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## Summer!

**W**e've had quite a summer in our office—preparing (long before the summer started) for the 57th session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, staffing the Andrews booth (1500 square feet!) in the exhibition hall, stuffing 25,000 Andrews University shopping bags at GC with Andrews loot, coordinating the 26 Andrews students who served as pages at the GC session (did I say *coordinate*?!), preparing our department's annual report and dreaming up a semi-appropriate gift to give out to the rest of the advancement team (we handed out yo-yos)—and stumbling on three little steps in Toronto and badly spraining my left ankle—setting me back a ways, to say the least!

But along with all the turmoil and distractions of this summer (who said summer is the time to relax?), we've been hard at work at our promise to prepare and deliver another issue of **FOCUS** that's full of useful information, memories, and news. I'd like to thank the many people who make it a point to tell me how much they enjoy the magazine. The staff never tires of hearing such praise, and I want to thank those who actually send in their letters—but not just letters and words of praise. We honestly appreciate your comments of constructive criticism as well.

**T**his issue fairly teems with energy. I'm thinking particularly of Tonya Hippler's ADRA journal. Last summer our Tonya—she's assisted in the university relations office for four years now—worked for Adventist Disaster and Relief Agency at various sites around the globe, assisting with communications and a variety of projects. I think you'll enjoy this young Andrews grad's honest and often humorous observations on foreign travel and living conditions as she chronicles a spirit of mission.

And our brief coverage of the Andrews presence at Toronto's General Conference session offers a glimpse of the energy we experienced there. I was so proud to be associated with Andrews as I observed our student pages scrambling around the Skydome, assisting with the business of the church. Andrews made a pretty big splash—the ubiquitous Andrews shopping bag was everywhere, and our exhibit was well attended throughout the week and a half, and campus luminaries such as Niels-Erik Andreasen and George Knight figured into the mix of ideas and personalities. All in all, it was a revealing and exhilarating experience. I have great appreciation for the rest of the advancement team who upheld the good name and face of Andrews!

Also in this issue, but perhaps not articles indicative of great energy, you'll enjoy reading Katie Shaw's feature "Benchmarks" about the various benches found throughout the campus arboretum. Katie, who's now the new office manager at university relations, had a special bond to the story; she was the one who raised the funds to secure a bench in honor of her friend Jody Stout, who died last spring. Katie, in fact, took the photo on the cover—it's of her husband Andrew.

Another feature in this issue is Delmer Davis's interview dealing with general education. As director of gen ed, Dr. Davis speaks with authority about the campus's renewed dedication to making general education at Andrews a unique and satisfying experience that's built on the university's academic emphasis that stresses the body, mind, and spirit—*corpus, mens, spiritus*.

The Alumni News section covers an interesting reunion in Maryland. Late in the spring, alumni director Rebecca May hosted a gathering that focused on the old SDA Theological Seminary in Takoma Park. Faculty and students from that time and place gathered to revive memories and friendships. It looks like the group had a wonderful time, and I wouldn't doubt that we'll see coverage of more reunions of this group.



Photo by Shelley Trubey

*We hope you have  
a great summer!*

**C**heck out the photo! It was taken in July off the coast of Holland on Lake Michigan. After an afternoon of important advancement retreat meetings, our team enjoyed an outing on a 43-foot cabin cruiser supplied by Leon and Dolores Slikkers, who serve Andrews on the President's Advisory Circle and the Board of Trustees. Pictured with me, from left, are some of the people who make my time in the office (and on deck) such a pleasant experience: Monise Hamilton, assistant director of university relations; Rebecca May, director of alumni services; Demetra Andreasen, director of community relations; and Katie Shaw, office manager at university relations. It's good friends and colleagues like these who

make such an important difference at Andrews University. I believe that you—the friends and alumni of the university—are well served by such an outstanding bunch of professionals.

From all of us at **FOCUS**, we hope you have a great summer!

—Douglas A. Jones (MA '80)  
FOCUS editor

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# CALENDAR

**Summer Graduation.** Celebrate the knowledge and skills people have gained at Andrews. *Consecration*, Aug. 4, 8 pm, Pioneer Memorial Church, Walter Wright, executive secretary of the Lake Union Conference, *speaker*. *Baccalaureate*, Aug. 5, 11:20 am, graduate and undergraduate, Pioneer Memorial Church, Jon Dybdahl, professor of world mission at Andrews University, *speaker*. *Commencement*, Aug. 6, 9 am, Pioneer Memorial Church, Mardian Blair, past president of Adventist Health Systems, *speaker*.

**International beginnings.** *New international student orientation.* Monday-Wednesday, Aug. 21-23, 8:30 am-5 pm. First-year students: Monday only.

**Fresh faces.** All Fired Up! is an annual *freshman orientation* program full of fun, games and, of course, placement tests, advising and surveys. Tuesday-Monday, Aug. 22-28. Call 616-471-3303 for more information about All Fired Up!

**Earlier start.** Classes start sooner this year with the new semester system. Register Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 28 and 29 between 8 am and 5 pm. For all schools except the Seminary: *Classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 29. Seminary classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 30.*

**Welcome parties!** Get back into the swing of things at Andrews with the BSCF Welcome Back Barbeque, Sunday, Sept. 3, and the annual AUSA/SA Welcome Back Party, Monday, Sept. 4, 8 pm.

**Green boughs.** Pay tribute to "our dear AU" by taking part in the annual passing of the garland at University Convocation, Thursday, Sept. 7, 10:30 am. Pioneer Memorial Church.

**Chaos in the gym.** Almost Anything Goes! celebrates class spirit. Saturday night, Sept. 9, 8:30, Johnson Gym.

**Musical praise.** BRANCH is sponsoring the group, *Valor*, Sept. 16, 8:30 pm at Johnson Gym. *Not By Chance* is the opening act.

**Spiritual Emphasis.** Monday-Friday, Sept. 18-22, Ron Clouzet will be the speaker for the *Fall Week of Prayer* at Pioneer Memorial Church.

**Stringed sounds.** Enjoy a musical treat with the Andrews University Symphony Orchestra. Under the direction of Carla Trynchuk, the orchestra will perform a *concert* entitled "Celebrations." Saturday, Oct. 14, 8 pm. Pioneer Memorial Church.

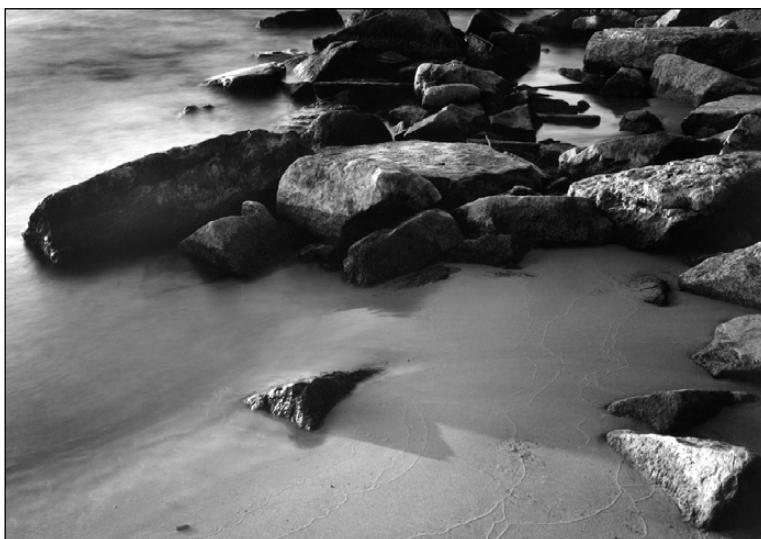
**Hay fever.** In an annual swirl of cotton candy, apples and caramel, Andrews students get the chance to get to know each other better at the *Barn Party*. Saturday, Oct. 14, 8:30 pm. Location to be announced.

**Campus introduction.** Seniors from academies all over North America explore their options at *College Days* at Andrews University, Sunday and Monday, Oct. 15-16.

**Down the aisle.** Getting married or married recently? *Adventist Engaged Encounter* weekend gives couples a chance to explore and solidify their relationships. Friday, Nov. 3, 6:30 pm-Sunday, Nov. 5, 1:30 pm. Preregister with Campus Ministries at 616-471-3211.

**Thankful for a break.**

*Thanksgiving break.* Tuesday, Nov. 22-Sunday, Nov. 26.



*Beautiful Lake Michigan shines rocks piled in the sand and beckons us to sink our toes into the gentle wavelets edging the beach.*

Photo by Violetta Walker

**Folk fun.** Experience another culture at the Massenroff Russian Folk Festival. Sunday, Sept. 24, 7:30 pm. Johnson Gym.

**Alumni get-together.** Meet with your old friends from the Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF) all weekend. Friday-Sunday, Sept. 6-8. Admiral Barry Black, U. S. Navy, *speaker*.

**Calling all missionaries.** Get inspired to travel, serve, and test your limits in a brand new country. *Mission Emphasis Week*, Monday-Saturday, Oct. 9-14.

For more information about these and other events at Andrews University, please call 1-800-253-2874 or visit us on the Web at [www.andrews.edu](http://www.andrews.edu). Click on news and events.

# LETTERS

## BOOKSHELF QUERY

In the spring 2000 issue of FOCUS, on page 30, you reviewed two books, *Altar Call* by Roy Gane and *In His Hands* by James A. and Priscilla Tucker. You told by whom they are published but no information on their price is given that I can see.

Both of these books look very interesting and I am sure my daughter would be especially interested in the devotional which explores the Bible and nature.

Would you be so kind as to tell me the price of each of these books and their availability? Thank you kindly for this information.

*Bethel R. Barger  
Loveland, CO*

**Editor's response:** *These books are available at your local Adventist Book Center. Altar Call is \$15.00 and In His Hands is \$13.95.*

## NO SUCH THING AS TRIVIA

The world little noted nor long remembered that I graduated from EMC in 1942. Perhaps I was best known then for my *Student Movement* column titled "Left on the Spindle," a periodic report on campus trivia. Quite appropriate. Also for being in the half of my class that made the upper half possible.

About that time I received a personal appeal from the president of the United States asking me to assist him in dealing with

a foreign power with whom he was having a major problem.

I spent the next four years in his Navy, mostly in the forward areas of the Pacific. "Forward area" is a euphemism for where they were shooting at me.

Now retired for the fifth and final time, I've built myself an office in half of my garage. Here I spend some hours every day and busy myself writing monographs. The less erudite will need to look that up and not be fooled by the dictionary's term "scholarly."

The monographs are very useful and interesting and I hope will sell well on the Internet whenever I learn how to get on.

I devour each edition of FOCUS and like to look at the pictures and try to identify the names and faces of my decade. It is interesting how many of the ladies have kept their girlish figures. And how many have not only kept them but doubled them.

*William A. Iles  
Longwood, FL*

## KUDOS TO FOCUS

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus our Lord and soon coming King. I just wrote to let you know that you guys are doing a wonderful job with the magazine. Kudos! I have just started receiving the magazine and it is great. I graduated in 1996.

*Pastor F. Bernard Harris (att.)  
via e-mail*

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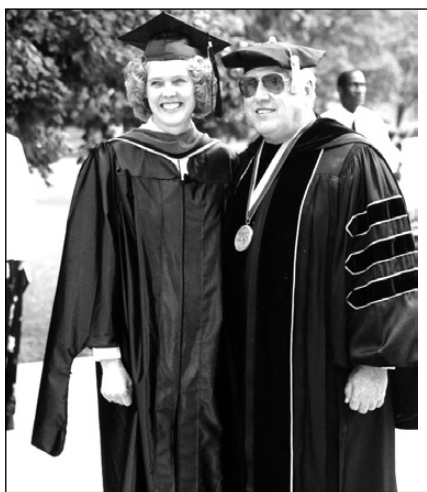
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# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Spring celebration

This spring's commencement weekend at Andrews commemorated 125 years of academic growth at the university. A total of 508 people received degrees on Sunday, June 4, in the Pioneer Memorial



**ON THE MALL:** Dawn Dulhanty (MSA '00) and commencement speaker Ralph Watts, Jr., celebrate graduation.

Church. Two-hundred-sixty-one undergraduates received baccalaureate degrees, and six received associate degrees. Two-hundred-twenty graduates received master's degrees, and 21 received doctoral degrees.

Sixty-four of the graduates received degrees in international development through Andrews' interschool, interdisciplinary graduate program. Ralph S. Watts, Jr., president and executive director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) delivered the graduate commencement address entitled, "Who Owns the Knowledge?"

The undergraduate commencement address was given by the Honorable Carl Levin, senior senator from Michigan. Levin praised the information age as well as warned against the dangers of becoming disconnected from each other by allowing technology to get in the way of real relationships. He encouraged Andrews graduates to hold on to their idealism and to use their energy to solve problems in society and the workplace.

"What you have to do is ignore the cynics and find your own solutions to issues like health care and homelessness," Levin said.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Levin and Paul Stokstad, owner of PASCO Scientific, Inc., which supplies discounted



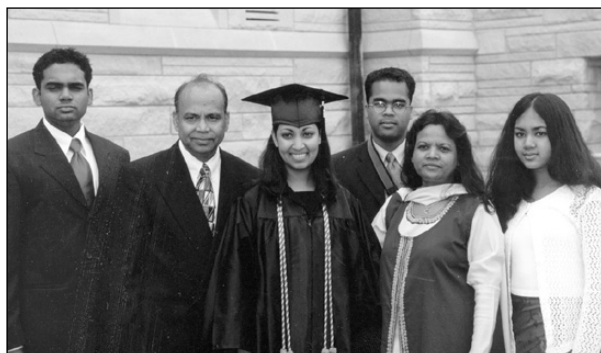
**HATS OFF:** Another bunch of jubilant Andrews graduates!



**SENATE AFFIRMATION:** President Andreasen and vice president Patricia Mutch hood the Honorable Carl Levin during the undergraduate ceremony.

laboratory equipment to universities around the world.

Graduates joined in the prayer of commitment at the end of the ceremony, consecrating their education to the God of service by repeating the words of J. N. Andrews the day he left as a missionary to Europe, "And now, as we set forth, we commit ourselves to the merciful protection of God and we especially ask the prayers of the people of God that His blessing may attend us in this sacred work."



**CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION:** Julia Snigdha Bairagee (BS) celebrates with her family.

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Organ carvings symbolize resources for ministry

Ten years ago, Norman (BA '63) and Dorothy Moll proposed the seminary chapel pipe organ project. The Molls took the project to heart; serving on the organ committee, pulling together funding and assisting in the final selection of the builder. As a result of their tireless involvement, a brand new Brian



Fowler Pipe Organ Opus XXI was installed in the seminary chapel and dedicated in 1999.

Not only did the Molls work hard to make the organ a reality, Norman became a part of the building process. He proposed to the organ committee and organ builder that he create facade decorations which would provide a visual representation integral to the seminary's mission.

Seven facades were chosen to represent the resources for ministry. An open Bible is

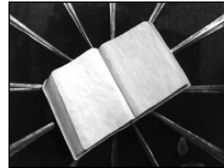
carved from basswood; a pair of praying hands is carved from Douglas fir. A descending dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, is



made of basswood and tinted eggshell white. The lamp and flame point back to the wise virgin who lights the way to the mar-

riage supper of the Lamb. Her flame is "troubled" by the wind of the Spirit. The lamp is made of cherry, and the flame is carved from basswood.

The 360-degree Douglas fir rainbow represents the rainbow around God's throne and the promises and hope it signifies. The symbols for Alpha and Omega, carved from Douglas fir, represent the God of the universe and Christ, the beginning and end of salvation. Moll says that the rays represent the light of truth which fills the world when the God-given resources for ministry are used by his servants. Each



"ray" is maple, covered with hammered copper and flamed to vary its color.

Moll worked on the carvings between November 1999 and March 2000, working approximately 300 hours to finish the project.

"It is my prayer that those who worship in the seminary chapel will be spiritually enriched. May the music of this instrument elevate minds to heavenly themes. May the symbols incorporated in the facade display be a constant reminder of God's gracious, all-sufficient provision for our ministry to a world in desperate need of the Saviour," said Norman Moll.

## New CD highlights Andrews' artists

Folk, gospel, inspirational, a capella. . . Despite the varying music styles, the focus was the same: Jesus Christ.

The first annual Student Concert Series, a three-concert series highlighting the music ministries of ten campus contemporary Christian vocal groups and individuals, was held on the Andrews campus over a three-week period during the months of February and March. The event was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities.

According to E. J. Wolf, student activities concert promoter, the main purpose of the series was to generate outside exposure for the many student groups whose ministry is through music.

A result of the series is a music CD titled "Student Concert Series 01." The CD contains one song from each of the concert par-

ticipants which included Laura Whidden, Eryca Nelson, Not by Chance, Quintessence, JC Groove and Divinity. Proceeds will finance the yearly series and the annual production of a CD.

"We're making 1000 copies of the CD to start," says Wolf, "and we'll produce more as needed. Proceeds will go toward future concert series. It's exciting that we started this new series in the year 2000 and we plan to continue it until Jesus comes. We're counting on the sale of the CD to keep the series going."

"I really appreciate the willingness of all the groups who participated in the Student Concert Series. We hope that this CD will be a tool that can be used for their ministries to open the hearts of people outside our campus," said Wolf.

The \$10 CD may be ordered on-line at [www.andrews.edu/SA/order.html](http://www.andrews.edu/SA/order.html) or at the Andrews University Bookstore, 616-471-3287.



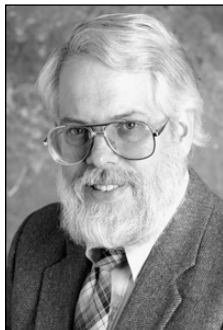
**DEMOLITION MAN:** Walls and other interior structures give way for progress in the ongoing renovation and expansion of the Seminary building. Completion of the project is expected next summer.

# FACULTY & STAFF

## Tidwell acting dean of School of Business

Charles Tidwell will serve as acting dean of the School of Business starting Sept. 1 and continuing until May 31, 2001. He will cover for Dean Annetta Gibson while she is on a research sabbatical.

Tidwell joined the Andrews faculty in 1996 when he became director of off-campus programs for the School of Business and an adjunct professor of English.



*Charles Tidwell*

Born in Lincoln, Neb., Tidwell attended Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., where he received a bachelor of arts degree in English and history in 1967. In 1968, he completed a master's degree in English at Andrews University. He earned a doctorate in English literature from the University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. His doctoral dissertation is entitled "The Immortal Puzzle: Love and Marriage in Thomas Hardy's Minor Novels."

Prior to coming to Andrews, Tidwell served as the vice president for Hong Kong Adventist College, Kowloon, Hong Kong. While there, he also served as the academic dean, a professor of English and chair of the Division of Arts and Sciences.

Tidwell and his wife, Ruth Patterson, live in Berrien Springs and have one son.

## Smoot replaces Carey

On May 15, Chris Smoot took over for Chris Carey as director of corporate and foundation relations at Andrews University. His experience in strategic planning, organizational development, human resource development and other areas give him the knowledge he needs to be an effective leader.

"My mission is to work with my fellow administrators to enhance the learning environment at Andrews University. I desire to assist faculty and students as they learn together the knowledge of the past and present and search for new knowledge and understanding for the future," Smoot said.

Before coming to Andrews, Smoot served as the country director of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in Bangladesh for three and a half years. He served as director of training and employee development at Hinsdale Hospital for nine years. He graduated from Andrews in 1984.

Smoot has conducted leadership and management seminars for various organizations

in the United States and Asia. He plans to draw from the experience he has gained from his leadership roles. "I look on myself as a university builder. I have the privilege of adding to the accomplishments of the past to help lead Andrews to the future. As I work with corporations and foundations in



*Chris Smoot*

America, I wish to make them aware of our university and what it means to America and the world," Smoot said.

Smoot is proud of Andrews as a first-class university with a wide-reaching influence. "I am proud as an alumnus to help Andrews reach even greater heights of achievement as a leading Adventist Christian university," he said.

In his spare time, Smoot tries to spend as much time outdoors as possible, especially with his golfing and snow skiing habits. He and his wife, Shari, have four children, Hannah, Haley, Eric and Heidi.

## New legal counsel named

Brent Geraty recently joined the Andrews community as general counsel. He also holds an academic appointment as assistant professor of legal studies.

Geraty says he has come home to Andrews. He grew up in Berrien Springs where he attended Ruth Murdoch Elementary School as well as Andrews Academy. In 1991, Geraty graduated from Andrews with a master's degree in history. He continued his education at Yale Law School where he was named a Coker Fellow in Constitutional Law

and served as articles editor for the *Yale Law and Policy Review*. He earned the *juris doctor* in 1995.

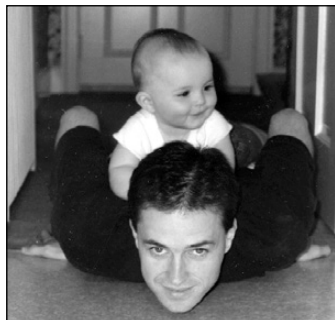
Before coming back to Andrews, Geraty worked for law firms in Boston, Mass., and Portland, Ore., where he spent most of his practice litigating employment discrimination cases.

As general counsel for Andrews, Geraty will provide legal counsel for the university and manage the legal services provided by outside counsel. As a university professor, Geraty will be redesigning the prelaw program, serving

as a prelaw adviser and teaching one class each semester.

Geraty is happy to be home and looks forward to his new responsibilities. "I am delighted to join Andrews in its effort to become a sophisticated and efficient user of legal resources and to help develop a program that will distinguish Andrews as the place to go in Adventism for a quality prelaw education," he said.

Geraty lives in Berrien Springs with his wife, Shannon Ganter; son, Eli; and daughter due in October.



*Brent Geraty and future Andrews alumus, Eli*

**Attention, Historians:** April 12-15, 2001, the triennial meeting of the Association of SDA Historians will be held at Andrews. All SDA historians are encouraged to turn in papers on any subject, research on SDA history by all scholars and papers on pedagogical issues by Adventist teachers in secondary and higher education. Student papers are also welcome. Send proposals by Dec. 31, 2000, to Gary Land, Department of History and Political Science, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-0010. E-mail: [land@andrews.edu](mailto:land@andrews.edu).



# FACULTY & STAFF

## Faculty and staff to pursue retirement

This summer, several faculty and staff members are leaving Andrews to enter the world of retirement. **Roger Dudley**, professor of church ministry and director of the Institute of Church Ministry (ICM), will continue to direct ICM on a part-time basis for a stipend. "I wanted to stay on at ICM for a time because I am involved in several long-term projects that I feel the need to complete," he said. Dudley and his wife Peggy plan to do some traveling although their home base will remain at Andrews. "I have enjoyed the academic atmosphere, the research and technological resources, our many friends, the marvelous association with the students—some who have become life-long friends—belonging to Pioneer Memorial Church, the world of interesting activities, and the great fruit belt. I thank God every day for the privilege of working here," said Dudley.

**Theodore Hatcher**, professor of mathematics, has had a life-long career teaching mathematics. Most recently, he has served as chair of the Andrews mathematics department. Besides his tenure at Andrews, he has taught at the University of Minnesota and lectured at St. Cloud State College, Minn. He has also worked as a research associate at Parke Mathematical Laboratories and mathematical consultant at Honeywell, Inc.

Also retiring, **Janice Higgins**, administrative secretary in Christian ministry, has been employed at Andrews since 1961. She plans to serve both the church and Andrews University in any way possible. "I have enjoyed very much the 25 years of my life

spent at Andrews University. I have worked in the offices of College Wood Products, Berrien Bindery, and the seminary. It has been a privilege to be a part of Andrews University. I will miss all the wonderful people that I have worked with during these years," she said.

**Raymond Leadbetter**, professor of English, retired Jan. 1 after over 40 years of teaching. Leadbetter and his wife Barbara have moved into a small cabin in the woods near Hayfork, Calif., near 40 acres of mountainous land that will become their home once their new house is built. "I always enjoyed working with my colleagues in the English department, all of whom have unique qualities worthy of emulation. I also enjoyed the students in my classes, numbering in the thousands, who were a part of my life there," he said.

**Jessie Oliver**, assistant professor of library science, plans to stay in Berrien Springs where she will spend time with her family. "I have enjoyed working with young people in a Christian environment," she said.

**Richard Orrison**, professor of teacher education, plans to work part-time in the School of Education conducting the First Days of School Experience for student teachers, seminars in teacher education and assisting with the K-16 Collaboration initiative.

He also plans to re-establish contact with his previous students. "My association with the students and faculty of Andrews Academy will always be the centerpiece of my 45-year career. The opportunity to engage in the preparation/education of K-12 teachers

during the last nine years has been a very fulfilling, enjoyable, rewarding capstone to my professional life," said Orrison.

**Helena Stout**, administrative assistant in Academic Support and Advising Services, does not consider herself truly retired since she will continue on at her job. "The thing that I enjoy the most about my job is the daily contact with students. I literally become energized each time a student walks in," she said.

**Rebecca Twomley**, head of patron services in the James White Library, plans to remain in Berrien Springs, stay active at Pioneer Memorial Church and possibly become involved in a periodical classification project at the James White Library. "Andrews University and the James White Library have always treated me with kindness and fairness—I feel like I am part of a big family here," she said.

**Donna Habenicht**, professor of counseling psychology, will continue living in Berrien Springs where she plans to keep busy conducting

workshops and seminars, writing, keeping involved with PMC and spending time with her family.

Habenicht has enjoyed her 30 years at Andrews. "How can I say what I've enjoyed the most? The students—yes. My colleagues on the faculty—yes. Doing my small bit to help the university function—yes. I cherish what Andrews has meant to me and hope to continue being part of this community for many years to come," she said.

**Werner Vyhmeister**, professor of mission and dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has retired and moved to Yucaipa, Calif. with his wife, Nancy. Prior to joining the Andrews faculty, Vyhmeister pastored in Santiago, Chile, served as a teacher and vice president of Chile College for three years and at River Plate College, Argentina, for eight years.



Theodore Hatcher



Donna Habenicht



Jessie Oliver



Werner Vyhmeister



Raymond Leadbetter

Seminary professor Roger L. Dudley's ten-year research project entitled *Why Our Teenagers Leave the Church* has been published by Review and Herald Publishing Association. See the next issue of Focus for a complete review of this significant work.

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into the life of an  
ADRA worker on  
the road. . .

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**F**rom June to September last summer I worked with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency—ADRA. Although my official job was to edit a comprehensive book full of Capstone I projects (essentially two-page newsletters) from each ADRA office explaining what ADRA is doing in various countries, my actual experience included much more. My internship with ADRA took me to conferences in four countries—Kenya, Peru, Costa Rica, and Thailand. In these locations, ADRA, in cooperation with Andrews University hosted its semiannual APLI (ADRA Professional Leadership Institute) session.

APLI is a collaborative effort between ADRA and Andrews, in that Andrews provides professors and ADRA the pupils as they work toward master's degrees in international development. There are anywhere from 50 to 80 students per site currently working for ADRA, the Seventh-day Adventist church, or other non-governmental organizations.

Øystein LaBianca, professor of anthropology, was my Andrews "boss," and Gary Brendal was my on-site ADRA "boss." On a daily basis, both men (one through e-mail and the other in person) would discuss what exactly was expected of me and the book. By the end of the summer we had a focus for what the book would do. ADRA 2000: The Gospel in Work Boots was to comprehensively define ADRA, its mission and portfolios—education, agriculture, health,

disaster relief, and its current activities in more than 140 countries around the world.

Throughout my time at these conferences, I relied heavily on e-mail. During the summer a core of people received e-mail updates on my life. Here, you can read what they received—an e-mail journal of sorts—essentially a record of my stories and feelings while working with ADRA.

**My summer with ADRA was the best thing that could have ever happened to me. It exceeded what I was expecting and changed my worldview and life-view. I now realize that the world is much smaller than people think and that there is a lot of good in it—contrary to what the nightly news may report. ADRA is a lifestyle, I learned that from speaking with more than 200 ADRA employees. The disorganization was sometimes confusing, but also enlightening, because it allowed me personal freedom. My summer experience changed my life, forever. It continues to do so today as I finish editing the 300+ page book titled ADRA 2000: The Gospel in Work Boots.**

Weeks 1-3: *Whirlwind Introduction*—June 2-24, Mombasa, Kenya.

During my time in Kenya, I had a very able computer partner. Erik LaBianca helped me adjust to computer troubleshooting and helped me to

better understand Quark, Photoshop and Databases. For the first week I had no contact with home; then, sometime into the second week, I began playing around with my e-mail account and created a mass e-mailing list. Below is the first of many mass e-mailings . . .

### **June 18 The Beginning of the End:**

Hi, everyone. Here I am, the ultimate enemy of mass e-mailings, sending one. How impersonal and cold of me. Here is an update to whatever rumor you may have heard or read before.

The day after we arrived in Nairobi, we were driven out to the Masai Mara for a four-day safari. On our drive to the airport, I was reminded why I dislike third-world countries. Large and expensive office buildings are built neighboring tin-roof huts where large families live. It is sad, and it makes me feel rich and spoiled. I am.

One day, our driver took us on a nine-hour game drive into Tanzania. It was exquisite, although exhausting. We ate a picnic lunch out in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by lion, ostrich, giraffe, monkey, cheetah, elephant, hippo, and other wildlife. The golden grass, which stretched for miles, waved in the breeze and symbolized nothing but peace to me.

While on safari, Erik and I went to a lecture about the people of the Masai Mara. I find their views towards women most disturbing. Apparently, the Masai feel that it is not important to educate women—their worth is totally wrapped up in how many male children they can produce, and many of their daughters have to undergo female circumcision.

The food: still not up to par . . . not eating a lot, but alas, have not noticed much weight loss, probably because everything is swimming in butter. The pineapple is good though! Erik told me, "You know, for being a part of a food security convention, you sure do waste a lot of food."

So true. After Erik made this comment, I began to take notice of how wasteful I was with my buffet food. I looked around and noticed that everyone else eats everything that they take—nothing less. I feel sheepish.

The weather: is misbehaving . . . I do not approve. Yesterday it was

sunny the whole day, and I didn't know what to do with myself . . . It usually rains, and I hate that. I am slowly losing my tan. It is warm (80's and humid). When the sun is out, Erik and I are out with it.

The office: has changed a bit since we moved to a different resort, The Safari Beach Hotel. This new hotel is just down the road from our previous "home" and much nicer, except for the office. Our current one is not air-conditioned, has no windows, and is uncomfortable. Erik and I are thinking of switching our office to one of our rooms which would be an



*Erik (far left) and Tonya (far right) on safari with friends.*

improvement. Although it was announced in the beginning that I was in charge of the project, the men in this group would still prefer to talk through their projects with Erik. This frustrates me. I have more helpful information and feedback for them, yet they insist on talking to Erik only because he's a man.

The room: has a balcony the monkeys enjoy! Has air conditioning, and the sheets don't smell like mildew (always a plus)! I am still sleeping under the mosquito net . . . I feel weird about that . . . very strange.

The monkeys: are everywhere. The other day, one chased me . . . .EEEEK! There are big ones and little ones. . . they scare me.

The other animals: run around this hotel, mainly in the restaurants—very gross, very unsanitary—this explains why I'm not eating much. Anyway, these animals include peacocks, monkeys, and cats. I do not approve.

Daily activities: remain the same—sleep, and work. Erik and I have accomplished so much and I love it! We make a good team, and I am wondering what will happen in Peru without him. Any volunteers to assist me? Things are starting to look good! My computer skills—thanks to Erik—are improving considerably! However, my daily appointments with people who don't always speak solid English have not been helping my vocabulary. I must speak simply and slowly. . . . It is quite frustrating, yet I am learning a lot about the world's problems. It is very troubling to actually realize the trauma going on in most of these countries. Working here has definitely opened my eyes.

Weekend activities: typically reading. Current book, *Crime and Punishment*. This weekend we are planning on going scuba diving. I'm excited!! It's been a while, so hopefully I don't drown. Next weekend, if we don't leave early, we will be climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro. Cool, huh?

We don't have TVs in our rooms, so I don't know the news. . . what is the latest (both internationally and in your life?) Write soon. I would love to hear from all of you. Much love, Tonya

**June 24 The Monkey Thief:** I have a story to tell you. I was walking out of the "all you can eat" buffet joint we eat at and I took a banana with me outside to eat at my leisure in the morning or as a midnight snack. I looked above me and, I kid you not, about 12 monkeys are watching me . . . intently. I stopped to marvel at them, and suddenly they jumped down on the ground next to me, then jumped up on me to grab the banana (which I had forgotten about in my amazement). Very frightening. I will probably be in therapy for quite some time dealing with that experience. The monkeys are seriously out of control . . . I think they forget to take their Ritalin, because they are exceptionally active.

It is raining today, and why shouldn't it? It's rained nearly the whole time. I do have some bronzed skin to show in spite of it though!



Well, this is probably going to be my last group e-mail for a little bit since I'm leaving soon. I just wanted to congratulate all of those who wrote me . . . you are now on the very prestigious "TONYA'S FAVORITES" list. For those who failed to do so . . . certain death, a stern talking to, whatever it takes to convince you to write this lonely traveler. Seriously, I'm desperate! Can't wait to get back to civilization . . . watch TV . . . sleep without a mosquito net and eat food that I like. Isn't life delicious? Until we meet again. Keep the e-mails coming in. Love, Tonya

### *Weeks 4-6: Dealing with the Language of Heaven—July 12-29, Lima, Peru*

In Peru I was on my own. The conference was hosted at the Adventist school outside Lima. It was cold and cloudy. Even though I know some Spanish, I didn't know enough to do a ton of work without a translator. Unfortunately, in the diverse land of Peru, I only had a few select and hard-working hours with a translator—the rest of the time was spent fumbling my way through the "language of heaven."

#### **July 21 Graduation**

**Discussion:** I scanned everyone's photos today, and after lunch I took everyone's picture for the database. They were all quite amusing and loved having their pictures taken. At dinner

tonight, I was offered a job with ADRA Peru. That was pretty exciting. As a group of English speakers sat around the table discussing the APLI program, they began discussing graduation 2000, and how the whole class wants to be at Andrews for graduation. But others want it to be in Peru and so on. Money became a huge issue in the conversation, and I offered my yard for people to stay in. How generous, huh? Whatever.

#### **August 1 The Language of Heaven:**

Hello everyone. I realize that I have been neglecting my e-mail groupies . . . I have my reasons. Mainly, that in the land of Peru, they have an

independence day (July 27, 28) much like that of the United States. You know, the usual — businesses close down, the entire population engages in a party, satellite systems shut down, you know, the usual! Yes, you heard me right —their satellite stuff and modems, etc., totally shut down for independence day here . . . That, among other reasons, is why I have been neglecting you.

Anyway, keeping with tradition, below is my life in a nutshell:

Cusco: Last week I went to Cusco. Fell in love . . . not with the tourism and continually being bombarded by street entrepreneurs selling anything from film to sweaters . . . but with the Inca way. It was incredible to see all the ruins and history. Avocados are as prevalent as water, and I eat them at every meal!! A four-hour train ride outside of Cusco took me to the hidden city of Machu Picchu. I went there for a day and would have been content in setting up permanent residence. My adventure in Machu

Picchu was remarkable—I was alone, of course, but every day I made new friends with random tourists and only ended up eating three meals alone. :) It was kind of a whirlwind adventure. I

had a tour every day of random places, but I always had the evenings to myself. Unfortunately, I didn't warm up while there; the altitude was high, which — although it put me closer to the sun — neglected to warm my shivering body. This week has been crazy!! My translator left for Chile on Sunday, so I have been without full understanding of what my comrades really want, but my Spanish is 100% improved for it. The language of heaven is beautiful and I enjoy learning it in a practical/survival sort of sense.

Work: has been getting done —slowly.

The students: are my favorite. They are all full of life and quite young!! Some are even unmarried. I love it. They are easily excited and have taken me on tours of Lima on the weekends. They encourage my Spanish endeavors—for example—yesterday, I made an announcement in Spanish to the entire class and they loved it. I received clapping and tons of adoration for it. They make me smile.

Food: remains tasty and oily.

My accommodations: are interesting — I stay in a dorm room on the Peruvian Union University campus, which is one hour outside of Lima. It rests at the base of part of the Andean range. I love it. I have a view of a steep mountainside. I am in the room alone, even though there are four beds, with no heat (the outside temp is usually about 50 degrees with NO SUN).

My office: the cold concrete chamber has been literally perfect.

Well, all, I'm off to Costa Rica — no, seriously, my plane leaves in 7 hours!! You will hear from me there. Love and kisses—Tonya

P.S. Every day that I spend doing this, the more I love it!

### *Weeks 7-10: A greater sense of purpose—August 1-25, Puenta Leona, Costa Rica.*

Puenta Leona is right on the coast of Costa Rica. While at this site, I enjoyed the company of my Andrews' bosses—Sten LaBianca and Merlene Ogden, and that of ADRA administration—Mario Ochoa, Ralph Watts, etc. In Costa Rica I used my now-perfected Spanish skills on occasion. I had regular access to a thorough translator—Henry—and we accomplished more than expected. Because of temperamental weather and an earthquake at 2 am, e-mail was not terribly reliable. It was hot the whole time.

#### **August 15 Problems in Paradise?**

Hi, everyone! So sorry. Life has gotten crazy! But, my e-mail is working! Life is good, and I am working steadily . . . thus, losing my tan. Dr. LaBianca arrived yesterday to supervise, and now, instead of having everyone think that I walk on water no matter what, he makes me work for that distinction. I know, poor girl! No, really, I love it —



*Tonya (in sunglasses) with students from Peru*

stress, pressure, encouragement and direct feedback. His help has been priceless and his enthusiasm contagious.

In brief, here are my feelings about my surroundings —

Food: awesome dessert, lots of meat — not particularly my favorite — plenty of rice, not many veggies. It's okay, but my palate has seen better days.

Room: love it! Very nice. Air-conditioned to accommodate the humidity. Has a TV. . . don't worry, I only watch it at night.

Office: located in my room. Consists of my printer, scanner, thousands of files and my computer all on a 6-foot-long table. Primitive!

Animals: way too many spooky bugs, large spiders and stuff. I do not like it. There are also large lizards here that are cool — I have yet to see a toucan or a monkey . . . supposedly they are lurking around.

Again I find myself surrounded by men. There are only six women at this site out of about 55. I find it amusing.

They play a lot of volleyball here, and of course, I'm cleaning house on the court!

I saw a volcano the other day. It was one of the "dormant" ones; I will see an active one this weekend. Very exciting!

For the most part I'm ready to go home. I'm not homesick . . . just ready to leave. Anyway, I must go for now. Love, Tonya

P.S. Remember, my e-mail is working and those who faithfully e-mail Tonya will have an extra star in their crowns! :)

### *Weeks 11-12: Wrapping up— September 12-26 Thailand.*

Thailand proved to be my favorite site, only however, because of the night market and food. I was only there for a short amount of time with Erik (two weeks), and it was good to have some company. Thailand's "Asian persuasion" — silky textiles, beautiful people, and spicy food — won me over.

**September 17 The sun may set where I'm from, but it rises here:** After a much-needed break, I'm back at it . . . in Thailand. This place is the best!

My first impression of this place is this: Getting checked onto my Chaing Mai flight, I look behind me and there it is — a "just for monks" seating section in the airport surrounded by trees and flowers. The "normal" seating section is just chairs. A monk was sitting there and it made an incredible photo op. Too bad it's illegal to take pictures of such things in the airport. Oh well, the visual rewards were good enough.

And now I will briefly evaluate my conditions:

Food: does it get any better than this? No. I love Thai food and think that I could easily live here! Desserts are lacking—of course, what's new?

Exchange rate: is amazing—I am a zillionaire here. :) Independently wealthy . . . almost!

Work: Although this group of students isn't as productive (as in they haven't handed in many reports to us yet), we are still getting things accomplished.

Erik is my partner in crime again. Although I am competent, for the most part, his assistance and company have been the best!

Sleep: I am suffering severely from jet-lag. This is my daily routine — wake up at 5 in the morning . . . watch MTV, drink water, read newspaper, eat breakfast with Erik at about 8, go to work, eat a bit of lunch, feel sleepy at about 4, actually



*Tonya and Erik ride a Thai elephant.*

go to bed at about 6 . . . wake up at 1, watch more MTV, go back to bed . . . see 5 in the morning. True, I've gotten a bit better about sleeping, but really, it is driving me crazy.

Elephants: no sightings yet . . . I

really want to see one though.

Night market: my answer to jet-lag. Last night I shopped around in the night market — it's incredible — and keeps me awake til about 9. However, I still woke up promptly at 5. They have everything under the sun, and I am in love. I think that I'll have to do some Christmas shopping.

The hotel: I am staying in a 4-star hotel, and enjoying it. The Thai are truly service-oriented and no, I'm not taking advantage of them! The thing that I love most about my room is that from my nightstand I can control everything in the room—lights, TV, alarm clock and air conditioning. Very fun! Hmmm, maybe I should spend an entire day in bed and play with the lights and TV! :)

The one thing that I've learned: geography. For example: East Timor — I now know exactly where that is, among other places. I feel so competent — now I can wear my title "daughter of a travel agent" with pride, and actually be able to back it up.

Tomorrow I'm hitting the "tourist" scene — maybe see a few buddhas, walk around a few temples, hang out with Erik. Who knows? Maybe I'll have to read my guidebook and see what's "hip" to do. I hope to hear from all of you soon. Love, Tonya

**September 25 Asian persuasion:** Tomorrow morning Erik and I leave the lovely city of Chaing Mai for a day's outing in Bangkok, and then we'll be up bright and early for a series of flights that will actually put me in Argentina on Tuesday — talk about being frequent flyer of the year! Before I leave this place, however, I want to update you on the latest — besides the fact that I'm going to set up residence here permanently!

Last weekend, after a rather disjointed work week, Erik and I decided to be "tourists." After reading our guidebooks thoroughly Friday night, we set out on Sabbath to see the sights! After walking for quite some time, we came upon a temple—one of many. Did you realize that Chaing Mai has the most temples in the world!? Incredible. We only saw a few, but after awhile they all start blending together. The tradition that I

fell in love with was a special "pre-temple" entry fee. It is optional, of course, but I had to try it.

There are ladies selling little cages with birds in them at the temple entrance. You buy a little cage, say a prayer and then let the birds go. This ritual is symbolic of releasing our cares and sending them to heaven.

After walking for what seemed an eternity, Erik convinced me that renting mopeds was the best way for us to see everything. So we found a vendor that rented two motor bikes for \$5 for 24 hours — talk about cheap.

The lady gave us a brief instruction period and let us loose. I promptly ran into a parked truck. To make matters worse, it was about 10 feet from the store and it was the motor bike owner's brand new truck.

Embarrassed and frightened, I returned the bike quickly. Erik just smirked. Fortunately, the damage to the truck was minimal and they let us go but kept the \$5. I am convinced that had I not immediately returned the bike, I would have been killed here. They drive on the wrong side of the road, and it's been all summer since I've driven anyway.

Next, we arranged for a taxi/truck to take us out to see a temple and generally loaf around the city. The temple we went to see was majestic. In order to reach this temple, we had to climb 209 steps — it was well worth it though. The temple had a huge courtyard overlooking Chaing Mai. Besides the incredible scenery, I got a picture with two monks! They were actually "monklettes."

In the evening I shopped more in the night market and got my first Thai massage. That was painful. Thai massages were created for contortionists. Although I am flexible, I am not a pretzel. Tonight I got another one, just to make sure that I didn't like it, and I loved it . . . so crazy.

On Sunday, continuing our "tourist" quest, Erik and I set out again with the same taxi driver—we paid him \$10 and he drove us around for 6 hours. Our first stop was the elephant training camp. Erik and I rode on an elephant for an hour — seriously, they basically plop a loveseat-size chair on the elephant's

back and let it go. I loved it! It felt a bit unstable at first, but eventually I began to trust the lovable two-ton creature. I think that if I brought one to Berrien, it would be a big hit! I could ride it to school and it could splash around in Lake Chapin! Very hip! Hey, who knows, with the new millennium upon us, it could be the new rage?

After the elephants, we visited an orchid farm — lovely! So many flowers. Then, we went to a local handicraft village and went from store to store for hours.

Since Sunday, Erik and I have been working like mad fiends to get everything done. We have succeeded, despite the challenges we've faced in communicating with people.

The rest, in Tonya fashion, are my feelings about Thailand.

Accommodations: Still wonderful!



*Tonya draped over a temple guard in Thailand.*

ADRA has spoiled me. I took the time to actually look outside my 16th-story window — it overlooks a Catholic church, a cemetery, a few apartment buildings and a radio tower. I am still amazed by my "all powerful" bed stand — and every morning before my feet hit the floor, I punch on every light in the room, just because I can.

Gary, my ADRA boss of sorts, took me up onto the roof of the Empress Hotel just to give me an idea of the size of the city— and needless to say, I was impressed! Although Chaing Mai is physically smaller than South Bend, Indiana, it has about a zillion more people — all riding mopeds.

Work: The makeshift office Erik and I share is a teakwood hall adjacent to the meeting room. Thus, we hear all the teachers, yet don't get class credit — it's almost like we're auditing the classes. By the end of this time, I should be well on my way to a master's in international development.

Although I am done with the traveling part of my ADRA assignment, I will still be editing this book into the school year!

Jet lag: Well, now that I'm completely over it, I will have to adjust to Argentina time — will the madness ever end?

Food: Still loving it, however, it is a little oily.

Durian: This fruit is gross. Typically either people love it or hate it. This week I got the chance to do a "durian run" in the middle of a monsoon downpour. A group of us stood in the rain eating this nasty fruit. To taste it is terrible. The consistency is that of a ripe mango — juicy, stringy, messy — and the aftertaste, like garlic. But, now I can say I have tasted durian. The one thing that did impress me is that the fruit, before it is opened, can be used as a deadly weapon — forget brass knuckles, butterfly knives and karate — I'll just carry around a durian with me. If the pointy, prickly, football-sized fruit doesn't hurt them, the taste and smell will!

Well, everyone, this is Tonya Hippler, signing off from Thailand! I do expect to hear from you since I will continue to have the same email address in Argentina! Love you all! Evita Hippler

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Andrews looms large at the 57th Session of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Toronto, June 28 - July 8, 2000

# GCC



President Niels-Erik Andreasen, who served as chair of the nominating committee, is interviewed on GCTV by Dan Matthews, speaker/director for *Faith for Today*. The Ambassadors, an Andrews African group of seven, shine on the Global Mission stage. The Andrews exhibit was well known for the large, sturdy bags we gave out; Andrews student Trisha Ramel was Andrews' exhibit manager. Twenty-six students from Andrews worked as pages for the session; here they gather for their official portrait at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Toronto.

# BENCH MARKS

Remembering the special people and  
times in our lives

by Katie Shaw

*On the bench dedicated to the memory of  
Jody Stout, Andrew Shaw waits for  
classes to let out of Haimel Hall*



Photo by Katie Shaw

Green surrounds you as you walk around campus. It's a beautiful day, and you just want to sit down and soak up the sun. You rest on one of the 13 benches that punctuate the Andrews landscape. Looking at the back of the bench, you read the plaque dedicating it to someone's memory. That's a unique idea, you muse to yourself.

Many people and campus organizations have used these benches to commemorate a loved one, friend or class. Each bench has its own story.

Last summer, I helped raise funds and coordinated the installation of one of these memorial benches for a close friend of mine, Jody Stout. While serving in Taiwan as a student missionary in 1999, she was killed in a bus accident. Her parents, friends, and professors wanted to do something tangible to remember Jody by. After talking to Dr. Dennis Woodland, chair of the Arboretum Council and professor of biology, we decided to dedicate a bench to Jody's memory.

Just as Jody's bench has a history and an emotional connection for many people, each of the benches around campus has a special meaning to the people who put it there. The class of 1992 donated six benches and the Arboretum Council donated one for the "enjoyment of AU students."

Dr. Delmer Davis, professor of English and director of general education, and his wife Margaret chose to donate a bench in memory of Victor Wall, Mrs. Davis's father. Just three years later, Mrs. Davis died. In her memory, family and friends created the Margaret Davis Memorial Garden that is now located between Harrigan Hall and Griggs Hall. A bench was placed in the middle of the garden, donated to the campus by

the friends of Mrs. Davis. "We thought it would be nice for the students to have somewhere pleasant to sit," said Dr. Davis.

Madeline Johnston presented the Arboretum Council with a donation for the bench located in front of the seminary building. This bench honors her grandparents, Dr. George and Mrs. Ena Aldrich Thomas. "My grandparents were Battle Creek Adventists who served as missionaries in South Africa. I wanted to do something to honor them," she said.

Dr. David Faehner, vice president for university advancement, and his wife Francis, dean of women, are visited frequently by Dr. Faehner's parents, Frank and Dolly. When she visits campus, Dolly Faehner says she loves to sit and talk with students, but she felt there were no good places to sit. Dr. Faehner and his three siblings decided to donate a bench specifically for his mom to sit on and talk with students.

"My mom considers this bench one of the highest honors from her children. The bench is located just outside our Lamson Hall residence near the entrance to the dorm and provides rest for weary students that are moving in. Our kids call it 'grandma's bench,' and it has become a family conversation piece," said Dr. Faehner.

Another bench was donated by the physical therapy department in appreciation of physical therapist Roy Wightman and his wife Cleo for the services they have provided to the department. After retiring, the Wightmans moved to Berrien Springs where he worked with the physical therapy department.

Dr. C. William Habenicht, chair and professor of physical therapy, directed the fundraising campaign for the bench as well as a





*Nick Sigler and Shelley Trubey relax on a bench donated by the class of 1990 near the rock garden in "old campus."*

Photo by Jeremy Russell



*Katie Shaw in the Margaret Davis Garden*

Photo by Andrew Shaw

grove of trees behind it. "Mr. Wightman did everything while he was with us. He traveled around the country to interview prospective students, directed admissions, and helped set up the Dayton, Ohio, program. Roy was truly my right-hand man," said Habenicht.

Each donated bench is ordered by the Arboretum Council. All the benches are identical and made of non-rainforest teak. "We didn't want our benches coming from rainforests, but from plantations which are a renewable resource," said Woodland. The Arboretum Council also

makes it possible for people to adopt a tree or plant a new one.

"The benches provide a comfortable place to sit when the weather is nice," said junior accounting major Andrew Shaw. Each

of the donors expressed joy at being able to see students sit on and enjoy their benches. The benches serve not only as something for the students' benefit but as a concrete reminder of someone who was special.

Jody Stout's bench is now located on the left side of the front entrance to Hamel Hall, the music building, where Jody spent much of her time. The plaque reads: "In loving memory of Jody Leigh Stout. Attended 1996-1998, English & Music, student missionary. Donated by her friends and classmates." A dedication ceremony was held a week after the bench was put in place.

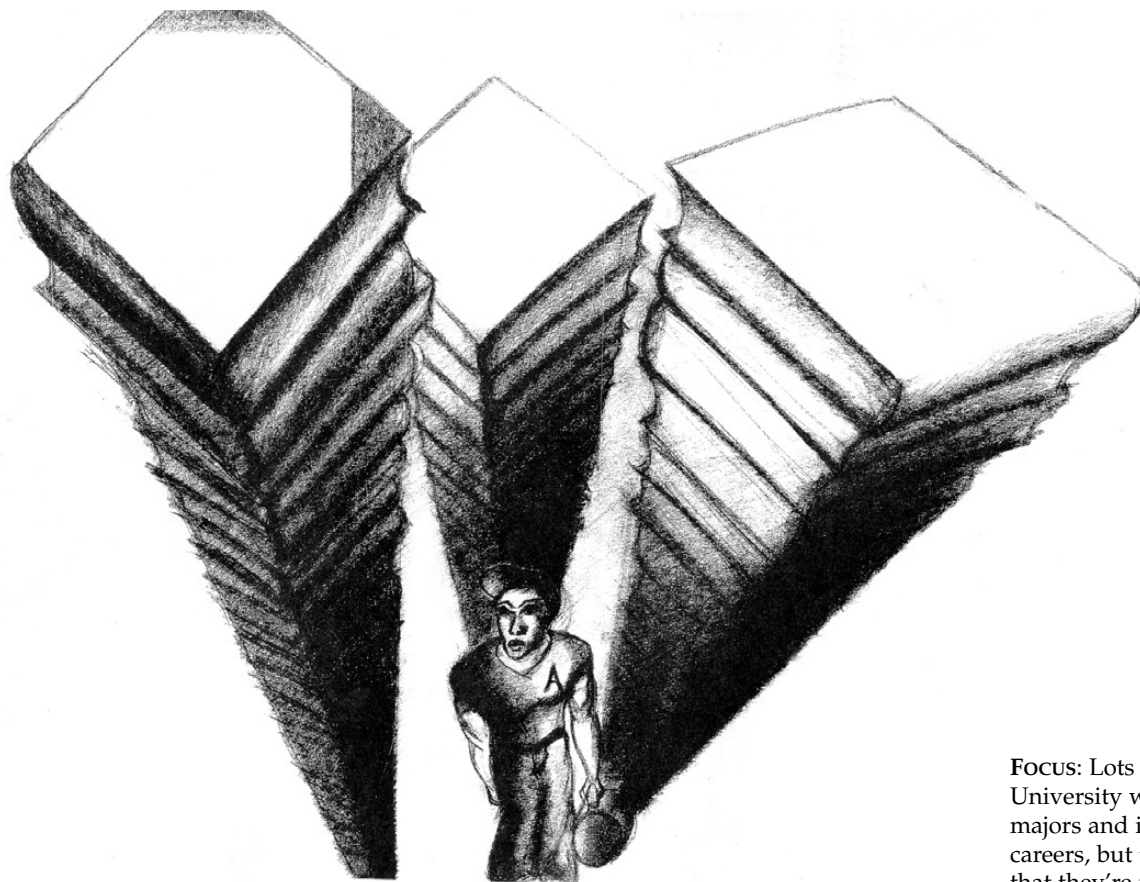
Filled with singing and remembering Jody,

the ceremony was intended to reflect on her life instead of her friends' and family's sadness. Michelle Kaufman, one of Jody's closest friends, said, "The whole ceremony was beautiful. Each part made me remember Jody and the good times I had with her. I am so glad that I will have somewhere special to go on campus to sit down and think of her."

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*Katie (Widner) Shaw recently graduated with a BA in English, got married within a week of graduation and is now employed full-time at University Relations as the office manager.*



# Questions and answers about General Education at Andrews University



*An exclusive interview with Dr. Delmer Davis,  
Director of General Education*

**Focus:** Lots of students come to Andrews University wanting to specialize in their majors and immediately prepare for their careers, but they are disappointed to learn that they're required to take "general" classes, especially during their first two years. Such would not be the case at European universities. Why do American universities and colleges require general education courses?

**Davis:** American educators of the 19th century wanted graduates to be well rounded citizens, regardless of vocational choice. The curriculum for most students included work in the humanities (particu-

larly rhetoric, logic and language study), mathematics, the emerging sciences and usually religion. Later in the century, influenced by German higher education, American colleges moved towards specialization at the graduate and undergraduate levels, but faculties continued to insist that a broad education should be linked with such specialization. Perhaps the American concern with providing the well-rounded approach is linked to the democratic ideal of an educated, mobile population built around equal educational opportunities for all people, resulting in the certainty of an intelligent citizenry working together for the best possible society.

**FOCUS:** But isn't it true that elementary and high school education provides students with enough general information so colleges should not continue to insist on such materials?

**Davis:** Well, it's certainly true that the elementary and secondary curriculum is typically a general approach to education with little chance for specialization, particularly in smaller schools such as Adventist academies. Even so, however, American higher education firmly believes that further general study is a necessity for college graduates. Our own regional accrediting association, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, as a General Institutional Requirement, specifies that all "undergraduate degree programs include a coherent general education requirement consistent with the institution's mission and designed to ensure breadth of knowledge and to promote intellectual inquiry."

**FOCUS:** The Andrews general education curriculum has recently undergone considerable revision. Why were such changes necessary?

**Davis:** Two major approaches to general education can be identified. The one with the longest history is called a "core" approach. In this approach, all students are required to take the same courses in general education, regardless of their majors. The other approach—the "cafeteria" model—allows students to choose many of their general education courses from lists of options in various discipline areas with each general area requiring a certain number of credits. By the late 60s, Andrews had adopted this approach. After nearly 30 years of the cafeteria model, faculty and administration became concerned over the lack of continuity in Andrews' general education from student to student. Choices had proliferated to the extent that one student's general education preparation might differ considerably from another student's

preparation. Such differences made it particularly difficult to assess how well the general education curriculum was succeeding.

**FOCUS:** What changes were made?

**Davis:** After several years of study by the members of the General Education Committee and the faculties of the undergraduate programs on campus, the faculty adopted a revised general education program (with implementation beginning in 1996) which cut down the number of choices considerably, moving from the "cafeteria" model to what might be best termed a "modified core" approach. The number of required courses was increased, while at the same time restricted choices were also retained in the various areas.

**FOCUS:** One of the changes in general ed was the inclusion of a required "service" component for all students as a way of attempting to fulfill the Andrews University Mission Statement emphasis on service. Besides the required service course and fieldwork, what other changes can you describe?

**Davis:** Other required courses newly created for the general education program include HLED 130 Essentials of Wellness, an integrated approach to health, fitness, diet and stress reduction; IDSC 211 Creativity and the Arts, an interdisciplinary course designed to introduce students to the creative process and creative problem-solving as revealed in the works of artists, musicians and writers; IDSC 321 and 322 Scientific Inquiry, an interdisciplinary course that combines biology, chemistry and physics for nonscience majors. Other new interdisciplinary "choice" courses were created in the social sciences and in religion.

**FOCUS:** How have the changes been received?

**Davis:** Whenever general education requirements are changed, there are bound to be students and faculty who prefer the old system to the new system. We are now in the fourth year of implementation of our modified core curriculum. Some students still object to not having more choices. Others feel that the new interdisciplinary courses are too difficult, while in contrast, some students think that they are too easy or that they are irrelevant. Faculty have modified the courses considerably in relationship to student concerns over the four years, making the courses more focused and better received by students.

**FOCUS:** What would you say is the biggest

challenge you now face with the present general education curriculum?

**Davis:** We have two challenges that we are attempting to meet. The first of these is to continue to make clear to students why general education is an important component of their total educational experience. In order to do this, we must be sure that the best teachers teach in the general education curriculum. Often it is the teachers rather than the content that make the difference in how students feel about general education. In the past, however, the tendency has been for the best teachers to emphasize "major" courses, while general education instruction received less attention.

Our second big challenge is our attempt to assess in a coherent manner the effectiveness of our general education program. We have recently changed our approach to evaluating the results of general education at Andrews by scheduling a rotating series of nationally-normed tests to be given to students in their graduation year. We are also hoping to use focus groups or a survey to provide yearly input on the "perceptions" of students regarding the various required courses and areas of general education so that we can continue to improve the program.

**FOCUS:** What's the future for general education at Andrews?

**Davis:** We'll continue to revise and strengthen the program. Of course, the program will always reflect our university's motto—*corpus, mens, spiritus*—general education at Andrews will always emphasize body, mind and spirit.

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*Delmer Davis is a professor of English and director of general education at Andrews University. He has served as chair of the English department, dean of the graduate school and vice president of academic administration. Illustration by Mark Burrell, senior architecture major.*

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Seminarians meet at Takoma Park

In 1960, students at the SDA Theological Seminary weren't sure where they would be attending classes for the fall session—Takoma Park or Berrien Springs. For a year some classmates were on both campuses, thus the nickname, "People of the Dispersion."

(Ironically, 40 years later, seminarians are spread out all over the Berrien Springs campus as the "new" seminary building undergoes renovation and expansion.)

But finally in the early 60s, the seminary moved, lock, stock and library, to a new location in Berrien Springs, and the doors were shut on the Takoma era.

The students from Takoma Park became, by default, Andrews University alumni, but most of them never felt like they quite fit in at the reunions and activities planned for the association. Then gregarious professor, Roger Coon, who attended Takoma Park and teaches as an adjunct professor at the current seminary, asked, "Why not a reunion for Takoma alumni?"

Aided by her colleagues, Leona Running, Robert Johnston, Russell Staples, and the alumni office, the first-ever reunion of alumni from the SDA Theological Seminary in Takoma Park was planned and took place May 19 and 20, 2000. More than 80 alumni attended.

The names of those who attended the reunion reads like an Adventist Who's Who. The testimonies were awe-inspiring. The ongoing service of these alumni to the world church is remarkable. Their re-kindled camaraderie was emotional. Apparently it was a time and place that will never be replicated.

On Friday the group toured some sights in Washington, D. C., including the National Library of Congress, a place many of them had frequented to complete assignments given them by their seminary professors.

Friday evening, in addition to a rousing song service lead by Ralph Workman, Louis Venden presented the vesper message, "Two for the Road." The PK String Quartet provided beautiful special music.

The Sabbath School lesson presentation, complete with a Greek exegesis, was skillfully presented by Earle Hilgert. Wilber

Alexander spoke for the worship service; his sermon title was "The Glory Story: Then and Now."

Roger Coon prepared an overview of the Takoma Park Seminary days by reviewing many distinguished professors from the different school years. His presentation was titled "History of the Takoma Park Seminary: The 'Lengthened Shadow.'" "

Leona Running chaired the evening program, "Your Story Hour," when alumni were invited to share what made their seminary experience memorable. There were many chuckles, amens and grateful hearts. Ralph Workman also brought some slides taken during his school days that he shared with the group.

The reunion closed Saturday evening with three prayers of blessing—one for our Takoma Seminary alumni, one for the current seminary, and one for the worldwide work of the Seventh-day Adventist church—followed by the J. N. Andrews Benediction. Everyone promised to attend the next reunion and to encourage others to attend.



**REUNITED:** LEONA RUNNING (BA '55), ESTHER BENTON (MA '60), EARLE HILGERT (BD '55), Elvire Hilgert and MARY JANE MITCHELL (MA '57) at the Takoma Park Seminary reunion in May.



**SONG SERVICE:** DOROTHY and FRED BRENNWALD (MA '57), STEVEN VITRANO (MA '58) and LOUIS VENDON (BD '66) participate in the Sabbath morning service.



**SHOW AND TELL:** WILBER ALEXANDER (MA '57), DON MULVIHILL (MA '59) and HENRY KENASTON (MA '59) examine "artifacts."



# ALUMNI NEWS

## Alumni gather during GC in Toronto

What do U.S. citizens do on the 4th of July if they're in Canada? Plan a party, of course!

Nearly 100 alumni of Andrews University gathered for lunch on the Fourth at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, near the Toronto Skydome where the 57th Session of the General Conference was held. Dr. and Mrs. Andreasen were on hand to greet our alumni, to make a brief presentation about Andrews, and to answer any questions.

Rebecca May, director of alumni services, says that it was an honor to host a gathering with alumni representatives from so many different

parts of the world. The international make-up and influence of Andrews alumni was immediately apparent. And even those who weren't U. S. citizens seemed to enjoy singing the Star-Spangled Banner and waving little U. S. flags!



**ALUMNI CELEBRATE:** VICKI (AS '86, BA '89) and KEVIN (BS '89, MA '93) WILEY enjoy lunch with Kevin's brother CRAIG (BS '89, MS '95) and wife CHERYL (Cronner) (att.) and kids Justin and Brianna.

## Alumni office greets summer visitors

With busloads of visitors to the campus due to the General Conference session in Toronto, the Office of Alumni Services arranged for campus hospitality throughout the summer.

Director Rebecca May worked with convention services coordinator Kelly Schmitt to ensure a smooth flow of traffic about campus and to make campus tours available throughout the peak visitor season.

"We were really happy that so many people wanted to visit Andrews as long

as they were in North America because of the GC sessions in Canada," explained May.

Groups from Europe, Asia and South America arrived off and on before, during, and after the time the world church met in Toronto.



**FIELD TRIP:** Hundreds of guests visited campus this summer, usually starting their walking tour at the J. N. Andrews family sculpture.

## Alumni fun in the sun

On Sabbath, May 27, Orlando area alumni and friends gathered at the Forest Lake Academy Elementary Education Center to catch up with each other and hear news about Andrews.

Lisa Jardine from the alumni office was the host. STARR BENDER (BS '75, former staff) made sure there was great food for all, and ASTRID BERGMAN (BS '79) provided fresh flowers and decorations that made this event especially memorable. This gathering has become a tradition, and we look forward to seeing more of you next year!

In addition to the visitors, several groups, such as Adventist librarians, videographers and other church groups slated their annual meetings and seminars to be held on campus around the GC session.

Mark your calendar . . .

**Alumni  
Homecoming**  
April 26–29, 2001

**100 years in  
Berrien Springs**

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940s

**PAUL CALES** (BA '45) has retired in Roseburg, Oreg., and is spending his retirement as the editor of *The Bee Line*, The Clan Fergusson Quarterly for the Clan Fergusson Society of North America.

## 1950s

**W. DUANE** (BA '57) and **ELAINE (TARR) DODD** (att.) have made their home base Livingston, Texas. In 1998 Duane retired from medicine and Elaine retired from her position as the public relations director for *It Is Written*.

They have sold their home in California and travel full-time in their motor home.

**HELEN M. (JENSEN) SWANSON** (BA '51) lives in Warrens, Wisc. After 36 years of teaching, Helen retired in 1983.



*The Dodds*

## 1960s

**GIUSEPPE DE MEO** (MA '63) lives in Toronto, Ontario, where he has served as the pastor for the Italian Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1991. In 1970, he earned a doctorate from the University of Florence, Italy. Between 1963 and 1991, Giuseppe worked as a pastor, teacher, editor and publishing house manager.

**MICHAEL J. MCINERNEY** (MA '69) lives in Chicago, Ill., and works as a police officer in the Chicago Police Department. He has two children, Sarah and Michael.

**JAMES H. HARTUNG** (BS '66) became the international chairman and president of the International Cargo Handling Coordination Association (ICHCA) on May 15, 2000. The ICHCA serves as a consulting body to the United Nations, the International Maritime Organization and the

European Economic Community. It is comprised of 17 national delegations and is headquartered in London, England.

**ROBERT W. JONES** (BA '68) and his wife **KATHY (NEAL)** live in Boise, Idaho. Robert is the building/maintenance manager for the First Baptist Church of Boise. Kathy is a legal secretary at Micron Technology. The Joneses have two children, Kara and Wade.

**HERMAN T.** (BA '60) and **LEONA (att.) ROBERTS** have retired in Berrien Springs. Herman's career included teaching at various academies, working in hospital personnel management and doing literature evangelism. Leona has retired from nursing. The Roberts have two daughters, **ANNIE BENDER** (BSN '76) and Cindy Hofer.

**D. ROBERT WATTS** (MA '60) is a retired pastor living in Calistoga, Calif., with his wife Audrey (Daniels). He serves as a chaplain and counselor for the Newstart Center in Weimar, Calif. During his career he served as a pastor and taught in Hawaii for five years. He also spent four years as the head of the Bible Department at Southeast Asia Union College in Singapore.

## 1970s

**BRENDA BUTKA** (BA '70) lives in Nashville, Tenn., with her husband, J. Thomas John. Brenda is a pulmonologist at Vanderbilt University, and Thomas is a rheumatologist. They have three children, Elizabeth, Rachel, and India.

**JAIME CASTREJON** (BA '70) and his wife Gloria Alicia (att.) live in Miami, Fla. Jaime is the Ministerial Secretary to the President for the Inter-American Division, and Gloria is a Spanish literature teacher at Montemorelos University. Their oldest daughter, **MYRNA** (BS '86), is an Andrews alum, and their youngest daughter, Cynthia, attended Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

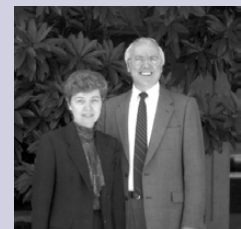
**MARY JEAN PENNY DAVIS** (BS '70) works in the Detroit Health Department as a public health nurse for Healthy Start. She has two sons. **HUGH DAVIS** (BA '00) is an Andrews alum, and Justin studies at Oakwood College.

**ANN (STEINWEG) DICICCO** (BA '70) and her husband Michael live in Hazel Crest, Ill. Ann works as a piano/keyboard teacher and helps with a home-schooling group and a 4H club. Michael is a truck driver. They have two children, Philip and Andrea.

**DON SCHNEIDER** (MA '67) was elected the new president for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America at the 57th Adventist World Session of the General Conference in Toronto this summer. Schneider replaces Alfred C. McClure, who retired after serving for ten years as the president of the NAD.

Originally from Merrill, Wis., Schneider has served as a pastor and church administrator for the last 36 years. He has been president of the Lake Union Conference for the last six years.

After graduating from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., and earning a master's degree from Andrews, Schneider started out as a pastor in Louisiana. His ministry has led him to ten states throughout his career. Schneider and his wife **MARTHA (CONNELL)** (BS '65) have two children, Don and Carol.



**NEWLY ELECTED: Marti and Don Schneider**

# CLASS NOTES

**CHARLES R. DOWEL** (MMus '70) and his wife Judith live in Baroda, Mich. Charles is an insurance agent for Insurance Services.

**ELIZABETH (EDOKPOLO)** (BS '70) and her husband **OPANIN GYAAMI** (MA '70) live in Vacaville, Calif. Elizabeth earned a doctorate from Loma Linda University and is the Food Administrator for California Medical Facility. Opanin is a dentist for the State of California. They have two children, Osayaba and Afua-Bema.

**JAMES M. FELDBUSH** (BA '79) and his wife, **ANGELIKA (WANEK)** (BA '78) live in Denver, Colo., where James is school counselor and campus ministries director for Mile High Academy and Angelika is German and physical education teacher at the academy. The Feldbushes have three children, Kristen, Christopher and Michael.

**GARY JOHN** (BA '70) and his wife **IRENE (DENNISON) HERR** (BMus '70) live in Keene, Texas. Gary is a psychotherapist at the Huguley Psychology Clinic in Cleburne, Texas, and Irene is a teacher at the Joshua Adventist Multigrade School. The Herrs have three daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca and Susanna.

**GARY GEORGE HUFFAKER** (BA '70) and his wife Suha (Nashed) live in Riverside, Calif., where Gary works as a pediatric ophthalmologist. Suha is a nurse and a marriage and family counselor. They have three children, Erich, Steven and Danielle.

**WELTON LEE INGRAM** (MA '70) and his wife Shirlee (Jackson) live in Burtonsville, Md. Welton is chair of the physics/engineering department at Columbia Union College, and Shirlee is assistant editor for the Collegiate Quarterly and has her own internet business at creativityzone.com. The Ingrams have four children, Sherri, Gregory, Pamela and Geoffrey.

**JOHN C. JORDAN** (MA '70) and his wife **DIANA (BOWEN)** (att.) live in Madison, Tenn. John is a physician at Madison Family Practice, and Diana is a secretary. The Jordan's oldest son, **JON-PAUL** (BS '96), is an Andrews alum. Matthew attends the Seminary at Andrews, and Laura studies at Loma Linda University.

**MERVYN R. JOSEPH** (BME '76, MA '77) earned his doctor of philosophy in music education at Indiana University - Bloomington, School of Music and specializes in band and ethnomusicology. He is a visiting assistant music education professor at Illinois Wesleyan University. He and his wife Gloria live in Bloomington, Ind., with their children Melissa and Merlon.

**DONALD A.** (BA '70) and **LINDA (SWETT) KLINGER** (BA '71) live in Meridian, Idaho. Donald is the vice president for administration and planned giving and Linda is the development director of the Idaho Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. Their daughter, **JANEL** (BMus '00), is a spring graduate, and their other daughter, Andrea, is currently attending Andrews.

**PATRICIA L. (GATZ) LARSON** (BS '70) and her husband Victor live in Freesoil, Mich. Patricia is the owner of Patty's Country Bakery in Scottville, Mich. The Larsons have approximately 350 acres of farmland; they have four children.

**PASCAL FRANCOIS LATOUR** ('70) and his wife Juliet Olivia (Caleb) live in Accra, Ghana. Pascal is the chair for the department of theological and religious studies at Valley View University. Juliet is a teacher. Pascal and Juliet have one child, Kaleb.

**PENNEY LOU (DENMAN) LIPNER** (DP '70) and her husband Alan live in Kentwood, Mich. Penney is a travel agent as Carlson Travel in Grand Rapids, Mich. They have two children, John and Megan.

**JOHN FREDERICK LOEROP** (BA '70) and his wife **CLARICE (MOULDER)** (att.) live in Delray Beach, Fla. John owns and operates two business ventures: Artist Murals and Designs and John F Loerop Painting. The Loerops have two children, Peter and Jonathan.



*The Joseph family*

**NANCY ARLENE (MCCONNELL) MYERS** (BA '70) and her husband Tom are both living and teaching in Mesa, Ariz. Nancy is the chair of the social studies department at Red Mountain High School and teaches U.S. history and American government.

**JOHN** (MDiv '78) and **KARIN (LUNDSTROM) McLARTY** (att.) live in Enumclaw, Wash. John has returned to pastoring at the North Hill Christian Fellowship in Federal Way, Wash., after spending six years as a writer and producer at The Voice of Prophecy. He is also editor of Adventism Today. Karin is a nurse at St. Francis Hospital.

**KOFI OWUSU-MENSA** (MA '70) lives in Accra, Ghana, where he is a professor of history at Valley View University. He earned a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in 1974. Kofi has published two books about the Sabbath. He has one daughter, Akosya, and two sons, Yaw and Kwasi.

**MICHAEL E. MILLER** (BD '70) lives in St. Petersburg, Fla., with his wife Janice (Wiley). Michael is the pastor for the St. Petersburg SDA church and Janice is a secretary. Michael has pastored at St. Petersburg for the last seven years. The Millers have two children, Russell and **BRIAN** (MSA '95).

**MARGARETE R. (MEHNER) MOON** (BA '70, MA '78) and her husband **DONAVAN L.** (BA '68) live in Whitmore Lake, Mich. Margarete is active in children's ministries at the Ann Arbor Seventh-day Adventist Church, and Donovan is a computer specialist at the University of Michigan. The Moons have three children, Holly (currently enrolled), Kenyon and Craig.

**PENNY MORICK** (BA '70) lives in O'Fallon, Mo. She works as a facilities administrator for Boeing in St. Louis. She received the President's Award and the Leadership Award from McDonnell Douglas Aerospace. Penny keeps active within her church, holding various positions such as women's ministries leader and assistant church treasurer.

**JANE (DENEEN) MORRISON** (BS '70) lives in Leominster, Mass., with her husband Patrick (MDiv '72). She serves as the associate pastor



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for the College Church at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster. The Morrisons have two children, **SETH** (BArch '98) and **ZACHARY** (BA '99).

**SHARON B. MOSHER** (BS '70) is a nurse in Lansing, Mich. and lives in Ovid, Mich. She has worked in various hospitals throughout her career and keeps active in her church.

**MARIANNE A. PATTON** (MA '70) lives in Falls Church, Va. She received her MPH at Oregon State University and is currently working as the Africa program officer for the American Red Cross International Services Department. Marianne is also a clinical instructor in the Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine at the Oregon Health Sciences University, Portland.



*The Roberts Family*

*The picture above was labeled as the Bills family in the spring issue on page 25. However, the family in the picture is the Roberts family, not the Bills family. We apologize for the error! Please read the entry that should have gone with the photograph:*

**CHEERI L. (HABENICHT) ROBERTS** (BS '70) and John G. Roberts live in Ballston Spa, N.Y. Cheeri is a home and career skills teacher at Schuylerville Junior High School, and John is an engineer. The Roberts have three children, Teresa, Heidi and Eric.

**HEATHER DAWN (BEAVON) PHILPOTT** (BS '70) and her husband Don live in Palatka, Fla. Heather and Don work as a team pastoring the Palatka/Interlachen Seventh-day Adventist Church. They have two children, Mark and Joy.

**LAWRENCE** (MDiv '79) and his wife, **LEILANI** (BS '70) **PITCHER** live in Lincoln, Neb. Lawrence is the president of Christian Record Services, and Leilani is a flight nurse and paramedic.

**SHARON (BENDER)** (BS '70) and her husband **RAYMOND PLUMMER** (MA '76) live in Madison, Wisc. Sharon is a clerk at the Adventist Book Center in Madison, and Raymond is a pastor at the Madison Seventh-day Adventist church. They have three daughters, **DANA** (BS '99), **AMY PLUMMER MISHLEAU** (att.) and Carrie.

**BARBARA SMITH HOWE** (BSN '71) works as a researcher with anticoagulants at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif. She is helping develop home monitoring instrumentation so patients can more efficiently and regularly monitor the level of anticoagulants in their bloodstream. Her husband, **FORREST L. HOWE** (MDiv '74), has recently accepted a position with the American Bible Society as regional director of major and planned gifts for California and Arizona. The Howes reside in Yucaipa, Calif., and have three sons: Jeremy, a senior at La Sierra University; Zachary, a freshman at Crafton Hills College; and Judson, a senior at Mesa Grande Academy.

**ALLEN STEELE** (MA '77, EDD '84) and his wife **ANDREA** (AU public relations director '83-'85) live in Cooranbong, Australia, where Allen is vice president for strategic planning at Adventist World Radio (AWR). Allen is also a senior communication lecturer at Avondale College. Andrea writes and edits for AWR.

**THOMAS E. BECRAFT** (MA '79) and his wife **Bonita C. (Wilson)** live in Pearl City, Hawaii, where Thomas is pastor of the Aiea Seventh-day Adventist Church and Bonita is a marriage and family counselor. They have two children, Andrew and Nathan.

## 1980s

**JOHN MARK** (MA '80) and **JUDY (REISZ)** (BA '80) **BEDELL** are teachers at Walker Memorial Junior Academy in Avon Park, Fla. John has started several interscholastic sports pro-

grams and works part-time as a newspaper reporter. John and Judy have two children, Daniel and Megan.

**BRENT W. BENFIELD** (BS '80) is a cabinet builder for Dutch Mills Inc. in Goshen, Ind. He received a BAS in automated manufacturing technology from the Forth Wayne ITT Technical Institute. Brent also builds acoustic guitars from scratch.

**NORMAN E. BOUNDY** (BA '80) and his wife Evelyn (Stotler) live in Pine City, N.Y. Norman works at Elmira Correctional, and Evelyn works as a parts manager. They have one daughter, Jeanette.

**MARSHA ANN (KEENEY) BRANDON** (BS '80) and her husband Louis live in Laingsburg, Mich. Marsha is an optometrist at Laingsburg Eye Care, and Louis is a health physicist. The Brandons have two sons, Jeffrey and Jamie.

**CHRISTOPHER CHINSUK CHOO** (BA '80) and his wife Sandra (Kim) live in Modesto, Calif. Christopher is a general dentist at Hughson Family Dentistry, and Sandra is a registered nurse. They have three children, Markus, Matthew and Michael.

**JERRY L. COX** (MA '80) and his wife, Paula, live in Modesto, Calif. Jerry is a district agent in sales for Northwestern Mutual Life. They have two daughters, Joy and Amy.

**JAMES E. DUNSON, JR.** (CERT '80) is a finance manager for Indianapolis Insurance Guaranty Association. He is also the owner and president of the Jedd Corporation, a real estate investment firm that manages and develops properties in the Indianapolis area.

**TREVOR S. FORBES** (MDiv '80) lives in Central Islip, N.Y. He has been the conference corporation treasurer and a pastor since 1982 for the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

**JULIO C. GANDIA-GARCIA** (MBA '80) and his wife Lucy (Gutierrez) live in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, where Julio is the treasurer of the East Puerto Rico Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Lucy is a secretary. The

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Garcias have two children, Melissa and Derrick Joel.

**KARLENE (SINCLAIR)** (BS '82) and **CRAIG FLEETWOOD** (*att.*) live in Atlanta, Ga. Karlene is assistant professor of surgery at Morehouse School of Medicine, and Craig is president and CEO of Structural Steel and Pipe Fabrication, Inc.



*Karlene and Craig Fleetwood*

**CYNTHIA KAYE HALL** (BS '80) lives in Cedar Lake, Mich. She received a master's degree from Central Michigan University and is currently a business education teacher at Great Lakes Adventist Academy.

**DAVID G. HOLM** (BET '80) lives in Berrien Springs. Since his graduation he has worked in various computer-related jobs and is now a self-employed partner at Joint Software Development LLC in St. Joseph, Mich.

**MARSHA GRACE (BRANTLEY) HORTON** (BA '80, MBA '82) and her husband Reginald live in North Hills, Calif. Marsha works as a recruiter for Brotman Medical Center in Culver City, Calif. The Hortons have two children, Byron and Breanna.

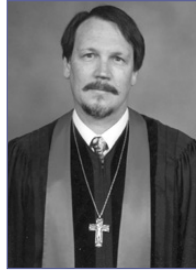
**DIEDRE BETTY (AKRIGHT) HULSHOF** (BS '80) lives in Coloma, Mich. She is a horticulture research assistant at Southwestern Michigan Research and Extension Center in Benton Harbor, Mich. She has a daughter, Lori.

**ELWYN CHARLES HYDE** (BS '80) and his wife Joy (Reynaert) live in Livonia, Mich. Elwyn works for Verizon Wireless in customer operations, and Joy works as a business planning specialist.

**JAMES D. PIMENTEL** (MAT '80) lives in Cave Creek, Ariz. He is the ministerial/youth director for the Arizona Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

**ESTHER (RAMHARACKSINGH) KNOTT** (BA '80, MA '87) and her husband **RON** (*att.*) live in Berrien Springs. Esther is a pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church, and Ron is the director for Andrews University Press. The Knotts have a daughter, Olivia.

**RICHARD EDWARD KUYKENDALL** (MDiv '80) and his wife Nancy (Maddox) live in Ontario, Calif. Richard is a minister at the Bethel Congregational Church and is the author of two books, *Prophetess of the Earth* and *Liturgies of the Earth*. The Kuykendalls have two children, Andrew and Leah.



*Richard Kuykendall*

**ARNET CLARE MATHERS** (CERT '76, BA '80, MA '85) and his wife Lorraine (Madlin) live in Bennington, Vt. Arnet is currently a pastor in the Northern New England Conference.

**SHARON M. (MANNESMANN) MONTGOMERY** (BA '80) and her husband **DUANE** (MA '79) live in Los Angeles, Calif. Sharon is a psychiatric social worker for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and Duane is an attorney. The Montgomerys have two children, Daniel and Lauren.

**SENEZ RODRIGUEZ-CHARBONIER** (MA '80) lives in Ada, Mich. He is a psychology professor at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich. Since leaving Andrews, he has worked as a family therapist in the Grand Rapids area and continued his education by earning a doctorate in clinical psychology.

**JOHN ALLEN RORABECK** (BS '80) and his wife Christine (Hendrickson) live in Pleasant Prairie, Wisc. John is the Lake County deputy coroner and forensic chemist in Waukegan, Ill. Christine is a tutor and child caregiver. The Rorabecks have two children, John and Anna.

**STEVEN MARTIN RUDE** (MDiv '80) is a pastor in the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His wife Joanne is a CPA and assistant treasurer in the Ohio Conference.

They have four children.

**ALLAN V. PHILLIPS** (MA '80) and his wife Danielle live at Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon, where Allan works as the Director of the Intensive English Program, teaches English and edits the Middle East College Alumni magazine. Danielle is the secretary to the president of the college.



*Danielle and Allan Phillips*

**B. CAROL (RASMUSSEN) SERLE** (BS '80) and her husband John live in Palms, Mont. Carol's most recent job was as the chaplain of New England Memorial Hospital. John recently obtained a job as a CEO for a rural hospital in Montana, allowing them to purchase 30 acres of land.

**ROBERT W. PEDIGO** (BA '81, MDiv '84) was selected for membership in the Woolsack Society at The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Membership is limited to seniors who rank in the top 15 percent of their class. He currently resides in Hagerstown, Md.

**JUAN R. PRESTOL** (MBA '80) and his wife Belkis (Dominguez) live in Burtonsville, Md. Juan is treasurer for the North American Division, and Belkis is an IDE Specialist for the GC Treasury TRIPS department. They have two daughters, Johanna and Idaia.

**RONEL D. RAY** (MDiv '80) and his wife Janet live in Siloam Springs, Ariz. Ronel pastors the Siloam Springs church. They have three children, Josh, Keri and Dakota.

**CORRECTION:** The information on **JOHN V. G.** and **MARLA MATTHEWS** published in the spring issue needs to be updated and corrected. **JOHN** (MA '75) earned a PhD from Andrews in 1988, and Marla earned an MMus in 1981. John began his career as youth pastor of the English Church in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in 1975.



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**CAROLE A. (MILLER) RAYBURN** (MDiv '80) lives in Silver Spring, Md. She is a clinical, consulting and research psychologist. She writes that "every article I wrote for my seminary classes has been published in some journal, book, or magazine."

**VANLALKIMA SAILO** (MDiv '86) and his wife Mary (Kovarick) live in New Market, Va., where Vanlalkima is pastor of the New Market Seventh-day Adventist church. Mary is a dental hygienist in Bridgewater, Va. They have two children, Donovan and Christine.

**LEONARD A. HAWLEY** (MDiv '87), chaplain at the Correctional Reception Center, Orient, Ohio, has been serving as president for the past year of both the Ohio State Chaplains Association and the Seventh-day Adventist Correctional Chaplains Association.

The Ohio State Chaplains Association is the state-recognized association for clergy serving

Ohio prisons. Chaplain Hawley is the first Adventist and the first African-American to head the association in its 51-year history. The Seventh-day Adventist Correctional Chaplains Association is the General Conference-endorsed association of Adventist chaplains ministering in the correctional setting. With wife Helen and daughters Amanda and Tirzah, the Hawleys reside in Columbus, Ohio.

## 1990s

**TERRANCE CHILSON** (BA '94) and his wife Rebecca (Grimaud) live in Rochester, Minn. They were married June 13, 1999, in Tunkhannock, Pa. Terrance is an internal medicine resi-



*The Chilsons*

dent, and Rebecca is a pediatrics resident at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. When they are not busy in their residencies, they enjoy a nearby recreation center.

**JENNISE (BUELL) LOGAN** (BS '92) and her husband Trent live in El Centro, Calif., where Jennise takes care of their son, Derek Elijah. Trent teaches science in grades 7-12 at Calxico Adventist Mission School. Jennise subtaught and volunteered as a laboratory assistant until Derek was born in 1999.

**ALEKSANDER** (MA '99) and **DRAGOSLAVA** (MA '99) **SANTRAC** live in Beograd, Yugoslavia, where Aleksander is editor of the Yugoslavian *Signs of the Times* and is pursuing a PhD in philosophy at the University of Belgrade. Dragoslava is a teacher of Biblical languages and Old Testament at the SDA Theological Seminary in Belgrade.

**GABRIELA (CURBELO) YASTE** (BA '93) and her husband Christian live in Charlotte, N.C., with their son, Alexandar Thomas, born Oct. 1, 1999. Christian is a dentist, and Gabriela is a teacher.

**STACEY RODRIGUEZ** (BA '96) is currently teaching English as a second language in Chicago. For the last couple of years she has studied French in Paris and Brussels, Belgium.

**CHRISTOPHER HOYT** (BArch '98) works as part of EHDD Architecture in Chicago, Ill. This spring Christopher and a group of architects from the company won both the first prize and the People's Choice Award in an International Ideas Competition for the redevelopment of a three-city-block area adjacent to the Canadian Parliament building in Ottawa.



*Artists will be able to make their mark in Ottawa's new park designed in part by AU grad Christopher Hoyt.*

The theme of the competition was "Place, Time and Symbol." Contestants were asked to "use architecture as a formal and symbolic bridge between the past and the future; between diverse elements and geographic locations; between issues of place, environment and technology."

The jury praised the winning design for its "absolutely clear and passionate . . . desire to provide a democratic space of (public) participation across from Parliament Hill."

The EHDD design "The Archaeology of Now" outlines a plan which includes the creation of a large terraced park, a series of garden spaces connected by ramps, slate-faced retaining walls which will be used as a chalkboard by artists, and a large perforated sculptural screen which will light up at night with images taken that day by digital cameras in the park.

Christopher and his wife **TAMMI SHIPOWICK** (MA '97, former faculty) live in Chicago.

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# LIFE STORIES

## Births

To **DAWN (COREA) LEONARD** (BS '93) and Linton Leonard, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, a girl, Alyssa Yvette Leonard, Feb. 24, 2000.

To **BRANDEY (TESSER)** (BS '91) and **MARK YANCEY** (AS '90), Canton, Ga., a boy, Tanner John Steven, April 20, 2000.

To **TINA (ERHARD) HANSON** (MSPT '94) and **BRYAN HANSON** (AS '90), Lake Wales, Fla., a boy, Levi Leroy, May 27, 2000.

*At press time, we were delighted to learn that President and Mrs. Andreassen had become grandparents! Caleb Henri Andreassen was born to Michael and Marie Andreassen, in California on July 10, 2000.*

## Weddings

**KRISTY KLINE** (BS '99) and Ty Burnson were married May 28, 2000, and reside in Cadillac, Mich.

**KIM CHILSON** (BA / BS '00) and **GREG TAYLOR** (*currently enrolled*) were married June 5, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**ASTRID FRAUENLOB** (BS '00) and **STEVEN MELTON** (*att.*) were married June 7, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**DENISE PETERS** (BA '98, MA '00) and **DONNELL JOSIAH** (BS '00) were married June 8, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**KAREN CALKINS** (*att.*) and **ORION LAWRENCE** (*att.*) were married June 11, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**JANEL KLINGER** (BS '00) and **NATHAN TASKER** (BT '00) were married June 11, 2000, and reside in La Grande, Ore.

Denise Norton and **TODD FREEMAN** (BS '00) were married June 11, 2000, and reside in Buchanan, Mich.

**KATHERINE WIDNER** (BA '00) and **ANDREW SHAW** (*currently enrolled*) were married June 11, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**KRISTEN DOSS** (BS '00) and **ADAM KIS** (BA '00) were married June 18, 2000, and reside in Fenton, Mich.

**KELLY NACHREINER** (BA '99) and Troy Harden were married June 18, 2000, and reside in Austin, Texas.

**WENDELIN ORTIZ** (BS '00) and **ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ** (BA '99) were married June 18, 2000, and reside in Detroit, Mich.

**BECKY LITTLE** (*att.*) and **DENNIS SUSENS** (BT '00) were married June 19, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**JOYCE PEREZ** (BS '00) and **AARON KNOWLTON** (BS '00) were married June 25, 2000, and will be teaching in Saipan.

**ROSEMARY BAUER** (BED '99) and **KARL BAILEY** (BS '99) were married June 25, 2000, and reside in Mason, Mich.

**RENITA NELSON** (BBA '00) and **GLENN SALIBA** (BS '99) were married June 25, 2000, and reside in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.

**KRISTIN LOCKWITZ** (MS '00) and Mark Ingersoll were married June 25, 2000, and reside in Valparaiso, Ind.

**TIFFANY KARR** (BS '99) and **RODNEY SUMMERSCALES** (BS '99) were married July 2, 2000, and reside in New Bloomfield, Pa.

**ANGELA CANADA** (*currently enrolled*) and **JAMES HOPKINS** (BS '00) were married July 9, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**CARRIE VILLANUEVA** (BMus '00) and **DAVID VAN DENBURGH** (BA '00) were married July 9, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

**LAURA WHIDDEN** (*att.*) and Cory Wetterlin (*att.*) were married July 16, 2000, and reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**TRICIA AUGSBURGER** (BA '99) and **ALVIN JORNADA** (BS '99) were married Aug. 11, 2000, and reside in Berrien Springs.

## Deaths

**DONALD B. MYERS** (BTH '35) was born Feb. 23, 1906, in Harvey, Ill., and died Dec. 22, 1999, in Avon Park, Fla.

Myers was a pastor for 42 years and also worked as a church school teacher and a chaplain. He founded the Lake Placid Seventh-day Adventist church and assisted in starting the Lake Placid Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Kathlyn Myers of Avon Park; four sons, Gerald B. Myers and Leroi E. Myers of Sumner, Wash., Donald Yockey of San Diego, Calif., Richard Robinson of Fayetteville, N.C.; and three daughters, Juvernica Oft of Gresham, Ore., Darlean

McMillan of Loma Linda, Calif., and Lynda Firment of Ft. Myers, Fla.

**FRANCIS DALE NELSON** (BS '43) was born Jan. 30, 1915, in Clear Lake, Wisc., and died March 17, 2000, in Loma Linda, Calif.

After he graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College, he practiced medicine for 45 years in South Bend, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Helen J. Nelson of Loma Linda, Calif.; three daughters, Lynne Nickless of Kalamazoo, Mich., Dianne Porter of Lantana, Fla., and Barbara Sue Dettart of Indianapolis, Ind.; and two sons, Carmine V. De Sepio of Loma Linda, Calif., and Graham Heppel of Hemet, Calif.

**WILTON REUDEN ARCHBOLD** (BTH '32) was born Aug. 21, 1903, in Providencia, Colombia, South America, and died July 2, 1999, in Apopka, Fla.

Mr. Archbold served in the Seventh-day Adventist church for 40 years in various conferences such as Nicaragua, Leeward Island, Iowa, North Dakota, Michigan, British Columbia and Washington.

Mr. Archbold is survived by his brothers B. L. Archbold of Apopka, Fla.; Sherrie Archbold of Providencia, Colombia; sisters Essie Archbold Hooker of Apopka, Fla.; Carrie Linda Greenidge of Caracas, Venezuela, and Norma Archbold of Providencia, Colombia, and his daughter, Ronna Archbold of Clinton, Mass.

**JILLIAN ROSE PULLMAN ANDERSON** (BS '88) was born Oct. 14, 1938, in Whangarei, New Zealand, and died Feb. 4, 2000, in Toronto, NSW, Australia.

After graduating in 1960 from primary teaching at Avondale



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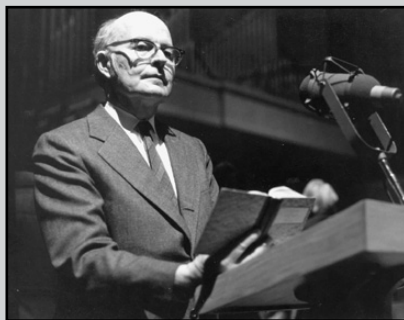
College in Australia, Jill and her husband taught in India, Australia and Papua New Guinea. Jill was an enthusiastic English and history teacher and completed further degrees in these areas. She also had a passion for preserving the memories and achievements of early Adventist missionaries to India and Papua New Guinea and researched their contributions to the church and societies where

they worked. Part of her research has been published. She is survived by her husband **RICHARD** (MA '67), assistant librarian at Avondale College; daughter Aloma and son Marvin.

*John O. Waller (professor of English, emeritus) was born Oct. 26, 1916, in Los Angeles, Calif., and died July 6, 2000, in Berrien Center, Mich.*

Dr. Waller—or Jack to his friends and colleagues—will long be remembered as a gentleman and a scholar, a respected professor and chair of the Andrews University English department from 1963 to 1979.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree at San Diego State College in 1941 and served in the Navy from 1941 to 1945. He completed a master's in English at the University of Southern California in 1949 and then a doctorate there in 1954.



*John O. Waller*

Waller taught high school in southern California for one year, after which he taught English at Walla Walla College in Washington state from 1952 to 1960. He began his teaching tenure, specializing in Victorian literature and creative writing, at Andrews in 1960, serving as chair of the English department for

16 years. He retired in 1984, but continued to teach part-time until 1989. He was selected as Teacher of the Year in 1971 by the AUSA.

Waller set a high standard for research and publication among the faculty at Andrews. From 1965 to 1980, he was an assistant editor of *Abstracts of English Studies*; he published *A Circle of Friends: The Tennysons and the Lushingtons of Park House* (Ohio State University Press) in 1986.

He is survived by his wife Elaine Louise Johnson Waller of Berrien Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John O. Waller Lectureship Fund at Andrews University.

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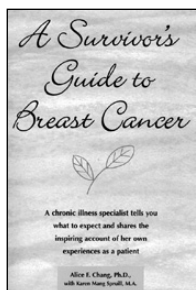
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## Healing and growing



***A Survivor's Guide to Breast Cancer***

by Alice F. Chang with Karen Mang Spruill (BA '74, MA '95). New Harbinger Publications, 2000. 173 pages.

Alice Chang has written a deeply personal, candid book, detailing her journey through breast cancer. In her introduction, she writes, "... it is my goal to provide all readers with a clear idea of what to expect and how to cope. ... As a clinical psychologist writing from a personal and professional point of view, I will not be quoting statistics or exploring academic issues ... I will provide practical information to help patients, their families and professionals cope with cancer."

Using language accessible to everyone, Chang (assisted by former FOCUS editor Karen Spruill) is open about complicating factors in her experience such as her Asian-American background, professional background as a clinical psychologist and her status as a single woman. She has had to deal with the myth that Asian-American women do not get breast cancer.

When Chang first started looking for books about breast cancer, she could find none written by Asian-American women. But her background in psychology helped her understand many of her reactions and emotions as she dealt with breast cancer and led her to seek out the counsel-

ing help she needed.

As a single woman, Chang had to deal with loneliness, fears that she was inconveniencing others, and difficulty with applying various creams to areas on her body burnt by radiation treatment.

Chang includes the simple details of her life throughout the book, establishing herself as a fellow human being who deals with a busy schedule, the same hang-ups, intimidating people and situations that we all deal with on a daily basis—yet with the added complication of cancer.

Chang's honesty in dealing with thoughts of death and pain stops readers, causing them to realize how even a highly successful person can feel useless and unsuccessful in the face of a terrifying disease.

Chang emphasizes the importance of supportive relationships by writing about the various relationships she formed and nurtured throughout the process of having breast cancer. She discusses how as a clinical psychologist, she received personal insight into the experiences many of her clients have had.

*A Survivor's Guide to Breast Cancer* is a springboard for tips on how to cope with breast cancer. Throughout the book, Chang includes short side bars containing stories about her experience and information about how cancer affects people. These side bars make it easy for readers to gain valuable encouragement and information quickly.

Chang uses her book to advise

cancer patients about what will help them deal with their illness, carefully describing exercises that need to be done after a mastectomy, reminding people of the need to feel the whole spectrum of emotions and encouraging people to find the activities which help them relax while going through chemotherapy.

Chang sensitively explains what to expect before, during and after a mastectomy, during chemotherapy and during radiation. She explores the mental, social, emotional and physical realities of dealing with these painful treatments. At the end of the book, there is a list of

resources including agencies, organizations, reading material, web sites and patient products.

*A Survivor's Guide to Breast Cancer* is an excellent place to start for anyone who is dealing with cancer or who feels the need to understand the effects and reality of living with cancer. The easy-reading format makes the idea of trying to understand all the treatments and issues involved in fighting cancer, less frightening.

In writing this personal story, Chang and Spruill have provided a valuable resource for cancer patients and their families.



***Supercharged***

by Randy Fishell (BA '83, MDiv '88)  
Review and Herald Publishing Association, 2000. 95 pages.

Randy Fishell has created a book of short, exciting devotionals designed to jump-start kids between the ages of ten and fourteen.

Using a "Power Burst" (Bible verse) as his central point, Fishell tells stories about romance gone wrong, runaway tractors and french fries to explore the meaning of the verse.

Drawing from his experience as the editor of *Guide* magazine, he includes a FACTory item such as this one: "When Absalom got his yearly haircut, his barber would whack off about five pounds of hair. 2 Samuel 14:26." The FACTory item helps illustrate the central point of the day. Each devotional is easy to read and short enough to hold the attention of kids on the go.

Both books reviewed by MYRA NICKS (BS '00), editorial assistant of FOCUS.

# AT RANDOM

by Andrea Connell

## Andrews extraordinaire

### The student page experience at General Conference in Toronto

There are many extraordinary things for an Andrews student to do during summer vacation, but the option that surpassed all others this past June was being a page at the 57th General Conference of Seventh-day-Adventists in Toronto, Canada.

We arrived at the Royal York Hotel on June 27, 2000, and began a 12-day work-marathon the next morning. Between June 27 and July 8 there were 26 pages from Andrews who assisted with GC operations by answering phones and questions, taking pictures and messages, running errands, directing, guiding, lifting, typing, talking, photocopying, faxing, printing, labeling, listening, smiling, guarding and organizing. Then we sadly bade farewell to the Skydome, the Crowne Plaza Convention Center, the Royal York Hotel, and Toronto, Canada, on July 9.

The General Conference that convenes every five years provides a unique, global glimpse into all aspects of church life and distinct opportunities to its participants. Taking part as an Andrews University page, I observed six facets that were indeed extraordinary.

The most remarkable aspect of the experience was the people. From the bird's-eye view in the press/media area of the Skydome, it was possible to look down onto the floor where the delegates from all over the world sat. Scanning the floor I could see a woman from Ghana walking by a gentleman from Australia. One delegate from Haiti spoke into the microphone at a business session directly after a delegate from Argentina. Where else in the world could we find such a diverse, but unified body? Where else do so many representatives of the human race come together under one roof every five years to discuss issues and policies that concern them all?

The second amazing feature of the GC was the opportunity to interact with some great leaders. The leaders were present in an assortment of ages, races and perspectives. As a press/media page, I had the opportunity to work with the General Conference communication team. I was able to interact with people from all over the world who were working for their respective divisions, reporting forthcoming events and news to their own corners of the world. My co-workers had also volunteered from all over the world to assist with the General Conference. I worked under people from Australia and from Denmark. Unity in diversity continued as a key theme.

Third, I witnessed how the church functions on an executive level. It was interesting to see the interaction between the delegates and the various committees. I was proud as Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen presented the proposals of the nominating committee to the general delegates. Also, it was insightful to observe how church issues were addressed (or not addressed), how church business was handled, and the differing

perspectives the world church brought to the issues. I realized what a slow process it is to bring about change within our organization considering the global perspective from which we operate.

The fourth phenomenal aspect of being a page at General Conference was the city of Toronto itself. It is a diverse, clean, thriving and international city that provided the perfect atmosphere for our church conference. The CN Tower continually cast its shadow on GC participants as they scurried between meetings, little cafes provided perfect breakfast nooks, and the beautiful architecture of innovatively designed buildings

surrounded us. The hot-dog and ice-cream vendors took advantage of the 60,000 conference guests and set up shop along the street by the Crowne Plaza Convention Center. Furthermore, to cater to our traditional vegetarian diet, the hot-dog vendors sold vegetarian hot-dogs with a plethora of condiments to hungry Adventists at lunch-time. It seemed as if the city of Toronto welcomed us with open arms and we basked in her hospitality.

The fifth facet of being a page was my fellow pages. We all worked together to help the conference run smoothly. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know one another better by collaborating on work during the day and then relaxing in the evenings by sampling various restaurants in the area, paying visits to the health club and attending the evening GC sessions together. I hold dear the memories of times spent with fellow Andrews students outside of the university context.

Lastly, an integral part of the GC experience was meeting new people and old friends in the Skydome, on the city sidewalk, in the hotel lobby, in the convention center, or in the next-line-over at lunch. Our global church community provides us with opportunities for travel, meeting diverse people, and a unique worldview. General Conference gives us a chance to reconnect with old friends. Or we are able to meet people whose paths we will cross once again.

Being a page at the 57th General Conference Session of Seventh-day Adventists was truly an extraordinary experience. It provided both a unique social and professional climate in which to learn more about our church, what being a Seventh-day Adventist means, and connect with some awesome

people. It only seems fitting that this experience was granted to me courtesy of Andrews University.



*Where else do so many  
representatives of the  
human race come together  
under one roof every  
five years to discuss  
issues and policies  
that concern them all?*

*Andrea Connell graduated this spring with a bachelor of arts in modern languages. She is pictured above with her fellow GC page Andrew Bueno after commencement in June.*





Students from the early 1940s worked with the most up-to-date equipment of the time in the chemistry department at Emmanuel Missionary College. These students are shown here with Professor Halenz. Halenz Hall, one of the wings of the Science Complex where today's chemistry department is housed, was named after this respected professor.