Styrofoam, compost, trees, and policy
Andrews struggles to address environmental issues on campus—

it's not easy being green
Kermit’s lament

In 1979, when I first set foot on campus, I was impressed by the beauty and greenness of the place. Twenty years later I’m still impressed by the grounds. Andrews University is known locally and around the world for its striking campus. The grounds crew, the Andrews Arboretum committee, the faculty, staff and students who volunteer their time and energy for campus clean-up deserve our accolades for maintaining such a pleasant environment. But there’s another side to the greenness issue.

We need to ask ourselves at Andrews how green-friendly we are as an institution. I’m talking about the politics of maintaining our environment, not just about cultivating a beautiful campus. And I’m talking to myself, as well—every time I walk out of the cafeteria with a lunch in a Styrofoam container, I should feel guilty. Yet, I do it, knowing full well that the container is not biodegradable, that its production is destructive to our environment, and that there’s a good chance that Styrofoam container once I’ve discarded it may be blown out of a trash container and lodge in a campus hedge somewhere. And it’s not just Styrofoam containers that deserve our attention when it comes to caring about the environment—there’s a lot more. It’s not easy being green, as Kermit the Frog laments.

Our cover photo by staff photographer Jeremy Russell captures the situation—amid the greenness of campus we continue to hold on to what’s most convenient (cost effective?) and often least suitable. Writer Chris Carey carefully takes a comprehensive look at environmental issues at Andrews in the lead article, “It’s Not Easy Being Green.”

Color photos seem to be the best way to convey a sense of this year’s Alumni Homecoming. As usual, the Alumni Association pulled off another great weekend—in spite of a frigid, Friday morning for the golf outing—that will long be remembered by Andrews alumni and friends. And I’d like to congratulate Dwain Ford who orchestrated the Class of 1949’s 50-year reunion. What enthusiasm! What a class! Now I know what Tom Brokaw is talking about in the title of his book The Greatest Generation. See the back page for the reunion portrait of this indefatigable class. And we’re happy to feature the rest of the honored class portraits. Helping with these photo sessions and getting acquainted with the honored classes during the Salad Supper on Sabbath afternoon has become one of the great pleasures for me on Alumni Weekend—now if I could just figure out how to do it and enjoy a plate of salad at the same time!

We also profile the five honored individual alumni who were presented with Andrews University Alumni Association Medallions. As you read the write-ups on them, you’ll soon realize why these people represent the dedication and commitment many have come to associate with an Andrews grad.

For the last five years, the Focus staff has enjoyed the commitment to gathering campus news and to writing engaging features that Jack Stenger has brought to his work at Andrews University. So it is with mixed emotions that we announce that Jack (shown with me and Kermit in the photo) will be taking a new job away from campus. I’ve relied on Jack’s journalistic sense and sensibility as I’ve learned my work here at Focus, and I know that our readers have appreciated his creativity and engaging writing—both in “Campus Update” and in various features, like “Kayak Across Lake Michigan” (Fall 1998), “Ms. Burghart Goes to Washington” (Spring 1998), “On the Beach: The (Nearly) Endless Summer at Andrews” (Summer 1998), and “The Grass Is Always Greener at Andrews” (fall 1997). Jack’s presence around the office will be missed, and we wish him the best as he takes up new career responsibilities.

—Douglas A. Jones (MA ’80)
Focus editor
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Spring graduation. Andrews’ 161st graduation ceremonies. Consecration, June 4, 8 pm, Pioneer Memorial Church. “A Print in the Sand, a Spot on the Grass, a Place at the Table,” F. Estella Greig, professor of English, speaker.

Graduate commencement, June 6, 8:30 am, Pioneer Memorial Church. “On the Edge of the Time Zone,” Lisa M. Beardsley, Dean of School of Graduate Studies and Research, speaker.

Undergraduate commencement, June 6, 11 am, Pioneer Memorial Church. “Crossing the River: The Moment for Exploration,” Alex Kotlowitz, author of The Other Side of the River, speaker.

Family matters. Alumni gathering at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, June 13. Contact Alumni Services for more information: 616-471-3591/e-mail: <alumni@andrews.edu>.

Summer classes. Summer session begins Monday, June 14. Registration: Sunday, June 13, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Great Lakes, great alumni. Andrews alums meet at Michigan Campmeeting. Great Lakes Adventist Academy, June 26. Call Alumni Services (616) 471-3591 or e-mail <alumni@andrews.edu> for specific times.

Andrews at Angwin. AU alumni will meet at the annual Adventist Retirees Convocation at Pacific Union College, Angwin, Calif., June 27.

4th of July. Cheer on the Andrews float in the annual Berrien Springs Village parade, 4 pm.


Celebrate 125 years!

Aug. 24, 1999, will be the 125th anniversary of the beginning of classes for Battle Creek College. To kick off the year-long anniversary celebration, you and your family are invited to attend a Founder’s Day Picnic on Aug. 24 at the Rock Garden. Bring your favorite picnic dish to pass. And then stay for the vintage baseball game of the Berrien Springs Cranberry Boggers vs. our Alumni team! The evening ends with fireworks.

Young alumni gathering in Orlando. Join this group in Florida for alumni fun in the sun, Aug. 5. E-mail: <alumni@andrews.edu> for more info.

Summer graduation. Weekend ceremonies include Consecration, Baccalaureate and Commencement. Aug. 6-8, Pioneer Memorial Church. Speakers scheduled: Karen Graham, Dean of School of Education; John McVay, Associate Dean of the SDA Theological Seminary; Charles Sandefur, president of Mid-America Union of Seventh-day Adventists.

For more information about these and other events at Andrews University, please call 1-800-253-2874.

Jeff Fish, Michelle Mucha and Andy Nichols take a break in the spring sunshine
Blythe’s Caring Spirit

Kudos to AU for celebrating the life of Dr. Owen (Campus Update, Winter 1999). My sister, Kim Knowlton, and I fondly remembering taking lessons from Dr. Owen in her home on Kephart Lane. While her compositions were sometimes challenging for us as elementary school kids, she was always encouraging. Besides, her delicious cookies after each lesson were reason enough to keep going back!

Having been away from AU for almost ten years now, I was glad to see her celebrating her 100th birthday. Coincidentally, I was being interviewed by a reporter named Donna Kennedy for a newspaper story, and when she found out I was originally from Berrien Springs, she asked if I knew Blythe Owen. Turns out that Dr. Owen is her aunt and she was going back to visit her!

It doesn’t surprise me that Dr. Owen’s influence can be felt all over the world, having touched lives for the last century. I may not have been one of her star piano pupils, but I can strive to emulate her generous and caring spirit.

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Seeking Solid Backing

The critique of the book Women in Ministry (Bookshelf, Winter 1999) interests me. I can’t imagine a book of 439 pages to explain this subject. I can see, just in the review, plays on words, plays on sympathy, and trying to link women prophesying with women being silent in church.

One thing that’s for sure is that there is a problem when men can be ordained as pastors and women can only be ordained elders. I have never found any real solid backing in the Bible or [Ellen White’s] writings for women to be elders (Vol. 5, pp. 617-18).

I have also never found any reference in the Bible or [White’s] writings where a woman ever baptized anyone. I think we need to take a good hard look at this book and the situation in general before we cause more trouble than we have now.

(Mac) Malcolm Dwyer
Horseheads, N.Y.

Error’s Note: The faculty in the Seminary are to be commended for their earnest and critical exploration of women and Christian ministry. Because Dr. Beem’s review provides only an initial discussion of the issue, I encourage Focus readers to read Women in Ministry with care as an important step in achieving balance.

Demanding Reading

I spent at least an hour reading the new issue of FOCUS when it arrived. You are creating an interesting publication that demands to be read. Congratulations!

Pat Horning Benton (MA ’73)
Buena Vista, Colo.

Homecoming and Heritage

As I walked across the campus of AU this last alumni weekend, I wondered why I had been so anxious to leave this place some 22 years ago. Perhaps that is why I enjoy so much making the return trip, because at 21 I did not appreciate fully what I appreciate so much now.

The beauty of the campus, the richness of the music and the understanding of just how special those professors were become more pronounced to me each time I visit. Maybe the contrast with the world and its ways adds to the contrast. As my husband and I thought back to our college days in the 70s, we could not think of one jaded professor or even one rebuff as we asked for assistance. And to even see one of those teachers now is a privilege.

But visiting alumni weekend is more than that. It’s a familiarity we enjoy and wish to give our children—in the hopes that when their turns come it will feel only natural that they continue their education there as well. Every year as we come to alumni with our kids and walk through classrooms and familiar places, they listen patiently to stories they have heard before. I think they’re trying to imagine it as we wistfully give every detail.

Andrews is part of our heritage and a big part of who we are. And because it is our heritage and because it is a rarity in this world of cynicism and lost values, I am working to support its standards, its commitment to Christian education and its financial viability. Join me? I think it’ll be worth the effort.

Cherie (Chartier) Whiting (BS ’77)
China Township, Mich.

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Time flies, but they don’t: Andrews honors longtime employees

They keep going, and going...

Faculty and staff with continuous years of employment were honored during the Feb. 21 faculty-board banquet.

Five years: Kathleen Allen, Arielle Allet, Erich Baumgartner, Sara Bermeo, Mabel Bowen, Walter Bowen, Angelina Cameron, Heidi Clarke, Denise Collard, Paula Dronen, Judith Edwards, Denis Fortin, Roy Gane, Tom Goodwin, Deward Greene, William Greenley, Savka Markovic, Andy McConnell, Jerry Moon, Bruce Moyer, Janet Mulcare, Emma Tenorio, Karen Wade, Kevin Wiley and Xu Xiaoming.

Ten years: Gordon Atkins, Patricia Banks, Adelaide Brackette, Margaret Dudley, Elaine Hoilette, James Hopkins, Mickey Kutzner, Jeannie Mack, Rudy Maier, Alice McIntyre, Albert McMullen, Ellen Murdick, Rachel Ntaganda, Alfonso Valenzuela and Curtis VanderWaal.


25 years: Bonnie Beres, Beverly Jenkins, Ron Neumann, Dean Snow and John Youngberg.

30 years: Judith Dowell, Gerald Metzger, Luanne Bauer, Walter Douglas, Stella Greig, Jack Stout, Rhoda Wills and Peter Wong. The one 35-year continuous service award recipient was Esther Tyler.

AU SIFE wins big

Not bad for the first time!

Despite the fact that a team from Andrews was making its inaugural appearance in a SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) competition, the students won three awards at a recently held competition.

More than 27 teams from Midwestern colleges sent teams to a regional SIFE competition on April 6 in Cleveland, Ohio. The national organization promotes free-enterprise education and holds competitions where teams present business-development and free-enterprise education projects.

During the competition, Andrews students didn’t just show up, they brought home the hardware! The team won a regional championship, took first place in a community-improvement competition and earned “rookie of the year” honors.

“We are exceedingly proud of them and grateful for the good report they have brought to our school,” said Ann Gibson, School of Business dean.

The national SIFE competition is slated for May in Kansas City. Bring on the giants!

Week of Prayer: This spring David Ferguson (BA ’86), Director of Young Adult Ministries in the Pennsylvania Conference of SDA, presented a week of spiritual renewal in April. Before going onto the platform for chapel, he relaxes with Kirsten Amlaner and Aaron Sinnett, students who presented special music.
Medallions go to Beach and Rohrbough

Selfless humanitarian service. Faithful denominational employment. Exemplary professional achievement. Career hallmarks like these bring more than just job satisfaction. They are also qualifications for the recipients of the Andrews President’s Award Medallion.

First established in 1997 (and, incidentally, first conferred on boxing great Muhammad Ali) the medallion honors individuals who contribute to society in noteworthy ways.

During an April 13 ceremony, Bert Beach and Faith Rohrbough were awarded the medallion.

Bert Beach served the Adventist Church in the 1960s as a representative to the Second Vatican Council. During his career he also served as a division officer in England and directed the General Conference Department of Public Affairs.

Since his 1995 retirement, he has served as GC director of Inter-Church Relations. President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan,

Canada, Faith Rohrbough has served on various American Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran boards and commissions and participated extensively in the Lutheran World Federation consultation with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Groundbreaking starts Seminary construction

Need a construction blueprint? “Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone” (Ephesians 2:20).

How about a worker’s contract? “Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1).

With these plans in place, we should have ourselves a new building by 2001.

Groundbreaking on a $5.8 million renovation and expansion project for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary took place on Sunday, April 25. The homecoming weekend ceremony brought together church and university leaders and inaugurated the building’s first major capital improvement project since it was built in 1961.

The line-up with shovels consisted of Niels-Erik Andreasen, Edward Wines, Robert Kloosterhuis, Werner Vyhmeister, Delores Slikkers and Leland McElmurry.

By mid-summer, a grassy plot of land just south of the 38-year-old building will give way to backhoes and construction crews. More than 25,000 square feet of new office, auditorium and classroom space will be added to the building’s existing 35,000 square feet of space.

“Student missionary killed in bus accident

“We are grateful for the years that Jody gave us. For the fact that she died the way the finest sons and daughters of Andrews University die—after a life of active, frontline service to God.”—Niels-Erik Andreasen, at a memorial service for Jody Stout.

The junior English major died Wednesday, March 31, in a tragic bus accident in Taiwan. Stout, 21, had been serving as a student missionary in Taiwan, where she was teaching English and Bible at an Adventist school.

The sting of her death has been made more significant since her father, Kenneth Stout, is a homiletics professor in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and her brother, Todd Stout, is a senior religion major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Stout was traveling on a public bus through a mountainous region in Taiwan. When the bus hit a median in the road and the driver lost control, the bus rolled from side-to-side. Stout was killed in the impact.
Plan C leads campus music renaissance

Critics in the nation’s media centers probably don’t know it yet, but the hometown for an emerging contemporary Christian band is none other than Berrien Springs, Mich! The site might be unlikely, but up to this point Plan C has made a practice of defying convention.

The Andrews-based Christian rock quartet is fresh on the heels of a concert on the Capitol mall in Washington, D.C. The concert was part of an Adventist young-adult conference, but the group has also played at youth rallies and academies across the Lake Union.

If Plan C’s success surprises media critics, they might be even more curious to know of the burgeoning musical renaissance taking place at Andrews. Groups like Plan C, Modus Dei, JC Groove and Quintessence are bringing homegrown contemporary Christian music to university students.

Plan C’s first compact disc was released in February 1998 and their next recording should be ready by July. In drawing from genres as diverse as ballads, reggae, doo-wop and retro-rock, the group’s melodic music is hard to define. But their mission is crystal clear: “We want people to take a second look at God and His desire to have them as a friend.”

Band with a Plan: (from left) Nick Zork, Ben Zork, Elia King and Glen Lester

Turnaround down on the farm

Got Milk? Andrews does.

It’s still the only North American college that runs a commercial farm—and it’s a commercial dairy farm with 800 cows, no less.

For two generations, EMC and Andrews agriculture students have worked on the farm, milking, feeding, and plowing fields on the farm’s 1,000 acres. The corn and alfalfa crop goes toward feeding the bovine herd, and every year since 1907 the cycle has continued.

But in the earlier part of this decade, things got a little sour in Holstein Heaven. By 1996, operating losses had become significant and talk among Andrews board members was that more red ink would mean the sale of the Andrews institution.

To the rescue came Tom Chittick, chair of the agriculture department, and Kathy Koudele-Joslin, associate professor of animal science. The two faculty members came on board as farm co-managers, implemented a new management structure, made changes, and even turned a small profit for the farm in 1996.

Every year since, the farm has made money and some of those funds now go into the facility’s first major renovation since the mid-1960s. New barns. New equipment. New ideas. The buzz-words are “Cow Comfort” and “Total Quality Management.”

Better equipment means happier people. Better living conditions mean happier cows. And happier cows mean Andrews still has “Got Milk” and will for years to come.

Food Fair Fever: Hot Indian curry, cool Australian smoothies, all washed down with some Brazilian guarana soft drink. This gastronomic gulp was sponsored by the Andrews International Food Fair, the annual capstone event in the International Student Week.

This year’s all-vegetarian event, held April 25, was the biggest ever, drawing more than 5,000 people, raising over $19,000 and filling a lot of bellies. Presumably “Temperance Week” followed.

Tom Chittick and Kathy Koudele-Joslin
New academic leaders appointed

David Penner, who recently returned to Andrews from La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif., where he served as dean of the School of Education, has been appointed to the position of vice president for strategic initiatives and enrollment services. “I plan to move Andrews toward identifying its uniqueness and turning that into the advantage that attracts more students as well as seizing the strategic opportunities that lie ahead,” said Penner.

William Richardson, after serving as acting dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since September 1998, was officially appointed to that position on Jan. 28, 1999. Richardson has been a long-time professor of religion and chair of the undergrad religion department. His immediate major plans for the College of Arts and Sciences include helping the departments implement the semester system.

Donald May, who has taught photography and coordinated the photo department in the College of Technology since 1979, is now the assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. As assistant dean, his job entails continual contact with students in advising and coordinating student retention strategies.

Karen Allen has been appointed to chair the nursing department. Allen, who has had an extensive career in substance abuse and nursing administration, came to Andrews from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, School of Nursing, where she was an associate professor of nursing. According to Allen, her goal is to work with the faculty to provide a learning community in which excellence in Christian education, practice, research, and leadership are the hallmarks reflected in AU graduates around the world.

With more than a quarter century as an Army chaplain and a tour of duty in Desert Storm, Keith Mattingly is seemingly ready for anything—even a promotion. When former religion department chair William Richardson was named College of Arts and Sciences dean, Mattingly was picked to head up a department he has taught in for more than 20 years. The one-time pastor holds three Andrews degrees.

Back to New York: Deliverance Choir

Did you hear about the newest feature? “Deliverance Goes to New York: The Sequel.”

Two years after a successful March 1997 concert tour to New York City, the university’s Deliverance gospel choir returned to the Big Apple in March for a four-day, six-concert tour.

Some 40 members of the 80-member choir traveled during spring break for the six-concert tour, singing in Adventist and non-Adventist churches, alike.

Since a significant percentage of choir members are from metropolitan New York, the tour was something of a homecoming. “Our families and friends all came out to see that we’re alive and well—and that we’re still singing,” said Deliverance director Patrick Graham, a second-year master of divinity student in the Seminary.

And after New York, anything the choir does will be a cakewalk. After all, if you can make it there, . . .
otany professor Dennis Woodland looks across the green Andrews campus and likes what he sees, up to a point. He wants it greener.

Not a deeper color, but greener in philosophy, attitude and behavior.

Twenty-nine years after the first Earth Day, he wants more attention paid by faculty, by students, by university executives to the environment. It could start with something as simple as transparent trash bags.

Nobody voices opposition to the idea, of course, but few are leaping to join his campaign.

Tom Chittick, chairman of the agriculture department and chief overseer of Andrews’ farm operation, speaks for many: “I don’t see Andrews as being actively involved and interested in environmental issues as maybe some campuses might be involved. But neither do I see us as a major polluter or problem. We’re very sensitive to waste disposal and those kinds of issues.”

Still, much recyclable waste is dumped in landfills, a lot of food is served in throwaway Styrofoam boxes, and student environmental activism is hard to find.

Rebecca May, the director of alumni services, spearheaded a recycling campaign in the early 1990s but gave up, she said, because there was little institutional support for it. “I think our Adventist subculture doesn’t think this is important, which baffles me,” May said. “If we believe God created the earth for us, that we should be stewards of the resources He has given us, then it is a moral and spiritual responsibility.”

Woodland is curator of the arboretum established by university trustees in 1992, which covers the whole campus. The most visible signs of the arboretum are the plaques identifying individual trees, but the idea goes much deeper. “It is a concept whereby the living things of the creation are used to integrate our academics, philosophy, history, mission, landscape and goals of the institution,” he wrote in a letter to President Niels-Erik Andreasen in December. “In time this will hopefully make the university a training place for greater Christian environmental stewardship.”

Woodland wants the arboretum idea broadened to everything the university does. “Since Christianity proposes a basic philosophy of respect toward God’s creative works, I feel we could . . . truly make this institution, in a short time, a model for all other institutions of higher learning to emulate,” he wrote. Some of his ideas:

• A university commitment to environmental sustainability, most immediately through a complete recycling program.
• Adoption of more energy-conserving technology in the architecture of new buildings.
• Promotion of “wellness participation” by encouraging walking and bicycling. This would involve adding more bike racks, supplying old bikes that people could pick up at one building and drop off at another, and even eliminating some parking lots.

• Creation of academic programs that prepare students for environmental stewardship, such as through sustainable agriculture or environmentally sensitive...
architecture that the church can employ in the developing world.

• Monetary incentives for university members to lose weight and adopt a more healthful lifestyle.
• Raise outside money for campus beautification.

Andreasen agrees with Woodland’s philosophy and supports at least some of his proposals. “It’s important to get into a symbiotic relationship with our environment,” he said. “If it isn’t wholesome, neither are we.”

Moreover, he said, “this is a Christian university and we have strong convictions as Christians about the creation of the world. And so respect for it is an expression of our Christian worship.”

Andreasen acknowledges that restoring the environment is costly. “I wonder how much of these efforts we could achieve by just redirecting our purchases, redirecting our handling of discarded materials, and through volunteer work,” he said. “I ask myself how many of our service learning projects are directed toward the physical environment and how many are directed toward people. Both ought to receive the attention of our service learning.”

Some seeds already have been planted. In 1989 a campaign led to changing the site of Harrigan Hall, partly to save a stand of Norwegian spruce trees. Andreasen noted that some central parking lots have been eliminated since his student days. And this year Andrews began an interdisciplinary program offering a degree in environmental science.

Woodland, who directs the program, credits academic vice president Patricia Mutch with getting it rolling. It will prepare students for graduate study or scores of jobs ranging from air quality inspector to zoologist, with lobbying and environmental law in between. Three students enrolled in the first quarter, and more are expected in future years.

Neil Carruthers of Stoneham, Mass., a sophomore who hopes to make a career of wildlife management, transferred from Atlantic Union College to Andrews instead of to the University of Massachusetts. “The Christian emphasis here, that’s just a bonus,” Carruthers said.

Christianity is an integral part of the new program. A. Josef Greig, a professor of religion, is on the ten-member faculty committee overseeing the program.

Greig has been an ardent environmentalist since the 1960s and over the years has led his classes on trash-pickup expeditions. He acknowledges that the Adventist belief that Christ will return soon to earth and the world will be consumed by fire “is not a very good incentive to preserving the environment.” He reconciled his activism and his faith in a 1990 article in the Adventist Review:

“To exploit the environment because of the belief that it is doomed anyway is based on a mistaken presupposition that the resources of the earth have been put here for us. This problem arises from a Christian faith that has become too anthropocentric and too consumer-oriented. Humanity is the apex of the created order but not creation’s owner. God did not create the world only for

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of God’s knowledge and understanding (Job 38 and 39). Christians should believe that as stewards we are to take care of the earth until God acts to accomplish the second coming of Christ. Until that time we must let the moral and ethical conditions of our faith, not what we think we know about the future of the earth, and the implications we draw from our thinking guide us to proper environmental action.”
Besides, he added, “we as Adventists have been saying for 150-plus years that the world is going to come to an end soon, and it hasn’t yet. So we had better not make too many predictions about the meaning of soon. I’m not sure we as Christians can box God in by a concept of soon without limiting the freedom and power of God. Nobody wants to do that, nor can anyone.”

Greig gets support from an unlikely source: Peter Van Bemmelen, a conservative professor of systematic theology in the Seminary who acknowledges that he has no background in environmentalism. The two men have had theological disputes, but this is not one of them.

Van Bemmelen sees signs in recent world events (wars, natural disasters, social changes) that “soon means it’s not going to be another 1,000 years and not another 100 years and maybe far, far less than that.”

Nonetheless, he says, “Whether Christ is coming back soon or not, we are stewards of what God has entrusted to us, and as such we have a tremendous responsibility. We have thrown away our authority and our responsibility by our selfishness and by our abuse. And I strongly think that as a church we are not doing enough to foster environmental concerns... You cannot love the Creator and not love His creation.”

Environmental activism at Andrews has had some successes, notably the relocation of the site of Harrigan Hall in 1989. The building was originally to stand about 100 feet west of its present site. Cheryl Jetter, a professor of art history, led the opposition campaign. “I really spoke up,” she said, “I got the petitions, went to the board chair, wrote letters to the president, got other people to write, and it worked.”

Jetter’s main concerns with the original site had to do with beauty, history and politics. In the end the decision seemed to be made because of some spruce trees.

“We tend to look at a piece of land and see the beautiful place, like maybe a rise, and say, ‘That is so beautiful, let’s build there,’” she said. “This is the historical part of campus. There is a march of trees right here, old College Avenue down to the river.” Jetter wanted to preserve the knoll, the vista.

She also worried about the symbolism that would emphasize one particular school. “By putting that building there, we would have created a design where there was an axis that connected the church and the library and another axis that connected the one school, the College of Technology, with the church, library and community.”

The decision to move Harrigan Hall was finally cast as a decision to save the Norwegian spruce trees that stood on the site first proposed. That official explanation does not bother Jetter. “Your real issue, your personal issue, gets shaken down to something much simpler. For me, here was a concrete moment that I could use to say I really do care about that land. Now it all shook down to a few trees, which is fine.”

The question may come up again. Griggs Hall is slated to be torn down in about two years and replaced with a new building, a liberal arts complex tentatively called Tan Hall.

“There are some trees there that will have to go when we put this new building in, and I’m sure there will be some reaction,” said Dave Wilber, director of plant administration. “There is a huge walnut tree that is probably 24 inches in diameter, maybe bigger. We’re trying to figure out whether to move that or cut it down and use the lumber for trim in the building or a desk or some other reminder.”

The walnut and some other trees could be spared if Tan Hall were sited more to the west, Wilber said, but that would put it out of line with neighboring buildings and change the appearance of the mall.

If Woodland has his way, Tan Hall will have lots of south-facing windows to take advantage of the sun, skylights, maybe solar panels for heating, and other environmentally friendly features.
Andrews University has designed a professional bachelor of science degree in environmental science to prepare students to excel in a variety of areas while still offering flexibility as they prepare for professional careers in the array of options open to environmental scientists.

Demand for professional scientists exists in the following areas:

- wildlife management
- energy source and conservation
- air quality engineering
- water quality management and conservation
- parks and recreation
- forestry
- natural resources management
- waste treatment
- botany and horticulture
- finance and law
- education and communication
- public policy development and enforcement
- and many more

The faculty of the Environmental Science program are drawn from a variety of departments, emphasizing the interdisciplinary nature of the program:

- Dennis W. Woodland, PhD, Professor of Botany
- A. Josef Greig, PhD, Professor of Religion
- James L. Hayward, PhD, Professor of Biology
- Gary G. Land, PhD, Professor of History
- Duane C. McBride, PhD, Professor of Biology
- G. William Mutch, PhD, Professor of Chemistry
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Bennett Chilson, the director, acknowledges that using Styrofoam and plastic is not best for the environment but says it saves money because it is hard to hire dish-washing staff during the off hours.

The most obvious part of Andrews’ environment is its landscape, the grass and trees. “We try to be very careful in what we do so that we don’t have a negative impact,” said David Nelson, the chief of the grounds department.

That means taking annual soil samples to determine how much and what kind of fertilizer is needed from year to year, and applying no more than necessary. All the fertilizer is of the slow-release kind, so a sudden rainfall doesn’t wash nutrients into the groundwater or streams.

And some areas are treated more intensively than others. That’s why the central campus has so many fewer weeds than the Andrews Airpark.

Leaves are vacuumed or raked in the fall, then composted. Grass clippings are left on the ground to nourish the soil. When trees are trimmed, the wood chips are used for mulch.

Andrews’ dairy farm, with more than 400 cows being milked, is a potential source of pollution, but so far it has not created a problem. The manure is spread on the fields where cattle feed is grown, and excess manure is given away to composting operations.

Chittick, the agriculture chairman, said plans are in place for a better facility to store manure until it’s time for spreading. The plans also provide for a large truck to haul manure to fruit and vegetable growers in the area.

The Andrews farm meets all current federal and local regulations, Chittick said. “But we know compliance with rules and regulations is going to be more stringent in the future because of the concerns with groundwater and surface water. We’re attempting to lay plans now.”

He added: “What we do today needs to be thought through carefully so that we do not spoil the environment for tomorrow. I would have thought the word stewardship would be more appropriately used in church circles, but it’s very much a word that farmers use today.”

Stewardship is on Woodland’s mind, too, as he teaches. “We’re not going to change the mindset of a bunch of gray-hairs, of politicians or church leaders or whatever, who have already made up their minds,” he said. “What I see hope in is our young people who are still open-minded, willing to think and look and reason. Now is the time to get them, to educate them, to make them realize that what we have in nature was given to humanity as a charge for us to be stewards of, and some of our activities have not been very environmentally friendly.”

Besides, Chilson said, “the products that we’re using are the most economical and the most handy for the customers. Our students are very mobile and on the go, and they seem to require the ability to grab and run. So we use a lot of disposable containers for them to carry out.”

Chilson wishes it were different. “If there’s something we can do to help the environment, then we should do that within the limitations that we’re working in. . . . With all our struggles on this campus with finances and with trying to keep things running as enrollment has dropped and all the pressures on us to cut corners, maybe we have not focused as much on the environment as it demands to be focused on.”
Alumni Homecoming this spring gave us the opportunity to take an “arm-chair” tour of other countries, hear from alumni in other parts of the world via electronic communication, and reunite alumni and faculty who participated in academic study tours as part of their coursework.

1 Color and pageantry are the hallmarks of the weekend’s annual international flag-raising ceremony Friday evening. 2 George Benson and Max Church—both from the 50-year honor class—renew their friendship at the salad supper Sabbath evening. 3 Rob Ritzenthaler (BFA ’95) leads the pack at the start of the annual 5K Run/Walk Sunday morning.

A photo essay by Jeremy Russell, Tyson Thorne, Tony Zappia, Nicholas Jones, Jack Stenger and Douglas Jones
Andrews’ favorite mascot, the Cardinal, always steals the show at the Alumni Parade Friday afternoon. 2 Barbara (’76) and Doug Kraner (’49) at the salad supper. 3 Coach Bob Kalua (’93) keeps a sharp eye out for his Gymnics performing in the alumni parade. 4 David Mayor (att. ’73) and son Joseph attend the European Study Tour reunion Saturday evening.
5 Dwain Ford ('49) in the driver’s seat for the Class of 1949’s parade entry. 6 Frostbite on the links at Friday’s Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing. 7 Jasmine Jacob ('66) speaks at the “Women Supporting Women Through Philanthropy” breakfast Friday morning. 8 A lot of reminiscing went on at Friday evening’s ‘til Midnight Cafe in the Alumni House. 9 Horse-drawn trolley tours of campus have become a popular tradition on Sabbath afternoon. 10 Men from the Class of ’49 were all smiles as “the Greatest Generation” participated in the parade Friday afternoon. 11 Myronie Talento, a student in the Seminary, was one of three presenters at Pioneer Memorial Church Sabbath morning.
1 Alumni Services director Rebecca May (left) registers Betty Martin (‘65) in the Alumni House for Thursday evening’s Gala Alumni Banquet. 2 Loren Nelson (‘71) joins Seminary professors Nancy Vyhmeister and Walter Douglas at the Seminary’s ground-breaking ceremony. 3 Paul Dixon (‘89) attended the Donor Brunch in the dining hall Sunday morning. 4 Leon and Dolores Slikkers of Holland, Mich., were awarded the Global Award in Adventist Education, the highest distinction conferred on benefactors in financial support of Adventist education. 5 The Seminary Chorus sang at the ground-breaking. 6 A pancake breakfast and sunny skies greeted spectators at Sunday’s Air Expo at the Andrews Airpark.
Andrews representatives met with hundreds of alumni over the last few weeks. Here’s an update of the regional goings-on:

On Sabbath, March 6, 75 enthusiastic alumni gathered for a potluck lunch at Southern Adventist University. Chris Carey from the Development Office and Lisa Jardine from the Alumni Office shared brief updates about Andrews and visited with those attending. There was a wide range of classes represented—with members attending from the class of 1925 all the way up to the class of 1997!

Then on Sunday, March 7, alumni in Hendersonville, N.C., gathered for brunch at Park Ridge Adventist Hospital. About 45 people attended and enjoyed the recently released video highlighting the work of Dr. Bill Chobotar.

Alumni can count on these two gatherings to be an annual affair!

On February 20 alumni in the Detroit area were invited to a worship service of the Andrews University Singers, under the direction of Stephen Zork, at the Andrews University Singers, under the direction of Stephen Zork, at the Oakwood SDA Church. Pastor Peter Neri (att.) graciously turned over the pulpit for the entire service, and the performance repertoire, ranging from the Hallelujah Chorus to hymn arrangements to gospel pieces, was a spiritual feast for those in the congregation. The Oakwood Church has nine members currently attending Andrews University.

One alum, who drove more than an hour to participate in this worship service, said, “Because I normally attend a church with a very small congregation, a service like this is particularly refreshing and moving. The Singers’ music filled the sanctuary, and our thoughts were directed heavenward.”

That same afternoon the University Singers presented a vesper concert at the Paw Paw Church. Mona (Dower) Sarcona (BA ’92) and Barbara Randall (BA ’66) organized a sandwich supper following the concert for all alumni and the University Singers.

Hockey in Florida? Yep! A group of Andrews alumni got together to attend an Orlando Solar Bears vs Detroit Vipers hockey game on March 7 at the Orlando Arena. (They all say they like the weather in Florida, but we think they miss the snow and ice in Michigan—and that’s why they chose to go to a hockey game!)

On the same evening Dr. Andreasen presented a vesper service for alumni wintering in Palm Desert. Thanks to Steve and Bonnie Young (former faculty) who volunteered to help with arrangements for this alumni gathering.

Loma Linda-area alumni met in the Chan Shun Pavilion for breakfast and a lively Sabbath School lesson discussion led by Dr. Andreasen. Lenart (BA ’50) and Beverly Olson (MMus ’76) conducted a wonderful song service. Thanks to Marvin Feldbush (BS ’63) for making logistical arrangements!

Three La Sierra University vice presidents—Deny Schmidt (BA ’70), Greg Gerard (BA ’77, MA ’81), and Lennard Jorgensen (PhD ’93) and LSU president, Larry Geraty (MA ’63, BD ’65, former faculty), were among those who attended the Jan. 30 Andrews Alumni Dinner at La Sierra University’s Alumni Center. Alumni were anxious to hear from Dr. Andreasen about the plans for the renovation/expansion of the Seminary building and also about his recent service on various General Conference committees.

By the time the third quarter of the Jan. 31 Super Bowl was winding down, the annual Young Alumni Gathering at TGI Friday’s in Palm Desert was starting to wind up. Approximately 20 young alumni took a break from their busy schedules and expressed interest in making this an annual event.

Carl Coffman (MA ’63, MDiv ’72, former faculty) welcomed alumni to the gathering at his home church in Calistoga on Feb. 1. Alumni enjoyed viewing the video on the unveiling ceremony of the Al sculptures. They also enjoyed delicacies from a Napa Valley deli.

On Feb. 3 Shelley and Paul Stokstad (att., trustee) hosted an alumni gathering for Sacramento area alumni. Dr. Andreasen gave an update on University events and answered questions during a lively discussion. The evening concluded with a video of the sculpture unveiling.
This year’s honored alumni were presented with the Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion. Because of their achievement and leadership, they have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the board of directors to receive this award.

**Theodore R. Holford (BA ’69)**

“Quality education strikes a balance between imparting the state of knowledge as it exists at one point in time while providing the tools and the curiosity to explore what is beyond,” writes Theodore Holford reflecting on his Andrews education. Holford is now Professor of Public Health (Biostatistics) and Director of Graduate Studies for the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

Born in Ohio, Holford attended secondary school at Vincent Hill School in India while his parents served as missionaries. He then completed majors in mathematics and chemistry at Andrews in the late 1960s before enrolling in the doctoral program in biometry at Yale University. Upon his completion of the doctorate in 1973, Holford stayed at Yale, working on the research staff, progressing on to assistant professor, associate professor, and becoming a full professor ten years ago. From 1990 to 1997, he was head of the Biostatistics Division.

Holford has published extensively in the areas of cancer, environmental health, perinatal epidemiology, and spinal cord injuries. He is a Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology, and he holds membership in several learned societies.

“My mentors at Andrews provided me with all of the essential tools to start a career of learning that has helped me to appreciate the beauty of a logical argument, to live with the cognitive dissonance that can come when you take both religion and science seriously, and to savor the joy of life,” he wrote of the formative experience he enjoyed as an undergraduate on the Andrews campus.

Holford has offered instruction on statistical methods in epidemiology to Connecticut State Health Department employees, been a member of the Andrews University President’s Circle, held various offices in his local Seventh-day Adventist church, and played the trumpet in a local symphony. Currently he is a founding editor of *Statistical Methods in Medical Research*, and previously he was an associate editor for *Biometrics* (1984-1988) and *American Journal of Epidemiology* (1989-1998).

Holford lives in Hamden, Conn., with his wife Maryellen (Hutchinson) Holford (BA ’70); they have two grown children.

**James Bradford Jolly (MDiv ’91)**

The relatively short life of Brad Jolly is a testimony to vision and dedication—in the face of illness and disappointment. We honor his life of hope and commitment to mission service just a few months after his untimely death.

Jolly grew up in central California, attending Seventh-day Adventist schools and completing a bachelor’s degree in business at Pacific Union College. In 1985, he taught English language and Bible classes in Japan; as a result of that missionary service, he determined that he would spend the rest of his life as a frontier missionary.

He enrolled at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in the late 1980s. While on campus he met Cathie McDaniel (BA ’87, MA ’88), and they were married in 1989—both of them committed to serving God through mission work. He earned a master’s of divinity degree at Andrews University in 1991.

Upon his graduation, the Jollys went to Mongolia as missionaries for Adventist Frontier Missions, arriving when the country was struggling from the collapse of Communism. They enrolled in Ulanbator as language students. The economic crises, anti-Christian and anti-foreigner feelings, and a slowly fading Communist mindset made their first years difficult. However, they established a small church, which was officially recognized by the denomination in 1997. While serving in Mongolia, the Jollys’ family grew by two young daughters.

Before succumbing to cancer in September of 1998, Jolly translated several portions of the Bible into the Mongolian language, as well as Ellen White’s *Steps to Christ* and Mark Finley’s *Studying Together*. Of his illness and disappointment in leaving mission service, Jolly wrote: “There is in darkness a greater appreciation for light. There is in quietness a greater appreciation for love. There is in all of this a deeper, more precious experience with God.”

**Robert S. Prouty (BA ’73, MA ’79)**

The world has truly been the classroom for Robert Prouty, and his education has a worldwide impact. Currently principal education specialist for World Bank, he works with national counterparts to develop educational programs and to coordinate bilateral and multilateral donor assistance in sixteen West African countries. He explains that he has specific responsibility for educational programs in Guinea, Senegal, Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Mali. Holding this position since 1991, he is also a member of several bank-wide steering committees, including Education Reform and Management, Textbook Policy, and Educational Quality.
Prior to his work at World Bank, Prouty served as academic dean and as dean of the Faculty of Education Sciences at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Rwanda from 1987 to 1990. He has been the principal of several Adventist secondary schools in Africa and in Canada.

A native of Canada, Prouty enrolled at Seminaire Adventiste de Collonges sous-Salve in France upon completing secondary school. He then enrolled at Andrews University and earned a bachelor’s degree in French and mathematics in 1973. He completed graduate studies in educational administration at Andrews and then earned a doctorate in educational administration at Michigan State University from 1984 to 1987. While at East Lansing, he was a research assistant, and then he taught there for a brief stint in the early 1990s.

Prouty is proficient in a number of languages, including French, Swahili, Kinyarwanda and Italian. He has published extensively. He is married to Diane Kathleen Vanbelle (BA ’73). They live in Clifton, Va., and have four children.

Reger C. Smith (BA ’49)

Reger Smith has left a significant impression on the campus of Andrews University—as an EMC student, a professor of social work, and as an administrator in the area of student services. A native of Ohio, in 1949 he received a bachelor’s degree in English and secondary education from Emmanuel Missionary College. He then pursued a career in social work, serving as a caseworker and marriage and family counselor in Michigan, as well as a social worker for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Arizona; he also taught for a few years at Western Michigan University in the Department of Social Work. He completed a master’s degree in social work (MSW) in 1960 and an interdisciplinary doctorate in social work, sociology and anthropology in 1978 at Michigan State University.

His career at Andrews, which began in 1967, is marked by professional achievement. Now Professor of Social Work, Emeritus, Smith served as chair of the Department of Social Work from 1973 to 1980 and social work program director from 1988 to 1996. Because of his reputation as an understanding and compassionate professional, he was appointed to the position of Vice President for Student Services in 1980; he served in that capacity until 1988.

Smith’s commitment to his discipline and collegiate duties at Andrews has been balanced by his active pursuit of professional enrichment and outreach. He is well known for his marriage and family workshops, and currently he is at work on a pre-marital counseling manuscript for interracial marriages. Many students and faculty would agree that Reger Smith has served as an inspiration and a mentor to them during their years on the Andrews campus.

Smith, who resides in Berrien Springs with his wife Katherine (BA ’71), maintains a private practice in marriage and family counseling. They have three adult children. Even in his retirement, he is an active member of the community, serving on the Berrien County Foundation Children and Family Advisory Committee and Health Care at Home Advisory Committee. He teaches a Sabbath School class and serves as head elder at Pioneer Memorial Church.

Marion M. (Noerrlinger) Streidl-Newhart (BS ’59, MAT ’87)

Quiet service and teaching excellence are the hallmarks of Marion Streidl Newhart’s life. A native of Wisconsin, Streidl-Newhart attended Wisconsin Academy from 1951 to 1955; she then enrolled as a business education major at Emmanuel Missionary College. Upon her graduation from EMC in 1959, she spent the next 38 years making a difference in the lives of countless students on three different Adventist academy campuses.

One former principal recalls Streidl-Newhart as “the epitome of outstanding teaching . . . a model teacher . . . one of the finest teachers I’ve ever known.” Streidl-Newhart began her teaching career at Cedar Lake Academy in Michigan as a business education instructor, from 1959 to 1962. She taught business education at Blue Mountain Academy in Pennsylvania from 1962 to 1995, and then she taught at Collegeade Academy in Tennessee for one school year, 1996-97. As a teacher, she was a member of the National Business Educators Association, and in 1993 she was awarded the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching.

“Andrews has a very special place in my heart,” Streidl-Newhart says, “because it is the place that made a distinctive imprint of influence on my major lifetime choices—to serve God in the teaching profession and to marry a Christian partner. What a blessing!” Streidl-Newhart’s husband, Harold R. Streidl (BA ’59, MA ’65, ’73), served with her as an academy teacher of distinction; he died in August 1995. She is now married to Albert L. Newhart, founder and director of American Cassette Ministries in Harrisburg, Pa. Between them, they have several grown children. After a lifetime of teaching in Adventist education, Streidl-Newhart continues to serve the Lord as executive secretary/treasurer of American Cassette Ministries.
The newly established Golden Hearts club is made up of Andrews alumni who graduated 50 years ago or earlier. (See back page for the Class of 1949.) First row, from left: Grover Fattic, Jr. ’33; Ruby Current Cole ’39, ’67; Ruth Husted ’39, ’48; Pearl Losey ’24–26; Verda Buller Trickett, ’44. Second row, from left: Gladys Thompson Vessels ’47; Irma Wrate Church ’48; Virginia Duffie Steinweg ’35; Violet Burris Snow ’45; Else Landon Buck ’43, ’64, ’91. Third row, from left: Ingrid Johnson ’44; David Duffie ’41; Knobby Mauro ’48; Pat Mauro ’48, ’63; Edwin F. Buck ’44, ’64.

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Chester “Chet” Damron (MA ’58, MA ’67) received the Adventist Health System Christian Service Award in March. He has served as chaplain at Florida Hospital /Fish Memorial since 1994. As chaplain at Florida Hospital in Orlando, he was instrumental in establishing the hospital’s pastoral care training program.

Harvey M. Lashier, Jr. (BA ’59) is an ophthalmologist in Lodi, Calif. He has made several trips to Africa, the Caribbean and Latin America as a volunteer eye surgeon. Also among his travels is a trip to Turkey and the Greek islands with John Nerness (BA ’59), David Reeves (BA ’59) and other medical school classmates and friends. Lashier and his wife Jean, a registered nurse and homemaker, have two children.

Roger Coon (MA ’59) is a retired minister living in Berkeley Springs, W. Va. with his wife Irene (Strom), a retired General Conference auditor. A co-founder of the Adventist Seminary in West Africa with Grover Winslow (MA ’51, BD ’58), Coon worked at the Ellen G. White Estate at the GC and as an adjunct professor for the SDA Theological Seminary before active “retirement” in 1993. He now teaches and holds seminars throughout North American and overseas divisions of the Adventist church. The Coons have two children and three grandchildren.

Eugene (BS ’59, MAT ’78) and Irene (Klute) Witzel (DP ’58) are retired and living in Gentry, Ark. In Eugene’s 23 years as a missionary to Africa, he taught college and built hospitals, churches and schools. Irene served as an accountant and secretary. They have three children and seven grandchildren.

1960s

Paul E. Moore (MA ’60, MDiv ’74) is president as well as a broadcaster for LifeTalk Radio, which he founded in 1991. He has pastored several churches and taught at Pacific Union College and Columbia Union College. Moore also developed and institutionalized the River Plate Student Mission at what is now River Plate University in Argentina. He and his wife Jeannie (Wyant) live in Yakima, Wash. They have four children and nine grandchildren.

Wayne Judd (MA ’65, BD ’66) has been appointed director of Mission and Spiritual Care for Adventist Health in Roseville, Calif. His primary function is to support the organization’s mission activities at the corporate, regional and organizational levels. This includes the system’s 20 hospitals and numerous other care-giving activities.

Before joining the corporate staff, Judd worked as associate director of behavioral medicine at Glendale Adventist Medical Center/Adventist Health, in...
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product line development, marketing and management.

**Richard Yukl** (BA ’67) was part of a 40-member medical team at Swedish Hospital in Englewood, Colo., that treated some of the most seriously wounded high school students from Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., April 20. Yukl, who is also director for trauma service of the HealthOne Hospital System in Denver, says that as an emergency medical professional, he often sees serious medical problems, but that the Columbine tragedy was unique—“We see trauma but rarely in this volume or under these tragic circumstances.” Yukl and his wife Joylin live in Denver.

**Thomas Knoll** (BD ’69) is a lawyer in Staunton, Va. He reports that many of his legal cases involve people who face discrimination in the workplace because of their religious beliefs. He and his wife **Merry Beth (Habenicht)** (BA ’68), a legal secretary, have four children.

**Norma Averil (Juriansz) Kurtz** (BA ’69, MA ’72) teaches English and French at the University of Montemorelos in Mexico. Her husband **Laren** (MDiv ’70, MA ’72) teaches Hebrew and theology. They travel two to three hours up into the mountains to assist theology students doing their practicals in small churches. From 1974 to 1977, the Kurtzes were missionaries in Zaire. Their two children—**Camille Kurtz-Clayton** and **Llewellyn**—are both current Andrews students.

**Karen (Mang) Spruill** (BA ’74) is a freelance author and psychotherapist in Orlando, Fla. Since graduating, she has been the interim director of public relations at Andrews and Focus editor, assistant editor for Insight magazine, assistant editor for the Lake Union Herald, and legal advocate in a domestic violence case.

She is currently coauthoring a book about breast cancer for New Harbinger Publications. Her husband **Timothy** (BA ’73) is a psychologist and was a professor in the educational and counseling psychology program at Andrews. They have two children (**Zachary** is a current AU student, and **Lauren** is a high school senior) and will celebrate 26 years of marriage in June.

**John A. Des Jardins** (BS ’74) is a circuit judge living in Appleton, Wis. He earned a law degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. In 1988 he tried the longest jury trial in Wisconsin state history. Des Jardins served as a district attorney before his election to his current office in 1994. He is active in directing victim impact panels and refereeing football, basketball and soccer. He and his wife Linda have two daughters.

**Karin (von Stiegel) Strom** (BS ’78, MA ’82), after teaching math in Adventist schools for 13 years, now is...
a home educator and manager in Stockbridge, Ga. She also delivers “Meals on Wheels,” tutors in math, and participates in the local homeschoolers association. She is married to William Strom, Jr. With their two children, Rebekka and Richard, they have taken up mountain-biking.

Cynthia (Evans) Greene (MAT ’79), a teacher in Florida, is currently at work on an EdD in Leadership and Supervision. She is also a dyslexia language specialist. She is active in her church as clerk, education director and singles ministry director. She has two children, Alfonso and Donna.

Jeffrey Erhard (BS ’79, MAT ’89) is associate dean of men at Southern Adventist University in Tennessee. He has had a 20-year career in Adventist education at the junior academy, senior academy and university levels. He and his wife Darla (Rouse) (AS ’80), a registered nurse, have two sons, Nicholas and Neal.

David Jarnes (MDiv ’79) is associate editor of Signs of the Times. He has also been the associate editor of Ministry and assistant director of the Ministerial Association at the General Conference prior to assuming his current position. Jarnes and his wife Jeanne (former staff) live in Caldwell, Idaho. They have a daughter, Kristen (BS ’97) and a son, Todd, a current AU student.

1980s

R. John Gilbert (MA ’84) is self-employed and is living in Melbourne Beach, Fla. Insight magazine has published two of his works.

Kimberly (Medina) Knowlton (BS ’88, MS ’89) is a physical therapist and preventive care specialist living in San Bernadino, Calif. She is a deaconess and pianist for her church, and she has worked in fund-raising for the American Heart Association. In her free time, she enjoys music, mountain-biking, ultimate frisbee and golf. She is married to Corey Knowlton (BS ’93), a teacher. They have two sons.

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Class of 1979, first row, from left: Helen Hyde, Shirley Gager, Arthur Slagle, Brenda Higgins, Vicki Harlan; second row, from left: Debbie Montcalm, Barbara Fraser Clarke, Stony Hilderbrandt, Roger Higgins, Carol Bauer Wheeler.
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LIFE STORIES

Weddings

LETISHA ROGERS (BS ’97, MSFT ’98) and DWIGHT STALLARD (BS ’99) were married Dec. 28, 1997, and reside in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Esther Hensel and PAUL HAMEL (DP ’40, BA ’48, former faculty) were married April 10, 1999, and reside in Berrien Springs.

Births

To Melanie and MICHAEL QUION (BS ’91), Grand Rapids, Mich., a boy, Mark Ryan, Oct. 12, 1998.

To Heather (Verhelle) Conner (BS ’96), and NICHOLAS CONNER (BA ’95) Farmington Hills, Mich., a girl, Sara Nicole, March 25, 1999.

Deaths

JAMES DANIEL WANG (former faculty) was born Aug. 18, 1908, in Hubei Province, China, and died Dec. 24, 1998, in Collegedale, Tenn.

Wang served on the Andrews faculty from 1948 to 1951 teaching education and psychology. Prior to his service at Andrews, he worked for the Illinois Department of Mental Health.

He was an Adventist minister, and he served as president of Chinese Adventist College in China and department head of the China Division of the SDA Church.

He is survived by his wife Anna Hsu Wang of Collegedale; a son, JOHN WANG (BA ’56) of Chico, Calif.; three daughters, Esther Lau of Loma Linda, Calif., Ruth Liu of Ooltewah, Tenn., and Rebekah Wang Cheng (BA ’74) of Brookfield, Wisc.; eleven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

FRITZ O. MARTINSEN (BA ’59) was born May 15, 1926, in Halden, Norway, and died Jan. 21, 1999, in Ridgecrest, Calif.

After graduating from Andrews, Martinssen served in Africa, and pastored in Bergen, Norway, and several U.S. churches. He also volunteered for three years in a school on the Micronesian island of Pohnpei. After his retirement, he was asked to pastor the small Adventist church in Mojave, Calif.

He is survived by his wife Martha Jean (Vail) of Ridgecrest; three daughters, Esther Birkenstock of Somerset West, South Africa, Helen Belisle of Ridgecrest, Valerie Sherman of Shelton, Wash.; and a son, Lyndon of Ridgecrest; seven grandchildren; and two sisters, Edith Lau of American Samoa, and Imani Lauilo Poua, of Moenuu Muafono, Aso Tuaumu, Agaleleli Esera, and Hana Falanai; and four brothers, Totoa, Masalosalo, Solipo, and Tautasi Falanai of American Samoa.

JOHN KERBS (MAT ’68, EdD ’83) was born Sept. 3, 1933, in Shattuck, Okla., and died April 2, 1999, in Lexington, Ohio.

At the time of his death, Kerbs was senior assistant to the president of La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Before that he was president of Union College, in Lincoln, Neb., for seven years. He had a total of 43 years’ experience in education at all levels within the Seventh-day Adventist community.

In 1956 Kerbs earned a bachelors degree in theology from La Sierra, where he met his wife Nancy.

He authored two books, Your People Problems and How to Belong When You Are Already a Member. He also received the North American Award for Excellence for making a significant contribution to Adventist education.

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My friend has one in his wallet, and I wish I did too. Clipped out, laminated, looking like it came from the back of a comic book and repeatedly laughed at by us in an advertisement that urges the reader to send in for a correspondence course to become a “real” private detective and “Bring criminals to justice.” There are several benefits given for choosing detective work as a career, but what I see as the real psychological push for the advertisement is the last on the list: “Gain respect and authority.”

Well, I for one didn’t send in for the course. Instead, I enrolled at Andrews University in the fall of ’93 and graduated this last June with a double major in English and Spanish and a minor in biology. Wrapped in those five years were a lot of great classes and an excellent year studying in Sagunto, Spain. Since then I have gotten a job working as an instructional assistant in an ESL (English as a second language) classroom in a public high school in Walla Walla, Washington.

This year has been a really great experience. Honestly. I’ve learned a lot about organization, group dynamics, the process of learning, conflict resolution and school politics. And for the most part, the students are great. I always thought it would be wonderful to work where I was able to use Spanish, and I certainly have that. Roughly 90% of our students are of Hispanic origin, and most of those are Mexican. I’m teaching English, but I joke that I speak more Spanish now than I did in Spain. It’s been very satisfying to have one of my career goals realized so quickly after college and while I’m still young. At the same time, my age has added a new dimension to my experience.

Working in a high school at age 24 leaves me less than six years older than some of the students. Two times I have been mistaken as one, and in another instance I was stared at for several moments in disbelief. The student couldn’t believe I graduated from academy in 1993 and was already working in a high school. I’m glad for this closeness because it helps the students see me as a friend and someone they can relate to. But while the students might feel a certain sense of camaraderie because we’ve both had our driver’s licenses less than a decade, in no way do I feel like one of them.

I ask the students to sit down, lower their voices, get to class on time, not to chew gum and give detention to repeat offenders. With the group of students I teach I’m responsible for planning what happens in class and the homework they’re to bring completed the next day. Another distinction comes from the Spanish-speaking students who address me as Ud, a shortened form of the pronoun usted used to address people who are older and/or respected. Wow, I didn’t expect respect until many years after college at the soonest! So this year leaves me thinking about respect fairly often.

I am older than the students, but I doubt the small difference in age is enough to give me an esteemed position. I’ve concluded it’s based on education. I’m helping them learn something I already know, hopefully preparing them for college, a place where I’ve already been.

The truth is I don’t need that advertisement because I have something else. It also is small, laminated and fits in a wallet. It’s a miniature of the college diploma I received last June from Andrews. In a very real sense it gives me respect and authority. As far as my bringing criminals to justice, I just make them stay after class.

Matt Bayley (BA ’98) is revered and respected by his students at Walla Walla High School in Washington State, where he teaches English as a second language. He is working on secondary certification at Walla Walla College.
Ten years ago these Andrews seniors—all members of the Society of Andrews Scholars—donned caps and gowns for graduation ceremonies. *(From left to right: Charles Ahn, Sylvia Rasi, Michelle Pezet and Christian Dupont.)*