When I first heard that Andrews was going to host its very own triathlon, the first annual Beach 2 Bank Challenge, I was amused. I have seen a few Ironman Triathlons on TV—competitors stumbling across the finish line, dreadfully fatigued from a 2.5-mile swim, a 120-mile bike ride, and a full 26.2-mile marathon run.

Would I see any of my current writing students lose control of their bodily functions?

Unlike some of the other "older" Beach 2 Bank competitors, whose idea of a triathlon features a Taco Bell burrito feed, 24 hour extreme channel surfing (including a mandatory "bladder hold" of the same length), and a single game of Scrabble played to completion, I sensed that the Beach 2 Bank would be a very different beast. And it was.

Orchestrated by Social Recreation Director Jack Mentges, the first Beach 2 Bank was one of the highlights of the spring semester. Beginning at Weko Beach in Bridgman, Mich., the triathlon included a 5-mile beach-run, a 17-mile bike ride, a 4.5-mile canoe trip, including a short (hilly) portage, and a 1.5-mile sprint to the AU track and the finish line. Maybe it should have been called a pentathlon.

I signed up on what was ostensibly the English department team, except that all but two of our department members were too smart to participate, and the two of us who did, forced our wives to compete. Naturally, this was our only moment of clear tactical thinking, as both women proved to be the strongest links on our team.

Along with Dr. Scott Moncrieff, chair of the English department (who "encouraged" my participation with mild threats related to future promotions), and his wife, Lilia, Brynja and I teamed-up for the Beach 2 Bank with a lot of enthusiasm and the hope that most of the other teams in the competition would be using leaky canoes.

They did not.

But we had a great time and finished 12th out of 21 teams. Pretty respectable for a 4-person team in an event that included mostly 6-person squads. We've already started gearing up for next year's competition, considering ways we can sneak a small trolling motor into the back of our canoe.

This issue of Focus brings two radically different events together. Our coverage of Homecoming 2003, A Season of Renewal, highlights many of the weekend events in a photo essay beginning on page 17, including the first annual Easter Passion Play.

This issue also examines a subject that has generated a lot of discussion on campus over the last few months, the recent war in Iraq. Three professors weigh in with their views on the conflict.

Professor of anthropology Øystein LaBianca takes a look at the changing role of the United States in global relations and how the Andrews field-based International Development Program might contribute to improving America’s image abroad.

History professor April Summitt discusses the implications of war and the reconstruction of Iraq on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

And religion professor Keith Mattingly reflects on his personal experience as a chaplain in the first Gulf war and the profound questions that war raises.

Still on the subject of war, in our Time Pieces feature, Meredith Jones-Gray uncovers some fascinating reflections on World War II made by EMC students who were called to serve their country. Also, in the Student Spotlight, recent graduate Alex Carpenter writes about his experience as a peace activist on campus during the last school year.

Finally, our second Aluminati features Laura (Beardsley) Long, a 1961 graduate, who reflects on her time at Andrews and the direction her life has taken since graduation.

~ Ivan Davis is assistant professor of English and the editor of Focus.
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Remembering those nights...

Thank you so much for the Andrews at Night issue—that’s the AU that I remember! When I think back on my time at AU, I don’t immediately think of the classroom and study time, I think of the social times that tended to be cast in the night. Thank you for showing me that the Writing Center did manage to survive without me, and that the good ol’ Gazebo is still holding its head above water. Thank you for sharing about the voluntary spirituality at AU which holds such a dear place in my heart compared to the required, credit-earning worships. Thank you for reminding me that AU can be a fun place if only one takes the time to appreciate the beautiful opportunities offered there.

Sandra Divnick (BA ’01)

Middle East at night

This evening I have reminisced about my years (first Director of the Doctoral Programs in Education, 1970-1977) at Andrews University after reading cover-to-cover your well-edited and unique Winter 2003 issue of Focus. Thank you for the night features of the campus! By request I have been teaching education courses this year at Middle East University (where Hazel and I had served 1951-1959 after our eleven years in China). Though 88-years-young, I’m enjoying my teaching and am loving my students!

Thomas Geraty
(former faculty)
International Student Week April 6-12

Andrews hosted its 42nd Annual International Food Fair and its 2nd Annual Campus-Wide Open House on April 6. The community was invited to sample the international flavors and then tour the campus on a horse-drawn trolley, take tours of the Howard Performing Arts Center as well as many other activities.

Dr. Najeeb Nakhle, director of International Student Services, presents Betty Garber with an award for her many years of service to Andrews’ international student population. Mrs. Garber has allowed international students to stay in her house rent-free and worked hard raising money to help with tuition and rent costs for them. “She deserved to be publicly recognized,” Nakhle said. International Student Sabbath was held on April 12 and included interviews with the wives of international students and musical presentations from many countries.

The Asian food booth was very popular at the annual International Food Fair held on April 6.

Spring 2003 graduation

On May 4, Andrews added 426 undergraduates and graduates to its worldwide alumni base. William Johnsson, editor of the Adventist Review magazine, spoke on “What I Learned in Washington” in his address to graduates. Two honorary degrees were also awarded. An honorary Doctor of Science was bestowed upon Clive Holland for his work in agribusiness worldwide, and an honorary Doctor of Fine Arts was awarded to Anthony J. Romeo for his contributions in advertising.

William Johnsson

Anthony Romeo
Phi Kappa Phi induction

The Phi Kappa Phi Initiation Banquet and Spring Lectureship took place Sunday, March 3. The initiation of the 25 candidates was preceded by a Chinese buffet that was served to the candidates, their families and other guests in the Whirlpool room of Chan Shun Hall. The banquet was followed by a lecture titled “Adventism: Potential Mainstream or Permanent Margin,” by Jon Paulien, chair of the seminary’s New Testament department.

Senior Alexander Carpenter who serves as the student Vice President for the Society called the candidates to receive their certificates and other regalia. The group of students and one faculty member were then asked to repeat the society’s motto—Philosophia (the love of learning) Krateito (let rule) Photon (humanity)—completing the initiation process.

The junior undergraduate students initiated were Leilani Bermeo, Kristen Davis, Afia Donkor, Beth Harris, Matthew Hiersche, Nicole Higgins, Thomas Lloyd, Jane Mejia-Borja, Kristyn Whitcomb and Amy Wright. The new members from the senior undergraduate class were Erin Allen, Sarah Bartelmann, David Brown, Carol Corbin, Anna Dengel, John Gagnon, Kelley Matieriene, Adam Meadows, Kristin Schmid, Kimberly Smith and Yunjoo Yim. Three graduate students were also initiated: Raul Lozano, Wendeline Rodriguez and Reimar Vetne. Jon Paulien was the only faculty member to be initiated.

BS in Engineering now offered

Andrews University is pleased to announce the start of a new four-year bachelor of science degree in engineering. The new program will have two concentrations: Electrical & Computer Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. This new program builds on Andrews’ tradition of excellent science and mathematics programs and makes use of the rich honors and general education courses available at the university.

Freshman and sophomore levels commence in fall 2003, and prospective students are currently being accepted. Interested students are strongly encouraged to contact the Engineering Department and to visit the website. If you are looking for an engineering program that will challenge you technically, provide a nurturing friendly learning environment, expose you to a wide variety of cultures and significant cultural experience, and prepare you for a rewarding career in the engineering sciences, apply now!

For more information contact Ronald Johnson by phone at 269-471-3368 or 269-471-3420, e-mail johnsonr@andrews.edu or log on to www.andrews.edu/ENGRS.

Ready...Get Set...GO!!

Beach 2 Bank was probably the best social activity this year,” said exhausted freshman Steven Peck as he relaxed with his friends after the grueling race that took place on April 25. The event drew a total of 21 teams of up to six members each and involved running, biking and canoeing from Weko Beach in Bridgman, Mich to the running track opposite Meier Hall.

“Our aim was to involve as many different parts of the university as possible,” said Director of Social Recreation John Mentges, the main organizer of the event. The event drew a diverse range of Andrews students and employees as well as people from the community. In total, 109 people competed in the race and up to 75 volunteers helped in different capacities to make the event a success.

In a speech to a crowd assembled for free food and drinks after the race, Vice President for Student Services Newton Hoilette said, “We will make sure that this is an institutionalized event from now on.”

Six-member team Pandemonium finished the race first, clocking in at two hours, five minutes and 10 seconds. The team was comprised of Andrews students Trent Bell, Chris Dellen, Jason Kilmer, Adrien Lametrie, Jonathan Martin and Kirk Rice.
Oh, for a little privacy

In a post-September-11 America, where more and more information is needed on individuals to ensure national security, the 2003 McElmurry Ethics and Society Lectureship on Privacy Intrusions was especially apt. The series lasted from Wednesday, March 26, to Saturday, March 29.

On Friday, March 28, Cato Institute Director of Government Affairs Susan Chamberlin gave a particularly interesting lecture to those gathered regarding the role of the constitution in ensuring personal privacy. The lecture, titled "Big Brother and the Constitution," dealt with the question of whether total information awareness on citizens and the existence of a surveillance state with extensive knowledge of its citizens was constitutional and right. These two areas, both related to the privacy of the individual, could be seen as permissible according to the constitution, said Chamberlin. However, she argued that the government could not be trusted with this kind of power.

George Lopez, Director of Policy Studies and Senior Fellow of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for National Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, followed Chamberlin. The title of his lecture was "Trading Rights for Security: Fact, Falsehood, or Faustian Bargain?" He claimed that the government had reacted badly to the atrocities of September 11. Instead of declaring war on terrorism as it did, Lopez felt that the government would have been wiser to opt for the less dramatic option of tightening controls and conducting a methodical domestic and international search for the terrorists responsible for the attacks. With the current situation, Lopez argued that it appears as though the constitutional rights that work well in peace become "privileges up for grabs" in times of war.

On Sabbath morning, the Director of Ethics and Corporate Integrity for the Kettering Medical Center Network, James Londis, spoke on "Philosophy, Law and the Christian Faith on Privacy." "Access to information is now becoming the basis of power," said Londis. He gave several examples of how such power could be abused in a health-care environment where the need for privacy is vital.

Serious questions were raised through the "Privacy Intrusions" series of lectures and all who attended left with enough food for thought to last them until next year’s series.

The sky's the limit

Good news has been coming from the Andrews University airpark lately. Rajesh Krishna, a sophomore aviation maintenance major, made Andrews proud by winning second place and $1000 in prize money at the 2003 Heli-Expo show held in Dallas, Tex., February 9-11, 2003. The scholarship will pay for a week of mechanical instruction at Pratt and Whitney, a jet engine manufacturer. The prize money was awarded to help with transportation costs to the training session. "It was a great surprise," said Krishna, who described the opportunity as "a big step in my training."

Other exciting news is that Andrews University flight instructors are training four of 17 students nationwide in a new initiative introduced by the United States Navy ROTC (Reserve Officers’ Training Corps). The four midshipmen, all from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., are training at the Andrews University airpark. In the past, the navy provided the entire flight training to potential aviators. Recently, however, it has allowed for the initial Part 141 training to take place at centers of private flight instruction. One of the schools authorized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to give such instruction is Andrews University.

"It’s good recognition for our quality of instruction and what we do here," said Gary Marsh, professor of aeronautical technology and chair of the department.

Andrews assistant professor of aeronautical technology and chief flight instructor, Dan Thompson, said, "We’re a big part of the government’s experiment; that’s why we feel very honored to be chosen to participate in this."
Service awards announced

Springtime is the season for various awards at Andrews University. The University recently announced the recipients of eight service awards at the annual Board of Trustees banquet on March 9. Each year, the faculty and staff are given the opportunity to vote for salaried and hourly employees that they feel are doing exceptional work for Andrews. This year, Cleon White, vice principal of Andrews Academy, and Ruth Chobotar, food service production manager, received the prestigious awards.

In addition, several individuals were also recognized and recognized with honorable mentions in the hourly and salaried categories. Those honored for their performance as hourly employees included Lori Guerrero, Dixie Scott, Valerie Boger and Dorothy Show. Salaried employees who were recognized for their contributions to the university included Lorena Bidwell, Martin Bradfield, and James Lim.

The Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award was given to one teacher from each of the five schools and the Division of Architecture. Recipients included: Dr. Ranko Stefanovic, associate professor of religion, College of Arts and Sciences; Sharon Prest, assistant professor of technology education, College of Technology; Philip H. Bess, professor of architecture, Division of Architecture; David Vlosak, instructor of information systems, School of Business; Dr. Candice C. Hollingshead, chair of the Department of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum, School of Education; and Dr. George R. Knight, professor of church history, Theological Seminary.

Dr. Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration, presented the Teacher of the Year awards and said, “[These teachers] excellent work in their departmental environments makes Andrews a very special place to learn. We are very proud to honor them in this way.”

A number of awards were also given to individuals for length of service to the university. Frederick Kosinski, Educational and Counseling Psychology, and Ilea McDaniel, Custodial Services, were honored for 30 years of service. Bill Chobotar, Biology, and David Wilber, Plant Administration, were both recognized for 35 years of service, and Gregory Constantine, Art and Design, was awarded for his 40 years of teaching at the university.

At the Awards Assembly on Thursday, April 24, Jan Wrenn was awarded the Advisor of the Year Award. Susan Zork shared student comments praising Wrenn at the ceremony. Wrenn’s advisees described her as “awesome,” “intelligent,” “always there to help when needed,” and “wonderful.”
Gordon Atkins, associate professor of biology, has been appointed the new Society of Andrews Scholars director at Andrews University, replacing Malcolm Russell. Atkins has taught at Andrews since 1989. Born in Ottawa, Canada, Atkins graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor of science degree in zoology in 1981, and in 1984, received a master’s degree in biology from Andrews. He earned his doctorate from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, in 1987. His dissertation is titled: "Identified Sound-Sensitive Interneurons in the Cricket: Response Properties, Morphology, and Relationships Between Structure and Function."

Atkins has been a visiting researcher to the Max Plank Institute in Germany. He is a member of the Society of Neuroscience, the Society for Neuroethology and Sigma Xi. Atkins has received many academic awards, including postdoctoral fellowships from the National Science Foundations (NSF) and National Science and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).

Atkins is excited about meeting and working with a new group of students with whom he wouldn’t usually interact. Serving as the undergraduate research coordinator for the Biology Department, Atkins has been very successful in involving students in ongoing research projects. "I would like to augment more research into the regular honors curriculum," Atkins said. He plans to do that by encouraging honors students to attend more conferences off-campus and submit more research papers. SAGES (Scholars’ Alternative General Education Studies), a new program started by Dr. Malcolm Russell, seeks to give honors students a well-rounded general education experience and is an excellent program, said Atkins. Dr. Gary Land, chair of the History and Political Science department, has been named assistant director of SAGES, maintaining a committee to oversee the program. Atkins also hopes to develop a more comprehensive service component to the honors program.

Larry Onsager, associate professor of library science and head of patron services for James White Library at Andrews University, has recently been named Dean of Libraries, following the retirement of current library director Keith Clouten.

Onsager is enthusiastic about assuming his new responsibilities. "I am looking forward to working with the experienced and professional James White Library staff and taking advantage of the opportunity to create a 21st century library through the development of an Information Commons."

According to Onsager, “An Information Commons provides state-of-the-art computing equipment and combines desktop computing with access to library reference staff and a computer help desk, a reference and circulating collection of library materials, and an increasing selection of online information resources to support faculty and student research.”

Onsager earned his master’s of librarianship from the University of Washington, Seattle, in 1972, and in 1985 he received a master’s in history from Loma Linda University. Onsager joined the faculty of Andrews in 2001 after serving as a librarian at several educational institutions: Loma Linda University; Union College; and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Kirksville, Mo., where he also served as assistant professor.

A member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, the Medical Library Association, the Midcontinental Chapter of MLA and the American Library Association, Onsager has published articles and presented papers in a number of venues, including The Journal of the American Osteopathic Association, Adventist Heritage and Show-Me Libraries. His most recent book is titled "The Juneau County, Wisconsin Bygdebok: A Family History of 100 Years of Norwegian Settlement, 1850-1950," published by Lemonweir Valley in 2001.
Those “Marching Men”

The war was very much on the minds of Emmanuel Missionary College students as they began the school year of 1941–42. War imagery abounded in the pages of the Student Movement: the annual campaign for newspaper subscriptions was waged with references to “subs,” parachutes, guns, and armies. Students reflected on the meaning of World War II for them and their beliefs.

Then came December 7 and the attack on Pearl Harbor. The students could think of nothing else: “An air of unreality hangs over the college these days...” Some of the “EMC boys” were posted to their assignments over the holidays. No sooner had the students returned from Christmas break than others began to leave. Louis Ludington was the first to depart from campus.

The “boys” wrote home from afar, from Louisiana to Alaska, and later from England to “Somewhere in North Africa” to the Philippines. In the fall of 1942, as the letters flooded in, begging for return mail, the Student Movement began a special column dedicated to the welcome letters. The “boys” became “our marching men.” The following excerpts are taken from “Mementos of Our Marching Men” and trace the experiences of young men thrust into army training and war.

First there was the shock of separation and loneliness. Glendon Conner wrote to Sibyl Partain: By now I suppose school has opened and is well settled into the new routine. I feel queer not being there. This is the first year I never went to school. Consider yourself lucky that you still can be there. George Bosse wrote from Alaska: I am healthy and happy but lonesome—lonesome for my friends and school. I certainly wish I could be there struggling with history, English, and Bible with the rest of you. And from Albert Greeley: Tonight I am a little, quite a little, homesick for E.M.C.

Then came the stories of army life. The Student Movement editors opined, “It is good to rest for our friends who are fighting for us.” Some of the excerpts are taken from “Mementos of Our Marching Men” and trace the experiences of young men thrust into army training and war.

Oliver Doll wrote: It has fallen my lot to get off to a good start here. By that I mean some K.P. duty. My left arm is swollen from one of the shots the doctor has been giving me and it hasn’t improved with the exercises we have been going through. From Paul R. Cone, the former business manager at EMC who was inducted into the army, came this report: I’ve done fatigue and K.P. already and Friday we scrubbed barracks—and scrubbed every inch. Tom Zweemer wrote from Georgia and signed his letter “A lonely Buck Private”: I helped fix turnips one day and the cook added right in front of me a fourth pound of black, black pepper and said without the trace of a smile that he thought he would go easy on the pepper that day.

The reality of war began to seep in as the men trained. Robert Paddock described field maneuvers in Yakima, Washington: The last day of maneuvers, I was up at the forward observation post where the General and all the brass hats observe. We were about 1000 yards from the target during the firing. Each battalion fired separately to get the range and after the range was found, the whole division artillery fired a salvo—forty-eight huge guns at one time, firing at one target! The explosion was terrific and the destroying power of just one of these guns is great.

The whole earth for miles around trembled as the guns fired their deadly projectiles. Just one of these shells cost $90 dollars [sic] and I have seen just one battalion fire 500 rounds in one problem. From Noble Murray of his sense of humor which will be readily noted in the following excerpt from one of his recent letters: To also insure a restful night, we spent half an hour today breathing the atmosphere through a pair of goggles called a gas mask. I like to drill with a gas mask on because then the Sergeant can’t see me grin and finds no opportunity to say, ‘Wipe that smile off your block, this ain’t funny.’

Some of EMC’s men went into battle... and the fear came through in the letters.

Vining in England: I had quite a good voyage over, I guess, compared to what it could have been, but it was none too pleasant. I was seasick for a few days. My room was in the front end of the boat where it rocked worst. I dreaded that part of coming back.

Allen CRAW, “Somewhere in North Africa,” explained that because of “strict censorship,” he couldn’t reveal much about where he was or what he was doing, but that he could talk about his impressions of the country. He thought the local people looked “almost as if they had walked out of the New Testament” and reported, It is very interesting to see them go riding along on burros or on camels or dromedaries. They have learned just enough English to ask for cigarettes, candy, and chewing gum from the American soldiers. The little boys have also learned to ask the soldiers if they want a shoeshine.

Some of EMC’s men went into battle... and the fear came through in the letters. Arthur Harms wrote from the Pacific:

Things have quieted down now, but recently we were engaged in combat, and I must confess that there are many more things much more pleasant in the world than being in “action.” We had some very close calls as far as bombing and strafings go, and what I mean, that really scares a person. Anyone
who says that they are not afraid when the stuff goes on, is just a liar. During one strafing, bullets kicked up the dust five feet from the hole we were in, and about that time I was wishing that I was as small as an ant, but I really felt as big as an elephant.

**David Barnett** wrote: I have been over here in England for four months and have made numerous flights over Germany. Believe me, the Lord is with us on every mission and it is nice to be able to trust in Him when danger is so imminent. Atheists don’t exist in fox-holes, neither do they fly in bombers—take it from me.

These were probably the experiences of many young American men who went to war, but the Seventh-day Adventist soldiers faced special issues. Throughout their letters they shared their problems and victories with Sabbath observance. **Wilbur Hainey** wrote:

The other day I went up to see if I could go into town to attend church. They told me I would have to do the best I could out here, but when Sabbath morning came, one of the boys started asking me questions about why I didn’t work on Saturday, and about what we believe. I answered them the best I could. During our talk there were several more boys who came along and started talking about the Bible. In the afternoon some coal came in to be unloaded. They told everybody to fall out, but I stayed inside my tent. The first sergeant came around to see if all were out. When he came into my tent, he asked me if I heard the whistle blow. I was reading my Bible when he came in, so I looked up and said, “Yes.”

After I had stepped into the office, the first sergeant coldly demanded, “Well, what’s your story?”

I was no longer afraid. It seemed as though new strength came to me and my words and thoughts flowed very freely as I gave him a brief summary of my convictions. He looked straight at me and said, “Did the army know anything about your religion when you came in?”

“Yes, sir, they did,” I answered.

Then in a very pleasant manner, in fact as pleasant as I have ever heard him speak, he said, “Well, I guess we can’t buck religion.” He then dismissed me and told me to stay in the barracks, if I wanted to, during classes. I am positive it was the Lord that softened his heart.

Perhaps the news that warmed the home hearts most were the unaffected testimonies that their “boys” become men wrote home again and again, testimonies that suggested EMC had helped to instill a steadfast faith:

*After having an experience of this nature, I can no longer doubt that God is leading me.*

–**Louis Ludington**
America’s Troubled Image Abroad

by Øystein LaBianca

I was in Copenhagen, Denmark, on my way to Kastrup Airport, when the first bombs fell over Baghdad. It was a Friday morning, and the center of town was the scene of mass demonstrations protesting the war. The mood in the streets was definitely anti-Bush, anti-American, anti-coalition, despite Denmark’s official decision to back the U.S. in this conflict.

Late in the afternoon on that same Friday, our flight landed at Chicago O’Hare Airport. The mood during the Atlantic crossing would be subdued, to say the least. It was a relief to finally walk off the tarmac and be home—safe.

With the troops on the ground in Iraq, the debate over this war here on campus and elsewhere had by this time definitely turned silent. Instead, homeowners all over Southwestern Michigan and throughout the nation were hoisting flags and tying yellow ribbons to signal their support for the president and the troops. With so many young men and women in harm’s way, Americans joined the rest of the world in praying for a quick end to the conflict, and for minimal loss of life.

Unlike the earlier Gulf crisis, which was fought by a broadly-based coalition of European and Middle Eastern countries, this latest war with Iraq is nearly universally regarded as “America’s war.” This is a war that, unlike any other since the beginning of the Cold War, has split old solidarities and strained decades of cooperation and friendship between the United States and its former allies. It is a war that has greatly weakened the United Nations as a forum for debate on global issues, has divided NATO—America’s partners in fighting the Cold War—with “old Europe” at odds with “new Europe,” and widened the gulf between Arab leaders who supported the war and the Arab masses who opposed it.

In my estimate, this first major war of the New Millennium may be nothing less than a sort of global political earthquake—a cataclysm that in its wake is churning up an entirely new line-up of global alliances and adversaries. It is a war that, for better or worse, has anointed the United States of America as the undisputed superpower of the world. What America wants, America gets! In other words, with this war, America has clearly demonstrated that it has Cold War against the Communists? In the wake of September 11, 2001, was it not America that organized the global war on terror?

Today, more than ever before, the questions that are uppermost in the minds of America’s friends and foes everywhere are these: What does America want? What does President Bush want? What do the American people want? And, will they use their awesome military might again to get what they want?

To the average American, these concerns might seem alarmist—even downright un-American, especially as most Americans see themselves and their nation as well-meaning and fair in dealings with the rest of the world. Furthermore, most Americans assume that what America stands for—and goes to war for—are causes that have universal appeal, such as elimination of weapons of mass destruction, freedom of religion and expression, rule of law and equality under the law, and sovereignty of the people through democratically elected national leadership.

These are indeed ideals with widespread appeal around the world. They are ideals for which émigrés from bad governments on every continent have sacrificed life and limb to come to America. They are ideals for which American troops have died on many a battlefield around the world. They are ideals that the rest of the world admires about America and seeks to emulate.

What is not well understood by many Americans, however, is the extent to which America is associated abroad not only with these lofty ideals, but also with the less lofty phenomenon of globalization. Globalization is widely seen as having everything to do with making the world compliant to the interests of...
big corporations—from ADM to McDonald to Zenith—and very little to do with spreading the lofty ideals that Americans associate with the Star Spangled Banner.

In his best-selling book, *The Lexus and the Olive Tree*, Thomas Friedman identifies a cluster of “golden rules” that a country must comply with to become part of the global market. These include such actions as making “the private sector the primary engine of economic growth...eliminating and lowering tariffs on imported goods...removing restrictions on foreign investment...getting rid of quotas and domestic monopolies...increasing exports...privatizing state-owned industries and utilities...opening industries, stock and bond markets to direct foreign ownership and investment and lowering tariffs on imported goods...as making “the private sector the primary engine of economic growth”...It is the only way to win the hearts and minds of the voter to their REAL mission, which is to champion policies that serve the special interests of corporate America.

As Americans, we may vehemently disagree with this negative portrayal of our intentions and actions as being all about greedily protection of our economic interests, not about good deeds on behalf of freedom and democracy. But can we afford to ignore it? Can we afford to dismiss it on the grounds that the media “over there” is hopelessly biased and slanted negatively toward America? In my view, here at Andrews University we cannot, for if we do, we imperil our mission to prepare graduates who have the wisdom, the understanding and the tact necessary to win the confidence of individuals and whole communities whose perceptions of America and the West may be very different from our own. In this connection, I am glad to have this opportunity to highlight Andrews’ very own community and international development program, which is an example of how Adventist higher education is seeking to address divisions in the world caused by globalization.

To begin with, the program targets natural-born citizens of the world’s poorest and most conflicted countries who work either for ADRA or other church organizations concerned with helping to improve the quality of life of the poor and needy. The aim of the program is to share with these students the principles of freedom, democracy, organization and industry
that have brought prosperity to America, Western Europe and certain other countries.

To avoid uprooting the students from their home areas, families and places of employment, the program has been designed so that students attend four 21-day intensives once per year at field sites in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, Europe, and Latin America. After five years in the program, participants earn the Master of Science in Administration: International Development.

Over 160 students from more than 70 countries around the world have already graduated from the original program—which was a joint undertaking of Andrews and ADRA International—and over 200 are enrolled in the current program, which is being operated by Andrews in partnership with sister institutions on four continents.3

Through training of these community leaders in participatory management of small, project-focused groups, the program disseminates the best practices of administration and project management in regions of the world where such skills are desperately needed. Participants are taught how to lead small community groups in planning, implementing and monitoring projects that improve the food security and income generation capacity of the poorest families in their communities. They are also informed of how globalization works and taught principles that can guide them and their communities as they seek to engage with the global market. (For more information about this program, including how you may become involved as a student, a sponsor, or an instructor, visit www.andrews.edu/grad/idp.)

It is through academic programs such as this one that Andrews University is lifting high the best of what America has to offer—both its democratic ideals and its engine of material progress. My prayer is that God will bless and keep safe the students and faculty of this wonderful program as they seek to make a difference for Him in an increasingly volatile global village.

4 See the May 19, 2003 issue of Time Magazine, which has an article entitled "The Oily American: Why the world doesn’t trust the U.S. about petroleum: a history of meddling."
5 These sister institutions include the University of Eastern Africa in Kenya; Villa Aurora in Italy; The Ukrainian College of Arts and Sciences in the Ukraine; the Adventist University of Bolivia; and Mission College in Thailand.

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**Serving God in Iraq**

First Lieutenant Keith Roy Hamilton (MDiv ’99, MSA ’01) lives in Houston, Tex., with his wife, Monise (MDiv ’99), and nine-year-old daughter, Paris, and is an Army Reserves officer with Unit 384 in Houston. When “Operation Iraqi Freedom” began, Hamilton assured his family that the chances of his unit being called up for active duty were slim-to-none, since the 384th is a transportation battalion. So when Hamilton was given orders on February 8, 2003, to report to Fort Polk in Louisiana on February 11, he and his family were thrown into action, doing last-minute things at work and at home before he left for his 365-day assignment. Serving as a chaplain, Hamilton is part of a rare commodity in the military right now and because the 692 Quarter Master Battalion out of Fort Polk was deployed and lacked a chaplain, he was transferred from the 384 to the 692. Because Hamilton is now serving in the Middle East, just in charge of leading worship services and Bible studies; they also deal with the soldiers and officers, especially the younger ones, who all of a sudden have to face the possibility of death. Chaplains deliver bad news from home, keep up the morale of the unit through programs and contact with loved ones, and counsel and mediate any conflicts that arise between soldiers. It’s a 20-hour-per-day job.

**FOCUS: Do you know where he is stationed right now?**

**HAMILTON:** Last I knew he was in Kuwait, but he called me on April 19 and only had time to say that his unit was being moved and I may not hear from him for several months. He was not at liberty to tell me where they were going, but I suspect that they are now in Iraq.

**FOCUS: Did Keith have a hard time leaving?**

**HAMILTON:** Even though he was only given two days’ notice, he never once complained. His main concern was about Paris and me worrying about him, and missing part of Paris’s life and the things she would do while he was gone. She recently won a spelling bee at her school, so we took lots of pictures and sent them to him.

**FOCUS: How are you and Paris dealing with his absence?**

**HAMILTON:** We write Keith every other day to help us stay connected to him. Paris and I have had long talks together about the possibility of his not coming home. He left his Chaplain dog tag with Paris and she refuses to take it off except on Sabbaths when I won’t let her wear it to church. I am so proud of him. He joined the military even though I didn’t want him to because he felt God was calling him to that ministry. He is Jamaican by birth, though he grew up in New York, and I think it speaks a lot that he would go to war for his adopted country. I pray for him every day that he will be kept out of harm’s way and that God will help us understand what he’s been through so that we can help him adjust when he comes home.

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**Focus:** To the best of your knowledge, what do Keith’s duties include?

**Monise Hamilton:** He has a very wide range of duties. His battalion is in charge of water supplies and water purification; however, the last time I received a letter from him (dated April 9), he reported that their equipment still hadn’t arrived. Chaplains are not just in charge of leading worship services and Bible studies; they also deal with the soldiers and officers, especially the younger ones, who all of a sudden have to face the possibility of death. Chaplains deliver bad news from home, keep up the morale of the unit through programs and contact with loved ones, and counsel and mediate any conflicts that arise between soldiers. It’s a 20-hour-per-day job.

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Whatever Happened to Palestine?

It is a mid-March morning and I am watching CNN as I get ready to go to my office. I listen patiently to stories on the dropping stock market, preparations for war in Iraq, how Americans are so angry at the French that they are now calling French Fries “Freedom Fries” in many parts of the country. Amidst the latest scandal scoop involving Michael Jackson’s problems with the IRS, I happen to notice the crawler at the bottom of the screen. Sport scores, celebrity news, Christopher Reeve breathed on his own for 15 minutes yesterday. Just as I am about to flip the channel, the crawler announces that up to 11 people were killed yesterday in the West Bank. What happened? I wait for more news, but the crawler then begins to talk about top-grossing movies last week and even the live announcer is talking about the contract negotiations of a lead actor in a popular TV show.

Later in the broadcast, the story finally showed up on screen. Apparently, Israelis were searching a West Bank refugee camp for terrorists when their forces came under fire. A few moments later, President Bush came on screen for a press conference. He stated that Palestinians were close to electing a new Prime Minister and as soon as they did, he would unveil a “road-map to a peace” plan for the region. Bush then called for an end to the building of new, Jewish settlements inside the West Bank. “It is about time,” I think out-loud.

But that was over a month ago and since then, America has gone to war. First bombings, then troop maneuvers as slowly, U.S. and British forces moved up from the south toward Baghdad. Saddam Hussein’s regime is no more after only a few weeks of military action and many people are cautiously celebrating what will likely be deemed an American victory.

Even though rebuilding Iraq will continue to take time and effort, most are breathing sighs of relief that the regime fell so easily, with only the minimum of the expected “shock and awe” treatment.

Conditions are anything but stable, however, throughout the entire region. Not only will Iraq need rebuilding, but also attention is turning to Syria as accusations fly that members of Saddam’s regime (and perhaps the notorious leader himself) found safe haven there. As CNN interviewed the Syrian Ambassador to the U.S. on April 15, the ambassador began arguing that the United States was “picking on Syria” in order to divert attention from the looting in Iraq and from Israel’s continuing aggression toward the Palestinians. “Talk about a nation with weapons of mass destruction,” he stated angrily. “Is anyone considering sending in inspectors into Israel? Why do we accuse Syria and not Israel?”

If nothing else can be said, the war in Iraq has made most Americans quite forget about suicide bombers and plans for peace in Palestine. Even though CNN and other news networks have not been reporting on the process, Bush’s “road-map” is under heavy debate in both Israeli and Palestinian circles. Generally, the plan calls for a staged process during which both sides demonstrate peaceful and cooperative intentions as conditions for the next step. Phase one calls for the Palestinian leadership to replace Yassir Arafat with new leadership that will renounce terrorism and make strong efforts to stop the violence. The Israelis must then withdraw from Palestinian cities and freeze the building of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. Phase two involves the establishing of a provisional Palestinian state by the end of this year. Phase three is a plan to debate and presumably solve the thorny issues of Jerusalem, borders, settlements and refugees by the end of 2005.

It sounds like a hopeful plan, but as a special-

by April Summitt
Palestinians view Iraq as a loyal friend in the face of Israeli aggression. During each of the major wars in Palestine (1948, 1967, and 1973), Iraq came to the aid of the Palestinians. Even Saddam Hussein himself donated more than $2 million to families who lost homes during the 11-day standoff in the Jenin refugee camp last year. Many people in Jenin demonstrated their support for Saddam last month when the American military campaign began. One section of this refugee camp was recently renamed after an Iraqi suicide bomber who killed four U.S. marines at a checkpoint during the early weeks of the war. Now that Hussein is no longer in power, Americans view any Palestinians who sympathized openly with him as suspect. It will be difficult for U.S. representatives to take such radicals seriously in ongoing peace negotiations.

Unfortunately, however, the costs of the war against Iraq seem to outweigh the benefits to Bush’s "road-map for peace." As accusations against Syria build (another historic supporter of Palestinian radicals), more and more charges will fly that Bush seeks a Middle East in which the United States and Israel reign supreme. In this environment, how will Bush persuade Palestinians to abandon terrorist tactics as their part of the peace bargain? It appears to many Arabs that the U.S. seeks only to ensure the stability of Israel and cares little for the needs and security of Palestinians.

What must Bush do, then? It is encouraging that even though the media has given it little attention, Bush is apparently thinking about Palestine. Nevertheless, he has some serious challenges ahead, not the least of which are the distractions of North Korea or even Afghanistan. Ariel Sharon argues that Israel will accept the peace plan ONLY if Palestinians first prove they can end the violence. Israel also continues to deny the "right of return" of Palestinians to land they owned inside Israel. Palestinians argue that without such a right, the peace-plan is a nonstarter. Israel and the United States are asking them to make all the concessions and the first moves, they argue. Why should Palestinians be the ones to promise an end to violence if Bush does not force Israel to withdraw its tanks and soldiers from West Bank cities?

Somehow, Bush has to work with both sides and convince them that the U.S. is truly an impartial broker in the process. The only way he can succeed is to demand and somehow force Israel to give something in return for Palestinian efforts (currently underway) to replace Arafat’s regime with a more moderate one. Sharon, however, is determined not to withdraw from West Bank cities or settlements until he is convinced violence will cease.

Perhaps it is impossible for the United States, currently fighting one Arab regime and exchanging harsh words with another (Syria), to pose as an evenhanded broker.

As a student of Middle East history and the U.S. relationship with it, I am not so naïve to presume that I have a solution. Still, it seems obvious that Bush’s approach to his various foreign policy goals often conflict and that the U.S. might need some help negotiating with Israel and Palestine. Who this fourth party should be is unclear. Let us ask the new Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, for suggestions. Sharon is always providing advice. Perhaps now we can talk to the Palestinians without appearing to support terrorists. In this post-Cold War era, it is often impossible to distinguish between villains and victims. Can the United Nations step forward with real solutions in this confusing landscape? This moment could be its final opportunity to demonstrate that the organization is capable of effective leadership in the 21st century.

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~ April Summitt (MA ’93) is an associate professor of history, and her dissertation, Perspectives on Power: John F. Kennedy and US-Middle East Relations, will soon be published by a major university press.
What a joy to have the alumni family together for Easter weekend, when all of Christianity commemorates the death and resurrection of Christ. We hope the weekend renewed your faith, that you renewed friendships from days past, and as you visited the campus you renewed your appreciation for Adventist education at Andrews University.

Alumni Homecoming Weekend
April 17–20, 2003

Pictured at left: The marketplace on the mall during the first annual Easter Passion Play, Sabbath, April 19
1—Kathy Koudele leads alumni on a tour of the AU farm
2—Sabbath speaker and Dean of the Theological Seminary, John McVay
3—Barry Finkbeiner, president of the Alumni Association, greets alumni at the Gala Alumni Banquet
4—“Teacher of the Year” Ranko Stefanovic “parading” around campus
5—Thesba Johnston (Professor of Counseling Psychology, Emerita) commemorates the women at Jesus’ tomb in an Easter morning ceremony
6—Cynthia Coetzee, Ruth Merkel, ?? and ?? at the Women’s Scholarship Breakfast
7—Randy Siebold, ??, ?? and ?? at the Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing
8—Participants on the Campus Ministries Float during the Homecoming Parade
A Season of Renewal

Alumni Homecoming 2003
Scenes from the first annual Easter Passion Play, April 19, 2003

A Season of Renewal

Alumni Homecoming 2003
"Chaplain, why am I alive and my best friend dead?"
I had anticipated questions on death, but not on life. And more than one American soldier asked me questions about life that February night in 1991. A night I couldn’t help but remember as I listened to embedded reporters take us right into the heat of battle during Gulf War II. A night during which I listened to wounded soldiers recount the horror of an awful explosion. One soldier, a Vietnam War veteran, often choked up as he recounted to me what made the evening so hard. Two of the dead in the hospital morgue were young ladies. Back home in the States, he had comforted each of them by telling them he was a war veteran and thus knew how to take care of them and would return them safely home. And now he had to go back home and face their parents, having failed in his mission. War is terrible.

I never cease to appreciate the sentiment expressed by the words of Micah. War is not a new horror. Over two and a half millennia before us, Micah looked forward to that time when the Almighty “will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore” (Micah 4:3, NIV). But just maybe it takes war to remind us that our world is not yet the nicest place to live. The hardest part of Gulf War II has been opening the newspaper and seeing pictures of bereaved loved ones at another military funeral.

As I sat on my own bed the next morning after that powerfully emotional night answering questions, I turned on the radio. It was my intention to see if the Armed Forces Radio Network had anything to say about what happened the night before. Somehow my timing was terrible. Instead of hearing about the SCUD attack, I heard the announcer begin the sports report. I couldn’t take it. Sports seemed so trivial and unimportant in light of what I had just experienced.

Sitting on my bed I reviewed other memories of the previous night. Early in the experience I had held a note pad for the physician in the morgue while he determined the cause of death for six
male and two female soldiers. I had not been in the morgue long when I was called out to comfort one of our distraught hospital personnel. I found a six-foot-something, young man sobbing. He couldn’t handle the fact that the first military patients he had helped to unload at the emergency room were not alive. Though an EMT back in the U.S., he couldn’t deal with the stress of that night, and kept muttering, "somehow this is different."

Larry was one of the living patients brought to the hospital. He had been showering in a temporary outdoor shower when the SCUD hit. The shower had been built out of two-by-fours with a water tank over the showerhead. Larry had somehow wedged his M16 rifle into the two-by-fours between the water tank and showerhead. The SCUD explosion destroyed the shower facility and, in the process, Larry’s M16 had bowed. It evidently caught the water tank and spared Larry being crushed. Though stark naked and bleeding from shrapnel wounds to his back, Larry ran round the compound helping others, while at the same time sustaining more injury to his bare feet. Larry really cared for others.

And here I was sitting in my room, having struggled with answers for patients and hospital staff throughout the night, and now all I heard were sports scores. That night of war reminded me of what really is serious and I turned off the radio.

But God blessed the answers I gave that night. I couldn’t explain why one was alive and another dead. All I could do was try to help the living accept the attendant obligations that come with living. We don’t know why we are living, but we are alive. And the Almighty can use us and wants to use us. So throughout that night and the following week, patients and Chaplain explored ways in which the living can become better servants in their world.

But even when we face the grander issues, we can still go the wrong direction. I was often asked in the last Gulf War, "Is this to be the war of Armageddon?" Those most interested in an answer came from a conservative Christian background, including a few SDAs. Most had abandoned their roots and came to me afraid they had messed up. Now they were ready to renew their faith. But the war was short and most ceased renewing their faith. I suspect the question has been asked again of chaplains during Gulf War II. And again the war was very short. Once again we risk becoming arrogant, forgetting that there really is a heaven to win and an apocalypse to avoid.

It is easy for us to luxuriate in our peaceful surroundings and become enmeshed in arguing the virtues of whether or not we should go to war. And then because this war, like the first Gulf War, turned out to be rather short and inexpensive with respect to loss of life—obviously not the final apocalypse—we quickly move on to other hot postmodern topics such as "what about the openness of God?" or "can we really know Truth?" And we forget that life really does have its miserable side. Though I hate war with a passion, I wonder if war might be a necessity to remind us of the deeper issues of life.

I was invited to join the 1991 Passover services held on a cruise liner docked at Bahrain. A Torah scroll had not been physically in that area for hundreds, if not thousands, of years. I was blessed to be part of a very moving service. As I left, I was given a few copies of Likrut Shabbat, Worship, Study, and Song for Sabbath and Festival Services and for the Home. One prayer in that book, written by Aaron Zeitlin, reminds me of the need to be passionate and really care about the deep issues of life.

Gulf War II has reminded me once again to become passionate, to seek the deeper issues of life. And though I need to understand that truth for me will always begin with a lower case "t", I still know there is (big "T") Truth out there that I struggle to seek and to

Praise Me, says God, and I will know that you love Me.
Curse Me, says God, I will know that you love Me.
Praise Me or curse Me,
And I will know that you love Me.

Sing out My graces, says God.
Raise your fist against Me and revile, says God.
Sing out graces or revile,
Reveling is also a kind of praise, says God.

But if you sit fenced off in your apathy, says God.
If you sit entrenched in, "I don’t give a hand," says God,
If you look at the stars and yawn,
If you see suffering and don’t cry out,
If you don’t praise and you don’t revile,
Then I have created you in vain, says God.

What we need is to listen to the prophets who remind us of that time when war will cease to exist.

I remember student demonstrations on our campus during the late ‘60s. I remember being part of a movement that voted a write-in candidate for AUSA president. I remember passionate speeches in the Student Center. It seems to me that nowadays nothing much moves the passion of students on campus. Jonathan Rauch aptly addresses this issue in the May 2003, Atlantic Monthly. Though a self-proclaimed atheist, he now claims to be an “apatheist.” He doesn’t believe “in God, but the larger truth is that it has been years since I really cared one way or another.” And he thinks much of society is the same. For a while, I excitedly observed as Gulf War II moved students, such as Alex Carpenter and Bjorn Karlman, and faculty members to demonstrate for peace. It took war to motivate care. But the war was short-lived and apparently also the passion. Maybe all of us are, after all, “apatheists.”

Why are we alive? In the end, I have to admit that war is not what we need to bring us back to a passionate and caring lifestyle. What we need is to listen to the prophets who remind us of that time when war will cease to exist. Micah also reminds us that God is one who pardons and forgives because He does not stay angry forever and because He delights to show mercy (Micah 7:18-19). May it be that God’s compassion motivates us to look at the stars and really get excited, to see suffering and scream out.

~ Keith Mattingly (BA ‘69, MDiv ‘72, PhD ‘98), retired Chaplain and Lieutenant Colonel in the Michigan Army Reserve National Guard, is chair of the Religion and Biblical Languages Department.
This year’s honored alumni were presented with the Andrews University Alumni Association medallion. Through their achievement and leadership, they have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the board of directors to receive this award.

Wanda L. Cantrell

Wanda L. Cantrell has served faithfully as an Andrews University employee since 1985. She was office manager at Adventist Information Ministry from 1985 to 1995. She currently serves as office manager for the director of the James White Library. Wanda was honored for her dedication and contribution as an outstanding alumni volunteer.

Each year since 1989 Wanda has been the fiber of the BSCF Chapter of the Alumni Association. She has been innovative in her approach to programming, tireless in identifying and motivating other volunteers, resourceful in finding funds for programming, and steady in her resolve to build this important organization for our alumni constituency.

While not always serving as president of this chapter, everyone knows that Wanda is the “go to” person, although she is quick to deflect any accolades for success to others. Through her vision and diligence, sometimes in the wake of seemingly overwhelming discouragement, we have seen attendance in the BSCF reunion go from a small crowd of 100 or so in 1989, to more than 700 attending last October’s gathering.

Wanda shares the song in her heart by participating in many musical organizations on campus. She was a soloist with the Andrews University Seminary Chorus at the General Conference 2000 in Toronto. She has toured with the University Singers to Iceland, Norway, Puerto Rico, Zimbabwe, and the Bahamas.

Wanda serves her local church in music ministry. She was ordained as a lay elder of the All Nations Church, serves on a health-ministry team, Bible Study Team and Praise Fellowship.

“My parents sacrificed a lot for me to come to Andrews. I believe if they were alive they would be very happy with their investment.”

Donald L. Hanson (BA ’53)

Donald L. Hanson served as president of the summer graduation class of 1953 from Emmanuel Missionary College and has followed a path of leadership ever since.

While most of his professional career was devoted to Adventist Health Care, his career began as a teacher. He taught at Mt. Aetna Academy, Highland Academy and Mt. Vernon Academy before becoming business manager at Cedar Lake Academy.

In 1965, he began his service to Adventist Health Care as assistant administrator at Hinsdale Hospital. He served nine years as administrator of Harding Hospital and then returned to Hinsdale in 1979 as president of Hinsdale Hospital. From 1985 to 1993, Donald served as president of Porter Memorial Hospital and president of Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare, a holding company with ten hospitals.

Hanson now lives in Sierra Vista, AZ., where he is active in churches and communities, with a lecture series on health education. He also has served as host of Reversing Diabetes seminars for Weimar Institute.

Hanson also serves the Sierra Vista SDA church as chair of their finance committee and the strategic planning committee.

A proud family man, Donald celebrated 51 years of marriage to Rolene, also a member of the class of 1953. The couple works together in the health education programs at Sierra Vista. They have five children, seven grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Richard L. Yukl (BA ’67)

Dr. Richard L. Yukl, a leading figure in the development of trauma care in the state of Colorado, prepared for his distinguished medical career as a surgeon by earning a bachelor of arts degree in chemistry and math in 1967. It was this preparation that helped pave the way for his prestigious appointment as Chief Surgical Resident at the Mayo Clinic from 1977-78 and for the remarkable contributions he would make, and continues to make, to trauma systems and services as part of his career.

Dr. Yukl has played an integral role in the development of Colorado trauma programs, including the Columbia Trauma Services system, which serves the Denver market, and the Colorado State Trauma System, where he has helped to develop state legislation and guidelines, the implementation of rules and regulations, and the certification of trauma centers.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude from Andrews, Yukl received his MD from Loma Linda University in 1971. He completed both his surgical internship and surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in 1972 and 1978 respectively.

Now the Director of New Technologies at DMI BioSciences, Inc., Yukl formerly served as System Director for the Columbia-HealthONE Trauma System, and as Medical Director for Trauma at the Swedish Medical Center. Additionally, as a board certified surgeon, Dr. Yukl has over twenty years of private-practice experience specializing in oncology, vascular, and trauma surgery.

Among his other achievements, Yukl has developed several start-up medical clinics, organized the development of two large medical delivery systems, and participated in the development of the National Health Service Corporation.

Of his time at Andrews, Yukl says “...the professors that I had while at Andrews were people who were learned, modest, interested and honest, and I felt in them I had models by which I could fashion my life. Andrews was my first exposure to Adventist education, and I felt proud to be a part of a system I could respect.”
Jerry R. Coyle (MA ’55) and his wife, Virginia, are retired and live in Crossville, Tenn. Their two children are both Andrews alumni, Sharon Johnson (BS ’82) and Larry (BS ’86).

Henry Kenaston (MA ’59) is a retired pastor, teacher and evangelist. He and his wife, Hannelore, live in Crystal River, Florida.

Alvin (BA ’54) and Doralee (att.) Klein met at EMC and were married in the 1839 Courthouse Museum in Berrien Springs (when it was functioning as the Village SDA Church), and celebrated their 50th anniversary August 2002. Their four children sent them on a three-week vacation to Hawaii to celebrate. Al and Doralee have worked together in the full-time ministry of the SDA Church for 40 years before retirement.

Class of 1943: Front row (l-r): Dorothy L. (Stock) Henry, Helen (Lunz) Hyde, Maurine (Moore) Carpenter-Grove, Marvel (Kinney) Sundin, Elsie (Landon) Buck; Second row (l-r), William L. Van Arsdale, Harold Calkins, Andrew Haynal, Dorothy L. (Stock) Henry, Helen (Lunz) Hyde, Maurine (Moore) Carpenter-Grove, Marvel (Kinney) Sundin, Elsie (Landon) Buck; Second row (l-r), William L. Van Arsdale, Harold Calkins, Andrew Haynal

Class of 1933: Grover Fattic, Jr. celebrated his 70th reunion year.
and continue in much volunteer church work. Their work included appointments in the Minnesota, Iowa, and Georgia Cumberland Conferences. Al worked diligently as a pastor and was also successful in many building campaigns with congregations he served, for church buildings and educational facilities. He also served 14 years on the Southern Union Conference Committee and 11 years on Hospital Board at Ellijay.

1960s

Family and friends around the globe showered Esther Benton (MA ’60) with custom limericks, handmade cards, flowers, gifts and e-mail messages for her 90th birthday. Greetings and gifts came from Cyprus, Oregon, California, Arizona, Tennessee, Maryland, Michigan and West Virginia. She was feted at a party on Sunday, February 16, at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Elvin and Patricia (MA ’74) Benton of Buena Vista, Colo. Esther was registrar of the Seminary both in its Takoma Park, Md., location and in Berrien Springs. During those years she took advantage of the free tuition offered to staff and ultimately completed a master’s degree in Biblical Greek. Thereafter she regularly took her Greek New Testament to church, and was not unwilling to challenge a pastor’s exegesis!

After working for the SDA Church for 42 years, she tackled a variety of projects after retirement, including volunteering at the LaVida Navajo mission near Farmington, N.M., working in the “bono room” during an archaeological dig in Jordan, and serving as proofreader for the communication department at St. Helena Hospital in California’s Napa Valley.

Esther moved to Buena Vista the fall of 1993, and she remained active until a couple of years ago. In 1995 she won the blue ribbon for her age category—she was the only entrant over 80!—in the 5K walk/run division of Buena Vista’s Fall Color Run. She enjoyed hiking until after her 85th birthday.

Carl Adams (MA ’61) worked for the church as an educator for nearly 40 years, ten of which were spent overseas in Iran, Bangladesh, and Thailand. His wife, Marie, also an educator, served 40 years at his side. The Adams are now retired and live in Desert Hot Springs. They have four daughters. Their granddaughter, Cara Swinyar, is currently a student at Andrews University.

Sharon (Dorn) Brunnaebend (BMed ’64) lives in Loma Linda, Calif., and teaches literacy skills to high-school students. She has also earned an MA in counseling and guidance and teaching credential for reading/language arts specialist. Sharon also volunteers as a counselor for the

Granddaughter Cara Swinyar
and Carl & Marie Adams
Drug Alternative Program in Grand Terrace, Calif. Her husband, Ron, is an ICU nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Together they have seven children and eight grandchildren (probably ten grandchildren by the time of this publication). Sharon writes "I enjoy teaching students who do not have adequate language-arts skills to be successful in life. Meeting this challenge is rewarding despite the behavior problems that come with the territory."

MILTON CAPUTO (att.) is a retired teacher living in Curitiba-Parana, Brazil. He and his wife, Maria, have four children. Milton enjoys travel, reading and receiving FOCUS magazine.

RAYMOND ETHERIDGE (MA ‘68) is a retired teacher and lives in Cherry Valley, Calif. During his career in education he served as dean of boys at Wisconsin Academy and Indiana Academy. He taught in Cicero, Ind., Hollister, Calif., LaCresenta, Calif., and Stanley, Virg. Raymond has two children and two grandchildren.

ROBERT M. FORD (MBA ’69) is retired and lives in Riverside, Calif. He taught at La Sierra University for 21 years, and served as associate controller for three years.

CAROL (ANDERSON) NICKS (BA ‘65) is assistant librarian at Canadian University College in Alberta. Her husband, MURVIN NICKS (att.) is a teacher in Lacombe, Alberta. Their two daughters are both Andrews alumnae.

MYRA (BS ‘00) is communications coordinator for The Alberta Library. SABRINA (BA ‘00) is studying at the University of Alberta in the speech pathology and audiology program.

DWAYNE (BD ’68 DMin ’87) and Janet TOPPENBERG have recently moved to a suburb of Memphis, Tenn., to be closer to their kids and grandchild. In November Janet recorded a CD of her playing the organ and two synthesizers. In February Dwayne went to India to work with a team of church members to raise up five new churches in areas where Christianity isn't present.

Nigeria Conference, and became Conference secretary there. He returned to ASWA in 1988 as Seminary Church pastor and a Bible teacher, then served as chair of the Religion/Theology Department 1990-99, director for the EGW Research Center and Dean of the faculty of Education and Humanities 1999-2002. "My wife and I thank God that we served His church according to the strength He gave us, and retired in good health. We thank Andrews University for the
training we received there. We pray that God may be especially with His Remnant Church in these last days, and grant my wife and me the grace to serve Him to the end of our days.”

Osei Kwasi Kumah (MA ’79) is senior chaplain at Aguna SDA Senior Secondary School and church pastor at Jamasi Ashanti SDA Church in Ghana. He and his wife, Agnes, have four children, Evelyn, Kwame, Kumah and Yaw Ampofoh.

Kofi Owusu-Mensa (MA ’70) is professor of history at Valley View University in Ghana. During the academic year 2001-2002 Kofi spent a sabbatical at the Overseas Ministries Study Center (OMSC) in New Haven, Conn., as a recipient of a Project Luke Fellowship with the Center. The Fellowship is an award given to an African scholar or researcher annually by OMSC to write for the on-going project Dictionary of African Christian Biography. Kofi wrote eleven biographies, ten of them on SDAs in the history of Christianity in Ghana. He also visited family and friends in New York, Washington, D.C., Maryland, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, Utah and California. “Join me in gratitude to our great God for the privilege of the Fellowship. The Lord is on course, finishing off human history here on earth. Let us join Him positively with everything with which we have been blessed.”

Lynn S. Sams (MA ’79) is employed at Farmers Speciality Lines in Overland Park, Kansas.

Maryland, Tennessee, Michigan, Wisconsin, Utah and California. “Join me in gratitude to our great God for the privilege of the Fellowship. The Lord is on course, finishing off human history here on earth. Let us join Him positively with everything with which we have been blessed.”

Carole A. Rayburn (MDiv ’80) is a clinical, consulting and research psychologist in Silver Spring, Md. Carole is working on a new theory and discipline, Theobiology, which is the interfacing of theology and the sciences for deeper understanding of theological issues. Carole will be presenting a paper on adolescents’ reactions to trauma and their peacefulness in Berlin, Germany. In 2002 Carole presented a study of morality and spirituality of North American and Filipino women in Manila. Additionally her travels include Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Korea, India, and Nepal, as well as all 50 states. Her research includes issues of morality, spirituality, religiousness, clergy stress, peacefulness, life choices, leadership, body image and intimacy, and concepts of the Supreme and work. She also does consulting for SDA churches in the southwest USA.

1990s

Ion Groza (MA ’97) is a pastor in Arlington, Texas. His wife, Tatiana, is a registered nurse at...
Wood receives President’s Medallion

MINNIE IVERSON WOOD (former staff) received the President’s Medallion on Sunday, Feb. 2 in Calif.

Minnie and her husband, Dr. Wilton Wood (BS ’32), spent many years teaching overseas. Minnie’s teaching posts included positions at Far Eastern Academy in Shanghai; Baltic Union Seminary in Riga, Latvia; Malayan Seminary in Singapore; and Philippine Union College. Upon the Wood’s return to the U.S., Minnie taught for 10 years at Columbia Union College and then for 16 years at Andrews University.

During her career, Wood directed and planned an impressive number of musical events such as Mendelssohn’s Elijah, Handel’s Messiah, Haydn’s The Creation, and Brahms’ Requiem. Choirs under her direction performed for presidents Eisenhower and Nixon, and sang annually at the memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, Virg. Wood, herself, performed for President Harry Truman, and she appeared frequently with the Faith for Today quartet.

Now in her 90s, Wood remains active with her local church, serving on the Sabbath school music committee, and she continues to teach and mentor several dozen private students.

CLASS NOTES


Methodist Medical Center in Dallas.

BRYAN HANSON (AT ’90) is a ‘circulator’ RN/CHS in Lake Wales, Florida. His wife, TINA, (MSPT ’93) is a physical therapist in Winter Haven, Fla. They have two children, Levi and Elli.

MICHAEL RODNEY QUION (BS ’91) is a family practice physician in Hollister, California. He went into solo practice in an underserved agricultural town in Central California in 2001. His wife, Melanie (Cruz) (former faculty) is a nurse and office manager in their new office. Together they work in serving the community and when not working they “cherish the joys of being parents to their new baby girl and four-year-old son.”

EDITORS NOTE: Sheryl McLaughlin’s photo was incorrectly identified as Sheryl Calhoun in the Winter 2003 issue of Focus.

Sherry (Portugal) McLaughlin, BS ’89, MSPT ’90, was awarded the Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award at the 2002 Michigan Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference on October 4, 2002 at the Northfield Hilton in Troy, Mich. McLaughlin, founder of the Michigan Institute for Human Performance (MIHP), has been a clinical instructor for 12 years, specializing in outpatient orthopedic rehabilitation. In November 2002, MIHP moved into their new 4030-sq.-ft headquarters in Warren, Mich., where she and her staff provide orthopedic physical therapy, performance enhancement and educational seminars for the Metro Detroit area. She currently serves as adjunct faculty for the Maccob Community College physical therapy program.

Sherry is known by her students, peers and seminar participants as a thought leader in biomechanics through her insightful methods in orthopedic rehabilitation, injury prevention and sports-specific conditioning. She is prolific in her ideas for innovative techniques and has captured them in workbooks, videos and articles that she produces to support her practice and teachings.

Her passion for the field is evident in the energy and inspiration she brings with each presentation. Her patients and clients have come to truly appreciate her problem-solving ability.

2000s

ERIC A. NAGLEY (BSET ’02) is a Navy Ensign, commissioned to his current rank after completing Aviation Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla.

Sherry McLaughlin

Leland McElmurry, Niels-Erik Andreasen and Minnie Iverson Wood.
Laura (Beardsley) Long (BS '61) is the second subject of Aluminati—a Q&A column featuring a randomly selected Andrews University alumnus.

Laura’s senior class photo

Laura (Beardsley) Long

graduated from Andrews in 1961 with a BS in Elementary Education. She is currently an Administrative Secretary at Mayo Medical Ventures in Rochester, Minnesota.

FOCUS: Tell us a little about yourself, Laura.

Laura (Beardsley) Long:

When I was in college, I struggled with the decision of what to major in because I had interests and talents in so many directions. In addition to the fact that since I was a small child I’d been told I’d be a teacher, I finally settled on elementary education because it was a broad base and I took minors in 5 other fields. Even then, I didn’t take any classes in the areas where I feel I have and use my talents most now—writing, art and music. I derive a great deal of personal satisfaction through the expression of art—in painting, design, decorating, flower arranging, cake decorating, singing—all hobbies, but all activities that make life beautiful and pleasant. I’ve been extremely fortunate to have a husband and son who support me in all my projects and don’t complain about neglect but encourage my self-fulfillment and pick up the slack.

FOCUS: What other interesting things have you done since leaving Andrews?

LONG: I could wax eloquent because I think everything I’ve done has been interesting. The value to humanity may be dubious!

Since I trained in elementary education, I’ll first mention my abbreviated teaching career. Every one of the 5-1/2 years I taught was a very difficult experience—from 14 children in 7 grades, to 33 children in 2 grades in a crowded annex; from creating my own program working with challenged children in short periods away from their classmates to coping with the realities of court-ordered integration in a southern public school system in the early 70s. I was also trained and experienced as a secretary and thoroughly enjoyed my time in the Florida and Georgia-Cumberland conference offices as well as 2 years in the Far Eastern Division office in Singapore. Traveling around the world was an impossible dream come true and contributed importantly to my life.

FOCUS: How did you end up in your current occupation?

LONG: When I was in 6th grade, I read a book about the Mayo brothers in Minnesota which intrigued me. I was quite excited when we had the opportunity to move to Rochester and I actually landed a job working at Mayo Clinic. I think of this as my third career and have now worked at Mayo for 24 years. It is rewarding work.

As satisfying as my jobs have been, I feel my most important effort has been my input into the Sabbath school departments in the churches we’ve attended over the years. I began when I was 14 and have taught or led out in a children’s division for an accumulated 35 years or so.

FOCUS: Sounds like you don’t have a great deal of time for backward reflection, but when you do think back on your Andrews experience, given the chance?

LONG: I’ve often wished I’d had better training in my education courses. I believe I was there at the end of an era and things got better soon after I left, but when I got out in the classroom I often depended more on my experiences as a student than on what I’d learned in education classes. But that wasn’t anything I could change. If I’d known then what I know now, I would have been more socially involved. Perhaps I took school and work too seriously!

FOCUS: A lot of students end up focusing more on finishing with a degree of some sort than on the college experience itself.

LONG: It is sad that we can’t help the young people facing these questions today realize the most valuable things they will obtain from a college education are the abilities to organize, communicate and know how to find information—in addition to developing social skills, making lifelong friends and translating the high ideals of youth into a meaningful lifestyle. Skills can be learned on the job or at a technical school, but the value of college is nebulous, and all the more important because of it.

Laura (Beardsley) Long

experience at Andrews, what do you miss most?

LONG: Even 42 years ago when I graduated and left Andrews, I thought of leaving campus as the natural progression of my life—the exciting next step—forging into the future. So I don’t remember ever being homesick for the school or people.

FOCUS: Is there anything you’d change about your
LIFE STORIES

**Deaths**

**Herman Stuart Teegarden**

(BA '49) died November 30, 2002. He was born April 26, 1925, in Ohio, to Walter Reynard and Amanda Jane (Beisner) Teegarden.

For 44 years, Stuart was an educator and principal in SDA schools in California.

On April 29, 2001, Stuart married Eleanor Jean (Twing) in Placerville, Calif.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; a daughter, Lorraine Moeller of Placerville, Calif.; a son, Larry Teegarden of Garland, Tex.; two stepdaughters, Loretta Goodridge of Springfield, Ore., and Katherine Berkeley of Chester, N.H.; two stepsons, John Stout of Chehalis, Wash., and Ronald Stout of Saudi Arabia; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Jerry M. Radostis**

(BA '57) died December 18, 2002. He was born on December 19, 1921, in Borsice, Czech Republic.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army and was awarded for his valor and bravery during World War II.

Married to Emily (Kantor) on November 11, 1945, Jerry and his wife moved to Berrien Springs in 1952.

Jerry was a sales associate with Tyler Refrigeration Corporation for more than 25 years, and was very active in his home church, PMC. He and Emily traveled extensively, making it to nearly every continent and experiencing many wonderful sights.

He is survived by his wife, Emily of Berrien Springs; his daughter, Ruthi (att.) and her husband, David Sundin, of Indianapolis; his son, Dann (BS '73) and his wife, Jolene Radostis, of Boulder, Col.; and his four grandchildren: Rachel and J.D. Sundin and Lelah and Brian Radostis.

**Alberta Evangeline Hageman**

(DP '34) died on January 23, 2003. She was born March 25, 1913, in South Lancaster, Mass.

The daughter of William A. and Bertha D. Leonard Butler, Alberta and her family moved to Berrien Springs, where she attended elementary school in the basement of the 1839 courthouse.

Alberta worked for the Indiana and California conferences of the SDA Church. On December 31, 1944, she married James R. Hageman in Glendale, Calif. They moved to Berrien Springs and lived there for more than 50 years. Alberta enjoyed working in her church, teaching children's Sabbath school classes and helping out in the Community Services Center.

She is survived by her husband, James; a daughter, Betty Hageman (BS '72) of Seattle, Wash.; and a brother, William Butler of Riverside, Calif.

**Fred Mason**

(att.) died on January 30, 2003. While attending the University of Washington, Fred suffered an accident that left him a quadriplegic in the summer of 1959. Although he no longer had the use of his hands, Fred lived independently, using his arms and shoulders to get around. After 43 years, he lost the battle to stay alive.

**Alfred Munar**

(MDiv '68) died on February 5, 2003. He was born in Hawaii on October 9, 1925, to Pedro and Pelagia (Costales) Munar.

Alfred married Eva (Pinarcoc) (MA '68) on March 6, 1955, in San Francisco, Calif. They moved to Berrien Springs in 1965. In the early 1970s, Alfred was appointed as one of the directors of the Harmful Drug program for the Lake Union Conference, where he educated elementary, secondary and college students about the negative effects of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

Alfred taught adult Sabbath School Class in PMC for many years, and this dedication inspired many who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Eva; three brothers, William and Wilfred Munar of Honolulu, Haw.; and Benjamin Munar of Mississippi; one sister, Nina Munar of Honolulu, Haw.; a daughter, Ellen (Timbul) Tambaun (BSMT '80) of Berrien Springs; a son, Arthur (Amy) Munar of Westmont, Ill.; and two granddaughters.

**Dan Guild**

(MA '64) died on February 7, 2003.

Dan received his BA in theology at La Sierra College in 1946, and was ordained in 1950. Following multiple pastorates in the Southern California Conference, he and his wife, Lillian, and their two daughters, Genevieve and Rosanne, went to Singapore as missionaries in 1958. In 1960, he was appointed director of the Voice of Prophecy for Southeast Asia. He was elected president of the Southeast Asia Union Mission in 1966.

Upon returning to the U.S., Dan became manager of the Voice of Prophecy from 1972 until his retirement in 1985.

In retirement, Dan and Lillian continued to live in Newbury Park, California.

**Eldon K. Council**

died on February 11, 2003. He was born April 24, 1921, in Gladwin County, Mich.

The son of G. Keith and Beatrice (Campbell) Council, Eldon served in the U.S. Army during World War II. On April 24, 1942, he married Corinne B. (Harmon) in Neptune, Ohio.

Eldon worked as a HVAC Contractor and then as a service manager for Sears and Roebuck in Niles, Mich., for 14 years. Later, he worked for 22 years for several book binderies, including those at Forest Lake Academy, Union College, and Andrews University.

Eldon had a passion for educating children, particularly the young Navajo children at the LaVida Mission in New Mexico, where he and his wife, Corinne, volunteered.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Linda Sue (Bruce) (BA '69, MA '75) Bauer (BS '69) of Berrien Springs; two sons, Col. Gary R. (Joyce) Council (MDiv '71), of Honolulu, Haw., and Byron E. (Sis) Council of Ft. Myers, Fl.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Mark R. Krauskopf**

(BArch '93) died unexpectedly on
February 17, 2003. He was born on May 19, 1967, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mark owned his own architecture firm, Studio One Architects, in Manistee, Mich., and was a member of the American Institute of Architects and NCARB. He greatly enjoyed the architecture profession, and provided his clients with outstanding designs and service.

Mark is survived by his wife, Tamara; his sons, Owen and Alex; his mother, Nancy Krauskopf; his father and stepmother, Dale and Lynette Krauskopf; and his brother, Curtis Krauskopf.

ROBERT BURTON JOHNSON (BA ’52) died on March 30, 2003. He was born in New York Mills, Minn., on January 2, 1931.

Robert’s uncle, ALVIN W. JOHNSON (BA ’20), served as President of Emmanuel Missionary College while Robert attended the school. After earning his MD from the College of Medical Evangelists (LLU) in 1957, Robert enjoyed a busy family practice in Ithaca, Mich., for 28 years, until Parkinson’s Disease influenced his early retirement.

He is survived by his wife, BETTY (SHAVER) (AS ’49), and children, LINDA CLOUGH (AS 76), RONALD (BS 79), and DONALD (att.), eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

WAYNE EARLE WILLEY (att.) died April 9, 2003. He was born on July 25, 1944, in Morristown, New Jersey, to Glenn F. and Esther Miles Willey. He married PATRICIA LOUISE (ORSER) (MA ’69) on August 24, 1969, in Ukiah, Calif.

Wayne studied theology at Andrews and at Atlantic Union College. He also earned a degree in law.

From 1989-1992, Wayne pastored the Bentonville and Decatur churches in Arkansas and, prior to that, served as a pastor in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Wayne wrote for many religious periodicals, and his sermons became well known among ministers of various denominations. A collection of Wayne’s sermons and articles will soon be available at www.waynewilley.com.

At the time of his death, Wayne worked as a nondenominational minister, serving others as needs arose. He was also self-employed in a computer repair business. In addition to his wife, survivors include a son, D. ERIK WILLEY (BA ’96) of Bentonville, and a daughter, Cynthia L. Willey, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Send birth, wedding, and funeral announcements and daytime telephone number to Life Stories, Focus, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-1000. Or e-mail the information to: <ivan@andrews.edu>.

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People in the United States just don’t understand war. We are insulated—though far less so after September 11—from its reality. We think that because we watch a live report from an embedded reporter that we’re “there.” But war is not two-dimensional. Andrews University, with its large international student population, and a correspondingly large international alumni population, has members of its community who do understand war. The CC just wanted to pause to honor those who live with, and through, war. Although there are many different, and credible, views of war, all of us really do prefer peace. Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

### Campus Craze—War & Peace Edition

*War! What is it good for? Absolutely Nothin’. Now, say it again! Or don’t.*

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<td>Come on! Only males aged 18-25? In today’s technologically-advanced military age, the CC thinks that females can just as effectively enter the coordinates into the computer.</td>
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<td>Canada</td>
<td>As the Vietnam-era’s primary escape country . . . well . . . O.K., the CC just wanted to use this as an excuse to say that it loves Canada, Canadian students and Canadian alumni. Shameless, sure, but the chair of the AU Board of Trustees is from Canada and, well, the CC knows who pays the bills!</td>
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<td>Third Amendment</td>
<td>An under-appreciated and largely unknown amendment to the U.S. Constitution, the Third Amendment guarantees that “[n]o Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner.” The CC is thankful that Josh Gracin can’t just move in . . . even if he was an American Idol finalist.</td>
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<td>The “V” Sign</td>
<td>Does it mean “peace,” or “victory” or “five” (for you roman numeral fans)? Whatever—at least it’s all positive. Much better the “v” sign than the “L” sign placed against the forehead….</td>
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<td>War and Peace</td>
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Speaking of . . .

“[T]he use of war tactics as [a] means of bringing about democracy, in all of its irony, puts us behind in attaining one of our main goals: winning the hearts of Iraqi citizens. I fear we don’t express the joys of democracy when we drop bombs in popular neighborhoods and market places.”

Ben Zork
(“Democracy or Hypocrisy,” Student Movement, April 9, 2003.)

“What is so profoundly misunderstood is that those who spew pacifism at all costs have blazed the trail for utopian political movements like communism and fascism.”

Steven Peck
(“Flawed Pacifism,” Student Movement, April 9, 2003.)

“Go out and make a difference. But don’t try to save the world . . . that has already been done.”

William G. Johnsson
(Commencement Address, May 4, 2003.)

“There’s one thing we still can do . . . confer degrees.”

Niels-Erik Andreasen (after facetiously citing the loss of power by university presidents. Undergraduate Commencement, May 4, 2003). [Perhaps it wasn’t so facetious since the President asked the commencement audience to refrain from applauding each individual and ... the first name announced drew cheers and applause.]

“The greatest thing you can do is to throw yourself into a dream and do everything it takes to make it happen.”

William G. Johnsson
(Commencement Address, May 4, 2003.)
If your answer is “yes” to any of these questions, contact our office to determine how a charitable gift annuity may provide you with an excellent way to increase your income, provide for your spouse, reduce your tax bill, and create a legacy for Christian education at Andrews University—all in one transaction!

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Use the following addresses to request information or assistance in planning for your cycle of life.
An Educated Activism

This spring semester Andrews got active about war and peace. In February, more than one hundred students crowded into a classroom for a student debate on the subject. Earlier, a twenty-member peace club organized with a thousand-dollar grant. By March, two hundred and twenty-six faculty and students signed a statement in The Student Movement in opposition to the war in Iraq. In addition, students dialogued in the SM, exchanging articles and letters to the editor. Faculty and students also attended protests in St. Joseph, Mich., Washington D.C., and Chicago.

Luckily, all of us lived through the experience. According to the Human Security Project, more than 3736 Iraqi civilians did not. Neither have 127 American soldiers and thousands of Iraqi soldiers. All for what? So Halliburton can now run the oil for the Iraqi people? Recently the 75th Exploitation Task Force has stated that they haven’t found any WMD at the fifteen most important sites and now they are packing up their bags and heading home. Sure, Saddam is gone—but who is next? And now we’re shooting protestors.

This May I graduated and now I am reflecting back over my experience with Andrews and activism. Often higher education positions itself above the fray of politics and the fads of the masses. Pursuing truth, the academy stands alone. This is understandable, for certainly the issues are always more complex than the rhetoric. But also there is a certain smugness that comes with the learning. Why care, when everyone out there isn’t really making any sense?

This spring I took a class in critical thinking from history professor Gary Land, an institution of higher learning himself. We learned about logical fallacies such as the dangerous post hoc ergo propter hoc (assuming that because one thing follows another it was caused by the other) and the ever-present “hasty generalization” (when the size of the sample is too small to support the conclusion). In addition we read political speeches and analyzed op-ed pieces from the newspaper—all this in the context of the war in Iraq. As the semester progressed, Dr. Land pointed out that imprecise logic permeates our discourse, even for many good things. What was to be achieved by the class was not invariable perfect rationalism, but a self-awareness of how language is used and misused.

Humans are not machines and our language has evolved messily. We get our feelings and words caught up in issues before we get all the logic worked out. This cannot be avoided. Of course, by thinking clearly and doing good research on any subject one will make better decisions, but something always appears a priori. All too often, especially in the skeptical halls of academia, we refrain from acting. There is a subtle but invincible convection of solidarity that knits together the loneliness of innumerable hearts . . . which binds together all humanity.” Cultivating this sense of relation lies at the heart of an educated activism. Thinking to act.

I believe in the power of human solidarity—it is why I am an Adventist and it is how education happens. This semester I learned that action does matter because the same human connection that breeds violence from cruelty also creates change from concern.

In his Nobel Prize lecture, novelist Saul Bellow quotes Joseph Conrad, who appeals “to that part of our being which is a gift, not an acquisition, to the capacity for delight and wonder . . . our sense of pity and pain, to the latent feeling of fellowship with all creation—and to the vulnerable heart . . . which binds together all humanity.” Cultivating this sense of relation lies at the heart of an educated activism. Thinking to act.

Because in failing to act, we lose the essential connection to our humanity.

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~ Alex Carpenter graduated this May with a double major in English and religion. Before enrolling in graduate school, Alex will be living in Mumbai and exploring the Indian film industry.