist Carlos Flores & violinist Claudio Gonzalez, Saturday, October 29 ■ Pirates of Penzance Opera Production, Saturday, November 5 ■ Choral Invitational, Saturday, November 12



Calendar

Visit howard.andrews.edu for an updated schedule of upcoming events. Schedule is subject to change.

Faculty Recital: Carla Trynchuk, violin & Chi Yong Yun, piano

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 7 p.m.
\$10 general admission, \$5 AU faculty and staff, free for all students

Trynchuk, a graduate of the Juilliard School, has performed as soloist with orchestras throughout North America and Europe. She is the director of string studies at Andrews University. Yun is currently pursuing her Doctor of Musical Arts at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with the internationally acclaimed pianist Ian Hobson. Her performances as a recitalist, collaborative musician and lecturer, have taken her throughout the United States, Korea and Europe.

Ernie Haase & Signature Sound

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 7 p.m.
\$25 reserved seating, \$20 AU faculty and staff, \$10 AU students

This Grammy-nominated, Dove Award-winning gospel music group has 14 albums to their credit. They combine contemporary ideas with traditional gospel sounds from the 1950s to create "an unconventional approach to joyfully communicating God's Word." The group has become one of the most influential forces in Southern Gospel music.

Canadian Brass

Sunday, April 15, 2012, 7 P.M.
\$35 reserved seating, \$30 AU faculty and staff, \$10 AU students

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Andrews Study Bible goes digital

Now accessible on standard desk-based and mobile computers and devices

Keeping another promise made when the publishing project was first authorized in 2007, officials at Andrews University have announced the release of the Andrews Study Bible in a popular digital format through a partnership between Andrews University and Logos Bible Software.

Logos offers the largest digital library for theological and biblical study, with more than 15,000 titles from more than 100 publishers, including premiere publishing houses such as Oxford University Press, Thomas Nelson and Merriam Webster, to name a few.

“Andrews University Press, with the Andrews Study Bible, is now part of that impressive roster,” President Andreasen said. “Logos Bible Software was a natural choice for helping us obtain an efficient and user-friendly way to make the Andrews Study Bible available for the new generations of Bible students who are comfortable with—and even demanding—digital resources.”

The digital edition was released on Oct. 10, 2011, and is available for all major operating systems, including iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch and Android-based smartphones and tablets.

“We believe users will be highly impressed with how their reading experience can be customized to their preferences, the automatic tracking between the New King James Bible text and the Andrews Study Bible Notes, and the speed and specificity of search functions,” said Erno Gyeresi, associate director of Andrews University Press, and managing editor of the Andrews Study Bible product line. “We’re particularly pleased with how the software handles the unique, linked reference system in the study notes highlighting the great themes of scripture—a hallmark feature of the Andrews Study Bible.”

New Logos Bible Software customers will purchase the complete package for \$39.95, which includes the Andrews Study Bible and the New King James Version of the Bible. Current Logos customers who may already have the New King James Version from Logos in their digital library only need to buy the Andrews Study Bible Notes, which includes all original content in the Andrews Study Bible. That retails for \$29.95.

To get the digital Andrews Study Bible, visit www.Logos.com/AndrewsStudyBible or download the app for your mobile device, register as a customer, and purchase the product.

The retail print edition of the Andrews Study Bible was released in June 2010.

“We’re excited about the powerful and user-friendly functionality of this new digital edition from Logos Bible Software.”

An outreach edition for free distribution in evangelism was released in July 2011.

“At the beginning of the Andrews Study Bible project, we promised Adventist church leaders, who helped make it all happen, that we would produce a retail edition, an outreach edition and a digital edition,” Andreasen said. “We’re pleased to report that with the release of this digital edition we have delivered on all three promises.”

Providing ongoing support to Haiti

Andrews employees assist Adventist University of Haiti with funds, emergency plans and more

Six Andrews University employees traveled to Haiti Oct. 2–12 to provide ongoing support in the aftermath of the earthquake that devastated the country in January 2010. Those who traveled to Haiti were: Mioara Diaconu, assistant professor of physical therapy; Harvey Burnett, assistant professor of psychology; Martin Smith, assistant professor of architecture; Melody Johnson from the School of Architecture; Rojelio Castillo, operations lieutenant, Campus Safety; and Benjamin Panigot, fire inspector, Campus Safety. This return trip to the Adventist University of Haiti (UNAH) was built upon previous visits from faculty in the Departments of Behavioral Sciences and Social Work.

The focus was on helping UNAH to develop an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) for the university, to establish an emergency response team through receiving Community

Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and to review the proposed architecture phase development plan for the campus.

While there, Diaconu also delivered the commencement speech for the fall 2011 graduating class. UNAH President Jean Josue Pierre was presented with a second check of \$3,000 specifically designated for student scholarships. Faculty and students of the Community & International Development program in the Department of Behavioral Sciences raised the donated funds during Diaconu’s tenure as the program director.

Top right: Ben Panigot (left), fire inspector for the Office of Campus Safety, and Rojelio Castillo (right), operations lieutenant, conducted CERT training at the Adventist University of Haiti.

Bottom right: The people of Haiti are still struggling to survive on a daily basis.



Third annual Celebration of Research

Poster presentations, reception and plenary presentations

On Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Third Annual Celebration of Research, faculty from across campus collectively exhibited nearly 100 research posters throughout Buller Hall. Almost every academic department on campus was represented with at least one poster. This annual event celebrates the growing body of research produced each year at Andrews.

“This is a faculty Celebration of Research. All presentations are done by faculty although many of the presentations have student coauthors. A student Celebration of Research is held in the spring,” says Gary Burdick, research professor of physics and associate dean for research. “One purpose of the celebration is to allow students to see the research being done by their professors, allowing them to make connections with professors they might like to do future research with.” According to Burdick, in

2010 alone, Andrews faculty produced 14 full-length books, 70 book chapters, 139 articles in professional journals, 53 book reviews, and have given a total of 274 conference presentations and 61 performances and exhibitions.

The evening also featured a cycle of 12-minute oral presentations of research, highlighting work from a cross section of departments, from History & Political Science and the Seminary, to Mathematics and Nursing. The evening concluded with four plenary presentations by the winners of the first annual Siegfried H. Horn Award for Excellence in Research & Creative Scholarship:



Karl Bailey, associate professor of psychology, answers questions on research into “Factors Underlying Free Will Beliefs of Students at a Religious University.”

Shandelle Henson, professor of mathematics; Larry Burton, professor of teacher education; Karen Allen, professor of nursing; and Richard Davidson, professor of Old Testament.

Slikkers named new manager of Howard Center

After serving as assistant manager for three and a half years

A familiar face is taking over leadership at the Howard Performing Arts Center. Erica Slikkers, who has served as assistant manager since January of 2008, is the new manager. She assumes the role following the departure of Debbie Weithers, who is now serving as a senior development officer in the Andrews University Office of Development.

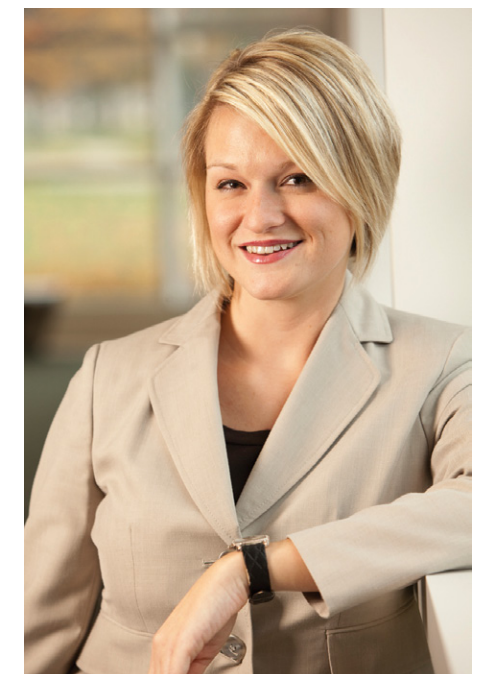
“Erica is highly qualified to be the new manager for the Howard Center, and we are thrilled that she has accepted this challenge,” says Dave Faehner, vice president for University Advancement.

While a student at Andrews University, Slikkers worked at the Howard Performing Arts Center first as a marketing and communication assistant from August 2003 to May 2006 and later as a contract writer during the 2006–07 season. Upon graduation in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in public relations with a minor in music from Andrews University, she took a job in finance and freight claims for USF Holland. When the assistant manager position at the Howard Performing Arts Center opened up in late 2007, Slikkers applied and was hired.

As assistant manager, Slikkers had a wide range of responsibilities in the areas of event coordination, marketing, promotions and management. She also directly oversaw management of the 70-person volunteer team that serves as ushers for Howard Center events.

“I’m very excited about this next step in my career,” says Slikkers. “I’ve worked so closely with Debbie Weithers for the past three and a half years and feel well-prepared to continue the excellence she has created and nurtured at the Howard. It’s such a privilege to bring high profile artists and great music to Andrews University and Berrien Springs.”

Her passion for music extends beyond her role at the Howard. Slikkers is a classically trained violinist of 17 years who loves to teach. In 2008, she worked as a violin instructor for the Dance & Music Asylum in Saugatuck, Mich., where she instructed students from beginner to intermediate. The commute, particularly during the inclement winter months, proved challenging so in May 2008, Slikkers opened a private violin studio based in Berrien Springs. She currently instructs eight students from beginner to intermediate.



Erica Slikkers, new manager at the Howard Center

Originally from Holland, Mich., Slikkers currently resides in Baroda, Mich. A true southwest Michigander, she counts Lake Michigan as one of her favorite things. She also loves biking, running and reading.

New principal for Andrews Academy

Robert Overstreet comes from Forest Lake Education Center

Robert L. Overstreet became the new principal at Andrews Academy this fall. With more than 15 years of teaching and administrative experience under his belt, Overstreet aspires to create a positive, Christ-centered experience for academy students for the 2011–12 school year.

“We are thrilled to attract an energetic, visionary leader like Mr. Overstreet to Andrews Academy,” said Brent Geraty, chair of the Andrews Academy Operating Board. “We believe he will be able to help the Academy fulfill its mission in new and exciting ways.”

The second-born child in a family of four boys, Overstreet grew up in Minnesota before moving to the south his 6th-grade year. He attended both public and private institutions throughout his elementary school life and considers his public school experience “truly an eye opener of what the world was like.”

When it was time for him to enter high school, Overstreet enrolled at Georgia Cumberland Academy (GCA) and began “probably the best of all my growing-up years,” he says. “I grew so much as a person and as a Christian. I give so much credit to the teachers who showed so much love and patience to such an obstinate young man.”

Following four years at GCA, Overstreet felt God was calling him to teach. He attended Southern College (now Southern Adventist University) and graduated with a Bachelor

of Science in health and physical education. More importantly, it was at Southern where he met his wife-to-be, Tammy. Tammy is now an award-winning elementary teacher. The Overstreets have two daughters: Laura and Rebecca. Laura is a high-school sophomore and will be attending Andrews Academy. Rebecca is in the sixth grade. Overstreet’s favorite hobbies are golf, woodworking projects and spending time with his family.

Overstreet earned a Master of Arts in education from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga. For the past 15 years, he has worked as a teacher and principal at both the elementary and high-school levels in the Seventh-day Adventist system. He also holds three years of training in coactive coaching and Christian leadership and was the vice-principal at Forest Lake Education Center, Longwood, Fla., before accepting the principal position at Andrews Academy.

“My passion in life is to grow leaders for Christ,” he says. “I feel that as educators, we must model Jesus’ leadership style while He was here on earth. I love to work with young people and be the example that Christ calls each of us to be. I feel so humbled by the opportunity to do His work and am thankful to do so.”



Robert Overstreet is the new AA principal

“We are thrilled to attract an energetic, visionary leader like Mr. Overstreet to Andrews Academy.”

Andrews Academy is a college-preparatory secondary school owned and operated by Andrews University. It has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as a recipient of the School of Excellence Award for secondary schools.

Becky De Oliveira authors new devotional

A collection of essays on spiritual themes

Becky De Oliveira is the author of a new book, *Keeping it Real in the Real World* (October 2011, Pacific Press). It is a 2012 young adult devotional book, and also a collection of essays on spiritual themes. De Oliveira originally wrote the majority of the essays over a two-year period for a youth magazine called *Hub*.

Originally titled *In the Real World*, the book explores the concept of authenticity and “being spiritual without necessarily conforming to certain stereotyped or expected styles and behaviors,” says De Oliveira. Of the book, reviewers have said, “The author’s undiluted frankness and quirky sense of humor appeal to young people who want to be authentic Christians but are also attracted to “the real world out there.”

De Oliveira has previously published two children’s books. This is her first book for adults.



Virginia Nachreiner retires

After 31 years of service at AA & RMES, the Andrews University Schools

Virginia Nachreiner came to Andrews University as a 6th-grade teacher at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in 1979. Thirty-one years later, she is retiring as office and computer systems manager at Andrews Academy.

Born in Logansport, Ind., Nachreiner earned a BA in elementary education and English from Andrews University in 1968. She went on to complete an MAT from Andrews University in 1984.

Nachreiner taught 6th grade for five years, and then became a 7th and 8th grade teacher. She helped establish, set up, and teach courses in the first computer lab at Ruth Murdoch. Many of her first computer students went on to careers in programming or computer sciences.

While a teacher at Ruth Murdoch, she received the Thomas and Violet Zapara Excellence in Teaching Award in 1993.

In 1995, Nachreiner moved to Andrews Academy, where she worked as the secretary for then-vice principal James Nash. After Carol Dronen’s retirement, she became the office manager and computer systems manager. She worked for five academy principals: Richard Orrison, Roosevelt McKenzie, Randy Graves, Alan Chase and the recently retired Cleon White.

“My most precious memories from working at Andrews,” she says, “are the wonderful people throughout these years, faculty and staff members as well as parents and students. As a Christian teacher I have had the joy of seeing Jesus make a difference in the lives of many students.”

Nachreiner officially retired in July of 2011,



Virginia “Ginny” Nachreiner

but will help part-time with the transition at Andrews Academy until December 2011. She and her husband, Peter, plan to travel extensively and visit their grandchildren, but will remain in their home of Berrien Springs.

Dominique Wakefield receives national recognition

Named one of the ten “Personal Trainers to Watch”

On Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, at the 26th annual Club Industry Show in Chicago, Dominique Wakefield, director of fitness and exercise studies at Andrews University, assistant chair of the Department of Nutrition & Wellness and assistant professor in that department, was named one of ten “Personal Trainers to Watch” by the American Council on Exercise (ACE) and Life Fitness.

“God has created us so wonderfully and he has created our bodies to be active and to move!”

After a six-month nationwide competition, ACE and Life Fitness, the leading manufacturer of commercial fitness equipment, named ten finalists along with the one “Top Personal Trainer to Watch” from a pool of 300 nominees, taken from over 260,000 fitness professionals in the U.S.

Wakefield, one of the finalists, was recognized for her “significant commitment to fitness and in helping their clients achieve

a lasting lifestyle change,” said Chris Clawson, president of Life Fitness. Wakefield has established a number of fitness initiatives on campus since arriving in 2008, including the FitZone fitness lab, a Bachelor of Science in health & fitness, a Bachelor of Health Science in wellness and a minor in Fitness Education, programs to certify students as personal trainers or group fitness instructors, the annual Fitness Expo, and has helped to encourage an atmosphere of fitness across campus. She is also instrumental in PMC’s Health and Wellness Ministries, and assisted with the organization of the first Let’s Move Day. She holds a leadership role in the faculty fitness initiative AhealthyU, is an ACE-certified personal trainer, and assistant coach for the Lady Cardinals soccer team.

Wakefield was nominated for her dedication to physical fitness and motivating the Andrews campus to achieve their God-given goal. She says, “God has created us so wonderfully and



Dominique Wakefield (third from left) was named one of the ten “Personal Trainers to Watch” at the Club Industry Show in Chicago.

He has created our bodies to be active and to move! Caring for the body is an essential part of our beliefs in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, but physical fitness has not received nearly as much focus and attention as have other parts of the health message. Our community is struggling with the same issues and diseases that the rest of America is dealing with and physical fitness will provide many solutions to these problems!”

WAUS HEARS ITZHAK PERLMAN AT RAVINIA FESTIVAL

by Samantha Snively

Dorothy Gall remembers when violinist Itzhak Perlman was first introduced on the Johnny Carson Show. “He’d played at a few classical venues, but nobody had really heard of him yet.” Now, of course, the world knows him as one of the best violinists of the century. Among his early American debuts was a performance of Tchaikovsky’s “Violin Concerto in D Major” at a summer outdoor concert in the Chicago suburbs, called the Ravinia Festival.

A regular visitor to Ravinia since then, Perlman returned this summer exactly 45 years after his debut to play Beethoven’s “Violin Concerto in D Major.” In the audience were 36 devoted and longtime listeners of WAUS, the Andrews University radio station.

Every summer, WAUS sponsors a trip to the Ravinia Festival to hear a world-renowned performer like Itzhak Perlman. In years previous, they’ve seen pianist Lang Lang, violinist Joshua Bell, and flautist Sir James Galway. The second day of the trip is devoted to a cultural activity, such as a tour of a Frank Lloyd Wright house or a visit to a music library. This year, Sandra Dobrucki, the TCU travel agent that WAUS has worked with for 10 years, arranged for the group to visit the Gold Pyramid House.

Before the concert began, the group gathered for supper on the Ravinia Park grounds. Over supper, various members shared their experiences with WAUS. Many of the attendees had been on Ravinia trips before; all of them were longtime listeners. Bob and Bonnie Havlick have been on more than 10 trips with WAUS. One of Bonnie’s favorite things to do, she says, is “read a book and listen to WAUS.” Composers from the Classical period—Mozart, Beethoven, Brahms, Haydn and the like—are listener favorites, says station manager Sharon Dudgeon.

Some listeners even donate their own musical collections to the station. George Stump and his wife Barbara are “dedicated listeners of WAUS, our dial is always set to the station.” Recently, they donated 40 of their own CDs to the station.

The concert began with one of Mahler’s earliest works, the cantata



Top: Boarding the bus for the trip to hear Itzhak Perlman at the Ravinia Festival
Above: Coveted tickets to the big event

“Das Klagende Lied.” Based on the fairytale “The Singing Bones” by the Brothers Grimm, Mahler’s piece follows two brothers, one good and one evil, into the woods to find an enchanted flower that will win the queen’s hand in marriage. The good brother finds the flower, but is killed by the evil brother, who marries the queen. A minstrel finds the good brother’s bones, carves a flute out of them, and as he plays it, it tells the story of the good brother’s fate. “Ultimately, Mahler was trying to tell us that it’s up to the artist to give voice to those who can’t speak for themselves,” says Herman Vanders, a retired literature teacher on the trip.

The chorus of summer cicadas grew silent just in time for Perlman to come onstage to thundering applause, and take his seat in front of the orchestra. After the first movement, *allegro ma non troppo*, the audience burst into applause. Silence reigned through the larghetto and rondo, and “you could tell the orchestra realized they could relax and enjoy Perlman’s playing,” says Vanders. Even Perlman seemed completely comfortable in the music, and he made the complicated finale look effortless.

On Friday, after breakfast at the hotel, the group traveled to the northern suburbs of Chicago to the Gold Pyramid House. Built in 1977 by Jim and Linda Onan, the six-story Gold Pyramid House rises above the modest bungalows around it, and welcomes visitors with a 64-foot statue of Ramses II. Jim Onan had always been fascinated with Egyptology and the myths surrounding “pyramid power,” and built Pyramid House as an inhabitable experiment. Later, Onan also constructed a scale model of King Tutankhamen’s tomb with replicas of artifacts from the tomb, and a gift shop. Onan’s son Rocco led the group

EVERY SUMMER, WAUS SPONSORS A TRIP TO THE RAVINIA FESTIVAL TO HEAR A WORLD-RENOWNED PERFORMER



around the first three floors of the house, mixing the history of the house with urban legends.

The Ravinia trip is just one of the many developments WAUS has overseen in the last 10 years. In addition to the new studios at the Howard Performing Arts Center, WAUS has also expanded their

Above: Thirty-six WAUS members joined the two-day trip to Chicago for a concert at the Ravinia Festival and other sightseeing opportunities. Left: A catered buffet was provided in a private tent on the Festival grounds. Bottom left: Samantha Snively poses with the 64-foot statue of Ramses II at the Gold Pyramid House. Bottom right: A replica of one of King Tutankhamen’s masks

availability to listeners online. They now boast an international listener base. “We’ve got people listening in Germany, Russia, China...” says Teddy Weithers, marketing director and announcer. And rather than incorporating any drastically new programming, says Dudgeon, WAUS is improving their quality. “For us, a good thing is if we’re getting better at what we’re doing without earth-shaking changes. We’re trying to be a good classical station.”

And WAUS is “pretty much an American jewel,” says Weithers. Less than 1 percent of the radio stations in the country are 24-hour nonprofit stations like WAUS. Many classical stations have had to incorporate other genres of music or increasingly rely on advertisement revenue, but WAUS is still listener-supported and advertisement-free. A third of their budget comes from the more than 2,000 members who renew each year during their biannual fundraising drives. With more and more members renewing online, the station has significantly shortened their member drives, which allows them to play more of the music their listeners love.

Recently, WAUS has begun branching out to more listeners through social media, Second Sunday summer concerts at Fernwood Botanical Gardens, the annual Member Thank-you Concert, and a partnership with the Benton Harbor Public Schools called “Classical Connections for Schools.” Classical Connections collects gently used instruments, refurbishes them, and donates them to Benton Harbor public school music programs.

Find out more about this American gem by visiting their website, www.waus.org, or visiting their Facebook page by searching for WAUS-FM. You can listen online and find out about the benefits of being a member on their website, and help support the gift of classical music. ■

Samantha Snively, student writer for IMC, fulfilled a dream of hearing Itzhak Perlman perform when she accompanied WAUS to Ravinia.

DIVINELY DIRECTED

New Life Fellowship Celebrates 20 Years

by Samantha Snively

Twenty-five years ago, Newton Hoilette, then vice president for Student Services, noticed that a percentage of students weren't attending church. He initiated an assessment that spanned three years, speaking with students across campus, key campus personnel, and PMC church staff. The assessment determined that "the worship options on campus were not meeting the diverse spiritual needs for a vast number of students." The students had expressed their desires to the Black Faculty Fellowship for more student participation in the church service, as well as a freedom of spiritual expression.

To that end, the "Black Worship Committee" was formed in 1990 to create an ethnically inclusive worship service whose target audience was the African-American population on campus. The committee included the founding members of what became New Life Fellowship: Walter Douglas, Norman Miles and James North, Seminary faculty; Chaplain David Rand of Campus Ministries; Hoilette, and Doug Kilcher, director of field education in the Seminary. Later that year, James North was elected to



serve as the senior pastor of New Life, and Kenneth Mulzac, then a doctoral student in the Seminary, served as the pulpit pastor, with David Rand as the faculty sponsor. New Life Fellowship held its first service on Oct. 5, 1991, with more than 200 attendees

in the Seminary Chapel. Over the past 20 years, they have doubled their membership. New Life regularly hosts more than 400 worshippers each Sabbath, and they no longer all fit in the Seminary Chapel. To celebrate 20 years of ministry and

blessings, New Life Fellowship held an anniversary celebration on Oct. 7 and 8, 2011. Past leaders, attendees, musicians and leaders flew in from across the country to celebrate, reunite and worship with friends. 770 attendees packed into the Howard



Performing Arts Center for the Silent Praise reunion concert on Friday night, and "more and more people kept coming. We had about 820 people attending on Sabbath, on a Fall Break weekend, which was amazing," says Louise Albert, one of the coordinators of the weekend. On Saturday, Patrick Graham, senior pastor of the Sharon SDA Church in Baltimore, Md., and an alumnus of Andrews University, gave the sermon during the Divine Service. Saturday afternoon featured a "Conversation with the Founders," including James North, Newton Hoilette and David Rand, as well as current leaders R. Clifford Jones, associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and Timothy Nixon, campus chaplain for inreach.

The weekend closed with a Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC) reunion concert. DMC began in 1994 under the direction of Carlton Byrd, with the intent of "bringing hope, peace, and joy to those who experience their ministry." The 120-voice choir is currently under the direction of Adrian and Leilani Langdon. For the reunion concert, past choir members were invited to join in. At the end of the concert, Langdon made a spontaneous

appeal to anyone who wanted to give their lives to Jesus, and nearly 20 students came to the front.

As the weekend ended, participants began to ask, "Is this going to become an annual thing? Because that was a powerful weekend." Many attendees expressed the blessings they received from seeing how the Lord had led over the past two decades. "Our goal was to pause and say thank you," said Louise Albert. "God has been with us for 20 years, and it would have been ungrateful if we didn't pause and look back at what He has done."

New Life Fellowship continues to be a venue for students to get involved in a meaningful worship experience. Spiritual leaders such as Dilys Brooks, associate campus chaplain at Loma Linda; Adrian Townsend, and David Franklin all got their start in New Life. Current students still organize, plan and participate in the church service, whether in music or preaching; even the reunion was largely student-planned.

Because of the huge positive response to the first reunion, plans are underway for a 25th anniversary celebration.

Opposite: Silent Praise performed a reunion concert on Friday evening in the Howard Performing Arts Center. **Above:** Patrick Graham, senior pastor of the Sharon Adventist Church in Baltimore, Md., preached for the divine service. **Below:** The house was packed for the Deliverance Mass Choir reunion concert on Saturday evening.



REFLECTIONS ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP

by Newton W. Hoilette

I was satisfied, gratified and elated to see New Life “last” for so long, woven into the fabric of Andrews University, accomplishing that for which it was designed. This is what I envisioned in 1990, to which I dedicated myself for one year, formulating and ‘staking’ it into the University structure administratively, academically and spiritually in ways that would best guarantee longevity. We launched the service in October 1991, meeting every other week as a test to see whether it had the potential and will to sustain itself for the long haul.

New Life was designed to facilitate the existent need for worship in a particular manner for a significant sector of our student body, so that they would maintain, develop and experience a sustained relationship with Christ. For some students, it would lead them to find Christ for the first time. This value is essential to Christian education, and as vice president for Student Services back then I was committed to taking that seriously.

The reality was, and still is, that various people groups in God’s creation just worship differently! In the minority community there is a way the Spoken Word is shared, a way the song is sung, and a way values are shared, that evokes the language of tears which speaks to the heartfelt need of the soul. On the anniversary weekend I experienced that consistency in the vibrant worship atmosphere still present at New Life after 20 years!

I wanted that type of worship to endure in this Church Fellowship so that students wouldn’t have an excuse for not going to church on Sabbaths; so that parents then and parents of the future would always have the confidence that their children had a place to enjoy as well as to participate in worship while experiencing spiritual ownership.

It was also very critical for me to provide students with the opportunity to sing in a large church choir, expressing their style of personal praise. Toward that end, I asked Carlton Byrd to transfer his Pastoral Formation assignment into New Life as an associate. Thus, Deliverance Mass Choir (DMC) came into being in 1994. One of the greatest moments for me at the anniversary celebration was to see Deliverance still going strong, and to see young people giving their lives to Christ at the Saturday night concert. I said to myself, “Yes, this is what it is all about!” I was absolutely moved! I looked around and saw people in my row crying together with others on stage standing alongside University Chaplain Timothy Nixon, whom I had left in charge back in 2003.

Another blessing was to see past workers of New Life—assistant pastors, choir directors, foundation student worshippers, musicians, ushers and current students—come



Newton Hoilette took part in a panel discussion on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8, with some of the original founders of New Life Fellowship. Pictured, L–R: Clifford Jones, David Rand, Newton Hoilette, James North and Timothy Nixon

by to say thank-you. Some of them testified how God has transformed their lives. I felt very privileged and fortunate that God had placed me at Andrews University at such a time.

As I sat through the weekend, I reminisced with deep appreciation of the late Ken Mulzac, the first pastor, who made biblical theology come alive as he preached during those early years, and Don Edwards, the second pastor, whose preaching made Bible stories come alive for practical living. These men were uniquely suited for their time in setting the spiritual foundations of New Life, upon which Clifford Jones and Timothy Nixon have earnestly built.

As I sat in the Divine Service in the packed-to-capacity Howard Performing Arts Center, it was an awesome feeling to receive appreciative accolades. More so, I praised the Lord for Patrick Graham, a past assistant, as he preached Christ to us on this celebratory occasion. He represents the success story of what New Life has accomplished in providing a platform for many seminarians to achieve experience in service for the Lord.

The evidence is clear, and I am assured that New Life is a place where people give their lives to Christ! New Life is where young ministerial aspirants have opportunities to practice ministry. New Life is where worship through the Word, prayer and praise takes place. New Life is where fellowship is developed as per Acts 2:42–47. New Life is where “amazing” happens. New Life was created for this purpose. As pioneer and founder along with David Rand, Walter Douglas, Norman Miles, James North and the late Doug Kilcher, who all assisted me through thick and thin, I say unequivocally, the creation of New Life was divinely directed! ■

Alumni Homecoming 2011

Almost 50 events were planned for the hundreds of alumni who returned to their alma mater the weekend of September 29–October 2, 2011. Among the highlights was the celebration of two grand openings—Damazo Hall, the new residence hall for graduate women, and the Undergraduate Learning Center, encompassing the new Buller Hall and remodeled Nethery Hall.

Thursday September 29



Spirit of Philanthropy Homecoming Banquet

Members of the Class of 1961 were inducted into the Golden Hearts Club. **Left middle:** Horace Peterson (BS '61) receives his membership pin. **Above:** Beverly Hessel (former staff) chats with Hazel Wright (BS '71, MA '74, EdD '83).

Friday September 30



Women’s Scholarship Committee Brunch

Demetra Andreasen (att.) welcomes attendees to the annual brunch that serves as a fundraiser for worthy female students. Sharon Dudgeon (MMus '86, MA '10) was the guest speaker.



Tambunan’s Pizza, Pop & Professionals

Current Andrews’ students had the opportunity to learn and network with professionals. Panel members were, **L–R:** Jeff Sajdak (BBA '91), Alex Markovich (BS '96, MSPT '97) and Dale Twomley (BS '61).



Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing

Despite chilly temperatures, a faithful crowd of golfers participated in the annual tournament in support of the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Left: Teams warming up at the practice tee for the shotgun start at 9 a.m. **Below left:** Milan Vajdic winds up for a shot. **Below right:** Taking first place in the A Flight category were, **L-R:** Matt Gallimore (att.), Reg Mattson, Justin Mattson (att.) and Jerry Seibold.



International Flag Raising

A number of international students who had signed up to participate in the parade and raise their flags at the flag raising ceremony showed up in full costume, ready to exhibit their national pride. Unfortunately, inclement weather caused the cancellation of both events, but they're still smiling.



Homecoming Student Missions Vespers

Above: Brittany Sherwin shares about her experiences as a student missionary in Palawan, Philippines. **Above right:** Following vespers, alumni were invited to visit booths in the hallway set up by former student missionaries.

Impact/BSCF Vespers

Victor Barclay, a seminary student, led the praise portion of the service, assisted by Karen Allen (*background right*), chair of the Department of Nursing, as well as other individuals.



Sabbath October 1



PMC Worship Services

José Bourget (BA '03) interviews returning student missionary Jessica Stotz, who spent last year working as a teacher at Maxwell Adventist Academy in Kenya. She wears a traditional women's outfit from Kenya.



BSCF Reunion Church Service

Deliverance Mass Choir set the mood for the service held at the Howard Center. Paul Graham (M.Div. '97) was the guest speaker.





Damazo Hall Dedication and Reception

Above: Anna and Frank Damazo pose by a plaque in their honor. **Above right:** Frances Faehner (BSW '76, EdD '07), vice president for Student Life, took the Damazos on a tour of some of the residence hall suites after the dedication ceremony.



Reunion Luncheons

Left: The Department of Nutrition & Wellness hosted an international potluck in Marsh Hall. **Top:** Many class reunion luncheons took place at Dining Services. **Above:** Tami Condon (BS '91), director of Alumni Services, enjoys reminiscing with Eunice Hernández-Hudson (BA '91).



Museums & Open Houses

Left: One of the many options offered on Sabbath afternoon was a tour of the Undergraduate Learning Center. **Above top:** The newly updated Architecture Resource Center **Above:** "Voices from Battle Creek" was presented in Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall.



Harvest Picnic and Harvest Tour

Even though the weather was unseasonably chilly, hundreds of happy alums came to fellowship and feast at the popular harvest picnic.

Above and left: Hayrides provided a good chance to warm up—the wagons meandered around the orchards and farm, and stopped to see the baby calves at the dairy. **Below left:** Lively gospel music by the group Uphill Climb cheered those sitting under the big white tent in the backyard of the Alumni House. **Below right:** Picnickers socialized with friends and classmates and met new people.



Alumni Homecoming Gala

Department of Music ensembles performed for an appreciative audience. **Above:** Claudio Gonzalez conducts the Symphony Orchestra. **Top right:** The University Singers, conducted by Stephen Zork, sang “Prayer” by René Clausen. **Above right:** Alan Mitchell conducts the Wind Symphony in a rendition of “Perthshire Majesty” by Samuel Hazo.

Open House Reception

The School of Business Administration hosted an open house in honor of Dale Twomley (BS '61), left, one of this year's honored alumni.



BSCF Alumni Concert

Guest performers for this concert in Newbold Auditorium included pianist Donna-Maria Thomas Anderson (*below*).





Ride for AU

Cosponsored by Honor Credit Union and the Andrews University Alumni Association, this organized ride traveled a scenic route through the beautiful fall colors of Southwestern Michigan, with a stop at Main Street in Eau Claire for ice cream.

Alumni vs. Students Basketball Games

Alumni teams played against the Andrews Cardinal basketball teams in a spirited competition between old friends—both student teams won their respective games. **Top right:** Sarah Hythecker, a national pageant-winning baton twirler and current physical therapy student, performed the halftime show. **Above left:** The small, but mighty, women's alumni team

Sunday October 2



Run, Ride & Row

Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities & Athletics, this was Andrews' version of the triathlon—running 3.5 miles, bicycling 19 miles and canoeing 4.5 miles down the St. Joseph River—enthusiasm ran high for each leg of the race. **Left:** Runners take off on the first leg of the race—Joshua Woods, in orange, competed with teammates Kevin Neuman and Ryan Whitehead. In blue on the right is junior architecture major Ashleigh Walton, who ran the Chicago Marathon the following weekend. **Above middle:** The bicycling portion begins **Above right:** Ryan Whitehead turns the corner toward the last stretch—the run from Beaver Point back to the Alumni House.



Aviation Breakfast and Fly-in

The Andrews Airpark sent invitations to local and regional airports to attend the annual Homecoming Fly-in.

Above: Duane Habenicht (AIT '83, BIT '86, MBA '05) provided short rides. **Above right:** This North American T6, named The Texan, was in the service of Allied forces from early WWII on through the start of the Korean War—currently painted in a naval aviator paint scheme, it was used by many branches of the military.

20TH ANNUAL ACROFEST MEETS AT ANDREWS



Clockwise from opposite left: The Andrews University Gymnastics were the last team to perform in the finale ■ The Gym-Masters from Southern Adventist University during a practice session ■ Gymnics member Cady Sittlinger leads the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" ■ Great Lakes Adventist Academy Aerokhanas perform in the finale ■ Sabbath morning worship featured speaker Matthew Gamble ■ The Andrews Academy Gymnasium was one of the well-used venues for clinics and workshops ■ A crowd favorite, the handstand challenge attracted multiple competitors

RETURNING TO WHERE IT BEGAN IN 1991

Nearly 1,000 gymnasts and their coaches attended the 20th annual Acrofest held at Andrews University Nov. 10–12. The first Acrofest was also held at Andrews University in 1991. This event brings Seventh-day Adventist gymnasts from institutions across the country and around the world together for spiritual renewal and a chance to collaborate with other gymnasts. Gymnastics head coach Christian Lighthall says, "The theme this year was, 'He Could Have Said No, But He Said Yes.' It emphasized the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for mankind."

Attendees came from as far away as Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico and Canadian University College in Lacombe, Alberta, Canada. Participants attended workshops and clinics, such as "Pyramids" and "Human Video" in Johnson Gym, Beaty Gym and the Andrews Academy gym. Faculty and staff volunteers from across campus helped with serving at mealtimes.

During Acrofest, the Seventh-day Adventist Gymnastics Association convened. Coach Lighthall is currently serving as president of the association. He was elected in July for a four-year term. Acrofest culminated in a live finale in sold-out Johnson Gym featuring performances by 24 of the participating teams. ■



2011 HONORED ALUMNI

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

Gary L. Case

(BS '91)

Born in Loma Linda, Calif., Case received a Bachelor of Science in physics from Andrews in 1991. He then received a master's in physics in 1993 and a PhD in physics in 1998 from the University of California, Riverside.

Case began his career as a postdoctoral researcher at Louisiana State University in 1998, where he remained until 2004 before moving to Southern University, Baton Rouge. He worked as a researcher at Southern until 2007, when he returned to LSU as a senior postdoctoral researcher.



President Andreasen presented the citation for Gary Case at Pioneer Memorial Church. L-R: Niels-Erik Andreasen, Gary Case, Deanna Wickersheim Case

While at LSU, Case designed and built a prototype gamma-ray instrument that was successfully tested in 1999, 2001 and 2003 at the European Center for Nuclear Research. This instrument demonstrated a novel technique for determining the energy of high-energy cosmic rays for a proposed Space Station experiment. In 2005, he built an instrument to test a new detector material in a near-space environment, and spent six weeks in Antarctica flying the experiment on a high-altitude balloon.

In 2010, Case and a team at LSU and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center analyzed data from the Fermi gamma-ray satellite and discovered that the Crab Nebula, used as a standard x-ray and gamma-ray satellite instrument calibration, was not constant as had been

commonly assumed. After verification, this result was published and selected by NASA for a press release.

Case has presented his research at conferences around the world, and given talks on gamma-ray studies of galactic black holes at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and conferences in Berlin, Germany and Calcutta, India.

Gary is married to Deanna Wickersheim. He is an active member of the Baton Rouge Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving on the school board and as treasurer of the Baton Rouge Adventist Christian School, and as a member of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference K-12 Board.

Lynn S. Gray

(BA '71)

Gray received a BA in biology from Andrews University in 1971. He earned an MD in 1975 from the University of Michigan Medical School and a MPH from Loma Linda University's School of Public Health in Hindsale, Ill., in 1994. His residency was at the Grand Rapids Area Medical Education Center, from 1975-1978.



Lynn Gray received his honored alumna medallion at the BSCF Reunion Service held at the Howard Performing Arts Center.

From 1978 to 1979, Gray taught at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He opened a practice of family medicine in Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1979, and transitioned to full-time emergency medicine in 1995.

He has held medical director positions for the Orchard Grove

Extended Care Facility, the Berrien County Jail and Planned Parenthood. He has served as a consultant to the Michigan Peer Review Organization and to Lakeland's Case Management and Performance Improvement departments. Gray has provided leadership as past-president and current member of the board to the Michigan Academy of Family Practice, and is also serving on the Boards of the Michigan State Medical Society, Andrews University and the Lakeland Specialty Hospital.

Recently, he accepted a part-time position as medical director of diversity at Lakeland HealthCare.

Gray has also participated in several relief mission projects in the past two years. He traveled with the United Hands Mission Group to St. Vincent and the Grenadines in June 2009. In the spring of 2010, he helped with postearthquake relief at the Adventist Hospital in Carrefour, Haiti. Most recently, he traveled with the United Hands Mission Group to Jamaica in June 2011.

He says, "The friends I made at Andrews University are not just friends for life, but brothers and sisters I expect to see in heaven. Andrews University set the foundation for a life of service to God and my fellow man."

Lynn is married to **Deborah (Dowdell) Gray** (BS '72, MA '83, EdD '94). They have three children: Stephen, a physician who works in Birmingham, Ala., Jennifer, an attorney for the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C., and Matthew, a dentist in Detroit, Mich.

Jeffrey Sajdak

(BBA '91)

Jeffrey Sajdak received a BBA in marketing from Andrews University in 1991, and went on to receive his JD from the Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, Ind., in 1994.

Since graduating from Andrews, Sajdak has worked for the U.S. Customs Border Protection's Office of Assistant Chief Counsel in Indianapolis. He began as a law clerk, and after serving as general attorney and senior attorney, assumed his current position as deputy assistant chief counsel.

The assistant chief counsel serves as one of the principal legal advisors to CBP on trade and fiscal matters. With a staff of 28, the ACC serves an agency of over 50,000 employees, handling all bankruptcy matters, claims in receiverships, and legal matters pertaining to the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act.

Sajdak has received numerous accolades and awards. Within the last four years he has received a U.S. Attorney's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Litigation, a Commissioner Merit Citation for legal work tied to the creation and development of CBP's Advanced Training Center in Harper's Ferry, a Commissioner Merit Citation for outstanding legal work as a member of ACC, and the Department of Homeland Security General Counsel Award for Extraordinary Achievement in Administrative Law. Last year, Sajdak was a panelist at the 16th Judicial Conference of the U.S. Court of International Trade. The paper he presented appeared in the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law.

Jeff is married to **Betsy (Boehmke) Sajdak** (BS '91, MSPT '92) and is the proud father of two boys, Grant and Daniel. He has remained



President Andreasen congratulates Jeff Sajdak, while his wife Betsy and sons Daniel and Grant proudly look on.

active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a deacon, elder, leader of young adults, adult Sabbath School teacher and religious liberty leader.

He gives all the praise to God through whom all things are possible. While at Andrews, he was inspired by "so many staff members and professors not only personally committed to providing an excellent education, but exemplifying what it means to serve Christ."

Ella Louise Smith Simmons

(MA '81, Hon PedE '07)

Born and raised in Louisville, Ky., Simmons joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church at age 16. She holds a BS in elementary education from Indiana University; MA in curriculum, instruction and supervision from Andrews University; EdD in supervision, curriculum and administration from the University of Louisville; and Honoris Causa Doctor of Pedagogy from Andrews University.

Simmons is currently a general vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (GC). With a passion for education, she has been instrumental in university accreditation for almost 20 years.

In her present position, Simmons serves as an administrative advisor in the education and women's ministries departments of the GC, sits on the boards of several international educational institutions, including the Griggs University/International Academy Board of Trustees, and contributes to many other committees on evaluation and education, financial planning and women's ministries.

Prior to working at the GC, Simmons held administrative and faculty positions at various educational institutions, including La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif.; Oakwood College, Huntsville, Ala.; University of Louisville School of Education; and the College of Applied Sciences at Kentucky State University.

Simmons has served as a member of numerous GC committees,



A taped message from Ella Simmons, who was unable to attend Homecoming, was broadcast during the first service at Pioneer Memorial Church.

the Board of Trustees of Southern Adventist University, the Review Publishing Association Board of Directors and the Board of Examiners for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. She was also a research and development collaborator for Bank Street College and documentation researcher in the AT&T-sponsored Teachers for Tomorrow Program. Her research and creative activities, including funded grants, have focused on education for underrepresented groups.

Ella has been married to Nord Simmons for 43 years. Nord is a retired high-school teacher who served in public schools in Louisville for almost 30 years. Nord and Ella have two adult sons, Darryl and Christopher, one granddaughter, Jannette, and two grandsons, Evan and Connor.

Dale E. Twomley

(BS '61)

Twomley received a BS in business administration from Andrews University in 1961, completed pre-med requirements at Southern Adventist University in 1964, and went on to receive an MBA from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 1966. He earned a PhD in administration from the University of Maryland in 1977.

Twomley began his career as a treasurer and teacher at Greater New York Academy, Woodside, N.Y. Between the years of 1964 and 1974, he served as treasurer and teacher at Takoma Academy, principal and business manager at South Lancaster Academy, and assistant business manager at Columbia Union College. In 1974, Twomley became principal of Shenandoah Valley Academy and nearly doubled their enrollment over a period of four years.

He returned to Andrews University in 1978 as the chair of the Department of Business Administration, and was named the first dean of the School of Business Administration. Enrollment increased from 180 to 260 under the five years of his leadership. In 1983, he became



President Andreassen congratulates Dale Twomley just before he receives his medallion from Tami Condon (right), director of Alumni Services.

the vice president for planning and development at Worthington Foods, Inc., and worked his way up to become chairman, president and CEO of the company in 1999.

Upon his retirement in 2001, Twomley chose to reinvent himself rather than retire, dedicating his time, influence and expertise to the improvement of the Adventist educational system. His mantra is, "If we're going to have Adventist education, let's have it be the best." He assisted four struggling Adventist academies, significantly improving their facilities, quality and enrollment: Mount Vernon Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, Takoma Academy and Fletcher Academy, Inc., where he currently serves as president/CEO.

Twomley served as a member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees from 1986–2008 and was a cofounder of the President's Council, which plays a key role in laying out goals and priorities for the University's future.

He is married to Constance (Funk) Twomley. They have two sons, Jonathan and Robert.

Andrew Moll

(Senior triple major in finance, accounting and mathematical studies; current Andrews University Student Association president)

Tell us a bit about your background and why you decided to come to Andrews University.

I grew up in Midland, Mich. My dad and my grandfather both attended Andrews and my younger brother is also currently in the physical therapy program. It's in the family.

Why did you choose to run for student office?

I really didn't want to, but I was treasurer last year and my friends encouraged me to run for president this year. I like being behind the scenes more than being up front, I think that's just my personality, but I prayed about it a lot and asked God what I should do. Originally I planned to be a student missionary this year but I came to the realization that God wanted me to serve Andrews instead. I like being involved and understanding what's going on.

What goals have you set?

I wanted to increase spirituality on campus and increase the awareness of AUSA. I think more people know who I am and that's a good sign. Another goal of mine is to restructure some of the positions within the AUSA Cabinet and possibly redefine the Constitution to reflect current student involvement and needs.

Have you been able to implement those goals?

There are a lot of spiritual initiatives happening on campus and it can be a challenge to figure out how to add to that. But I'd like to start with some small things such as prayer cards that get passed around. We've updated the office space in the lower level of the Campus Center, making it more professional and visible so people will respect us as an organization.

Where would you like AUSA leadership to have input on campus decisions?

With the development aspects of Andrews, some of the projects that are coming up. I think it would be cool to be involved directly with that, like the planning for the proposed new fitness center.

What advice do you have for students to get the most out of their college experience?

Be open to new ideas and willing to get involved. A lot of times you just say, 'I'm coming here to take a lot of classes, get a degree,' but you can do a lot more. You're paying a lot of money, get involved with stuff, build connections that can help you later, develop who you are and who God wants you to be.

What other extracurricular activities do you enjoy?

Sports, reading, running, history. I ran a half-marathon in Grand Rapids, Mich. this fall.

What are your future plans?

I plan to get a graduate degree that combines mathematics and business, and obtain my CPA. Last summer I did an internship with Adventist Health Systems in North Carolina and right now I'm working on internship plans for next summer. There's a business career fair coming up next week and I hope to have some interviews with prospective employers there.

andrews life



Photo by Darren Heslop, IMC photographer

Regional events

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Sunday, October 16, 2011



Asheville, N.C.

Monday, October 17, 2011



Bermuda

Sunday, November 6, 2011



Silver Spring, Md.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011



New York City, N.Y.

Wednesday, November 2, 2011



The months of October and November were busy with regional events in four states and the country of Bermuda. Thank you to everyone who came to reconnect with friends and hear updates about what's happening at Andrews University.

Clockwise, from top left:

Barbara (AS '86, BS '87, MA '90) and Hinsdale (PhD '91, former faculty) Bernard at Niko's Southside Grill, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Blair Mansion Restaurant in Silver Spring welcomed Milton (BS '86) and Shaunielle (BA '82) Nebblett to the Maryland regional alumni event.

Alex Espana (MA '97) enjoyed visiting with family and friends while they waited for their meal at Nick's Pizza on 2nd Avenue in New York City.

Bryce Williams (BA '11) and Lianne (Condon) Pitcher (BSW '92) enjoying their time at the Bermuda Botanical Gardens.

Alumni packed the Fortune Room of the Asiana Grand Buffet in Asheville, N.C.

Alumni calendar of events

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

December

11-18 Cruise With a Mission
www.adventistyouth.org/cwm
 Holland America Cruise Line

January

8 Florida Regional Event
 11 a.m.
 Highland Manor
 604 East Main Street, Apopka, Fla.

25 Texas Regional Event
 6 p.m.
 The Spaghetti Warehouse
 1255 Interstate 20 West, Arlington

California Regional Events

29 Newport Beach
 11:30 a.m.
 Sam & Harry's (Newport Beach Marriott)
 900 Newport Center Drive

31 Riverside
 6:30 p.m.
 The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
 3191 Mission Inn Avenue

February

6 Toronto Regional Event
 6 p.m.

Venue still being confirmed. Check website for more details.

9 Illinois Regional Event
 6 p.m.
 Reza's Restaurant
 423 West Ontario, Chicago, Ill.
 We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those attending the APTA national meetings.

Washington Regional Events

12 Seattle
 6 p.m.
 The Westin Seattle, 1900 5th Ave
 We look forward to meeting with local alumni and those attending the ONE Project (www.the1project.org).

15 Walla Walla
 6 p.m.
 El Sombrero, 428 Ash Street

18 Oregon Regional Event
 7:30 p.m.
 The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
 12725 SE 93rd Ave
 Clackamas, Ore.

March

4 Jamaica Regional Event
 Northern Caribbean University
 Mandeville

6 Puerto Rico Regional Event
 Antillean Adventist University
 Mayaguez

9 Trinidad & Tobago Regional Event
 University of the Southern Caribbean
 Port-of-Spain
 Venues still being confirmed. Check website for more details.

Colorado Regional Events

18 Loveland
 11 a.m.
 Mimi's Café, 1450 Fall River Drive

20 Denver
 6:30 p.m.
 The Old Spaghetti Factory, Inc.
 1215 18th Street

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

RSVP for an event

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

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Who are alumni?

If you've attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you're a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you're invited to be our honored guest at any of the above alumni gatherings.

L-R: Brendon Gelford (BS '86), Stefi (Hulin) Affron (BS '01), Tristan Hamilton (BArch '01, MArch '03), Rachael (Unutoa) Silafau (BSW '01, MSW '03), Marla Matthews (MMus '81)



Would you be interested in 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! Email alumni@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3591.



Stanley and Freda Wilson

1950s

Stanley Wilson (BS '55) and **Freda Harrison-Wilson** (BA '51) currently live in Hollister, Calif. Stanley retired in 1990 from 35 years of church employment in hospital and conference accounting and auditing. Then he did accounting for Weimar Institute for four years as well as working on projects with Maranatha. Freda has taught classroom music and piano lessons in church schools for most of the last 50 years and still has a few piano students. They enjoy hiking and birding and have more than 600 birds on their life list.

1960s

R. Ronald Atkinson (MA '61) is a retired minister in the Iowa-Missouri Conference. His wife, **Wilma (Clayton) Atkinson** (BS '75, deceased) was a retired elementary teacher. After Ronald's graduation from Andrews in 1961, the couple moved to Ohio where Ronald served as a pastor and Wilma worked as a teacher. While a teacher, Wilma developed an elementary curriculum adopted by the Ohio Conference and the state of Ohio. They remained in the Ohio Conference for more than 20 years, and then moved to the Iowa-Missouri Conference, where they worked for an additional 10 years until their retirement.

Richard LaVerne McCluskey (BA '61) just retired for the second time. During most of his career, he taught at Southwestern Adventist University and Union College, with a hiatus in healthcare management and management/consulting. He and his wife, Marilyn, have decided to remain in Keene, Texas. He writes, "I wasn't planning to attend college on the advice of an employer in California. He didn't think I had the ability. But, thanks to Gordon Engen's faithful pursuit over three years, I attended EMC/Andrews and ultimately completed my doctorate in plant ecology. I have enjoyed my college teaching career for many years. In Harold Heidkte's classes I caught a vision of what I could actually do! At 81, I need to fulfill some more plans and dreams."

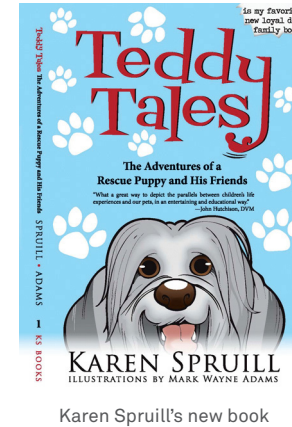
Juanita Marie Neal (BMus '61) currently lives in College Place, Wash. She writes, "Andrews is a special place for our family. **Leslie** (DP '59, BS '60, deceased), my husband, and I, and our four children and two sons-in-law all graduated from Andrews University! I trust that my life as an educator has reflected the principles and values of this great institution. I'm hoping to see my classmates at our 50th!"

Alice (att.) and **Merle (MDiv '66) Whitney** have both retired, Merle after 45 years in pastoral ministry and Alice in 1994 after a long teaching career. Merle spent the last 12 years as senior pastor of the Anaheim Adventist Church in California, where he helped develop and lead Anaheim's bicultural ministry. He has also served as chair of the Orangewood Academy school board and the Conference Board of Education. Alice has begun making and selling picture-quilted products at local arts & crafts fairs and farmers' markets. She organizes and leads the music at her church, and teaches pottery classes. Merle and Alice have moved to east-central Pennsylvania, near their daughters and their families.

1970s

Dave (MDiv '71) and **Judy (Edwards) Osborne** (MAT '71) have lived in Chico, Calif., for the past six years. Dave has been the senior pastor of the Chico Seventh-day Adventist Church. Prior to that he was the lead pastor for 14 years at the Carmichael Church in Sacramento, Calif. For seven of those years, he was also the ministerial director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. In Chico, he took extensive training to become a police chaplain and enjoys the community interaction with city leaders and the police department. Judy retired after 31 years of teaching, 26 of them on college campuses. The last 10 years were at Pacific Union College, where she led out in the interior-design program. She is currently a practicing designer. Their son, **David** (att.), lives in San Francisco and works in marketing.

Leon Floyd Brown (BA '71, MA '80, MAT '82) is a board-certified chaplain at Mount Carmel East Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. He and his wife, Linda Marie, have one son, Matthew, who is a senior at Mount Vernon Academy. Leon is active in his local church as an adult Sabbath School teacher and head elder.



Karen Spruill's new book



Ronald Jaecks



Brad & Clem Sheppard

Marlene Legg Rich (BS '71) taught both public and private school for eight years, and was treasurer and co-owner of Catfish Wholesale Inc. for 30 years. She is presently working on a master's degree in clinical mental-health counseling at Andrews University, and went on a study tour to Hong Kong and Beijing in May 2011. She has been active in church ministry, serving as church clerk, women's ministry leader, Sabbath School superintendent and adult Sabbath School teacher in New Iberia, La., for many years. She also participated in a mission trip to Costa Rica in 2008.

Karen Spruill (BA '74, MA '95) has released her first children's book, *Teddy Tales*, the adventures of a rescue puppy and his friends. "Teddy Tales is designed to be a 'therapy dog' on paper for kids, ages 4-10," says Karen, a licensed counselor and blog writer living in Orlando, Fla. "I hope this book will be especially useful for my fellow counseling alums besides teachers and parents." This true-to-life book explores children's emotional and developmental issues, plus petcare info. Discussion questions and drawing pages are included. *Teddy Tales* is available on Amazon, soon to be released as an e-book. Karen Spruill is a former editor of FOCUS, and former assistant editor of the *Lake Union Herald* and *Insight* magazines. Her weekly blog, *Life Notes*, is posted at www.answersforme.org.

Ronald Jaecks (BA '78) is currently practicing as a general surgeon at Salem Hospital, Salem, Ore., and is chief of surgery for the Salem Division of Kaiser Permanente. Recently, he was installed as the president of the Oregon Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, after completing a two-year term as president-elect. He has represented the Oregon Chapter by lobbying legislators in Washington, D.C., concerning healthcare reform.

1980s

Lowell Church (BS '80, MBA '85) was recently promoted to vice president of Adventist Health. As vice president for Materiel Management, Church will continue to be responsible for purchases and management of all nonlabor expenses for the 17-hospital system. He also oversees the affiliate program, the largest network of purchasing partners in the western states, which includes 63 hospitals and has \$650 million in annual volume. He formerly operated two personal businesses and worked as corporate director of Materiel Management at Kettering Medical Center in Ohio. Prior to that he was a materiel management consultant for National Hospital System in California and was corporate manager of Central Services at Southwest Michigan Healthcare Association. Church began his healthcare career as an administrator at Countryside Nursing Home in Michigan. He serves on the board of Global Healthcare Exchange and was the chair of the Strategic Advisory Committee for Premier, Inc. for three years and has served on the committee for 11 years. He also chairs MedEcon's Advisory Council.

Cheryl L Jones (BS '81) works as a GED instructor in Huntsville, Ala. She is active with prayer ministries at First SDA Church in Huntsville and plans to go to Korea to teach at an English language school.

Clemen Falcon Sheppard (BA '81, MA '96, former faculty) is currently a world languages educator at St. Joseph High School in St. Joseph, Mich. She is celebrating 30 successful years as an educator, beginning at the Lake Shore SDA School in Chicago, Ill., the year following her graduation from Andrews. Soon after she received a call to establish the foreign language program at Broadview Academy in La Fox, Ill., where she taught French and Spanish, and was the media director. After returning to Michigan, she began a career in public education at Brandywine High School in Niles, Mich., where she taught all levels of Spanish for five years. In 1991 Clem received an invitation to serve at Andrews Academy where she taught Spanish, directed the media center and sponsored the local chapter of the National Honor Society for 13 years. For the last seven years, she has been a French and Spanish educator at St. Joseph High School, one of the best-ranked high schools in the state of Michigan. During this time she has also led numerous educational tours to Spain and Mexico. Clem has been selected three times for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and received the Golden Acorn Award for excellence in teaching. Clem is married to **Bradley W. Sheppard** (BA '82, MA '87), former faculty, who



Dan Cheung

successfully defended his PhD dissertation at Andrews University in July 2011. He is supervisor of curriculum and instruction for Elkhart Community Schools in Elkhart, Ind. Their daughter, Amy, graduated with honors from Andrews Academy in 2003, received a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in Spanish from the University of Michigan in 2007, and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in May 2011.

Dan Cheung (BS '81, MA '82) is a certified financial planner and general manager of Dan Cheung Insurance Agency in Minneapolis, Minn. He received a PhD in statistics from Western Michigan University. Dan is married to Corjena (Ho) Cheung, a professor, and they have two daughters, Chanda and Hannah.

Colleen Joy Clark (BS '86) is a cardiac nurse practitioner at Southlake Regional Hospital in Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. She is married to David Ross, a physician, and they have four children: Shannon Dooks, Megan Dooks, Sarah Ross and Heather Ross. They love to travel and the family visited Ireland in 2009.

Tim Roosenberg (MDiv '86), had his book *Islam and Christianity in Prophecy* published by the Review & Herald in August 2011. Tim is now living in Idaho where he is employed by the Idaho Conference as evangelist and prophecy seminar presenter. Tim, his wife, and youngest son travel the country presenting a 10-day prophecy seminar titled "Islam and Christianity in Bible Prophecy" which is based on Daniel 11. He also presents a condensed three-hour seminar at pastors' meetings, camp meetings and churches.

1990s

JoAnn Marie Bacheller (MA '91, MA '95) credits her master's degrees in interdisciplinary studies and communication for helping to pave the way for her to enter the healthcare field as a private-duty home health aide in 2007. This year, at the age of 58, she became a certified nurse aide. Previously, she worked as a substitute teacher for grades K–12 in 15 local school districts.

Igor (BS '96) and **Flora Milosavljević** (BA '94, MAT '96) celebrated the arrival of their son, Nathan Alexandre, in May 2011. He was also welcomed by his three older sisters. They all live in Loma Linda, Calif.

Roy Gatton (BA '93, MDiv '96) is the new director of pastoral care at West Kendall Baptist Hospital, senior pastor at New Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, and a professional counselor in private practice in Miami, Fla., with specialties in marriage and family counseling, spiritual counseling and life coaching. In addition to his work as chaplain, pastor and counselor, Gatton has held teaching appointments at Loma Linda University. Before coming to south Florida, he served as administrative director of spiritual life and pastoral care at Castle Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii and Family Ministries director for the Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Before moving to Hawaii, Gatton served as senior chaplain at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Glendale, Calif. He is a Diplomate of Psychotherapy (College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy) certified pastoral counselor, marriage & family counselor, and certified bereavement facilitator and educator. Gatton also has specialized training in clinical ministry (Clinical Pastoral Education), chemical dependency treatment, spiritual formation and life coaching. He served as team chaplain for the Los Angeles Dodgers, a major league baseball team, from 1997 to 2002. He is married to **Lois (Padilla)** (BA '95). They have three children.

Julie Grosse Larson (BS '96, MSPT '97) currently works part-time as an aquatic and ortho-physical therapist in Portland, Ore. She writes, "I am enjoying life as mom of two adorable and very funny boys."

Kern Tobias (MA '97, DMin '11) was elected as president of the Caribbean Union Conference in July 2011. He was previously the president of the South Caribbean Conference in Trinidad. He writes, "I thank God for the opportunity to serve and AU for facilitating my spiritual, personal and professional development."



The Milosavljević Family



Desrene Vernon, Congo, 2007



Heather May with kindergarten pupils

2000s

Carla Eileen Belyea (BS '01) taught math, chemistry and computer science at Battle Creek Academy from 2001–08 when she became guidance director as well as math and chemistry teacher. She married Ronald Belyea, formerly of Kingston, Ontario, Canada, on July 11, 2010, at the Battle Creek Tabernacle of Seventh-day Adventists. Carla and Ron are making their home in Battle Creek, Mich.

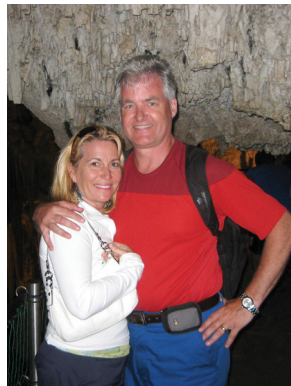
Desrene Vernon (MA '01) graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C., in May 2011, with a PhD in Mass Communication & Media Studies (MCMS). Her dissertation title is, "A Historical Analysis of Adventist World Radio's Impact in the East Central Africa Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church: A Case Study of Tanzania." While pursuing the degree, she served as chair of the Department of Communication & Journalism at Washington Adventist University, in Takoma Park, Md. In 2007, she conducted a month-long radio-broadcast series in the Democratic Republic of Congo and traveled with the Christ for Congo Mission Team.

Melissa Erin Kenney (BA '01) is a Spanish instructor for the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures at Central Michigan University. She obtained an MA in Spanish pedagogy and Spanish linguistics from Illinois State University in 2003. From there, she moved to Fort Bend County, Texas, and worked for Fort Bend County Libraries for three years as the community outreach manager. She was also a volunteer ESL instructor at a Spanish-speaking church in Houston, Texas. In 2007 she did mission work as an English instructor at Universidad de Navojoa in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Upon returning to Texas, she obtained 6–12 Spanish teacher certification in the state of Texas and taught one year of high-school Spanish in Wharton. When she returned to Michigan, she decided to return to school at Central Michigan University, where she is presently teaching Spanish and completing postbaccalaureate K–12 Spanish-teacher certification with a TESOL endorsement. She has also worked with the Michigan Migrant Head Start program. Melissa is the mother of three-year-old twins, David and Laura Castejon, born August 22, 2008.

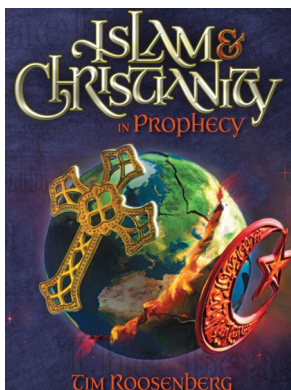
Heather May (BA '05) left Keene, Texas, in August 2011 to spend a year teaching English to kindergarteners at the Seventh-day Adventist Language School in Seoul, South Korea. Besides her kindergarten class, which she coteaches with a Korean teacher, Heather has a short class period with preschool children and spends some time helping older students with pronunciation. She also teaches a daily religion class to adults. Heather is following in the footsteps of her mother's oldest sister and her cousins, who have spent many years in mission service.

Pamela Frances Smith (MS '06), a botanist with the Colorado Natural Heritage Program, was recently awarded the Isobel Dickinson Memorial Award for the best student paper published in *The Michigan Botanist* for 2007. Her research included information on Warren Dunes State Park and its history. The topic of the paper was part of a larger study conducted for her master's thesis. *The Michigan Botanist* is a peer-reviewed journal about plant life in the Great Lakes Region, and is published quarterly by the Michigan Botanical Club, the native-plant society for the state of Michigan. The club will announce the award at its 2011 fall meeting.

Christine Colette Arnold (BSA '06, MArch '07) lives in the beautiful country of Belize in Central America. She recently began teaching technical drawing and mathematics at a local Adventist high school. She writes, "...it has been quite an experience and I can truly say—having been 'behind the scenes'—that I sincerely and wholeheartedly appreciate the time, effort, sacrifices and encouragement given by our teachers at Andrews/School of Architecture. You are all amazing! May God continue to bless each and every one of you, keeping you in His steadfast love and covering you in His will as you continue into this new school year as individuals, as a team and as a school."



Colleen Clark & David Ross



Tim Roosenberg's new book



Class of 1941

L-R: Allan Butler, David Duffie



Class of 1951

Front row (L-R): William Hawkes, Thelma (Gibbs) Gilbert, John F. Neumann, John Erhard, Alvina (Mann) Cinquemani

Back Row (L-R): Bill Hardt, Jim Davidson, Arden Mote, Don Fahrback, Don Schlager, David Hodge

Class of 1961

Front Row (L-R): Ron Atkinson, Howard Drew, Stan Applegate, Margie (Fowler) Allen, Fred Meseraull, Jack Blume, Ora Cameron, Jim Segar, John Mendel

Middle Row (L-R): Ruth Ann (Baldwin) Cottrell, Elaine (Jewkes) McGee, Jim McGee, Juanita (Walston) Neal, Harold Grosboll, Philip Lewis, Mary (Wise) Wein, Shirley (Marshall) Gager

Back Row (L-R): Larry Colburn, Philip Steinweg, Horace Peterson, Murray Lofthouse, Steven Willsey, Cliff Herrmann, Bob Wilkins, Glenn Garbutt, Dale Twomley, Helen (Herzog) Roberts



Class of 1971

Front Row (L-R): Glenda (Slate) Brenner, Virginia Crouse, Soneeta Grogan, Kathy (Murphy) Connell, Verlyne (Bartlett) Starr, Marlene (Legg) Rich, Linda Mack, Jo (Unger) Koehn, Lauren Matacio

Back Row (L-R): Lynn Gray, Michael Brenner, Larry Schalk, Øystein LaBianca, Shirley (Marshall) Gager, Arnold Farenick, Leon Brown, David Buckman, Najeeb W. Nakhle, Jim Hopkins



Class of 1981

Front Row (L-R): Tari (Crumley) Popp, Marla Matthews, Leola Innocent, Maxine (Garrigues) Anderson, Roselyn Marcelle, Nirmala DeSilva, Shirley (Marshall) Gager

Back Row (L-R): Debra Schell, Laurie (Joslin) Koch, Olegario Mercado, Daniel Bidwell, Keith Calkins, Jim Gray



Class of 1991

Front Row (L-R): Chris Hudson, Eunice Hernandez-Hudson, Lisa Ahlberg, David Randall, Tami Condon, Kevin Wein

Back Row (L-R): Keith Calkins, Russell Sails, Gary Case, George Cartwright, Karl Weber, Jeff Sajdak



Class of 1986

Front Row (L-R): Vicki (Eighme) Wiley, Arlene Campbell, Charlotte Groff, Tammy (Stoops) Sittlinger, Bernard Sittlinger

Middle Row (L-R): Cyndi (Babienco) Caballero, Delia (Trott) Basden, Lorena (Kingman) Bidwell, Lori (Orpana) Dooks, Bonnie Briggs

Back Row (L-R): Edwin Disla, Jerry (Gerald) Connell, Debbie Weithers, Brendon Gelford, Ruben Alarcon





Class of 2001

Front Row (L-R): Tennyson (child) & Tristan Hamilton, Carmen Collins, Jeanne Buckman, Annie Lopez

Back Row (L-R): Desrene Vernon, Rachael (Unutoa) Silafau, Brad Schramm, Stefi (Hulin) Affron, Carla (Nelsen) Belyea, Melissa Kenney, Laura & David Castrejón (children)



Golden Hearts Club

Front Row (L-R): William Hawkes, Howard Drew, Edith Applegate, Stan Applegate, Fred Meseraull, John Neumann, Jim McGee, Elaine (Jewkes) McGee, Jack Blume, David Hodge, Arden Mote, Alvina (Mann) Cinquemani, Bonnie Jean Hannah, Margaret Schlager, Don Schlager

Middle Row (L-R): Marge (Fowler) Allen, Allan Buller, David Duffie, Thelma (Gibbs) Gilbert, Charlotte Groff, Ruth Ann (Baldwin) Cottrell, Jim Davidson, Bill Hardt, Helen (Herzog) Roberts, Carole Colburn, Larry Colburn, Harold Grosboll, Ora Cameron, Ursula Konegen, Betty (Collard) Weakley, Steve Willsey

Back Row (L-R): Glenn Garbutt, Juanita Neal, Shirley (Marshall) Gager, Mary (Wise) Wein, Lester Wein, Philip Lewis, Alice (Duffie) Fahrbach, Don Fahrbach, Glenn Engen, Jim Anderson, Bob Wilkins, Cliff Herrmann, Horace Peterson, John Erhard, Philip Steinweg, Jim Segar, John Mendel

Births & Adoptions

To Duncan and **Corey (Brace) Grodack** (BBA '98), a son, Brady Breton, born on June 8, 2011, in Winter Park, Fla.

David (MSPT '99) and **Ashley** (BS '98) **Whitaker** are proud to announce the birth of two baby boys—Denslow Price Whitaker and William Franklin Whitaker—and a baby girl, Molley Elizabeth Whitaker. The triplets were born Oct. 3, 2011.

Deaths

Richard Charles “Dick” Larson (att., former faculty), 91, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011, in College Place, Wash.

Dick was born on Nov. 9, 1919, in St. Joseph, Mich., to Edward and Edith (Benke) Larson, Swedish and German immigrants. He lived his early life in southwestern Michigan and attended Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs. While there, he met and married **Evelyn May Myers** (att.) on Oct. 25, 1940. Dick and Evelyn moved to southern California, where he worked at Lockheed in Burbank on the assembly line for P-38 planes until 1944. He then served in the United States Navy until 1946.

Dick and Evelyn moved their growing family to La Sierra, Calif., where he attended La Sierra College (now La Sierra University) and graduated in 1951 with a business administration degree. He became business manager at Monterey Bay Academy in Watsonville, Calif.

In 1953, Dick went to Mountain View College on Mindanao in the southern Philippines. During the five years the family was in Asia he also served at Bangkok Sanitarium and Hospital in Thailand; Penang SDA Hospital in Malaysia, and Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore. In 1958 the family returned to the United States, going to Lansing, Mich., where Dick completed his master's degree in business management in 1959.

Edward John Specht (former faculty) was born July 29, 1915, at Loveland, Colo., and died near Spencer, Ind., on Nov. 9, 2011, at the age of 96. He was professor of mathematics, emeritus, at both Andrews University and Indiana University South Bend.

Edward married Mary Josephine Michel on Dec. 25, 1938. They had two children, Lahna (born 1942), presently living in North Carolina, and Frederick (born 1944), of Bloomington, Ind.; one grandson, Rob Richardson, residing in North Carolina, and two great-grandchildren. Mary died March 26, 2008, in Bloomington.

Specht attended Campion Academy and received his BS from Walla Walla College in 1939; he then studied at the University of Colorado, where he received an MS in 1941. He did advanced study at Washington University (St. Louis) from 1941–44 and at Brown University in the summer of 1945. Specht received his PhD from the University of Minnesota in 1949. He was an instructor of mathematics at both Washington University and the University of Minnesota, and was professor and chair of the Andrews University Department of Mathematics from 1947–1972. He was professor of mathematics at Indiana University South Bend from 1972–1986.

His publications include his PhD thesis on conformal mapping and several papers on potential theory with Harold T. Jones, for whom he served informally as thesis advisor. Harold received his PhD from Brown University in 1958. In his later years, Ed wrote a treatise on Euclidean Geometry with Harold Jones.

Specht was a member (since 1949) of the Mathematical Association of America, a 50-year life member and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), a member of the American Mathematical Society, Pi Mu Epsilon and the Society of Sigma Xi.



More than 20 of Specht's former students at Andrews University have pursued doctorates in mathematics.

In 1984, Andrews University conferred upon him the honorary degree of DSc. Quoting from the citation for this degree: “Influential in the formation of Adventist philosophy in science and mathematics, Dr. Specht’s foresight and leadership proved critical in the development of the resources for, and the establishment of the computer center and computer science instruction at Andrews University.” He was the principal moving force in the establishment of a cooperative engineering program with the University of Michigan in the early 1950s. This provided a route through the Adventist educational system to high-quality preparation in that field.

Specht was a formative person in the development of science education and research on the Andrews campus. In the 1960s and 70s he guided the conduct of a large number of institutes for secondary school mathematics teachers, funded by the National Science Foundation. Quoting again from his honorary degree citation: “During his tenure at Andrews University, Specht negotiated a contract with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research to do basic research in potential theory, thus becoming the first Adventist to attract large-scale support for research aside from the medical sciences.”

Edward Specht will be remembered as a person of wide-ranging interests in science, mathematics, humanities and the arts. He lived a life filled with Christian kindness and integrity, always encouraging his students regardless of background, race or ethnicity. The depth of his social consciousness was legendary. He was always ready to take the part of the underdog. Truly this man was a giant.

(Obituary and photo courtesy of Don Rhoads, associate professor of mathematics, emeritus)

From 1960 to 1971, Dick taught business administration and accounting at La Sierra College. He completed his PhD in business management at Michigan State University in 1968, and earned his CPA shortly thereafter. Dick also taught at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, and at Andrews University, where he completed his teaching career in 1985. He and Evelyn retired in Sonoma, Calif., and then moved to Victorville, Calif., in 1989 to be near their sons. There he served as a Citizen on Patrol for the San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.

Following Evelyn's death in January 1998, Dick married Doris Milelli and lived in Florida and California before settling in Walla Walla in 2006.

Dick is survived by his older brother Frank Larson, sons and daughters-in-law Richard C. Larson Jr., Donald D. and Barbara Larson,

David N. and Heidi Larson, and Robert E. Larson. He also leaves six grandchildren, Jodi Larson-Wagner, Gerry Larson, Julie Larson-Voshell, Eric Larson, Richard C. Larson III, and Grace Larson; as well as ten great-grandchildren.

Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz (M.Div. '07), Esperanza Alvarez-Muniz, assistant dean of women at Lamson Hall, passed away Friday, Oct. 14, 2011. She was born Sept. 1, 1970, in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, to Jose Manuel Alvarez and Lidia Mercedes Duran.

Esperanza attended Hunter College in New York where she majored in Black and Puerto Rican Studies and graduated in 1979 with a double major in Spanish Literature. In 2007 she graduated from Andrews University with a Master of Divinity.

Esperanza's passion was always for young

people. As a child, Esperanza would often gather her cousins and baby brother and pretend she was their teacher. Often she would have 12 or more participants in her class. She led Pathfinders, taught youth Sabbath School, worked as a bilingual education teacher in the public schools of New York City and spent two years working as an elementary-school teacher at Bronx-Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist School in New York City. Always looking for another way to minister, Esperanza felt God was calling her to do more. While preparing a youth Sabbath school program, she was encouraged to attend a ministerial training seminar led by José Cortez. At the seminar, a call went out for young people to do the work of preparing the next generation. Esperanza asked God to show her what His will was. After talking to Pastor Cortez, Esperanza

Columbia Union College, now Washington Adventist University. While at CUC, he attended George Washington University in Washington, D.C., completing the requirements for his MBA from The City College of New York.

In 1968 he was hired by Union College in Lincoln, Neb., to serve as business manager. While there, he was active in the Downtown Lincoln Chapter of Kiwanis International and served twice as their president.

In 1976, Bob rejoined the faculty at Columbia Union College, serving as chair of the business department. He also tied his interest in teaching together with his passion for flying and cofounded a flying club for students and faculty. One year later, he was hired by Andrews University to serve as director of personnel and student finance. During his

20-year tenure, he was active in the St. Joseph Chapter of Kiwanis International, serving as their president from 1987-88. He was also involved in the Personnel Roundtable of Southwest Michigan.

His interests included, first and foremost his family, service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church, flying as a private pilot and being an award-winning amateur photographer with the Berrien Springs Photo Club.

Bob is survived by Martha, his wife of 61 years, also of Niles; his children **Karolee Robinson** (BS '82) of Chicago, Ill., and **Stephen** (BS '83) and Michelle Robinson of Lancaster, Calif.; grandchildren Stephen Eiji Robinson of Orange County, Calif., Satoshi Erik Robinson of Loma Linda, Calif., and Esther Mei Ling Robinson of Lancaster, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren, Kaelynn, Christian and Elijah Robinson, all of Orange County, Calif.



Robert "Bob" J. Robinson (BA '55), 84, of Niles, Mich., passed away Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. He was born Jan. 22, 1927, to the late Phillip and Florence (McHattie) Robinson.

Bob spent his first nine years of life in Battle Creek, Mich., and after relocating with his parents to Corning, N.Y., attended and graduated from Union Springs Academy. He is a WWII veteran and was drafted into the U.S. Army-Air Corps in 1943, serving first as a communications specialist/radio operator at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., and later as a medical technician at Mather Air Field in Sacramento, Calif.

After his discharge, he attended Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., before transferring to Emmanuel Missionary College in 1945 to study business administration and French. He married **Martha Hlad** (former staff) on Oct. 15, 1950.

Bob took a sabbatical from school to work as an announcer and remote broadcast engineer for WCBA Radio in Corning, N.Y. In 1951, he and Martha moved to Chicago, Ill., where he first worked in sales for Clarke Sanding & Equipment Co., and later for Dunn & Bradstreet as a credit investigator. He returned to Emmanuel Mission College and completed his bachelor's degree in 1955.

Following graduation, he was hired by the *Faith for Today* television ministry in Forest Hills, N.Y., where he worked as director of the film department. While in New York, Bob began studies toward earning a Master of Business Administration at The City College of New York.

During the winter of 1960, Bob and his family moved to Takoma Park, Md., where he served as assistant business manager at

decided to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University.

While a student at the Seminary, Esperanza worked as a student dean at Lamson Hall. After graduation from the Seminary, she returned to teach at Bronx-Manhattan. Lydia Morales, a parent of a Bronx-Manhattan student, remembers, "She was my son's teacher. We shared so many things that year: the happiness of her nuptials, the sadness of a student's death, the triumph of more than one student, too many things to list...she was an excellent teacher. Never a harsh word was heard from her lips. She imparted not only her knowledge but her kind and Christ-like manner to her students and to those she came in contact with."

In May 2008, Esperanza married Paul Muniz, whom she met while she was fulfilling her NADEI requirements (North American Division Evangelism Institute). Esperanza had asked God to send her a sign when the time was right for her to marry: her future husband would read her Joshua 1:9. Paul and Esperanza began to grow their friendship, and one day, God led Paul to read Joshua 1:9. Esperanza said the Lord had confirmed that they were to be husband and wife.

That same year, Esperanza received

an invitation to return to Lamson Hall as assistant dean of women. Two months after her marriage, she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. But her indomitable spirit and love for the women in the dorm wouldn't allow her to quit work while she underwent treatment. Two years later, after two surgeries and nine sessions of chemotherapy, she was declared cancer-free.

Esperanza means "hope" in Spanish, and Dean Muniz truly was hope, inspiration and joy to all those who knew her.

She is survived by her husband, Paul, her sister Dilia Alvarez; her brothers Rhadames Duran, Ignacio Alvarez and Jose Manuel Alvarez; her mother, Lidia Mercedes Duran; seven nieces, five nephews and one grandniece.

Arthur "Jack" Anders (BA '48, MA '59), 95, of Spencerville, Md., passed away Sept. 14, 2011 at Montgomery General Hospital, Md.

His devotion to God began in the Roman Catholic faith in his birthplace of Marietta, Ohio. As a child he aspired to be a priest. His response to God's love blossomed into a lifelong commitment upon his baptism into the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1940.

He and his wife Betty Jo met in 1936. She

worked at a Woolworth's department store in Cleveland, Ohio, across the street from an ice cream parlor that Jack co-launched. They married in 1937 and lived with Betty Jo's parents in Indianapolis, Ind., a time and place that led to Bible studies and a connection to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Their daughter Judy was born in 1942.

In 1944, Jack and Betty Jo moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., so Jack could attend college with ministry in mind. While there, he and Betty Jo lived at Frontenac, a group home where they served as house parents to dozens of returned GIs. He went on to earn his Master of Social Work from the University of Maryland.

Upon graduation in 1948, Jack became boy's dean at Broadview Academy in Illinois. In the following years, they moved to several towns in Illinois, then to Arizona, and finally to Maryland in 1961.

Jack's many talents led to jobs as a pipe organ tuner, an inspector at the Indianapolis General Motors plant, outfitted to make aircraft engines during World War II; a soda-fountain "soda jerk" in Cleveland; a pastor and chaplain at Hinsdale Hospital; head of social work at Washington Adventist Hospital; chaplain at Cedarcroft Psychiatric

Mercedes (Habenicht) Dyer (BA '40, former faculty), 94, of Berrien Springs, Mich., passed away on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, Mich.

She was born July 8, 1917, in Argentina, to Judson Power and Federica Elisa Habenicht. At the age of four, her family returned from mission service and settled in Michigan.

After graduation from Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) in 1940 with a French major, Mercedes worked at EMC, Shenandoah Valley Academy and Cedar Lake Academy as a teacher and dean of women.

In 1947 she graduated from the University of Michigan with a master's degree in education. She then went to River Platte College in Argentina (where her parents had taught and her grandfather had established a hospital) as dean of women. Returning to the United States five years later, she became dean of women and vice president for student affairs at Columbia Union College in Maryland.

On June 27, 1954, Mercedes married Fred Dyer. Having completed her doctoral degree from the University of Michigan in educational



guidance and counseling, they moved to Berrien Springs in 1961 where she became a professor in the department of education at Andrews University. She later served as the chairperson of this department from 1978 to 1982.

After her retirement in 1982 as professor of educational psychology and counseling, emerita, she and Fred traveled extensively, teaching, giving conferences and volunteering with Maranatha. She was an avid genealogist who has provided a wealth of information about her family. In the course of her life, she authored several books and numerous articles, and was a dedicated Bible student who loved nothing more than to study with anyone who was interested.

She was preceded in death by her husband,

Fred (MA '59, MA '65), on Nov. 18, 2003. She is survived by her stepsons, Bill and Dennis Dyer; 12 grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mercedes will be remembered as a hard worker who loved God supremely and spent her life helping those around her.

Hospital in Maryland; and a private practice as a psychiatric social worker and counselor.

Jack would often ask, "When was the last time you had fun?" He lived that motto throughout his life. In May 2011, he visited the Grand Canyon for the first time at age 95. He took great joy in his ability to share the financial blessings God had bestowed on him and Betty Jo. His philanthropy was truly a Godsend to many people and he generously supported many church and school projects.

Betty Jo, his cherished wife of 62 years, preceded him in death in 1999. He is survived by his daughter Judy and her husband, Erv; his grandchildren, Tammy and Jamie; Tammy's husband Dan, his great-grandchildren, Megan, Kaitlyn, Brittany, and James; and four special step-grandchildren, Sue, **Pam Bratcher** (CERT '80, AIT '81), **Sandy Goodall** (att.), and **Gary Koch** (att.) and their children.

Darrell Allen Nicola (MA '63) was born April 19, 1929, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Tesla and Ruth Nicola. He died August 26, 2011, in Fallbrook, Calif.

Darrell was an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After five years as a church pastor he became a chaplain at Portland Adventist Hospital for eight years. He served as a chaplain at Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio. Darrell became a supervisor of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and established a certified program at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, Ohio. He also established a CPE program at Florida Hospital in Orlando, Florida.

He is survived by his wife Sonja; his son Allen, daughter Nanci Robertson, daughter-in-law Maricela, step-grandson Joshua, and grandson Noah.

Dorothy Sheddan Beardsley-Culbert-White (BA '35) died August 17, 2011, at age 97, in Reed City, Mich. She was born Feb. 14, 1914, and grew up in Jacksonville, Fla. After attending Southern Missionary (a junior college at the time) for three years, she took the train up to Berrien Springs in 1933 to complete her Adventist education.

She married **Eldred J. Beardsley** (BA '35, deceased) in 1936, and they worked to establish Peewee Valley Junior Academy in Kentucky, then moved to Battle Creek Academy, Michigan, in 1943. They worked

at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan from 1947–1955. The Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists hired Eldred to be the treasurer and maintain the church office for the Battle Creek Tabernacle from 1955–65, and then for the Detroit Metropolitan Church from 1965–71, when he died.

Dorothy took over his responsibilities for a year or so before moving to Grand Ledge Academy as bookkeeper from 1972–75. She married Marion Culbert in 1974 and when she retired in 1975, they moved to Mammoth Spring, Ark., and worked to build up a new church for nearby Cherokee Village.

After Marion passed away in 1984, she spent 18 months as the bookkeeper for Holbrook Indian School in Arizona (1986–88), returning to her home in Mammoth Spring until 1999, when she moved back to Michigan to help her granddaughter with a new baby.

Dorothy loved going to alumni functions, and received an honorable mention in the quest for Andrews' 100 most influential women. Her musicianship and wise counsel are greatly missed.

She married **H. Hampton White** (MA '68) in 2002, and they worked together to build a new facility for the Reed City, Mich., congregation.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, H. Hampton White; a son Lawrence E. Beardsley, of Wildwood, Fla.; three daughters: **Laura Long** (BS '61), of Rochester, Minn.; **Donna Stilson**, of Escondido, Calif.; **Ellen Murdick** (former staff), of Reed City, Mich.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Frank W. Hale Jr. (HON LHD '06) died July 27, 2011, at the age of 84. He served as president of Oakwood University from 1966 to 1971 and later helped grant nearly \$15 million to minority graduate students at Ohio State University. His promotion of scholarships for minorities helped The Ohio State University become the top producer of black PhDs in the 1970s.

Hale taught a class each year he served as Oakwood president, and established the school's department of public relations. Under his tenure, Oakwood joined the United Negro College Fund. He served as president from 1966 to 1971, before accepting the position at Ohio State as associate dean of the graduate school, chair of the fellowship committee and professor of communication.

Hale served as a professor at Ohio State

from 1971 to 1988, before his appointment as vice provost. A campus building is named after him—Hale Hall, which also houses the Frank W. Hale Jr. Black Cultural Center.

A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Hale attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earning bachelor's and master's degrees in communication and political science in 1950 and 1951. He earned a PhD in communication and political science from Ohio State in 1955.

Hale was also awarded a post-doctoral fellowship in English Literature from the University of London in 1960.

Hale served as a professor at Oakwood from 1951 to 1959 and chaired the department of English at Central State University from 1959 to 1966. He lectured at more than 300 colleges and universities.

He later received honorary doctoral degrees from Wilberforce University, Shaw University, University of Nebraska, Capital University, La Sierra and Andrews University. The first two of his three retirement attempts were unsuccessful. Hale served as executive assistant for the president at Kenyon College from 1989–1992 and as distinguished university representative and consultant in the office of the president at Ohio State from 1999–2005.

He is survived by his wife Mignon Scott-Hale, a retired school teacher, and three children. His first wife, Ruth, preceded him in death in 2001.

Warren M. Clark (BA '49), 91, died on March 13, 2011, in Boulder, Colo. He was born Jan. 10, 1920, on a farm near Sturgeon Bay, Wis. On Jan. 13, 1944, he married Mary Elizabeth Johnson in Battle Creek, Mich. He graduated from Battle Creek Academy in 1937 and earned a bachelor's degree from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1949. He served in the Army in the U.S. and India during WWII. Later he earned an MBA from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. His life was devoted to medical administration in Battle Creek and St. Helena, Calif., and he served as administrator of Boulder Memorial Hospital for 21 years until his retirement at the end of 1987. He was predeceased by his wife, Mary, in 1995. He is survived by a son, Steven Warren Clark, of Boulder.



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The President's Report

Not long ago, while I walked through our newly opened Buller Hall, a faculty member stopped me to express satisfaction with this impressive new educational facility. "It gives us confidence," he observed, "that the university is serious about quality education."

It is good during these challenging times for higher education to reflect on the good things that do happen. The challenges are familiar: tight budgets, deferred maintenance, relentless increases in the cost of tuition and fees, uncertainty about learning outcomes and graduation rates. However discouraging these realities may be, there are encouraging signs as well, certainly at Andrews, and this past year has been no exception.

Our four new or renovated facilities have become very good additions to the campus. Buller Hall is fulfilling its promise to be a place where students spend time with their teachers, their books, their laptops or pads and their friends—facilitating a culture of learning. Seventy-year-old Nethery Hall has received a new lease on life, and while the exterior walls and entrances look just like the old Nethery, most of the inside is new and much more functional. Damazo Hall has become a preferred residence hall for women who are attending college in greater number than men these days. And finally the new Griggs Hall has become the home of a growing distance education program at Andrews.

Good facilities do not guarantee good education, but inadequate facilities are nearly always detrimental to quality education. By investing in these facilities last year, Andrews has made yet another long-term commitment to quality education. It has given us renewed confidence in our long-held conviction that the education we offer must be of good quality. Of course that takes much more than facilities and so there are new initiatives underway by the provost and deans that



will strengthen the way we organize some of our educational programs and deliver educational services.

Finally, let me remind our readers that Andrews is a faith-based university, and those who teach and study here believe they are on an important educational mission far out of proportion to our modest size and resources. A friend once observed that we are driven by something like "sanctified impertinence"—a stubborn belief that Christian education at Andrews matters enormously and we will never stop improving upon it. In fact if we dare call our education Christian, it must be good. To this conviction there can be no alternative. Thank you for your support of this good Christian university.

Sincerely,

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president

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This past year has been an exciting one for Andrews University! We have added two new facilities: Buller and Damazo Halls. These additions make our campus an even more attractive place to study and visit.

Buller Hall provides facilities for our undergraduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences. It provides classrooms, offices for the Departments of Behavioral Sciences, Religion & Biblical Languages and History & Political Science, in addition to a large auditorium and lots of space for students to study and visit.

Damazo Hall was built to provide residence housing for graduate women. It also provides 20 rooms for guest housing. Damazo Hall is located next to Burman Hall and is part of the University Towers complex.

With the addition of Griggs University, total alumni numbers are now more than 80,000



and counting. The Office of Alumni Services continues to find ways to communicate with our worldwide membership.

We look with enthusiasm to the future with plans to build a new Health and Wellness Center. That will provide new recreation facilities and a strong focus on health that will include places for fitness and nutrition.

These are just a few ways in which the mission of Andrews University is advancing around the world through the generosity of some of our most important constituents—our alumni and donors. Your support gives Andrews the opportunity to continue to expand on the vision of our founders who recognized the need for the highest quality Adventist education. That need is just as strong today as it was in 1874.

Thank you again for partnering with us to make Andrews University the flagship school of the Adventist educational system.

Sincerely,

David A. Faehner, vice president
University Advancement

Providing a legacy of learning

For undergraduate students of religion and biblical languages

In honor of their late husband and father, the family of Samuele Bacchiocchi generously provided funding for the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages in the newly constructed Buller Hall. Bacchiocchi dedicated 26 years of his professional teaching career to Andrews University where he taught theology and church history.

Samuele Bacchiocchi, often known as "Brother Sam," was born on Jan. 29, 1938, in Rome, Italy, not far from the Vatican. He was the oldest of five siblings. His father Gino and mother Evelina raised their children to love and fear the Lord. A year before Sam was born, his father received a Bible from a Waldensian acquaintance. Through study, Gino became convicted that the seventh day was the true day of worship. Throughout Sam's childhood, he was taunted by classmates and teachers for his Sabbath beliefs, but he resolved at a young age to stand up for the Truth. As a teen, he took up colporteur to spread the gospel and help pay his way through school.

In 1960, at the age of 22, Sam earned his Bachelor of Arts from Newbold College and came to Andrews University to work on his master's degree in church history and divinity. A year later his beloved, Anna Gandin, came to the States and they exchanged wedding vows in the Seminary Chapel. In February 1964, after completing his studies at Andrews University, Sam and Anna left for Kuyera, Ethiopia, where Sam



L-R: Michelle, Daniel, Anna, Gianluca & Silvia Bacchiocchi in the lobby of the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages, Buller Hall

had accepted a call to teach Bible and history. Together, they served for five and a half years as missionaries in Ethiopia during which time their first two children, Loretta and Daniel, were born.

In 1969, Sam and his family moved back to Rome where he was admitted as the first (and last) non-Catholic to attend the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Sam spent four years researching the Vatican archives for historical clues that would support the Sabbath truth he held so dear. It was during this time Sam and Anna welcomed their third child, Gianluca. Sam's persistent and hard work was well rewarded when his doctoral dissertation earned him a gold medal from

Pope Paul VI. His dissertation was later published, in 1977, as *From Sabbath to Sunday*.

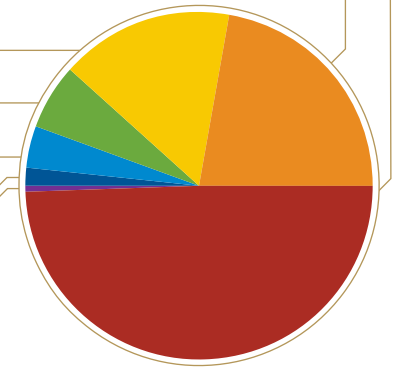
Sam graduated summa cum laude from the Gregoriana in 1974 and soon accepted a call to teach at Andrews University where he taught in the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages for 26 years. A few years after retiring, Sam was diagnosed with colon cancer. He passed away on Dec. 20, 2008.

During the last 30 years of his life, Sam wrote hundreds of articles and newsletters, authored 17 books, and traveled extensively around the world encouraging people to uphold and appreciate the Sabbath more fully.

Total voluntary support for 2010–2011

Alumni of Andrews University:	\$1,301,711
Non-alumni friends of Andrews:	\$584,750
Corporations:	\$422,375
Foundations:	\$154,750
Biannual offerings:	\$105,397
Fundraising consortia:	\$41,866
Religious:	\$12,781

Total: \$2,623,630



New endowments & named scholarships

The James Smith and Carolyn Hall Russell Endowed Scholarship
 June 2010: This scholarship was established by the Russells in their estate. It is to be used for scholarships for needy and worthy Seventh-day Adventist students from the Middle East who are enrolled at Andrews University and will be returning to live and work in the Middle East. In the event there are no eligible students from the Middle East who apply for scholarship benefits, then, the proceeds shall be applied to the Andrews Academy worthy student fund.

Harold Buhalts and Jean Stewart Boyd Endowed Scholarship
 September 2010: This scholarship was established by Jean and Margaret Lowry in honor of their parents to assist students pursuing a major in science or mathematics.

June Bascom Music Scholarship
 October 2010: Established by her husband, Merle, and her children, Teresa and Kimber. The funds will be awarded annually to some worthy and deserving student(s) enrolled at Andrews University who is/are pursuing studies in music, not necessarily a music major, to the extent that there are students who qualify for this scholarship.

FACTS ABOUT ENDOWMENTS

- There are currently 424 endowments
- The total value of Andrews University's endowments is \$37,662,450
- Scholarship donations and endowments provided \$1,446,001 in scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students during the 2010–2011 school year
- If you would like to start an endowed scholarship fund, please contact the Office of Development at 269-471-3124



The Ronk Award

by Samantha Snively

For the past 20 years, retired English faculty Bruce Ronk has been quietly funding an award that encourages English professors to publish and present their research. The Bruce A. Ronk Award goes yearly to a professor who publishes a paper in a professional journal or presents at a national professional conference, such as the Modern Language Association.

Ronk, an English Renaissance literature specialist, taught literature and composition in the English department from 1970 to 1990. During his time teaching, he noticed something: although the



Bruce Ronk

quality of teaching was excellent, external demands were taking up the professors' time usually devoted to research and creating "an impoverished production level. There was some writing going on, but not a lot." As opposed to most universities that maintain what Ronk calls a "publish-or-perish" policy, Andrews University has traditionally not upheld this approach. However, research publication still remains the hallmark of flourishing scholarship, and signifies a department's dedication to increased learning.

To that end, Ronk began awarding "nominal at first" amounts of money to those professors who published scholarly work, beginning with Raymond Leadbetter's "Scandal and War: Reticence in Mary Chestnut's Civil War" in 1991.

"The results were gratifying," says Ronk. "People started publishing," and since its establishment over 20 years ago, the award has had a recipient almost every year. Ronk has since expanded the award's criteria to include creative writing as well, and Scott Moncrieff has won the award several times for his published poetry. Nearly every current English professor has received some form of award for his or her work, and most recipients were Ronk's students in the past.

God provides

by Samantha Snively

Andrew Brummett is a recipient of the Ryden Endowed Scholarship Fund. He graduated from Great Lakes Adventist Academy and then began his college career at a community college. Three years ago, he accepted a job as a taskforce worker at Wisconsin Academy. He was accepted to Southern Adventist University and prepared to go after his year in Wisconsin, "but God had a different plan," he says.

"GOD HAD A DIFFERENT PLAN."

Recruiters from Andrews University came to Wisconsin Academy to speak to the academy students. Brummett spoke to one of the recruiters, who "convinced me to give Andrews another try and scheduled a trip for me to visit Andrews University."

Andrew is a biochemistry major with an emphasis in pre-dentistry, and is a member of the pre-dentistry club. "I work hard to keep

myself here at Andrews University, and this scholarship rewards my efforts to do as well as I can," he says. "It is an honor to receive this scholarship. It reminds me that God will always provide the needs of his sheep and followers."

Upon graduation, Brummett plans to attend Loma Linda's School of Dentistry. He hopes to be an oral surgeon.

The Ryden Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 1991, and is awarded annually to students who plan to attend schools of medicine at Loma Linda after graduation. Special consideration is given to students from the Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Church in Michigan.



Andrew Brummett

Caring about education

by Samantha Snively



Caesarinne Sprianu

Caesarinne Sprianu, a senior biology major with a minor in religion, came to Andrews University as a transfer student from Southern Adventist University her sophomore year. "I'd heard about the awesome biology program here, so I transferred," she says. "Also, my father is an alumnus of Andrews, so that factored into the decision."

Caesarinne is a recipient of the Dyre & Helen Dyresen Endowed Scholarship Fund. "It is heartwarming to know that there are people outside of the school who really care about our education," says Sprianu. "I am extremely grateful for the scholarship I received."

She also keeps herself busy with extracurricular activities: she serves as ushering director at Fusion, assists with Mosaic Vespers, and is a member of Eigen* Club, the student club for the Departments

of Mathematics and Physics. She has also enrolled in the Undergraduate Leadership Program and is working toward her leadership certification.

"I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP I RECEIVED."

Sprianu will graduate with a pre-professional degree in occupational therapy, and hopes to continue on to grad school to earn a master's degree in occupational therapy. She plans to gain certification in animal assisted therapy and aquatics therapy as well, "to further enhance my career options later on and to encourage a more holistic approach to recovery."

The Dyresen Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 to benefit full-time students making normal progress, with passing grades, toward a bachelor's degree in any program.

2011 Spirit of Philanthropy Awards

The Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet, which took place at Dining Services on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011, is the kickoff event for Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Three Spirit of Philanthropy Awards were presented and 217 new members were inducted into the Golden Hearts Club.

Frank (DP '44, BS '47) and **Anna Damazo** were recognized for their lead donation toward the construction of Damazo Hall. **Cletus Georges** (BS '87) was acknowledged for his consistent annual giving since graduating in 1987. **Bonnie Jean Hannah** (BA '42), who taught at Andrews University for 34 years before retiring, was honored for her foresight in establishing an endowment fund and estate plan to ensure her legacy continues.

Following are excerpts of the individual presentations to the award recipients.

Frank and Anna Damazo

Presented by David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement

We are glad that Frank and Anna Damazo are here today, along with their daughter Nancy and son-in-law John.

Today we live in a world that has many financial challenges, in some ways similar to life in the Depression of the 1930s. Yet many people who experienced these challenging years reflect back with fondness because it brought families closer together and [developed] a great respect for the Lord's protection of their lives.

Frank Damazo's family fits in this category. A large family with 10 children raised during the Depression by wise and frugal parents, who found a way to send all 10 children through the Adventist educational system, including elementary, high school, college and graduate programs. They were taught to serve others and give back.

The Damazos have made many contributions to our church and society. Allow me to share with you one. Frank and Anna heard the call to service after finishing medical school and serving in the military. They settled in the town of Frederick, Md., just 50 miles north of Washington D.C. The Lord had a reason for them to settle in this town.

After World War II, the U.S. Army decided to establish a program to study the threat of chemical and biological warfare. They selected Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md., for experimentation. The program was called Operation Whitecoat. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was approached and asked to encourage young Adventist men who were noncombatants [conscientious objectors] to volunteer as human "guinea pigs." The project began in 1954 and ended in 1973. More than 2,000 Adventist soldiers [most of whom were trained medics] served their country in this capacity.



President Andreasen, Anna Damazo, Frank Damazo

Anna and Frank Damazo became the shepherds of this flock, encouraging soldiers to attend their church, potlucks and worships, and often inviting them to eat and sleep at their home. One soldier put it this way: "The Damzos were a friend and a mentor to every one of us, showing great care and love." By the way, that soldier is here today [Chuck Randall].

In addition, Frank regularly kept in contact with the government medical staff to be sure "his boys" were being treated properly. Today the Damazos continue to shepherd the flock, regularly sending newsletters and conducting retreats.

I conclude by summarizing their philosophy of philanthropy: "All that we have done has been simply to glorify God, and not us, and to also pay back to those who sacrificially gave to establish these institutions." Thank you for giving us a new women's residence hall.

Cletus Georges

Presented by Jacqueline Spencer, annual giving coordinator

When we think of philanthropy, we often think of it in terms of the larger gifts that impact an organization almost instantly. While the amount is certainly encouraging, the gifts that I find most inspiring are not the multimillion-dollar gifts that come our way every so often, but rather the regular gifts that in their own way make a tremendous impact over time.

Born and raised in St. Thomas, V.I., Cletus Georges joined our Andrews family during his undergrad years and left in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in zoology/biomedical. He continued his academic career at Cornell University Medical College in New York City where he graduated with his medical degree in 1991, listed as one of the urology research fellows. He went on to do his residency in both general surgery and urology at



President Andreasen and Cletus Georges

Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center, Chicago, Ill. He is currently a partner at Mid-Florida Urological Associates in Orlando, Fla., where he has practiced since 1999.

Cletus made his first gift to Andrews University in 1987 (the year he graduated) to the Class of 1987 Beaver Point class project. He gave \$12. Thank you, Dr. Georges. He continued to make generous contributions that resulted in a pattern of regular giving to the University, and also recently contributed a legacy gift to Buller Hall.

Cletus Georges is a member of both the Andrews University Board of Trustees and the President's Council. Over the years, he has made more than 40 gifts to the University, helping to support various departments and projects on campus, including the Howard Performing Arts Center, BSCF, the Andrews Study Bible project, the Fund for Andrews and the Department of Biology.

It is not merely the generosity of his gifts, but his faithful and consistent support over the course of almost 24 years that has made Cletus a superlative example of the Spirit of Philanthropy among the alumni of Andrews University.

Bonnie Jean Hannah

Presented by Tari Popp, director of Planned Giving & Trust Services

Bonnie Jean Hannah earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1942. She later completed a master's degree at Columbia University.

For the next 11 years she taught at five different Seventh-day Adventist academies and colleges. After that she says, "I just stayed put."

Joining the faculty at her alma mater here in Berrien Springs, in 1953, she "stayed put" until her retirement in 1987—a full 34 years.

She became an active part of the transformation of Emmanuel Missionary College into Andrews University as the school grew from 500 students to more than 3,000.

"There was a time when the majority of offices and classrooms were in Nethery Hall," she remembers. "Most of the teachers' offices were in the main lobby area where the English department is now. Aromas from the basement biology lab wafted throughout the building! The business office, health services, registrar, custodial and president's office were all housed in this one location on campus.

"My first office was a corner of the typing classroom...and I wasn't the typing teacher! Whenever I needed a book or other materials I would tiptoe into the room, then go to the library to do my research and office work.

"I would have laughed if anyone had told me in 1953 I would remain at Andrews for all these decades," she says.

Perhaps few departments were changed as much with the coming of computers and word processing as the business education department she headed for over 30 years.

"I remember how excited we were when the first word processor was delivered; we all thought it worked like magic! The first rotary calculator even lured math department people to look it over with envious admiration."

One of Miss Hannah's hobbies was traveling, and she began in a big way with an around-the-world tour in 92 days with her good friend, Arlene Friestad, in 1970. They traveled to 25 countries, had a fabulous time, and didn't lose their luggage!

Spending one week in Iran and seeing the crown jewels were both memorable highlights, but the greatest joy was meeting



President Andreasen and Bonnie Jean Hannah

former students, many of whom were serving as missionaries for the Church in various countries. For you see, while Miss Hannah has had lots of hobbies and interests over the years such as traveling, stamp collecting, china painting, and spoon and giraffe collecting, her passion has always been her students.

That's why, while she was still a faculty member here at Andrews University, she spearheaded an initiative to create an endowed scholarship fund for worthy international students. Not only did she contribute personally, but she also encouraged her current and former students to do the same and today that fund is over \$27,000!

But even before that, Bonnie Jean did something that demonstrated her love for students and her belief in Andrews University. She set up an estate plan that will benefit the people she cares for as well as the school she devoted her life to. And while she is not the very oldest of our trustees, since early in 1968 she has maintained a relationship with Andrews University's Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services. Longer than any of our other living trustees!

Miss Hannah has loyally committed her resources of time and money to the students of Andrews University and had the foresight to make plans for young people to continue to be blessed even after she is gone.

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Naturally, the graduates of Andrews University make up the largest percentage of those who make financial contributions; however, there are many friends of Andrews who make a significant impact through their giving as well. Regardless of the connection to Andrews, every gift is valuable.

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On Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, the campus and local community gathered in the Howard Performing Arts Center for the **Remember 9/11 Commemorative Concert**. The Andrews University Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra and Chorale performed pieces written in memory of the September 11 attacks. Wind Symphony performed "A Hymn for the Lost and the Living," by composer Eric Ewazen, while pictures of the September attacks played on a screen above them. The Orchestra and Chorale performed René Clausen's "Memorial," a four-part reflection on September 11. Congressman Fred Upton of Michigan's 6th District was a special guest at the event. He shared that he was in Washington, D.C. when the planes hit. Berrien Springs President Milt Richter also shared his reflections on 9/11, and remembered being in the military when President Kennedy was assassinated. Both speakers encouraged those gathered to never forget the courage and sacrifice of those who died and the first responders. The concert closed with a benediction litany between Pastor Dwight K. Nelson, the Andrews University Singers and the audience.