I recently attended a press conference on campus. Yes, our campus! The media were being convened because Andrews had been chosen to host a Russian delegation of leaders (politicians, government officials and other midlevel operatives) who were interested in learning about church-state relations in the U.S. The group had come to Andrews as part of the Open World Program, which, I discovered, "brings emerging Russian leaders to communities across the United States to expose them to American democracy and free enterprise in action." Apparently, Berrien Springs is on the worldwide map of model communities.

In fact, Andrews was one of only three American universities chosen, along with Brigham Young University and Baylor University, to host the Russian delegation. Pretty good company, indeed.

I arrived early wearing my press credential--a nametag my colleagues at University Relations bestowed on me in an attempt to make me look (and perhaps act?) professional. Since my colleagues weren't really sure how many press would show up at the conference, I believe they mostly just hoped my being there would boost attendance. Thoughtfully, I tried to make up for my limitations in that regard by eating lots of the free cookies and punch.

After introductions of the various participants and a word from President Andreasen, the conference got rolling. Understandably, it was not like the sort of press conference you see on CNN.

What was striking, however, as five representatives of the Russian delegation spoke to the handful of media, was their unanimous view on how the Open World Program might be improved upon. Each felt that their American hosts (the Russians had visited various government offices at the local, state and national levels) spent far too much energy detailing their own ideas and strategies and not enough in learning about those of their Russian counterparts. The Russians felt the dialogue had been decidedly one-sided.

This struck me as especially relevant in thinking about our international students here at Andrews. There's a tendency, and I'm certainly guilty of this, of being so caught up in "our" way of doing things and "our" way of thinking, that we shut ourselves off from the ideas of others, particularly internationals.

In my own experience, as a tutor in a writing center at another university, I worked closely with individuals on their conversational English. In these instances, what was supposed to be an opportunity for the non-native speaker to perfect their English and learn more about American life, became largely a sharing of experiences and ways of thinking that both of us benefited from. I didn't really intend to, but I listened and learned a lot from my international "tutees."

At other times, I know I've inadvertently closed myself off from these opportunities. Avoiding this sort of give-and-take at a university, where the sharing of ideas should distinguish campus interactions, would be a sad commentary. At Andrews, where opportunities to meet and, yes, learn from international students present themselves daily, even hourly, that commentary would be even sadder.

Fortunately, our international student population is both thriving and patient. They allow us our self-indulgences and generally humor us when we act like we have all the answers. Most of them don't even mind that we fly a version of "Old Glory" during international flag raising that is larger than some of the countries they come from. Still, I'm not so sure it wouldn't be a bad idea for them to assert themselves more, like the representatives of the Russian delegation, and remind us that we can learn a lot from them too.

In this issue of FOCUS, we hope you will discover a little more about the international flavor of our campus. In our feature article, Katie Shaw takes an intimate look at three international graduate students, their families and how their move to Andrews has impacted their lives.

FOCUS also sat down with Najeeb Nakhle, Director of International Student Services, to discuss how his office helps our international students make Andrews their home-away-from-home. Also in this issue, Marjorie Susens turns her humorous gaze toward our northern neighbors, and writes about Canadian students at AU. And finally, Bjorn Karlman, an undergraduate student from Sweden, writes about his first year at Andrews in our Student Spotlight.

~ Ivan Davis is assistant professor of English and the editor of FOCUS.
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Although I live only a few hours away from you, and have fairly frequent occasion to speak to current students, I realize that I know very little about the day-to-day events, the highlights, or the general atmosphere and “outlook” of the current student body. The capability of such a view requires a cosmic viewpoint, which by definition, we are unable to comprehend. Still, I venture to comment, with reference to the contents of the Spring, Homecoming issue. My view is conditioned by having had a very involved and activist five years on campus, including staff positions on both the Student Movement and Cardinal, many musical organizations, and initial concentration on history and writing, plus later time (teaching, graduate work and full-time research) at Michigan State University, Northwestern University and the University of Chicago.

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My reaction to this issue, and to the general tone of the Homecoming activities (as reported therein) is pretty much in agreement with the letters of old friends Bill Shadel and Thomas Zwemer. There certainly were inspiring moments, of pageantry, of renewed friendships and new insights, and of gripping challenges for the future. My personal “best time spent” were the seminar sessions where recent graduates reported on their current research. One would wish that mention and citations for many more such might be found in each issue of Focus.

Harold May (BA ’40)

Now about that puckish streak

Having worked my way through several years of editorial cycles of the alumni magazine, I just wanted to write and tell you what a great job I think you’re doing. Editorial endeavors always border on thankless tasks, and alumni magazines might be even more so.

Why? Because your charge is to be both intelligent (an editorial tack befitting an institution of higher learning) and, yes, staid (a mandate of the sometimes stodgy Andrews generations that preceded you). This tension makes for an interesting tightrope walk—one that you have mastered thus far.

Your writing and editorial strengths have meant for sound stories. And even better, I never thought I would see the day that Focus would have a puckish streak. How liberating! (I’m particularly referring to the whimsical “Campus Cache” section.) Too often “Adventist journalism” has been handcuffed by constraining cultural expectations. Not too much fun and certainly no “poking” at sacred cultural cows. But the fact that you’re charting a different direction makes for a better magazine that the vast majority of your readers enjoy, even if they don’t write and say so.

Jack Stenger (former staff)

Generation gap?

I originally planned to email you and let you know how much I enjoyed the Winter 2002 edition of Focus. However, I didn’t quite get around to it fast enough—as I am finishing my MA in English, my teaching year, preparing for a cross-country move home (Loma Linda to Maine) and a year teaching in Guatemala. Upon my return home I read the Spring edition and was appalled by the letters to the editor from Bill Shadel and Thomas Zwemer.

I’ve lived my whole life as a PK within the often confining, narrow-minded, and legalistic world of Adventism. After working at the alumni office at Andrews for 5 years as a student, I had my fill of many of the attitudes of the “cotton-head” generations toward current AU students and the university as a whole. I can say that your first edition was the first I’ve read entirely. It is time some members of the older generations realize that AU doesn’t just belong to older alumni and they aren’t the only ones who will or currently financially support the university. I think that the letters from Shadel and Zwemer were caustic, rude, and completely juvenile. They should take their own advice and get a “reality check”.

Keep up the good work! Oh, and one note to Erin Banks. . . the reports of LLU are GREATLY over exaggerated. LLU makes AU look like dating paradise!

Heidi Sabnani (BA ’98)

Mission statements

I was interested to note Bill Shadel’s letter in your Spring 2002 issue of Focus. The writer states that he is a Past President of two radio-TV news associations and a Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington. Someone with his qualifications could be more constructive with those of us who have not yet reached the dizzying heights of Bill Shadel. Is Bill Shadel’s opinion the measure of your success as an editor? I don’t think so. His own writing style lacks focus (no pun intended), and I was angered by his demeaning and bullying tone. The University of Washington claims that “students can develop mature and independent judgment and an appreciation of the range and diversity of human achievement.” Apparently this mission statement was implemented after Mr. Shadel retired.

Thank you for the time and effort you invest in Focus.

Brad Wackerle (BA ’83)
Greetings and the peace of Jesus Christ to Larry Ward, who decried the photo of a wedding ring in the Winter issue of Focus on the subject of love and marriage at AU.

The Church Manual of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, page 150, states unequivocally that there is to be NO DISPOSITION on the subject of wedding rings because it is a cultural, ceremonial issue. That implies that all Adventist churches should not deny baptism to people who wear wedding rings, that guests should not have to remove them in order to appear on 3ABN, and that wearing a wedding ring should not be an impediment to functioning as an elder (or even as a pastor) in the Adventist Church. The Church Manual indicates it is a PERSONAL choice, and I respect the choice of any Adventist not to wear a wedding ring. But Brother Larry—and all of us—might ponder, next time we are listening to Dwight Nelson or another male pastor decked out in suit and tie, that neckties were originally worn by 19th Century homosexual Parisian men as a sign of their predilection.

Let’s get back to the original intent of the whole Winter issue. As a result of my wife and I having attended AU (1994-96), two additional family members joined us, earned AU diplomas, and found rock-solid, Adventist spouses at Andrews. And no one can argue about that.

Greg Powers (MSA ‘96)

Music, morality and “Christian Rock”

In the Spring 2002 edition of Focus I was especially interested in the lectureship entitled “Music and Morality.” In that article was expressed the idea that Christian Rock music has a place in the church.

Church members of my generation grew up with the grand old hymns and so-called traditional music. I take issue with those who accuse my generation of doing the devil a service when we speak out against the liberal compromise in contemporary church music.

During my growing-up years both young and old seemed to enjoy the same music, both religious and popular. Then in the late 50s there came such artists as Elvis Presley who changed our whole music culture. At this point the younger generation began to separate itself from the older generation into a culture of its own. The rock music which followed was born of total rebellion against the standards of conduct held by both people of faith and many people of no particular faith. Can just adding religious lyrics make it Christian rock? Rock music is not even a true music form. It is just noise. In my present church we sometimes have the young people do some of their rock-influenced styling for special music. Those of my generation just look at each other and groan but not out loud. We feel it better not to make trouble since we no longer have any rights. It is not very uplifting.

These points apply to other areas beside music. In the current liberal climate we have wrongly substituted the terms traditional and nontraditional for natural and unnatural.

Some of our teachers at Andrews have suggested that we are lowering the standards to keep the young people in the church. Should we not raise the standard for music rather than conform to the standard of the outside world?

Glenn Saunders (MA ‘63)

And the winner is...

On Monday, August 5, Katherine Anne Clayton, daughter of Brian (BS ’00) and Camille Kurtz (BBA/BA ’99) Clayton, was selected as the recipient of the $2001 Centennial Baby Scholarship in a random drawing held at the annual Advancement Retreat. Baby Katherine Anne will be able to cash in her scholarship around the year 2018, when she enrolls in her freshman year at Andrews University.
Most readers know that Andrews University has an international president. AU’s Vice President for Student Services is international, too. The Campus Cache would never focus on international matters just to suck up to the two most powerful people on campus. . . . Right?!

### Campus Craze—International Edition

*The United States government may be cracking down on international visitors, but the CC says that AU’s international students are more than tired, poor and huddled masses—they are the lifeblood of this campus.*

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### Speaking of . . .

"I think of Andrews every single day . . . [but] my family is getting tired of referring to me as Dr. Upton around the house."

Fred Upton, Member of Congress, 6th District, Michigan, and Summer Commencement speaker, discussing the honorary doctorate that Andrews University conferred on him in 1992
(Commencement, August 4, 2002)
Fun-da-mental Facts

봤 AU has an international student population in excess of 800. According to the U.S. News & World Report, that makes AU the fifth-ranked university for having the most internationally diverse student population.

 busted AU During 2001-2002, students from 95 countries enrolled in various AU programs.

essed Using the initials of the Howard Performing Arts Center, Niels-Erik Andreasen, Ed Wines and Dave Wilber—the last three being individuals charged with responsibility for getting the HPAC built—one can spell the words NEW, WAD and CHEAP. Those words are, respectively, what we’ll get, what we need, and what we want.

A Frowzy Fallacy
(or a silly syllogism)

Crazy drivers can’t drive in the snow.
International students can’t drive in the snow.
Therefore, international students are crazy drivers.

"I’ll let them know backup is on the way. Let’s roll. God bless.”
Fred Upton, encouraging graduates—with a highly charged phrase from 9/11—to change the world as they enter the workforce
(Commencement, August 4, 2002)
Howard Performing Arts Center taking shape at Andrews

If you have driven through Berrien Springs on Old 31 recently, you’ve probably noticed the large Fiskars signs posted along the road marking the pickup and drop-off entrance for construction supplies. A corner of our campus is currently a maze of mountains of dirt, large holes and steel girders. Andrews University was given the largest gift in its history in early 2001 by John and Dede Howard of St. Joseph, to be used for the construction, maintenance and upkeep of a performing arts center. This gift became the fulfillment of a dream born in the 1970s by the administrators, faculty, staff and students of Andrews.

An official groundbreaking ceremony was held March 4, 2002, and construction commenced in May. Fiskars, Inc., of St. Joseph, has the project well under way. “The site is progressing very nicely and is on schedule,” reports Dave Wilber, director of plant administration for the university. Erik Fiskars, supervisor of the project, has given three specific dates for different goals to be met. The first date was July 4, 2002, by which he projected the structural steel to be standing, and it was. The second date is November 2002, which will see the structure enclosed and the roof installed. The third date is July 4, 2003, by which the building will be complete and the auditorium seats for $1000. A complete list of naming opportunities, as well as pavers for $600, and auditorium seats for $1000. A complete list of naming opportunities, as well as floor plans, can be accessed on the web at www.andrews.edu/HPAC.

A new feature for community members who want to keep up-to-date on the progress of the Howard Performing Arts Center but aren’t able to frequent campus is the web-cam, accessible by logging on to www.andrews.edu/HPAC/webcam.php.

Derek Bradfield, the new manager for the Howard Performing Arts Center, reports that 160 concerts and recitals are already scheduled for the first year of operation. He is working closely with the Department of Music to bring accomplished musicians from around the world to perform once the building is ready for use. Besides the many concerts offered to the public by the Department of Music, both the South Bend Symphony and the Southwest Michigan Symphony have expressed an interest in performing in the hall. It will be available to the Berrien County Intermediate School District for some of their events as well. Other community groups and corporations will also be able to use it for events such as concerts and seminars, and the lobby can be booked for luncheons and receptions.

“It’s important for the community to know that the Howard Performing Arts Center is housed on our campus, but that it is a building for the community,” said Lisa Jardine, development officer. Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of the university, sees the performing arts center as more than just a performance hall, but a place to worship God creatively. “It will be a great blessing for our campus family, but equally so for our friends in the community, for this center belongs to everyone who seeks to be lifted in spirit and meet that ‘great master artist.’”
Andrews University celebrated its summer commencement, August 2-4, 2002. There were a total of 446 candidates, 225 graduate and 221 undergraduates. Fred Upton, member of Congress, 6th District, Michigan, spoke for the combined graduate/undergraduate commencement service. His address, “Meeting Our Challenges Today and Tomorrow,” was preceded by the presentation of the President’s Medallion to Stephen and Elizabeth Upton, Fred Upton’s parents. They were honored for their generous and tireless support of numerous community projects, including literacy programs, the Krasl Art Center, and battered women’s shelters.

Just over ten years ago, Fred Upton himself had received an honorary doctoral degree from Andrews University on June 7, 1992. A sixteen-year veteran of the U.S. House of Representatives, Upton is a member of the powerful Education and the Workforce Committee and Chair of the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications. He is widely known for his preoccupation with quality education for every young person as the key to our nation’s future prosperity. Upton is one of only two Congressmen who have not missed a single recorded vote (over 2,500) since 1997.

Also, during the August 4th ceremony, an honorary Doctor of Science degree was conferred on Taye Grace Emorie, a Japanese-American who has had a remarkable professional career that encompassed staff nursing, teaching, research, writing, lecturing and various duties as a commissioned officer of the U.S. Public Health Service. Her long career, which increasingly focused on hospital epidemiology, took her to Loma Linda, South Lancaster (Massachusetts), and Atlanta, and won her a profusion of honors and recognitions. Emorie also played a pivotal role in creating the profession of nurse epidemiology and the American Journal of Infection Control.

Fred Upton

GLOBAL SUMMIT: Russian delegates from the Open World Program on campus

FOR GENEROUS SERVICE: President Andreasen awards the President’s Medallion to Stephen and Elizabeth Upton during August commencement

CAMPUS UPDATE

Russian delegation visits campus

Andrews University had the privilege of being host to a group of 20 midlevel bureaucrats from Russia participating in the Library of Congress’ Open World Program, June 26-28, 2002.

The Open World Program, formerly known as the Russian Leadership Program, introduces Russian governmental officials to the inner workings of the U.S. government as well as the private and not-for-profit sector. Andrews University, in addition to Brigham Young University in Utah and Baylor University in Texas, was chosen as one of three institutions for higher education that these officials would visit. Most of them serve in the Russian government in church-state positions and spent time not only examining the U.S. government, but the church-state relationships with each of the institutions of higher learning they visited.

While in Berrien Springs, they took a day tour to Lansing to meet with state government officials about the processes of the legislative, executive and judicial branches. Anna Soloveychikova, an expert in human rights in the Russian government, was especially pleased to be able to dialogue with human rights personnel in the capitol. “I got to see that America struggles with many of the same human rights issues that we do in Russia,” she explained. “I also enjoyed hearing about how America deals with religious freedom.”

In a press conference on Friday, June 28, a panel of five of the visiting officials told the press that they had enjoyed their visit to each of the institutions and the hospitality of the Americans they had encountered. “Americans are people just like Russians,” said Vasilii Alekseyev, Second Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Russian Federation. “There are things we can learn from them and things they can learn from us.”

When asked at the press conference if the panel had been aware of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia, all said that they had. Aleksandr Zaluzhnyy, Deputy Head of the Ministry of Justice for the Russian Federation, responded that he had met with the head of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Russia and had a very high opinion of him. “I appreciate the relationship of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and the Russian government,” he said. “We work well together.”

Upton speaks to summer grads

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The Friday evening consecration service at 7:30 pm featured Dr. Øystein LaBianca, professor of anthropology, who titled his presentation "Two is Better than One."

Dr. Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church, addressed the graduates at Saturday's Baccalaureate at 11:20 am. His sermon was titled "No Citadel Too High."

On July 19-21, the Fourth Annual Adventist Family Conference was held at Andrews University. Co-sponsored by the Religious Education Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Family Ministries of the North American Division, Adventist Family Conference 2002 focused on the theme of "Families of Faith" and hosted more than 130 registrants, many of them working on the graduate certificate in Family Life Education.

Adventist Family Conference 2003 will also take place at Andrews under the theme "Discipling Children and Teens for Christ," and is scheduled on July 16-20.

August 4, 2002, two Andrews University professors, Keith G. Calkins and David Vlosak, each graduated with their fourth master’s degree from Andrews University. Both work primarily out of Smith Hall on campus, and both share a philosophy for well-rounded, diverse education.

"There is value in interdisciplinary studies because they are broad instead of deep," explained Vlosak, an assistant professor for information systems.

Calkins agrees. "There are certain advantages to multiple masters. First is diversity. Most people tend to focus on the straight and narrow rather than diversity in education. Second, if your interests are broad and you have the energy to stay current in several fields, it makes sense to utilize this approach."

Calkins is a high-school math instructor in the Andrews-based Math and Science Center. Housed in the university’s Science Complex, the center is directed by the Berrien County Intermediate School District and is one of six secondary specialized schools in Michigan, and one of 50 such schools in the nation.

Students have a variety of reactions to their professors’ desire to continue their education. "It seems amazing to some why someone would voluntarily stay in school longer than necessary," Vlosak explains. "But there are others who see the value in higher education and have indicated an interest in getting more than one master’s degree down the road.”

As they pursue their lifelong commitment to learning, Calkins and Vlosak are confident that their well-rounded and diverse approaches to education enable them to fulfill their mission at Andrews University.
I attended Andrews University for four years, graduated, and have now begun my career here. When I first came on campus as a junior in high school to work for Enrollment Management, I remember noticing the large number of overseas applications. Maybe I was naïve or just a little clueless, but I didn’t fully understand the impact these students had on the campus. Andrews is home to more than 830 international students each year, hailing from about 90 different countries. What I failed to see in the ink on those applications eight years ago was that each of them has a story about how they made it to Berrien Springs from their country, and each is living proof that God truly does work miracles in our lives.

Recently, I met with Lesly Miot, Tadashi Ino and Elena Zhigankova, all Andrews students in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. They come from different parts of the world in pursuit of a common goal: to be instruments of God. While each told me their unique story, all have seen God work in their lives in the process of coming to and staying at Andrews University.
Lesly Miot, Haiti

Lesly Miot, a native of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, arrived at Andrews in August of 2001 to pursue his PhD in the seminary, he told me after the customary handshakes and introductions. This former dean of the seminary at Adventist University of Haiti, Daquini, lights up as he recalls: "My superiors decided that it was time they had a PhD on faculty at the school and decided to send me to Andrews to get one."

Lesly tells me that his family (wife, Ritza, and three children: Samuel, 16; Christelle, 14; and Fritz, 10) accompanied him from Haiti, and I can see that he’s glad to have this support system. They’ve had to deal with many major obstacles in the short year they’ve lived in Michigan, but Lesly still smiles brightly despite the difficulties. He explains to me that Haiti is a French-speaking country and, prior to coming to Andrews, his family didn’t know much English. "My children are having a difficult time in school, but we are learning together," he laughs. I think he speaks remarkably well for someone who claims to be learning the language.

When the Miots first arrived at Andrews last August, they were told they were here on the wrong kind of visa, and, to get the correct one, the entire family would have to travel back to Haiti, make an appointment at the consulate, obtain the right visa, and then fly back to Berrien Springs. "This happened to us after September 11, so we didn’t know if we would even be able to make it there and then back again because of all the strict rules about immigrants," Lesly remembers. They left Michigan on September 26 and because of layovers and delays didn’t arrive in Haiti until the 30th. He says the whole family was nervous about making their appointment at the consulate since it usually takes days or even weeks just to apply for a new visa, let alone obtain one. Miraculously, they were able to meet with an official at the consulate just two days after arriving in Haiti, and were back on the plane two days after that, visas in hand. "The Lord helped us to work it all out. We could not have done it without Him!" Lesly flashes another of his million-dollar smiles.

According to Lesly, he and his family consider their time at Andrews to be a great blessing. He feels privileged to have been sponsored by the Haitian Conference because "Haiti is a very poor country." He says they will return to Haiti in about five years once his degree has been completed. In the meantime, after their first Michigan winter, they are coming to grips with life in Berrien Springs. "We love the snow, but don’t really like the cold," Lesly says mischievously.
Tadashi Ino, Japan

Tadashi Ino of Tokyo, Japan, came to our interview outfitted in a customary Japanese costume. After smiling, bowing slightly and introducing himself, he tells me that he, his wife and their two small children, ages one and two, came to Michigan in 1994. Tadashi had to spend his first three quarters studying English at the English Language Institute before he could begin his classes at the Seminary, even though he had taken ten years of English classes in Japan in school before coming to America. “I could not speak English. I could understand most of it, but the grammar was hard for me.” He completed his MA in Religion in 1998 and then began his PhD. Sponsored by the Japanese Conference, he and his family are eager to return to Japan to serve where the Lord can use them most effectively.

Tadashi was not born a Seventh-day Adventist and was baptized into the faith just before he graduated from a secular university with his degree in engineering. He worked in the engineering field for two years before quitting because his firm didn’t respect his observance of the Sabbath. He realized at that juncture in his life, he could fulfill his dream to become a pastor, and returned to school at Japan SDA College. “I was interested in studying abroad when I was at Japan SDA College,” Tadashi remembered. “One of my teachers had studied at Andrews and showed me beautiful pictures of the campus. I knew that’s where I wanted to attend some day.”

When he and his wife, Masayo, and their two children, Tadahiro and Sakura, arrived in the United States, Tadashi recalls how they were nervous about being in a new country. “When we first arrived, there were four or five other Japanese pastors in the Seminary and we enjoyed our friendship with them,” he said. The Inos took up residence in the Maplewood apartments on campus and made friends with their neighbors and also with the parents of their children’s friends. With a smile, Tadashi reveals that since coming to America, they have added another member to their family, a son, Hikaru.

A few years into his studies at Andrews, Tadashi started to become depressed. “I was a very outgoing person in Japan, but since coming to America, I wasn’t very good with English and didn’t know how to express my feelings. I felt almost like I was in a cage.” He finally decided to tell his wife about his depression. It is evident in the way his face lights up when he remembers her words that her response to him changed his life and outlook forever. “She told me that when we were first planning to leave Japan, applying for visas and passports, she was praying that God would keep us from leaving our country. She didn’t want to go to America. But He didn’t answer her prayers. And now I know that God truly wants me and my family here at Andrews.”

Tadashi and Masayo enjoy getting to know friends from all cultures who are studying on campus just as Tadashi is. “Before coming to Andrews, I didn’t know much about Koreans, even though their country is so close to ours,” Tadashi says. “I thought that we didn’t have anything in common, but once I got here and met some Korean friends, I gained a lot of respect for them and realize that we aren’t that different.”
Elena Zhigankova, Russia

Elena Zhigankova impressed me immediately with her quick wit and gracious attitude. She came to Andrews with her husband, Oleg, and children, Akim and Sasha, in 1995. Oleg was planning to stay for one quarter and to start working toward his master’s degree, but applied to stay on through his doctoral studies. Elena says she began studying as well, and completed her MA in Youth Ministry. She is now working toward getting a doctorate in pastoral counseling.

Last year, the Zhigankovas went back to Russia to teach at the Zaokski Theological Seminary in Zaokski, near Moscow. However, during their summer breaks, Elena and Oleg return to Andrews so that Elena can keep working on her degree. “Working at Zaokski is wonderful for me, but they pay so little. It is a blessing to come to America to study but also to work and earn extra money.”

Elena and Oleg came to Andrews, unsponsored, with a dream of pursuing higher education in America. “It is very hard for Russians to come to America,” Elena says. She feels that God truly blessed her family while they were here and remembers that during the first few years they were in Berrien Springs, they had a minor car accident not long after they had bought a used car. The collision didn’t hurt them, but it did hurt the car badly. “We took it to a friend that worked on cars and he fixed it for free!” I can tell this was a highlight in Elena’s life, proof to her that God was in the little things. “God really was watching over us.”

Before coming to Andrews, Elena and her husband wrote and circulated the first Adventist publication in Russia called The Word of Reconciliation. It was the first periodical produced after the fall of communism by any Christian denomination in Russia. “It started out as a small brochure and has grown into sixteen newspaper-type pages.” She pulls a magazine out of her purse and shows me an article, explaining that the periodical in Russia is similar to Newsweek. I immediately see a familiar face, Elena’s, and I ask her what the article is about. She proudly explains that the article highlights Zaokski and makes many positive references to the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

When asked what her biggest adjustment was after arriving in America, she answers, “The food. American bread was so soft, so I would bake my own bread like we had in Russia. But now I like American food.” Elena and her family found that it was a big help to have a group of friends to help them adjust to life in a new country. She says they have appreciated getting to know not only the Russian students, but also students from many other countries.

I used to wonder if God still works miracles in the lives of His children. As a child, some of my favorite Bible stories told of Jesus’ healing touch, the Holy Spirit’s intervention and God’s mercy. But I wasn’t sure that anyone still experienced that today.

During the time I spent with each of these students, it became evident to me that I have no reason to doubt. God led a Haitian, a Japanese and a Russian student thousands of miles from their homes to live, learn and help each other adapt to life outside of their comfort zones, while promising never to leave or forsake them.

And what do the international students think of each other? As Tadashi Ino so aptly stated at the close of our chat together, “Studying at Andrews University with so many different nationalities of people is, to me, an anticipation of what Heaven will be like.”

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Serving Our International Students

"Q & A" with Najeeb Nakhle
Director of International Student Services

FOCUS: Why do so many international students come to Andrews?
NAJEEB NAKHLE: Andrews University is a Seventh-day Adventist Church institution and well known to all church members throughout the world. I believe it is the dream of every SDA young person abroad to one day have the opportunity to come to AU to pursue his/her education. I know that was my experience and this is true of many others.

FOCUS: Where do Andrews international students come from?
NAKHE: Andrews University stands as a unique school among other American institutions of higher learning. AU is truly privileged to have such a colorfully decorated campus with students who come from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds from all around the world. Andrews students come from about 100 different countries worldwide.

FOCUS: What are some of the difficulties international students face as they matriculate at AU?
NAKHE: One of the most difficult factors that international students face at the matriculation period is financing their education. With the rapid devaluation of their home currencies, this makes it very difficult to keep up with the escalating cost of life here at Andrews University, particularly tuition and rent.

FOCUS: What are some of the more practical areas of concern that international students confront as they come to Andrews?
NAKHE: This is a very sensitive question, especially for a Christian campus. Unfortunately, we are still struggling, though not as much as in the past, to maintain equality among all Andrews University students. That is, equality in job opportunities on campus, in financial assistance, and also in academic evaluation, regardless of language or ethnic background.

FOCUS: What aspects of the Andrews program are particularly appealing to international students?
NAKHE: Since the majority of our international students come from an SDA background, the spiritual environment is one of the most attractive things to them. They enjoy the Christian fellowship, the friendliness, and the caring attitude of the Seventh-day Adventist Christian community.

FOCUS: What areas need to improve to ensure Andrews’ legacy with international students?
NAKHE: I would dare to say that financial aid is the most important and urgent one, especially when one compares the economies of these students’ homelands with the U.S. economy and its cost of living.

FOCUS: What ideas and/or initiatives do you hope to see implemented for Andrews’ international students in the future?
NAKHE: An improved financial aid program.

FOCUS: What sort of worldwide impact do you see Andrews having through the influence of our international student graduates?
NAKHE: Indeed, Andrews University exerts a strong influence on the Seventh-day Adventist Church around the world. The majority of SDA Church leadership in the General Conference, local divisions, church-related institutions, and in the worldwide field is alumni of Andrews University. No matter if the SDA worker comes to Andrews University or not, he/she is definitely influenced by Andrews University; even the lay person simply sitting in the pews in some far-off congregation is personally affected by this institution.

FOCUS: What makes you certain Andrews is a good home, academic and otherwise, for students who come from all over the world?
NAKHE: I have no doubt that Andrews University has a strong academic program and an excellent teaching team. The proof of this is the products of AU working throughout the world, particularly in church leadership.
It’s a slow, subtle invasion—almost imperceptible. But they’ve come, and they keep coming. They blend right in. As long as they rein in a couple of funny-sounding words and their penchant for the color red, we’re typically none the wiser. And, if they’re here long enough, they even begin to drop the “u” that inevitably sticks itself into simple words, thereby increasing their allure. (Exhibits: harbour, neighbour, favourite, colour, etc.). Yes, these chameleons don’t have much trouble sidling up beside us. We’re too wrapped up in ourselves to notice.

Oddly enough, that large landmass that occasionally gets placed above our fine country on U.S. maps (usually as a vast, unexplained gray area) actually does live and breathe. It is peopled with some of the most unique and talented individuals I’ve ever met. I suppose that makes me sound like “one of them,” but I can’t pull it off. For starters, I only speak one language. Second, I’m not at all globally aware. I do well to keep up with what’s going on in my own country, let alone the one right above me. This does not, of course, imply that all Canadians are globally aware individuals and all Americans are worthless head-in-sand nincompoops, but it does suggest a difference in viewpoint. Canadians seem much more interested in their surroundings overall.

If my lack of language and global awareness isn’t enough of a tip-off as to my upbringing, a couple more clues will really cinch the deal. I don’t like hockey nearly enough to be Canadian, and, perhaps even more unforgivable, I can’t skate. Maybe I should have made those reasons one and two, because while I do know some Canadians who don’t feel a compulsion to use their required French, I think I’d be hard-pressed to find any who feel passive and apathetic when it comes to hockey or who lack natural skating prowess. I think Canadian children learn to skate and walk simultaneously. As for me, I’m 22 and I still don’t do either exceptionally well.

Okay, so in spite of the fact that I’ve just proved my own hearty American heritage, I will admit that I’ve exchanged a wee bit of my U.S. patriotism for Canadian sentiments. After all, Tim Hortons still hasn’t made it mainstream here. And what about that cool coinage? Granted, you feel a bit taken-in when you’re handed coins instead of the anticipated bill, but the “toonie” really stands without peer in my opinion.
Also, I think the whole maple-leaf-flag thing is pretty creative. And although this 4th of July I added a Canadian flag tattoo (a temporary) to my Independence Day setup, I still giggled hysterically each time the Canadian at our celebration referred to the 4th of July as "America Day."

Apart from a few rather dubious reasons just mentioned, shouldn’t I have more cause for all these Canadian warm fuzzies? Well, besides Canada being right next door (enjoy the Stratford festival, or Toronto), I succumbed to the irresistible wiles of Maritime Canada and trooped off to Prince Edward Island for the 2000-2001 school year. Canada’s tiniest province is nestled above New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, and is the home of (as all Islanders groan) Anne of Green Gables. Yes, this is where all the rah-rah Canada began. It’s a place almost too good to be true (except perhaps in the winter, when PEI rivals even Michigan for general unpleasantness—or at least did the winter I was there).

But what about those Canadians here at Andrews? Do they have to go through some sort of special adaptation to survive here? Perhaps remove that protective layer of warmth they’re born with? Throw some extra insurance on the igloo before departing? Trade in the mushers for a couple of poodles?

Is it really worth the effort?

Erin Olson, Senior Marketing major who happens to possess enviable dual citizenship to both Canada and the U.S., says that being a Canadian at Andrews does indeed have its perks. "Being Canadian at Andrews gives me the right to wear sandals in the snow or a touque (a winter hat or a 'beanie') in the sunshine, and explain it all by saying, 'Hey, I’m Canadian, eh!’" On the other hand, she laments that "when I’m in Canada, I’m American. When I’m in America, I’m Canadian." Ah, the inconsistencies.

Jerry Smith, a second-year MDiv student, notes that not only is the beaver a noble creature, but Andrews is a good place for Canadians to hang out and bond. "There’s a good chance that you will get invited by a fellow Canadian to some Canadian get-together (read: free food)!” According to him, it’s also enjoyable to note that we Americans live up to all the expectations raised about us in the "Great White North." Many of us do indeed 'think that [they] say ‘a-boot’ instead of ‘about’; that regardless of where [they] are actually from, [they] are likely to be asked: ‘You’re from Canada? Do you know so-and-so?’", and that Americans are likely to notice [their] patriotism...’WOO HOO CANADA!! YEAH!!’" Woohoo indeed.

This is coming out all wrong. I’m really supposed to be mocking Canadians. I mean, let’s face it. A favourite (note that I’m speaking their language) pastime of all of them is mocking the good old U.S. of A. and its brilliant teeming masses. And while we like to tease about “eh” and other oddities they adhere to, we’re way behind in the “teasing tally.” My Canadian friend Amanda says Canadians tease because they love. They’re interested in big brother. They’re like the little kid with the blanket trailing behind, “Can I play too?” we hear them saying.

Perhaps, to show our affection for Canada, we should institute a special day of making fun. We could give out free ice-cream bars at the cafe for each derogatory Canadian comment made. Canadians would be welcome to join in too. And comments would have to show a little creativity—we can only make fun of “eh” and “a-boot” for so long before it’s decidedly tiresome. Yes, this would prove without question that we love Canada as much as they love us.

I spent one year living in Canada. Nine months to be precise. While this in no way makes me an expert on the Canadian way, it did leave me heartily nodding along with a back-wall display in Indigo (think Barnes and Nobles or Borders). "The world needs more Canada." And maybe Andrews University does too. Just think about it, eh?
New tradition and renewed enthusiasm at Michigan Camp Meeting

There was an overwhelmingly positive response to the Sabbath lunch provided for Andrews University Alumni on the second Sabbath of Michigan Camp Meeting. Almost 350 alumni gathered under awnings festooned in school colors after the church service. Those alumni who had driven to camp meeting just for Sabbath were delighted not to have to drag a cooler for lunch. Those who had stayed on the campground the full ten days were happy to have a break from “camping food” on Sabbath. “My wife Marge and I want to express our great appreciation for the delicious meal at the alumni pavilion at the Michigan Camp Meeting. The person(s) who thought this up gets many kudos in my book,” wrote Wendell J. Cole.

There was a lot of hugging and greeting old friends, while enjoying the meal served by cheerful alumni volunteers. Our thanks to the volunteers who efficiently served all 350 people in less than one hour: Madalyn Hamblin, Brenda Siebold, Chuck and Barbara Randall, Janelle and Christopher Randall, Heidi and Brad Randall and Sharon Terrell. Thanks also to other volunteers who made things happen: Jay Gallimore, Ron and Esther Knott, Twyla Wall, and the Great Lakes Adventist Academy Food Service staff.
CLASS NOTES

1970s

VASANT OHAL (MA ’70) retired as president of financial affairs at Spicer College in Pune, India. He now lives in Silver Spring, Md.

WAYNE MALCOLM SCHAEFER (att.) lives in Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada. He serves as senior counsel with the Department of Justice, Canada. Wayne is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Legal Archives Society, a member of the Strathcona County Environmental Protection Committee, and he is active with Habitat for Humanity. Wayne’s wife, Pamela, is assistant manager of The Churchill, an assisted-living retirement center in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

VEIKKO LEPPANEN (MDiv ’76) lives in Ylamylly, Finland. He pastors in Joensuu in eastern Finland, near the Finnish-Russian border.

MICHAEL CAFFERKY (MDiv ’78) is a fellow in the American College of Health Care Executives, with 20 years of experience in health-care management. He serves as an examiner for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and has also received an invitation to be an examiner for the Washington Quality Award Program. The Award, created by public law in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. Organization can receive.

Michael is the author of three books, including Managed Care & You, the winner of the 1998 National Health Information Bronze Award. He holds a master of public health degree from Loma Linda University. Michael is a member of the Walla Walla College Church and presenter of “Word-of-Mouth Evangelism,” a seminar for congregational leaders on how to leverage informal word-of-mouth influence for the cause of the gospel.

DAVID R. WILLIAMS (MDiv ’79), a professor of sociology and a senior research scientist at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research, was recently appointed to be a member of the prestigious Institute of Medicine. The author of more than 100 scholarly papers, Dr. Williams’ research has appeared in leading journals in sociology, psychology, medicine, public health and epidemiology. A major theme of his recent research has been identifying the mechanisms and processes by which racism, at both the societal and individual level, can impair physical and mental health. Dr. Williams is also widely recognized for his research on the ways in which religious involvement and participation can affect health.

1980s

CALVIN W. EDWARDS (MDiv ’81) works as a philanthropic consultant in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the founder and CEO of Calvin Edwards and Company. Calvin has worked for more than 20 years with charitable, educational, and religious institutions, including as chief operating officer for Peter Lowe International, as vice president of Walk Thru the Bible, and president of Good News Unlimited. He has authored articles which have appeared in professional, corporate and popular magazines. In 2001, the Andrews University Press published his Seeker After Light, a biography of evangelist Albion Fox Ballenger, which was coauthored with history professor Gary Land. His wife, NERIDA (MA ’81), works in the Dekalb County School System. They have two children, Brentan and Shenelle.

ORLAN M. JOHNSON (BA ’84), in recognition of his longstanding involvement in Maryland’s educational and business development, has been appointed to the University System of Maryland’s Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is the governing body of the University of Maryland and is comprised of 15 at-large members and one student member. Mr. Johnson is one of three outstanding statewide leaders appointed by the Governor of Maryland to serve a five-year term, subject to Senate confirmation. Orlan is an attorney in the Washington, D.C., office of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy. The firm is recognized as a leader in global project finance, corporate and financial services law, and other major fields of legal practice.

1990s

KAREN SCHWARTZ (MS ’90) completed her PhD in Nursing at Wayne State University in March of this year. Her dissertation topic was: Breast Cancer and Health Care Beliefs, Values, and Practices of Amish Women.

PHILIP J. PAPE (BArch ’91) is vice president and architect at McGraw/Baldwin Architects in San Diego, Calif. He and his wife, JACQUELINE (BS ’90), have two children, Heather and Charles.

BEVERLY G. DONATO (AS ’96) completed her BS in Organizational Management/Systems Management in 2000 at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana. Along with continuing her education at Roosevelt University, Beverly was recently promoted to Government Site Case Manager for Community Base Services Department at the Jewish Vocational Service of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago and Suburbs.
LIFE STORIES

Births

To Michelle (Spangler) (BBA ’00) and Matthew Hamel (att.), Berrien Springs, Mich., a girl, Emma Gyl, June 15, 2002.

To Emma (Miller) (BSELED ’98) and Doug Haygood, Berrien Springs, Mich., a girl, Elizabeth Ann, July 9, 2002.

To Tannia (Zuberbuhler) (BS’93) and Jorge Diaz, Bronx, New York, a boy, Pablo Andres, November 30, 2001.

Deatha

Ronald Jean England (BA ’52) died June 9, 2002, at his home in Worthington, Ohio. Ronald was a veteran of World War II and a member of Worthington Seventh-day Adventist Church. Ronald retired as an accountant with Harding Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Billie; children, Cynthia McCandless, Dr. Steven, Cathrynn Vest; two brothers, Eldon and Melvin; and five grandchildren.

Ronald Ralph Garber (MMus ’77) was born October 7, 1933, in Elkhart County, Ind., and died June 13, 2002, in LaPorte, Ind., following a lengthy illness.

Ronald was a U.S. Army veteran, a former member of the U.S. Army Chorus and U.S. Army Band. He earned a bachelor’s degree in music education (band and vocal) from the University of Evansville, before taking his master’s degree at Andrews University.

On February 5, 1957, Ronald married Bernice F. Patterson in Elkhart, Ind., and they were blessed with a beautiful granddaughter, Holly Anne.

Ronald taught in Culver, Leiters Ford and DeMotte, Ind., and then went on to begin his doctorate at the University of Chicago. During his career, Julian was proud to have worked with some of the most respected physicists in the country, including Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, who was involved in light and optics research and encouraged Julian’s interest in that field, and Dr. Arthur Compton, a Nobel laureate for discoveries in the field of X-ray scattering and cosmic rays. In 1960, while working at the Naval Ordinance Test Center at China Lake, Calif., Julian attended the first conference on the production and characteristics of laser light, a field in which Julian himself did research. More recently, at the age of 99, Julian enjoyed a walk-through of the Loma Linda University Medical Center’s proton therapy facility and seeing how well physics helped the medical community in the treatment of serious diseases.

While Julian was working on his doctorate in Chicago, he was asked to head the physics department at Emmanuel Missionary College, so he finished his doctorate by commuting to Chicago from EMC. Shortly thereafter, Geneva and he were blessed by the birth of a baby girl, Marylane.

In 1946, Julian became chair of the physics department at La Sierra College. Eventually, summers spent in research at China Lake prompted a change from teaching to full-time research in 1959. During the 15 years the Thompsons spent there, their lives were blessed with a beautiful granddaughter, Holly Anne.

Julian and Geneva retired to Lancaster, Calif., where they were active in the local church and also spent time traveling the globe. In 1994, Geneva passed away, ending a marriage of 65 years.

This past April, Julian traveled to Andrews University to receive a special honor—the physics amphitheater (Haughey Hall) in the Science Complex was renamed The Julian L. Thompson Amphitheater.

After a brief illness, Julian passed away suddenly on Thursday morning, June 13, 2002, just five weeks short of his 101st birthday and two weeks short of being able to walk his granddaughter down the aisle on her wedding day.

Julian will be missed by many people who benefited from his generous contributions, his laughter, his intelligence, and his love.

Gifts in honor may be made to the Julian L. Thompson Scholarship Fund, c/o Bruce Lee, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104.

Weddings

Susan Edween (BBA ’88) and Mark-Erik DiBiase (BBA ’89) were married September 9, 2002, and reside in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Shana Horner (BSELED ’01) and Edward Sammons were married July 14, 2002, in Acton, Calif., and reside in Wales.

Clay Schwarcz (BS ’02) and Kristin Hansen (MSPT ’02) were married June 23, 2002, in South Dakota, and reside in Medford, Ore.

Laura Beaumont (BA ’02) and Jonathan Larsen were married May 20, 2002, in Binfield, England.

Karen Hawkins (MSPT ’02) and Chris Baker were married July 21, 2002, in Scotland.

Corretion: In the Life Stories section of the Spring 2002 issue, Sue Summerour should have been listed as Sue (Summerour) Magoon (’45).
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The Lord blesses us with wealth and adds no trouble to it.
Proverbs 10:22

John and Julie Kim* were five years into retirement—and living comfortably—when they realized they needed a new estate plan. Very soon, they would be required to start making withdrawals from their retirement plans, and more income would mean more tax liabilities. The Kims began asking some important questions: How could they preserve more of their assets? How could they create a tax-free legacy for their children? And how could they increase their support to the causes most important to them?

The Kims consulted with an Andrews University Trust Services representative and an estate-planning attorney. Together, they discussed strategies that could reduce taxes, minimize future probate and administration costs, and enhance the legacy the Kims will leave for their children and God’s work.

Now, the Kims are using withdrawals from their retirement plans to fund an irrevocable insurance trust. When they die, the insurance proceeds in that trust will pass assets tax-free to their children, while the remainder in their retirement plans passes tax-free to their local church and to an Andrews University scholarship fund.

Andrews University Trust Services personnel can help you explore opportunities, as did the Kims, to enhance your future financial security, preserve assets for your family and your church and build God’s kingdom here at Andrews University—by including a gift for Christian education in your estate plan.

* This story is true, but the names and photo have been changed to protect privacy.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Have Date, Need Volvo

Arriving fresh from Europe at the start of last school year, one of the first things I did at Andrews was look for a job. What I really wanted was to work as an announcer at WAUS. When that didn’t work out I did what it seems a lot of international students do—I found work at the cafeteria.

I got two jobs. The first was a stocking job that required me to get up ridiculously early and lug boxes around food service. The other was a cashiering position. Working at the café turned out to be a bittersweet experience. The close brushes with hypothermia, as I stumbled around in freezers looking for boxes of diced carrots or apple pie, were less than pleasant. Often as I set mountains of boxes tumbling dramatically or as I was sent back to the storeroom for the other kind of chocolate cake, I questioned the wisdom in remaining a “stocker.” I soon terminated that particular position.

It was my cashiering job that helped introduce me to the wonderful, multicultural community that is Andrews University. As I sat there at the checkout, swiping cards and trying to ignore comments on my overall efficiency, I met people from all over the world. Take my friend, Deeraj, for example. He was also a cashier and he sat directly across from me. I was Swedish and he was Indian, but somehow being away from home and having to adjust to a new culture and school meant that we had lots to discuss.

Deeraj would tell me about his classes, his girlfriend back home and his car. Owning a car put Deeraj a step ahead of some us other international students who didn’t have cars and thus lamented the lack of public transport around Andrews. Many of us came from countries where buses and trains are commonplace. Being stranded at Andrews could therefore be particularly distressing. At no time was this more evident than in the very rough introduction I got to Adventist America’s tradition of college banquets.

It still makes me a little nervous as I think back to the 24 hours that preceded the AU Christmas banquet. Unfortunately, the organizers had decided to hold the banquet in St. Joseph, Mich. Thus, I was left with the headache of figuring out how to get there with my date. I persuaded a friend of mine that we, with our respective dates, should double-up and share one car. We then set about trying to find one.

As he and his girlfriend asked people they knew, I pleaded with my more mobile friends. I found one.

Many of us came from countries where buses and trains are commonplace.

Getting there was not as nerve-racking as it appeared. Luckily, Andrews was not as nerve-racking when it came to academics. I made it into the Honors program and loved my classes. I enjoyed being challenged to think for myself and to grow in my faith. I really appreciated how open teachers were to staying behind after class for a chat. Professors were genuinely friendly and several even had us students over for meals in their homes. This was especially comforting on weekends or other slow times when boredom and loneliness could be especially threatening.

One of the things I liked best about Andrews was the smorgasbord of different worships available. There were worships to suite an impressive range of tastes and cultures—from the giant service at PMC, to the African-American styled “New Life” Church in Lamson Hall, to any number of smaller services catering to specific ages or cultural groups. One of my best memories was going to the Filipino “Fil-Am” service and, very importantly, being one of the more active participants in the potluck that followed.

This brings me on to the food at Andrews. No, I'm not going to complain about the cafe—I did work there after all. What I loved at Andrews, was the range of delicacies that came with such an international school. At times, I even managed to get some Swedish food.

It’s probably quite obvious by now that I had a great year. The good times and the stressful times helped me grow. I’m really looking forward to this new year—preferably with a car this time.

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Bjorn Karlman, left, and Andrew Bueno, pictured here in a photo that will appear in the new AU view book, met at Collonges, France, while studying French.
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