



### **Business with Pleasure**



One of the real pleasures of working at Andrews is the daily interaction I have with colleagues. And working on Focus pushes me into places I might not otherwise venture. Many of these visits buoy my belief in this university and what it stands for. The preparation for this issue was no exception.

A caveat. Academics, and those who work with them, are an interesting group. We are generally a critical bunch. Ideas must be thought and rethought, tested and assessed, sometimes run through a committee or twelve, and then we'll eventually agree to disagree. And this is just in personal conversation, never

mind the larger business of the institution.

But even in this culture, where some might say that nothing ever gets done quickly, there are those who push us forward. Sometimes they challenge a way of thinking, sometimes they just know how to get things moving, and sometimes they have skills that help us reinvent ourselves. So it is with three individuals who play a prominent role in this issue.

In his interview with me, Ron Whitehead, assistant to the president for spiritual life, proved to be charismatic and purpose-driven. His firm belief in God and what God's leading is doing (and can do) at Andrews is inspiring.

Just as inspiring was the contact I had with Bill Richardson, whose philosophical and ethical consideration of "right-to-life, right-to-die" issues can be found in this issue. As Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Bill's willingness to write for Focus at a time when budget meetings and decisions dominated administrators' schedules is an indication of his own belief in what Andrews should be about.

Finally in working on this issue, Martin Lee, the university's web coordinator and a colleague I've worked with over the last couple years at University Relations, further demonstrated to me his technical wizardry, which should enhance the university's presence on the worldwide web for years to come. Martin's high standards even showed themselves as together we edited and re-edited the web articles you'll find here.

I'm proud of my colleagues, but even more importantly, I'm privileged to work with them and share in our university's mission.



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A Matter of Life and Death Lessons From the Schiavo Case

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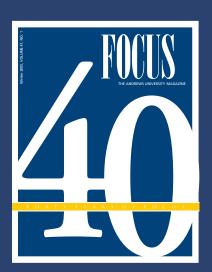
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### **Impolitic**

Whoever suggested avoiding discussions of politics in polite company may have been on to something. Readers continue to react to the political content of our Fall issue and the subsequent letters published in the Winter issue, celebrating Focus' 40th anniversary. The reactions were almost always charged and visceral. And mostly polite. For better or worse, the letters in this issue will be the last word on the recent political season. . . . Other notes: Readers also shared their memories of Dr. C. Warren Becker ("Life Stories") and William Shadel ("In Focus"), adding to the tributes contained in the last issue. And as we've recently observed around campus, at least a couple AU staff have framed or displayed our 40th anniversary centerfold, commemorating all the covers in the magazine's history. This is a trend we're hoping will catch on.

### **Becker Tribute**

My memories of C. Warren Becker continue to stimulate my appreciation of the pipe organ, even though one of my first opportunities to experience his virtuosity was personally embarrassing.

One Sabbath evening soon after my arrival on campus, Dr. Becker played the Toccata from Boellmann's Suite Gothique. Unfamiliar as I was with that composition, and coming from a more participatory church background, I gave a rather vociferous "Amen" during the momentary pause before the last four chords. I truly wished I could have disappeared at that instant.

Friday evening vespers usually concluded with one of those rafter-shaking improvisations on a hymn tune for which Dr. Becker was well known. And who can forget the way he "played the congregation" during worship? His gift for delivering brief talks on certain hymns, illustrated by pointing out the icons of specific windows in PMC, was priceless. But the two surprises he presented to me are treasures I will always cherish.

Even though I sang with the University Chorale and the University Singers, and studied piano and organ (neither with Dr. Becker), I was not enrolled as a student of music. My suspicion is that Dr. Becker observed me practicing in the Music building, a fact of which I was unaware. So when he asked me to be one of the student organists during a Week of Spiritual Emphasis, it was something I never envisioned. Later, during a summer layover on campus, he invited me to supervise the musical content for Sabbath School in PMC for the duration.

One cannot pay tribute to Dr. Becker without echoing the testimonials of others. My life has been immeasurably blessed as a result of having been influenced by such a fine human being whose life, as was the music of Johann Sebastian Bach (which he treasured), was dedicated to the glory of God.

Thomas Cathcart (BA '69)

# The grass is always greener?

I have read the most recent *Focus*. While at Andrews, taking classes at the Seminary, we were often admonished to endeavor to "feed the sheep" and "care for the flock". Perhaps it is with this in mind that you included in the Class Notes that Doru Tarita "is currently pasturing both the English- and Romanian-speaking churches in Vienna."!!

Keep up the good work, which encourages all of us to share Jesus with the world!

Edwin K. Gibbons (MDiv '70)

### (More or) less politics

Shouldn't it be better for Focus to cover Andrews University and its alumni than to try to put an Andrews perspective on national events? Publishing the liberal views of current faculty and students only reinforces the hinterland's view that Andrews is too liberal—even questioning whether you're fulfilling the church's mission as one of its "schools of the prophets."

You don't care how I vote (unless I vote your way). Conversely, I would just as soon not have to read how you voted, and why you voted that way. I've yet to see a candidate offering a clear choice of all good. Instead we're all forced to choose between candidates with both

good and bad—hoping we choose the one who will do more good than bad.

No one but you cares what you think about President George W. Bush. But, we who take the time to read the *Focus* are interested to know what's happening at AU with our fellow alumni and our professors. That's your writing assignment for every future edition of *Focus*!

Rick Nudd (BS '69)

I am thoroughly distressed, disgusted, and sickened at the ultra-liberal bias of the editorial staff.

I don't believe that Adventism is to consist of president bashing, trashing, and slashing. It would be well if you would stick with the principles and instruction found in the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. They are rarely if ever quoted, mentioned, or referred to in your letters section. There are volumes on politics and our relation to it. I just see ramblings of over-inflated egos trying to impress those who like to read such trash.

I don't know anybody that wants war. God certainly didn't want it in heaven, but it came nonetheless, and He dealt with it. And guess what? He was charged with some of the same things you allow your readers to accuse our president of. When you're a leader, no one wants to come up to your level; they always want to pull you down to theirs. And when readers compare the liberal stand on killing unborn babies with soldiers dying in war, well, I am left speechless.

No one agrees with everything any president or administration does, but is *Focus* to be a political/social review, or should it be an avenue to bring readers closer to the Lord and prepare us for His kingdom? May God help you, your

staff, your sponsors, and your faculty to cultivate true Godliness, respect authority, give honor to whom honor is due, be more responsible and balanced, and humble yourselves in the sight of a holy God.

Randy Warkentin (MDiv '97)

I hope you will add to your priorities seeing that *Focus* does not publish articles that are clearly espousing political party lines as has been the case lately. I want to hear from my University without partisan colors.

We respect everyone's right to believe in the party politics they prefer, but *Focus* should not be used to further their leanings.

Daniel A. Chaij (BS '55)

Just received the current *Focus*. [Regarding Glenn Saunders' letter, "Liberal Agenda"], I know of no liberals who "ridicule the concept of moral values," nor any who "are anti-Christian."

If the liberal preachers and churches had not got involved in promoting ethical and moral values, ladies would still be second-class citizens, unable to vote or hold responsible positions in business or politics; children would still be working 10- or 12-hour shifts in factories; those who are black would still be slaves; those who are poor wouldn't be able to read, for lack of education!

George McGovern said, "I challenge my conservative friends to name a single federal program now approved by both of our major parties that was not first pushed by liberals over the opposition of conservatives."

Those "liberal" innovations include the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Reserve, the Food and Drug Administration, the National Park Service, the Forest Service, the Federal School Lunch Program, Food Stamps for low-income families, the Voting Rights Act, Equal Access to Public Accommodations, Collective Bargaining, the graduated income tax, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, equal rights for women...and one of the greatest accomplishments of all time, the Civil Rights Act, which at last redeemed the promise of our Founding Fathers that "all men (and women) are created equal."

Felix A Lorenz, Jr. (MA '52)

### **Memories of Bill**

I was a student in the 60's when Bill Shadel spoke on campus as part of a University lecture series. I don't remember what he said, but I do remember I was impressed with his credentials. I'm even more impressed now by his discernment. With regard to "idiots deploying, and dangerously, choosing to make war," the student has become the teacher. I could only hope that this discernment was a product of the educational environment at Andrews.

Education should create thinkers, rather than "groupthink"ers. Clearly Shadel was on the path early to become the former. His type of candor will be missed.

Maynard Lowry (BA '68)

It was of real interest to me to read your "Note for Bill." It just happened that I was in the Academy at EMC from 1926-1929, in the tenth and eleventh grades, and I was a member of the college band directed by Bill Shadel. I was not aware at that time that he was only two years

# **letters**

older than I. He passed away this year at the age of 96, and I am 94.

The band rehearsed in the attic of the original ad building. The studio for the WEMC radio station was our rehearsal place. At that time radio studios were not supposed to have any reverberation, so there was carpet on the floor, drapes over windows, and I believe on the walls. Talk about a place as dead as possible to make music and this was it. I played the baritone using a college instrument.

I had not yet decided on a career, but was interested in music among other things. But Bill was an influence. He played piano, marimba, clarinet and saxophone, and also sang in musical organizations.

The band and other groups performed in the old wooden chapel, church, auditorium that stood somewhere in the vicinity of the present church. By the way, it was nearly surrounded by grape vineyards. They had a wonderful flavor!

Another feature of this building was the fact that the academy used the upstairs as a classroom. Just inside the main entrance was a long straight stairway to our classroom in the attic. Dr. Summers, the oranist, practiced on the pipe organ in the morning during classes. The competition was sometimes severe.

My father, W. E. Straw, was called to be head of the Department of Theology in 1933. His office was in the new building that stood alongside the original building. (How soon age takes over and is supplanted by something new! When I compare the campus in the 1920s with what it is today, I must say, "what hath God wrought!" My daughter-in-law, Sharon, was employed in the library until just recently, and her mother, Liz Beck, started the Sabbath afternoon Fireside Fellowship in the little building diagonally across from the church.)

I remained at Madison College, where we had moved in 1929, and was in charge of the music department for seven years. During that time, we spent a few weeks of the summer at EMC and I had the chance to visit with Bill a time or two as he was setting up for band rehearsals. My father said Bill had talked with him about entering the news business.

I was glad to hear about Bill. I really had not heard about him since his moderating the presidential debate. I did watch that. I was sorry to learn that he had passed away, but really happy to know that he had made contact with you at Andrews.

I realize this is too long and disorganized, but your "Note for Bill" opened the floodgate of my memories of longgone days.

Leland Straw (att.)

### Clarification

The winter issue of *Focus* was wonderful and historically interesting for a 1952 history graduate such as I.

I should point out a needed correction for Dr. Klooster's obituary on p. 35. Judson Klooster was dean of the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, from 1971-1994, not the dean of academic affairs.

Thor Bakland (BA'52)

### Poetry from on high

[Regarding the] quotation [attributed to Ronald Regean] from [the Campus Cache] *Focus*, Vol. 41, No. 1 [p. 36], I am not sure whether you intended to quote this as Reagan's own composition,

which your comment appears to imply. These lines are from a poem [entitled "High Flight"] written by John Magee, one of your own very worthy countrymen, who was stationed in Britain as a member of the Canadian Air Force during the second World War.

The poem and memoir of [Magee's] life is held on permanent record in the parish church of Scopwick, a most lovely village a few miles south of the city of Lincoln, England. It is clear that President Reagan was conversant with this exquisite composition.

Ronald V. Edwards (MA '58)

### Season's greetings

Just wanted to say that I enjoy the seasonal issues of *Focus*. I receive them at work and it's nice to take a moment to catch up on the happenings at AU and also reminisce about the years I spent there.

Peter Pokryfke (BArch '02, MArch '03)

Letters to Focus are welcome. To ensure a range of viewpoints, we encourage letters of fewer than 300 words. Letters may be edited for content, style and space. Opinions expressed in letters are not necessarily shared by the editors, university employees, officers and administrators.

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### School of Ed receives 7-year accreditation



The School of Education is housed in Bell Hall.

It's official! Years of hard work and preparation have paid off for the School of Education, as they celebrated the official notification of accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) for another seven years.

The NCATE Unit Accreditation Board made the decision to continue the School's accreditation at their meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., March 13–17, 2005.

"Our NCATE re-accreditation journey began in 2000 following our last successful visit," said James Jeffery, dean of the School of Education. "Since then, and especially for the past 2 years, our one focus has been on accumulating and amassing tremendous amounts of data to meet the new NCATE standards. These standards were established to produce high quality teacher, specialist and administrator preparation programs."

Back in November 2004, the School of Education went through a full five-day NCATE evaluation when a team of NCATE officials did a thorough review of the School's ability to meet standards in six areas: Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Dispositions; Assessment System and Unit Evaluation; Field Experience and Clinical Practice; Diversity; Faculty Qualifications, Performance and Development; and Unit Governance and Resources.

The evaluating team was impressed and commented that Andrews has "a very good program and staff that are trying to make a difference in children's lives." The team was pleased by Andrews' hospitality and noted that "the students here are charming without any exception. They're happy here and that says a lot about your university."

NCATE accredits an extensive list of programs in the School of Education. They include:

 BS and BA in Elementary Education with content majors and minors in Language Arts, English, Reading, Social Studies, Geography, History, Integrated Science, Mathematics, Bilingual Education in Spanish, Behavioral Science, French (K–12), Music Education, Spanish (K–12).

- BS and BA in Secondary Education with content majors and minors in Behavioral Science, Biology, Bilingual Education in Spanish, Chemistry, Communication Arts, Computer Science, English, French (K–12), Integrated Science, Geography, History, Mathematics, Music Education, Physics, Political Science, Social Studies, Sociology, Spanish (K–12), Visual Arts Education.
- MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching)
- MS in Special Education
- MA, EdS, EdD, PhD in Curriculum & Instruction
- MA, EdS, EdD, PhD in Educational Administration
- MA in School Counseling
- EdS in School Psychology

NCATE accreditation is a sign of excellence, demonstrating that the School of Education has met national professional standards and graduates well-prepared and competent educators; therefore, assuring students that they're receiving a high-quality education. Over two-thirds of new teacher graduates come from NCATE-accredited institutions. NCATE currently accredits 602 colleges of education, with close to 100 more currently seeking accreditation.

"All 25 faculty and 16 support staff in the School of Education have been intimately involved in one way or another with this process," commented Jeffery. "As a team, we have worked many long hours to achieve this goal and it feels great to know that we have met all of the NCATE standards of excellence."

The next NCATE visit is scheduled for Fall of 2011. Andrews has been an NCATE-accredited institution since 1970.

# 323 graduate at Spring commencement



On Sunday, May 1, Andrews University added 323 undergraduates and graduates to its thousands of alumni worldwide. The chilly weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of celebrating students and their families and friends.

Susan P. Zork, assistant professor of religion, was the speaker for the consecration service on Friday evening. The title of her presentation was "Which Way to Glory?" and compared life to a road trip, encouraging students to not just focus on the destination, but to enjoy their journey with God.

The undergraduate and graduate baccalaureate services were presented by R. Clifford Jones, associate professor of Christian ministry/associate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. His topic was "What God Requires." The Sabbath vespers service was given by the Class of 2005. Graduates presented the class gift, gave tributes to faculty and family, and had the opportunity to present loved ones with flowers of appreciation. The program was followed by a reception hosted by President and Mrs. Andreasen in the Campus Center.

Ernie Sadau, CEO of Adventist Midwest Health, addressed both commencement groups with "This is Your Life." Two honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees were given to Jasmine Jacob and Alberta Mazat. Jacob, founder of REACH International, was honored for her life-long humanitarian efforts, and Alberta Mazat, for her work in the Family Life movement in the Adventist church. Jerome Thayer, Professor of Research and Statistical Methodology and chair of the Education and Counseling Psychology department, received the J. N. Andrews Medallion.

# Students and professor earn service awards

Three Andrews University students were honored by the Michigan Campus Compact for their dedication to community service in an awards brunch held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, Mich., on April 16, 2005.

Senior management and language for international trade double major, Jessica Snyder, was one of 20 students honored with the Commitment to Service award. This award honors students for community service done at their college or university campus as part of their education.

Senior French and international public relations double major, Bjorn Karlman, and senior biology major, Andrew Roquiz, both received the Heart and Soul Award for their personal commitment to community service.

Michigan Campus Compact also honored Andrews associate professor of physical therapy, David Village, with the Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award in a ceremony on February 17, 2005. As the highest award MCC gives faculty and staff in the state of Michigan, Village was recognized for his commitment to engaging students in service-learning.

As stated in their mission statement, "Michigan Campus Compact promotes the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, co-curricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement."

# The Andrews University Gymnics

performed for approximately 2500 Berrien County elementary school children during Homeshow weekend, April 15-18.







### **Celebrating AU diversity**

With a student population representing over 90 different countries, Andrews University is known for its diverse campus and international perspective. In celebration of that diversity, on March 18, the staff and faculty senate passed Senate Resolution 2005-01, an initiative to honor the university's rich international influence through the recognition of national heritage months.



"We are extremely rich in diversity, and as a result, we really have the ability to tackle and discuss international concerns," says Jane Sabes, associate professor of political science, and chair of the faculty senate.

The senate selected the following months, many of which were already officially declared by the President of the United States:

### September

Caribbean Heritage Month

### September 15-October 15

Hispanic Heritage Month

### October

European Heritage Month (Italy and Germany) Disability Month

### November

American Indian Heritage Month

### December

Celebration of Age Month

### January

Middle Eastern Heritage Month

### **February**

African American Heritage Month Women's History Month

### March

Irish American Heritage Month African Heritage Month

### April

Asian-Pacific Heritage Month Australian Heritage Month

"I think the apostle Paul said it best," comments Sabes. "We are not all eyes or ears or hands or feet. We have uniqueness and not only difference in utility, but we differ in perspective and in thought. Our differences make us rich."



# Howard challenge grant funds new WAUS studio

For the past 34 years Andrews University's classical station, WAUS FM 90.7, has called the basement of the Campus Center home, broadcasting from what were originally physics classrooms and offices.

As of May 1, 2005, WAUS's dream of a new studio moved a step closer to reality thanks to the generosity of John and Dede Howard (namesakes of the Howard Performing Arts Center), and many other alumni and friends of Andrews and WAUS.

Although space for a new studio was part of the Howard Performing Arts Center's initial design, when the building opened in 2003, there was not yet enough funding available to finish the studio.

That all changed in August 2004 when the Howards issued a challenge grant of \$308,700. Fortunately, Andrews University alumni, community members, and friends came together to meet this challenge, and thanks in particular to the generosity of one local family, who gave a total of \$100,000 to the project, the May 1 deadline for the fundraiser was met.

"It's been a wonderful experience talking with our community, our alumni and friends about this project," commented Lisa Jardine, director of campaigns and special projects at Andrews. "They've rallied behind this project, and we're thrilled for our campus and community."

Construction on the John E. N. and Dede Howard Studio of WAUS FM is scheduled to begin this summer, to be completed in December 2005.

"We at WAUS are grateful for the support shown by the community and our alumni," stated Sharon Dudgeon, WAUS general manager. "We are excited about the possibilities that will open up to us as we move out of the basement of the Campus Center and into the Howard Performing Arts Center."



### **Alumni Advantage Day**

Most people would be surprised to hear that tuition at Andrews really only pays for 65% of the cost of education. The remaining 35% is generously provided by the church, alumni, and friends of AU. To help students understand the value and importance of individual support, the staff in the Office of Development named this 35% discount "The Alumni Advantage" and took a day to celebrate philanthropy and educate students about the value of individual support.

This year, the first Alumni Advantage Day took place on February 1st, when exactly 65% of the school year had elapsed. At chapel that day, students watched a video presentation that included interviews with students on how they thought their tuition money was being spent. Almost unanimously, students believed Andrews University was making a profit and were surprised to learn how much was given to the university every year. After chapel, students enjoyed free hot chocolate in the student center and thanked donors by signing a giant thankyou card, which will be displayed on campus throughout the year. At the cafeteria, "ads" were placed on the tables which said things like "Thanks to the Alumni Advantage Suzy saved 35% on her education." On the back, the ads had fun facts such as:

- Without individual support, tuition at Andrews would cost over \$20,000 as opposed to this year's \$15,050.
- ◆ 3,367 alumni gave gifts totaling over \$3,000,000 in 2004.
- This year, 93% of students are receiving financial assistance. It costs \$897,835 per week to run Andrews
  University (that's \$89 per minute)!

"I hope this day will create not only an awareness of individual support but also a spirit of gratefulness for it," said Dena King, Coordinator of Annual Giving.

### Andrews provides 28 GC student pages

The 58th General Conference (GC) session, to be held June 30–July 9 in St. Louis, Mo., will be the third at which Andrews University students have had the opportunity to serve as administrative pages.

"Andrews is pleased to be able to provide students to serve as administrative pages," says Rebecca May, University Relations director. "Because Andrews' students best reflect the demographics of the world church, we are in a unique position to provide this assistance to the GC session."

Out of 75 applications submitted this past winter to University Relations, 25 were selected to reflect the rich diversity of talent, language skills, and varied areas of study represented on our campus. The pages will be serving in various GC offices, such as Secretariat, Session Management, Business Center, and the Communication Department. Andrews will award students a stipend, applicable to next year's tuition, for their service as administrative pages.

Lianro Wagenersmith, a graduate school psychology student from South Africa, is looking forward to spending a busy two weeks in St. Louis. "From what I've heard from friends of mine who served in Toronto five years ago, I am expecting to be kept very busy. But, I am especially looking forward to meeting people from places I've never been who are Seventh-day Adventists just like me and to becoming more familiar with the business side of the church."



On Sunday, April 3, Andrews University held its 44th annual International Food Fair. Thousands of people filled the Johnson gymnasium to sample food from around the globe, including Chinese egg rolls, Korean kimbab, Indian Samosas, and Argentinean alfajores. With over twenty international clubs on campus, many use the food fair as an opportunity to raise funds for their club and to share their culture with other students and the community. Each year, the food fair is organized by the International Student Services Office and marks the beginning of the university's International Student Week.

### Howard Series 2005–2006



Canadian Brass 10/22/05



Christopher O'Riley 11/19/05



Kyoko Takezawa 01/21/06



Chanticleer 03/04/06



David Shifrin 04/09/06

The 2005-2006 Howard Series kicks off with the **Canadian Brass** on Saturday, October 22, 2005, at 8 pm. These five virtuosi have made the brass quintet an exciting vehicle for serious concert music. The quintet—now in its 34th season—has a special affinity for Baroque music, which requires the brilliance and musical structure that have become their trademark. They master the gamut from formal classical to music served up with lively dialogue and theatrical effects. Individual ticket prices are \$37 adult, \$25 student, \$32 AU faculty/staff.

Christopher O'Riley, pianist, is the host of the most popular classical music radio show on the air today, *From the Top* (nationally distributed on Public Radio International). In November 2004, he toured the U.S. with the world-famous Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Orchestra. He will perform on Saturday, November 19, 2005, at 8 pm. Ticket prices for this concert are \$25 adult, \$15 student, \$21 AU faculty/staff.

Emotional power, musical sensitivity, flawless technique, and a tone remarkable for its singular beauty are the qualities that have established **Kyoko Takezawa** as one of today's foremost violinists. Her interpretive insight and virtuosity have made her a sought-after soloist with many of the world's leading orchestras, including the New York Philharmonic, the Boston Symphony, the Chicago Symphony, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the London Symphony, the Tonhalle Orchestra of Zurich, the New Japan Philharmonic, the Singapore and Nagoya Symphonies in Asia, and France's Orchestre National de Lille. This third concert in the Howard Series will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2006, at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 student, \$21 AU faculty/staff.

**Chanticleer**, with its seamless blend of 12 male voices, ranging from countertenor to bass, has earned international renown as "an orchestra of voices." This group has developed a remarkable reputation for its vivid interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venturesome new music. They will perform on Saturday, March 4, 2006, at 8 pm. Individual tickets are \$30 adult, \$20 student, \$25 AU faculty/staff.

The final concert of the Howard Series 2005-2006 is by **David Shifrin**, clarinet. The *San Francisco Chronicle* calls David Shifrin's playing "a revelation in just how beautifully the clarinet can be played." He has performed with more than 20 orchestras nationally and abroad and his recordings (on seven different labels) continue to garner praise as well as awards. His performance will take place on Sunday, April 9, 2006, at 4 pm. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$15 student, \$20 AU faculty/staff.

The series price is \$125 for all five concerts, plus a bonus concert free to series purchasers. The bonus concert is the Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition Winner's Tour on Thursday, October 20, 2005.

### **Bobby McFerrin**

Thursday, June 30, 8 pm



With a four-octave range and a vast array of vocal techniques, McFerrin is no mere singer; he is music's last true Renaissance man, a vocal explorer who has combined jazz. folk and a multitude of world music influences—choral, a cappella, and classical music—with his own ingredients. A ten-time Grammy Award Winner, he is one of the world's best-known vocal innovators and improvisers, a world-renowned classical conductor, and a passionate spokesman for music education. His recordings have sold over 20 million copies, and his collaborations with Yo-Yo Ma, Chick Corea, the Vienna Philharmonic and Herbie Hancock have established him as an ambassador of both the classical and jazz worlds. Tickets are \$37 adult, \$25 student, \$32 AU faculty/staff.



For tickets or information please call the Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442 or visit online at howard.andrews.edu

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# LaBianca joins international research team

Øystein S. LaBianca, professor of anthropology and associate director of the Institute of Archaeology, will join an international team of anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers, historians and sociologists studying "global moments in the Levant."

The research project, "Global Moments in the Levant: Towards an Understanding of a Contact Zone Between Peoples, Cultures and States," will be funded by the

Norwegian Research Council in the amount of 16 million Norwegian kronners (approximately \$2.6 million).

According to LaBianca, coauthor of the proposal with Leif Manger, professor of anthropology, University of Bergen, Norway, global moments are "fundamental cultural changes that lead to new ways of thinking, to new worlds of knowledge, to new social worlds, and to new types of personal and collective identities."

Few places on earth can rival the Levant (Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria) when it comes to both incubating global moments and having to cope with their consequences. One of the key assumptions of the project is that intercivilizational encounters were a major source of global moments in the region.

Research will focus on the ways in which historical changes in communication and trade networks running through the Levant exposed its inhabitants to various "great traditions," each with its own civilizational sponsor, power constellations, ontological categories, and patterned ways of being human.

Additionally, the work of LaBianca and other Madaba Plains archaeologists (madabaplains.org) on long-term food system cycles and settlement changes in Central Jordan will play a prominent role for the team as a source of archaeological data on global moments and their impact on local populations.

### **New Trust Services Director**

For most people, the term "estate planning" is not part of their everyday vocabulary, but for Tari Popp that phrase is at the core of her job as Trust Services Director. While Popp officially took the position as director on September 21, 2004, she has been working with the Trust Services program at Andrews in some capacity for almost 24 years.

Popp's position consists mainly of assisting trustors with their estate plans and deferred gifts to Andrews. While most people are not familiar with the nature of her job, Popp sees it as a real ministry to our many alumni. "We get to help walk people through the unfamiliar territory of estate planning. It is so satisfying to be able to assist people in gaining the peace of mind that comes from having their plans in order and their families and charities remembered," Popp comments.

Popp enjoys developing relationships with people who are excited about helping Andrews University. "Although every person we work with has a totally different story," says Popp. "All share the common desire of helping to educate the future leaders of our church."

### Hot off the press

Two brand new books by Andrews University authors have recently been published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association (RHPA).

William Richardson's new book, Fugitives: God's Relentless Pursuit of His Beloved, began as a series of sermons over the course of many years, and evolved into a retelling of thirteen familiar Bible stories. Beginning with Adam

and Eve and ending with Paul, each story expounds upon simple spiritual truths that can be found in the lives of people like Abraham and Sarah, Esau and



Jacob and David and Bathsheba. Sometimes dealing with the dynamics of couples and sometimes with individuals, Richardson covers the lives of 20 well-known biblical characters. The theme of the book strongly centers on God's love and His desire to reconcile humanity, and it can be used for personal or group study.

Terri Fivash, Department of History and Political Science office manager,



recently published her second book with RHPA, *Ruth and Boaz*, a narrative that invites readers into the world of ancient Israel and into the life one of the most beloved

women of the Bible. Fivash's careful research sets the scene for her readers through the use of authentic names, clothing, and customs, providing new insights into an ancient story of love and faith. Fivash is also the author of the biblical narrative, *Joseph* (2002).

### Five longtime employees say "farewell"

Combining 143 years at Andrews University, five long-time employees, who have served the institution with distinction, retired or departed this Spring. This group includes Ruth Chobotar, Jerome Thayer, Gerald Coy, Pam Swanson and Renee Copeland.

Ruth Chobotar retired on February 17 after 28-year tenure in the Food Service Department. Ruth worked



**Ruth Chobotar** 

as School Lunch coordinator for 12 years, and spent the last 16 years serving as AM production manager, overseeing 10 staff members and 20-30 students in the preparation of meals for the Terrace Café, and lunches for Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. "Her up-beat personality and cheerful countenance did much to build morale among her staff and make customers feel welcome in our department," said Ben Chilson, director of Food Service.

On April 17, the department of educational and counseling psychology celebrated the retirement of **Jerome Thayer**, professor of research and statistical



Jerry Thayer (left)

methodology. Thayer came to Andrews as a statistics professor in 1979, serving in several positions, including assistant dean and graduate programs director in the School of Education, director of the Center for Statistical Services, as well as his most recent position as chair of the educational and counseling psychology

department. "He's been an outstanding department chair, is very accessible, and an excellent problem solver with high academic integrity," said Rick Kosinski, professor of educational and counseling psychology.



Char & Gerald Coy

The university said farewell to **Gerald Coy** at a reception held May 24. A staple in the College

of Technology since 1980, Gerald came to Andrews as an auto body teacher and was influential in the creation of the auto tech program. After earning his Doctorate in Industrial Technology at the University of Northern Iowa, Coy returned to Andrews in 1987 as the assistant dean of the College of Technology, and then was promoted to associate dean in 1992. After serving briefly as as acting dean in 2004, Gerald recently chaired the aeronautical technology department. Coy played significant roles in worldwide recruitment for the program and is known for his dedicated work with probation students. "He is an outstanding teacher, auto body mechanic, and tremendous with the students," said Wes Shultz, dean emeritus of the College of Technology.

Coy will become principal at Burton Adventist Academy in Texas.

Since 1978, **Pam Swanson** has been a familiar face in the Seminary, but on

April 21, friends and colleagues celebrated her retirement at a very special reception in the Seminary



Pam Swanson

Commons. Swanson served 27 dedicated years as a seminary secretary and MDiv administrative assistant.

A special retirement reception, celebrating **Renee Copeland**'s 37 years of service to the university, was held on April



Renee & Leon Copeland

26. Renee joined the university staff in 1968 as Keypunch Supervisor for what is now ITS, and worked as a secretary in that department until joining the staff of Student Services in 1991. She became an executive secretary in 1994, and retired from her most recent position as executive assistant to the vice president of Student Services. "[Renee's] attention, care, concern, and devotion have been phenomenal. [Her] expertise was invaluable to the smooth running of the university," commented Copeland's former boss of 12 years, Newton Hoilette, in a letter read at her reception.

# **AU's Latest Click**

### **Andrews Unveils New-Look Web Design**

By Elizabeth Lechleitner

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If You've Visited Andrews University's online home since April 19, you might have blinked and thought you'd typed in the wrong url, thanks to its newly streamlined features and synchronized format. But then you would have noticed links to Howard Performing Arts Center, the Passion Play, and other familiar Andrews landmarks and goings-on. Perhaps you clicked on the new calendar and realized upcoming events are finally organized and easily accessible—so long to the days of wrestling with wrinkled, bescribbled paper calendars! You might also have clicked your way to the future students' page and smiled over Enrollment Vice-President Stephen Payne (a.k.a. the "gum guy") and his trademark handful of minty-fresh Wrigley's and cinnamon-spiced Big Red. At the very least, you must have admitted www.andrews.edu has come remarkably far since GERALD MAIER (BS '95, MS '00), a student with an eye for the future, launched "Our Dear AU" into cyberspace in the early '90s.

After Maier pioneered that first rudimentary website, Jerry Burr and Sharon Prest (BS '96, MA '99) orchestrated two subsequent overhauls which have accounted for the university's online presence until this April 19. As web-coordinator and assistant web-coordinator respectively, Burr and Prest began that first redesign in the fall of '98. It was around this time that the Diaspora-ed web team moved to one official, central location: University Relations. There, Burr and Prest collaborated with MARK COOK (BFA '99), ROBERT MASON (BFA '90), and CHRIS Wilson (BS '00) to update www.andrews.edu. With Dreamweaver, Photoshop, and much dedication to the project, the team worked through many late nights during the final days of the redesign. None of the team were professional web designers, so Prest refers to that first redesign as a "learn-as-you-go" process—one that was "exciting to work on" despite the inevitable glitches. Even though Prest left the website project during the fall of '00 to teach full-time in the College of Technology, she has kept tabs on subsequent website redesigns. Speaking of April 19th's unveiling, she says, "The new design is exciting to see, not only because it's much more userfriendly, but also because it gives Andrews a professional-looking web presence."

And that look is intentional. According to Rebecca May, director of University Relations, a website's appear-

ance is as important as its content when it comes to snagging and satisfying web surfers. While current students, faculty, and even alumni might be willing to wade through misleading links and inconsistent design formats to access online information, virtual visitors aren't likely to be as patient. In fact, May estimates websites have a "New York minute"—about 15 seconds—to interest internet guests, especially prospective students and their parents. Thus, the redesign aimed to transform Andrews University's website into a visually stimulating marketing tool meant to attract this potential audience. This meant adding dynamic, distinctive, and updatable





### See for yourself at www.andrews.edu



graphics; brief student and faculty profiles; vibrant color photos and illustrations; a live webcam; and much more. Also included with the recent launch is a President's Page designed to make Dr. Andreasen more accessible to current and prospective students. Of the redesign, Andreasen says, "[Andrews University's website] is now a convenient place to visit. So browse, discover, check out our resources, and apply!"

But the benefits of the redesign are not purely aesthetic. One of the most innovative aspects of the revamped website is that it allows university departments to edit their respective pages' content without having any programming knowledge. Prior to the overhaul, it was virtually impossible for anyone other than Martin Lee, his authorized assistant, or a hacker, to edit site content. This meant department heads needed to hire student workers with programming knowhow to make all updates—even ones as simple as switching the digits of faculty phone numbers (unfortunately, hackers were never too interested in updating English professors' contact info or correcting misspellings in online Student Movement articles). But such students would inevitably graduate, leaving page after webpage lamentably neglected. The result: old, inaccurate, and incomplete information—a "totally unacceptable, extremely outdated, and very understaffed system," according to Patricia Spangler, assistant University Relations director.

But thanks to the new Content Management System (CMS), that is about to change. Soon, any authorized While current students, faculty, and even alumni might be willing to wade through misleading links and inconsistent design formats to access online information, virtual visitors aren't likely to be as patient

- Andrews University was the first Adventist institution to establish an online presence
- The new server is capable of handling 160 page requests per second (800 per second for images)
- Approximately 15,000 pages make up the AU website
- The site receives roughly 75,000 hits per day (about 28,000,000 hits per year)
- ➤ The new webcam is perched atop the James White Library www.andrews.edu/life/webcams/
- Under ideal conditions and depending on your connection, the new website should load twice as quickly as the old one

person can log on to the CMS and access a Microsoft Word-like editing interface. No matter if XHTML, CSS, Java, and Perl sound like geekspeak; with CMS's intuitive toolbar and instructional headings, amateur editors can not only revise existing content using this program, they can also easily add additional text, graphics, and links. While Lee admits departments may need an initial period of training, afterward he expects they'll be able to keep their content up-to-date without his looking over their shoulder. After three years of essentially being the website's sole coder, programmer, coordinator, and designer, Lee breathes a sigh of relief at these prospects. Speaking of the redesign, he says, "It's been a long time coming." Of course, there are some limits to the freedom departments will now have with their sites. For example, if the Psychology department decides it wants Freudian couch wallpaper, it will soon realize certain functions, fonts, and options have been blocked to ensure their modifications consistently compliment the website's overall design format/scheme.

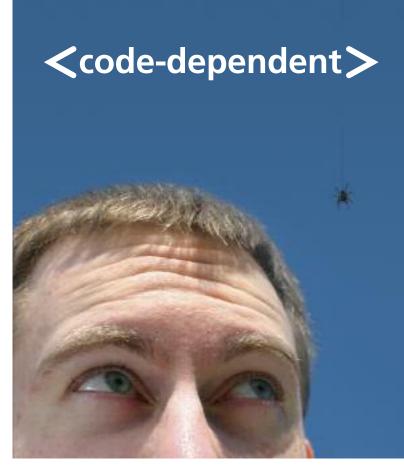
In fact, consistency was one of the main goals for the new site. And for good reason. Prior to April 19, haphazardly-formatted and incongruently-

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designed pages resulted in a mishmash, reflecting several years' worth of sincere but here-and-there revisions. Department pages featured such varied designs, according to Spangler, that a virtual visitor would hardly have recognized these pages were part of the same institution. And first impressions are essential, since a website serves as an institution's "face to the world." Given that the website had only undergone two revisions since its initial launch, Spangler emphasizes that it was overdue for a comprehensive redesign—especially since comparative sites get a "reskinning" every one to two years. Andrews University's website hadn't received one for five years. Spangler cringes when she tells me this, as though it's

University Relation's skeleton in the virtual closet. She's quick to add, however, that this was not an intentional attention lapse. Institutional websites comparable to Andrews University's typically run on a staff of at least four persons: a programmer, a coordinator, and two designers. Since Andrews' website was running on, at the very most, one and a half persons—Martin and whoever he could finagle for momentary help—regular and comprehensive upkeep was simply impossible.

Now that AU's website has received its long-anticipated and much-needed virtual face-lift, Lee and Spangler expect the redesign to be an ongoing, dynamic process. By the time you read this issue of *Focus*, Lee and his assistants will have overhauled the Alumni page's design in keeping with the main site while simultaneously adding several new and promising features. The current Alumni page features a directory of former students and their contact information, but Lee hopes to expand the existing system to make it more functional and intuitive. Tami Condon, Alumni director, says other plans for the site include offering a line of Alumni merchandise, and making available online registration and meal ticket purchase options for



Plummeting 3000 feet from a loose Cessna hatch isn't a risk regularly associated with a career in website design and development. However, that's exactly what Martin Lee, AU's website coordinator and the man responsible for its recent redesign, faced while shooting an aerial view of campus for the web. "I was buckled in pretty well," Lee says, unruffled.

This comes from a guy who found developing International Speedway Corporation's website fairly "routine" work. With more than thirty people on that job at critical moments, Lee knows what it's like to finish an intense web design project. Just prior to coming to Andrews three years ago, Lee worked at Bayshore Solutions in Tampa, Fla. Some of their major accounts included the State of Florida, Disney, Chase Manhattan, and Peoplesoft.

Tired of dealing with the sometimes-ridiculous requests of multiple corporate clients, the Canadian native felt God's call to leave his position as Creative Director, and come to Andrews as the university's web coordinator. Of course, working as practically the sole designer and developer of a sorely outdated www.andrews.edu turned into a considerable undertaking. Yet despite the increased workload and the challenge of satisfying an eclectic audience—ranging



Homecoming events, Chapter meetings, and other alumni events. She also hopes to add postings of networking and internship possibilities in an effort to connect current students with alumni. And, while Lee refuses to name a time more specific than "sometime this summer," he promises that *Focus* magazine will soon get its very own webpage, which will be linked to the Alumni page. "We want the new Alumni website to be a beneficial resource

for you," Condon says, urging any alumni who have further suggestions for the page's update to email her at alumni@andrews.edu.

So far, feedback on the redesign has been enormously positive. Aside from finding the layout and use of color "very attractive," a '94 Andrews alumnus was impressed with the current news section, and "immediately drawn to one of the articles." Current Andrews' graduate student Darrell Rohl writes, in an email to Lee, "[The redesign] reflects amazingly well on Andrews University and lends itself to more intuitive navigation." This is exactly what redesigners hoped to hear, especially since "intuitive navigation" was a major goal of the overhaul. Both Lee and Spangler emphasize their aim to revamp the old navigation system, which was often confusing and misleading. "Intuition is the key to any successful navigation system," says Spangler, noting Lee's efforts to eliminate dead-end clicking and facilitate a user-friendly, relevant, and rewarding system not only for current students, faculty, and alumni, but also for the general public.

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from Burmese students to Berrien Springs' parents—Lee doesn't regret following God's plan and changing jobs. Quite the contrary, he enjoys "the freedom to coordinate both visual and technological innovation" his position at Andrews has granted.

The twenty-five-year-old Lee attributes his choice of careers to the influence of his older brother, who likewise majored in computers, and his father, who tinkered with

the card-punch, room-sized wonders of the early 1960s. When in 1998 Martin enrolled at Canadian Union College to pursue studies in computer science, he had only one reservation. "I didn't like calculus," Lee confesses about a course vital to computer programming. But after transferring to Andrews University his sophomore year, he registered for math professor Lynette Weldon's Calculus class and suffered through sines, cosines, and tangents. It was about this time when Lee cut short his college career to avoid amassing

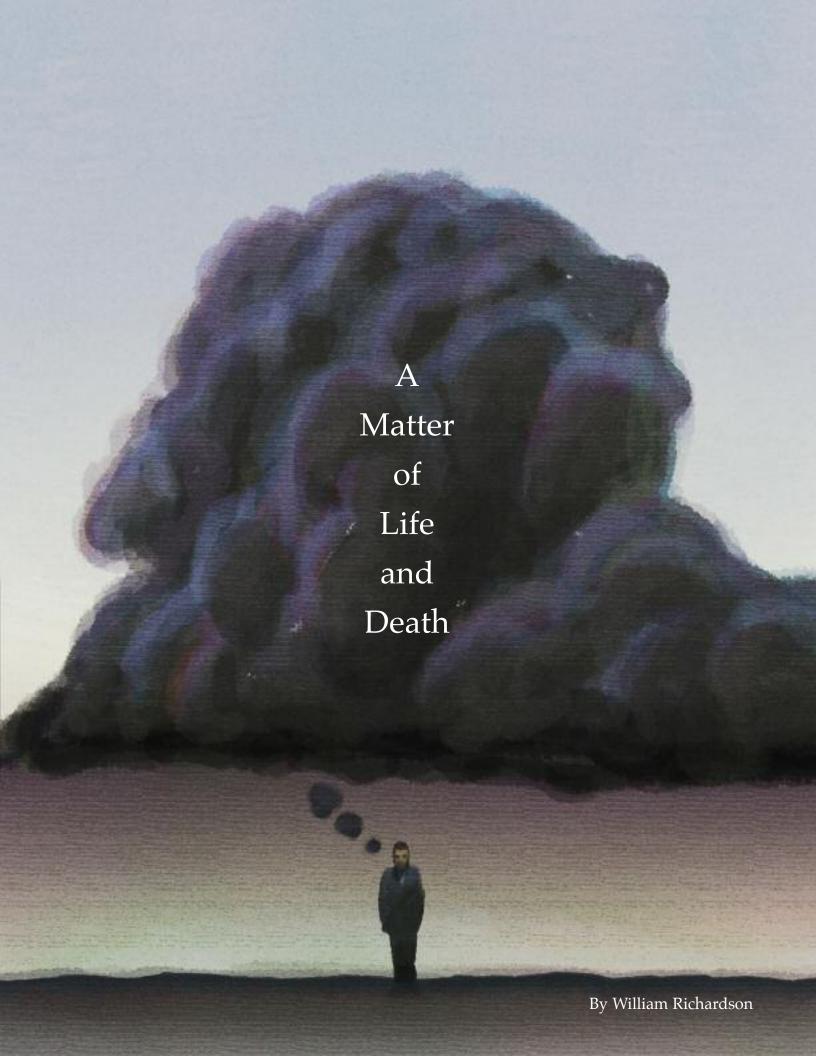


school loans, and plunged into a very promising job market.

Now, as Andrews University's full-fledged web-coordinator, Lee enjoys the benefit of attending one free class per semester, which moves him ever closer to eventual graduation. While looking forward to that day, Lee admits that in the web design business "it's more about your portfolio than your degree."

But before you label Martin Lee an unredeemable computer geek

eternally locked before a screen, it must be noted that he does participate in some truly wireless hobbies, which his "arduous" workload of late has kept at bay. With the success of AU's website redesign now chronicled in his portfolio, Lee certainly deserves a vacation—one he will probably spend mountainbiking, skiing, or doing generally "anything outdoors." And you thought he'd spend his holiday eating cold pizza while mastering advanced-level computer games.



Terri Schiavo is gone, but the issues raised by her life and death are not. In fact, many of those very issues have been lurking in the shadows of our consciousness since the invention of the first ventilator. Only occasionally have news stories forced us to venture warily into those shadows for answers to the usually avoided questions about end-of-life care. When, with the aid of the media, cases leap from the hospital room to our living rooms, we reluctantly start to talk about our preferences.

In 1975, Karen Quinlan, then 21, drank three gin and tonics at a party and suddenly fell unconscious and quit breathing. By the time paramedics were able to restore her breathing, her brain had been irreparably damaged. She lapsed into a persistent vegetative state (PVS) from which she would never emerge. Apparently the gin and tonics caused a tragic reaction with her stringent diet and the tranquilizer Valium. When at length her prognosis by several physicians became certain, her devout Catholic parents, after a period of great anguish, decided to unplug her ventilator. The hospital refused their request and a lengthy and rancorous court battle ensued that drew international attention. In time the parents won the case and the ventilator was unplugged. However, contrary to all predictions, she stabilized and began to breathe on her own—though no cognition returned. Apparently her brain stem had healed just enough to keep her autonomic reflexes, eye movement, breathing, and heart rate functioning. Thanks to artificial nutrition and hydration, she was kept alive in a persistent vegetative state for 10 years in a long-term-care facility before she died of pneumonia. It was a landmark case—no U.S. court had ever granted such a right.

On an icy night in 1983, 26-year-old Nancy Cruzan crashed her car and her head injury was so severe that, like Karen Quinlan, she lapsed into a persistent vegetative state. In Karen Quinlan's case, parents sought to unplug a ventilator. In Nancy Cruzan's case, her parents sought to remove a feeding tube. It turned out to be another lengthy, noisy battle in the courts, with the parents eventually, in 1990, winning the right to remove the feeding tube. Cruzan died a little over a week later.

The recent Terri Schiavo case began where the Cruzan case began—the difference being that Schiavo's "family" was bitterly divided. Before we dismiss any of these cases as quite removed from "where I live," we should keep in mind that at any one time, there are, in America, roughly 10,000 patients in a persistent vegetative state, and many are not old. As these recent cases make very clear, we should guard against the notion that "end of life" issues have to do only with the "elderly." Furthermore, the public overwhelmingly feels that a patient's freedom to choose death rather than linger in PVS should be honored. Regardless of how any of us would like to be treated if we were in such a condition, there are lessons to be learned from these now well-known cases.

First of all, we must come to grips with the issue of patient and personal autonomy. Given the many advances of medical technology, we are faced with heavy choices that only a few years ago were not options. Then, it was easy to say that everything about our lives and deaths was in God's hands because few alternatives were available to us. Now, with sophisticated meds and machines, we can decide on numerous interventions to prolong life, or hasten death. Of course there are those who feel that exercising such awesome power over our lives and deaths—but particularly our deaths—encroaches on territory that belongs only to God; that our cavalier uses of "autonomy" are fooling around with the mystique of life and death and that area should ever and always be left with Him.

But the whole realm of medical science and the healing professions impinges directly on that philosophy. If a

medical intervention such as a mechanical ventilator dramatically "saves" a life, is there a God factor there at all? Or do we invoke the God factor only when we decide to unplug the machine?

For example, as the recent Terri Schiavo case heated up in the media, I saw no reasoned sidebar article that attempted to seriously address the

issue of when to insert a feeding tube. All the inflamed verbiage focused on the withdrawal of the tube. As that

debate raged, my 88-year-old father-in-law with Parkinson's disease quit eating and drinking. After care-

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fully and prayerfully considering his prognosis, family members decided not to insert either a feeding tube or an IV. He was not technically in a coma or PVS, though lucidity had gone and he had quit communicating. Hospice was carefully monitoring his pain indicators—he did not appear to be

in pain. Had we inserted an IV and a feeding tube, we might well have prolonged—what? His life or his death?

### Making Your Wishes Known

So, how does one go about creating unmistakable and unambiguous instructions for uncertain circumstances? And, how can one ensure that those instructions will be followed? It may not be comforting, but the first thing to accept is that perfect answers do not exist. There are guidelines, however, that can help:

Think carefully, and take counsel, before you decide on your instructions. These issues will affect your family and friends, so be sensitive to their concerns. A good resource for walking you through the process and all the various issues is a document called "Five Wishes." You can find this document either by calling around to local hospitals, hospices and churches, or by going to www.agingwithdignity.org/5wishes.html.

Make it legal. The requirements vary from state to state and country to country. Do some research to find out what is necessary in the state where you live. You may or may not need a lawyer (in addition to peculiarities unique to your state or country, a lawyer generally is desirable if you have significant assets or if your family structure or relationships are complicated.) If you live in Michigan, you can go to www.andrews.edu/alumni/focus/dpoa and print a copy of the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care document that was provided to Andrews University employees (this document is "legal" in Michigan).

Put it in writing. There is no "magic" in written words, over verbal words, but written words often can provide better "evidence" of your inten-

tions. According to Terry Schiavo's husband, Ms. Schiavo did express her wishes to him and he was following her wishes; but some members of Ms. Schiavo's family did not believe him. Had there been a written expression of her wishes, an entire area of dispute could have been prevented.

Have it witnessed and/or notarized. Specifically what is required likely depends on the laws of your state or country, but you certainly want to have disinterested witnesses who can attest to your wishes/signature.

Pray. It is last here, but it is not last or least in the process. Perhaps on our knees we will find the peace that passes understanding.

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But since we did neither, did our decision sentence him to an agonizing death by starvation, or did it simply ratify the decision of his body as it began the inevitable process of shutting down?

To a very large degree we were acting as stewards of life and of death—an awesome responsibility that we thinking humans must now exercise in ways previously impossible and unimagined. Ventilators are wonderful

life-saving and life-prolonging machines that God has enabled us to create. They save life and we are grateful. But He has also given us rational minds with which we can and must, on occasion, decide whether or not to make use of life-prolonging, death-postponing technologies. The muchvaunted Hippocratic Oath, "First, do no harm," is so abbreviated that it often begs for con-

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siderable interpretation. One thing seems certain: to "do no harm" is not tantamount to always doing everything conceivable to postpone death and/or prolong a semblance of life. And so, willing or not, we may find ourselves thrust into the role of stewards, not only of life, but of death as well.

But that autonomy, that freedom of the individual to make life and death decisions for him/herself, is fraught with often agonizing complications. For example, at what age does autonomy begin? When does a parent relinquish control over the decision-making for the child? And at the end of life, if a patient is both terminal and competent (can think lucidly), does society have a right to remove his/her autonomy and say that they must be restrained by law from voluntary, self-imposed euthanasia, regardless of the person's religious or philosophical view of God and human life? (Such laws against suicide have existed, but it has always been difficult to figure out how to enforce them.) And of course, the next level of difficulty then is when such a patient needs help to carry out his/her own wishes and doesn't live in Oregon, where it is not illegal for a physician to write a lethal prescription.

Whatever one's personal view of life and death and human freedom to choose, the importance of crystal-clear communication can hardly be overstated. Every day in hospitals around the world, ventilators are quietly unplugged, feeding tubes are clamped and patients quietly die, as a result of an intentional decision—a decision

sometimes made by the patient when competent, but sometimes made by an agreeing family after close consultation with the medical caregivers.

And that is where such decisions should be made—between the patient, the family and the medical care-givers—often referred to as the sacred triangle. When we resort to the courts, the web becomes tangled indeed. State laws governing end-of-life decisions are a crazy-

quilt of contradictions with some states never allowing removal of a feeding tube without a specific advanced directive signed by the patient, to others that require a legal guardian to make all decisions for an incapacitated spouse. Needless to say, such weighty decisions are best communicated by a written and witnessed document like a living will or a durable power

of attorney for health care. Even in states like Michigan where living wills are not given legal standing, a written statement of wishes by the patient is usually viewed with much sympathy by the courts.

Consequently, when family members gather in greater numbers around the Thanksgiving table, it just might not be totally macabre to have an informal discussion about what "end of life" treatment should look like. Better yet, after the pumpkin pie, pass around some paper and have each one write a description of a "good death" and sign it. The benefits later could be enormous.

Bill Richardson is Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences but tries to stay in touch with aspects of *Ethics*, one of his former teaching areas. In keeping with these interests, he chairs a monthly ethics committee at a large long-term care facility in South Bend and serves on the Lakeland Regional Ethics Committee.

# IT'S NOTE ACADEMIC

A Conversation with Ron Whitehead about Spiritual Life at Andrews University

on Whitehead is in demand. The director of the Center for Youth Evangelism in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary for eight years, Whitehead has orchestrated some of the largest events in the North American Division, including international Pathfinder Camporees hosting over 35,000 youth from over 100 different countries and the annual Easter Passion Play at Andrews, which has brought thousands of people to campus each of the last three years. After the "Faith on Fire" Pathfinder Camporee this past summer, Whitehead entertained "six to ten" job opportunities, ranging from church administration to work in Adventist Health Care. Fortunately for Andrews University, he was recently named the assistant to the president for campus spiritual life. Whitehead sat down with FOCUS to discuss his new responsibilities and his vision for ministry on campus.

**FOCUS)** You had a number of job opportunities elsewhere, but you stayed at Andrews and you've added this new position to your already full plate.

WHITEHEAD) My heart is with Andrews. I love Andrews. I love the students. I love seeing young people catch a vision for their lives in the context of what God has done for them. And I just feel like Andrews has great potential to influence students and employees for the kingdom. There are a lot of things that are great about our campus' spiritual life right now. It's just that there are some fundamental things that we can do to strengthen the university's reputation and image, as well as the spiritual experience for students and employees here.

**FOCUS)** I want to get back to the image aspect, but how much of your new job has to do with communicating about and coordinating already-established programs?

WHITEHEAD) There are so many good things happening on campus, but the faculty, staff, and alumni don't always know about them. A lot of people don't realize we have the largest Sabbath School of any sister school in North America. They don't realize that we have hundreds of young people, between 600-900, together on Friday nights at "FUSION," which is a once-a-month worship gathering of all our clubs and organizations. We just haven't always connected the dots. Some students and employees, and especially our visitors from off-site, are not really connected well enough to understand what's happening from weekend to weekend.

**FOCUS**) Besides communication, what do you see as the biggest challenges to spiritual life on this campus?

WHITEHEAD) The spiritual delivery system of the campus is critically dependent upon student leadership. It must come from the students themselves, young adult to young adult. The more they're empowered, the more they're supported, the more they are resourced with equipment or the physical space they need to do their ministries, the stronger the program is going to be and the stronger spiritual life is going to be.

Mrs. White clearly points out that we need an "army of youth rightly trained." Often we do well in training but we forget the last part of her statement that they be "properly furnished." We need to make it so easy for full-time students to accomplish their ministry calling.

**FOCUS)** What are the particular challenges facing individual students in their spiritual lives at Andrews?





influences. On the other hand, many people at the institution want this to be a safe place for students to ask questions and to locate their own boundaries. How do you deal with that dualism, particularly from the institutional side of things?

**WHITEHEAD**) Sure, from the corporate, institutional perspective (*laughs*). Right, I see the point of your question. We can talk about individual student spirituality, but what are the given fundamentals for a student at an SDA Christian university?

**FOCUS**) There's still the required worships, there's still the dress code, there are still these kinds of expectations.

WHITEHEAD) Of course there are many general rules set in place. For example, male

students, they should not wear a hat in church. Where did that come from? A lot of it's culture, a lot of it's courtesy based on culture, and a lot of it's just common sense. There are institutional guidelines most everyone respects, but there are some rules that 21st century young-adults are questioning deeper than my generation.

For example, they'll ask the question, "Who made the rule that on Sabbath you can turn on a dishwasher, but you can't turn on a washing machine? They're both machines." A second example, "Who made the rule that you have to buy a meal tick-

et before Sabbath to eat on Sabbath, but you cannot use a credit card to pay for a meal on Sabbath even though the bill is not due for 30 days." Now my generation never asked that question, most of us just didn't go out to eat or wash our clothes on Sabbath.

**FOCUS**) So how does the university respond?

WHITEHEAD) A Christian institution has a responsibility to set some basic rules for conduct. Just as public universities have the right to set their rules

based on their values. If you want to go to the university of X Y Z, you can live in coed dorms, consume vast quantities of alcohol with little consequence, etc. But we think differently here; we're an Adventist Christian university. I think a Christian university has the reponsibility to set Christian expectations for employees and students. When a student seeks an education

here, they should clearly understand we are very different than a public university.

**FOCUS)** Why does it seem that so many students haven't processed that? Students who say, "my parents made me come here." Or students who get here and think, "oh, isn't this too bad, it isn't really like State U, I have to go to all these required worships." How do you deal with those students?

WHITEHEAD) I recognize that about 40% of students who come to required chapel—I'm guessing here—are happy to be there. And I'd say that 60% of the students—again, I'm just guessing—that come to chapel feel like it's inconvenient; they have to stop work or study, and there's a whole series of reasons why it interferes with their lives because of the time of day or the day of the week. But because chapel is required, Andrews has a responsibility to make sure that 90% of the chapels are top quality, so that most who felt inconvenienced will leave saying, "I'm glad I came to chapel today."

So I think our dorm worships, our chapels, anything that we require should be as high quality as possible.

**FOCUS)** Shifting gears a little bit here, and this gets back to the image idea you mentioned, among SDA institutions Andrews seems to have a reputation for academics perhaps more than for campus spiritual life. Do you think that's an accurate reputation?

WHITEHEAD) As associate youth director for the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists from 1996-2000, I

was on all NAD campuses and I'm thrilled about what's happening spiritually on our sister campuses. But you're right, a lot of people believe—especially those more removed from our campus, but even among some of our own employees—that there is more spirituality at X Y Z school than on our campus.

But this is a clear misperception. One reason that I stayed here despite several job offers is that I think there's a very rich and growing spiritual life on campus. But we don't tell our stories as well as

other schools tell their stories. And that's all about intentionality. We've got to tell our stories better.

**FOCUS)** Along those lines then, how would you characterize a healthy relationship between academics and campus spiritual life?



WHITEHEAD) Academics are so important! We want young people leaving this institution really prepared to accomplish whatever their particular degree offers them in life. And I hope they make a lot of money, and give a lot of money back to campus ministries (*laughs*)!

But a piece of paper—a diploma—doesn't give students access to eternity. I think a Christian student on our campus

WHITEHEAD) The number one thing alumni can do for our campus is pray for these students. Prayer has been important since the beginning of time. It is a tool for alumni who don't have a dollar to give for the spiritual growth of this campus. If I had more alumni praying for students, faculty and employees, the money would take care of itself.

The other thing alumni might want to think about are other







needs to understand their spiritual life's calling in the context of their degree when they leave here. And so there's that balance that I think a Christian institution offers a student here at AU that is more difficult to find at a public university.

**FOCUS**) Tell us a little about putting the Passion Play together.

WHITEHEAD) The student-led evangelism event for the Berrien Springs community involves over 500 volunteers and 8,000 visitors once a year. Few campuses organize such a complex event. This is an example of what AU students and faculty can accomplish by working together to share Jesus with our community.

**FOCUS)** So you've done a number of these massive events—international Pathfinder camporees, you have another one coming up in 2009, the Passion Play—are there other "biggees" that you have in mind for the future at Andrews?

**WHITEHEAD)** Oh, there are some things in the back of my mind! But I dare not verbally express them (*laughs*). But at the appropriate time you will hear about some exciting additional changes to upgrade the spiritual life on our campus.

**FOCUS**) Are there things alumni can do to help and support you in your efforts here on campus?

types of support resources. It might be their influence, a committee they sit on, it might be something "in-kind" they could offer us like the cookies and water given to the passion-play guests in the hospitality tent. We are very passionate about outreach here and we want to involve more students with weekend outreach. We need two school buses that cost \$8,000 each. Right now we have more young people wanting to share Jesus on weekends than we have transportation for.

Another way alumni could help is with our Student Missionary program. If it's dollars to help send students all around the world or even if it's through sending "care packages" to students already in the field, alumni can do so much. I'm not talking a lot of money or a lot of time, but maybe an alumni family could adopt a student missionary and do a little something for them to encourage their ministry calling. Contact Shili Seibel (269-471-3211), our Student Missionary director, for a name or two.

**FOCUS**) So there are lots of ways to support our students and spiritual life at Andrews.

WHITEHEAD) Yes, yes, yes, This generation doesn't want to just talk about their faith, they want to live their faith. They don't want to just go to church and listen to somebody else talk about their walk with God, they want to have a personal walk and a testimony, too. And if they can't find that, they're going to go somewhere else to find meaning for their lives. And I think the most satisfying reason for life on this earth is to have a relationship with Jesus.





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### AU alum "rediscovers" ivory-billed woodpecker

Considered extinct for some 60 years, an ivory-billed woodpecker was recently sighted by a team of researchers that included Andrews University alum, Bobby Harrison (BA '81). The researchers' exciting discovery, which elicited national media attention, was made in the "Big Woods" region of eastern Arkansas. Harrison, currently an associate professor of art and photography at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, was one of the first three people to see and identify the bird.

Since 1973, Harrison has been an avid bird watcher with a special interest in the ivory-bill. He received a BA in fine arts with an emphasis in photography from Andrews in 1981, and then went on to receive an MS in media technology from Alabama A&M University. Harrison's avian interests have led to several articles on birds and bird photography published in magazines such as *Audubon*, *Living Bird*, *Birder's World*, *Wild Bird*, and *Outdoor Photographer*.

**Pictured left:** Bobby Harrison hangs a decoy that he carved of a female ivorybilled woodpecker on a tree in the Cache River National Wildlife Refuge in Arkansas. The decoys are used as part of the Big Woods Conservation Partnership search effort. Photo credit: Mark Godfrey/The Nature Conservancy

### **Congrats Class of 2005!**



More than 150 members of the class of 2005 braved the cool spring weather to celebrate at the annual Alumni picnic for graduates. The grads had the honor of being the first group to enjoy new picnic tables purchased jointly by the Student Association, University Relations and Alumni Services.

## Attention former organ students of Dr. C. Warren Becker!

We would like to honor the memory of Dr. Becker at homecoming this year with a special recital by his former students. The event will take place the afternoon of Saturday, October 1. If you are interested in participating, please contact Dr. Kenneth Logan at 269-471-3231 or by email at klogan@andrews.edu.

### New alumni board

Andrews University Alumni Board Members are busy making plans for the first-ever Fall homecoming, scheduled for September 29–October 2, 2005. The Board is comprised of: Barry Finkbeiner (BBA '84), *President*, Tami Condon (BS '91), *Secretary*, Donald Bedney (MDiv '90, MSA '91), Debbie Busch (BS '92), Joe Francisco (BSW '96), Ron Herr (BA '72), Nadine Nelson (BBA '99, MBA '01), Michele Shelton (BS '87), Birgit Trubey (AS '81, BS '90), Timbul Tambunan (BBA '90), and Guillermo Magana, Student Representative.

### Florida Fellowship



Memories of Andrews University came alive in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla., with warm Sabbath fellowship hosted by Hal and Betty Phillips. Fine food prepared and served is a joy to the Phillips and loved by these twenty-two former AU staff and students pictured above. Just ask 'em! L-R: Dave Wilber, Luella Wilber, Sy Saliba, Kendall Hill, Marylin Hill, Nona Ludeman, Weldon Fivash, Herb Pritchard, Marilyn Fivash, Bob Ludeman, Judy Pritchard, Shirley John, Roland John, Leora Williams, Alma Brown, Bob Williams, Betty Phillips, Hal Phillips, Thelma Woolever, Dave Hodge, Coleman Woolever, Jeannette Hodge

# class notes

### **Golden Hearts**

THOR BAKLAND (BA '52) retired to College Place, Wash., in 1994, following his tenure as the executive associate dean of the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University. From 1998 until 2002, Thor served as the mayor of College Place. He continues to work in local government, as he currently chairs the City Planning Commission in College Place. Thor and his wife, Jean (BA '57), are also busy in a number of community volunteer activities and boards.

### 1960s

JOHN OTTO WAGNER (BA '61) recently moved from Honolulu, Hi. to San Antonio, Tex., where he serves as the chief medical officer at the San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station at Fort Sam Houston.

DUANE CORWIN (MA '65) moved back to Oregon after serving as an evangelist and ministerial director in the Central and Northern California Conferences for 35 years. He and his wife Jodee enjoy taking RV trips together with their RV Club.

### 1970s

Suk Woo Chung (MA '73) currently lives in Anaheim, Calif., where he teaches a class in the minor prophets at the Los Angeles Adventist Korean College, where he works as an assistant professor.

SHARON LAKE (MMus '74) was recently appointed associate registrar at Marshall University in Huntington, West Va. Sharon has served at Marshall for the past 25 years in various capacities,

including coordinator of tutoring, director of disabled student services, academic counselor and learning specialist for student support services and adjunct faculty.

PHILIP ABBEY (MBA '77) is currently working in local government development for the United Kingdom in Basra, Iraq.

### 1980s

KJELL AUNE (MDiv '84) served as president of the West-Norway Conference from 1998–2004. He and his wife, Marianne, with their two daughters, Linn-Annett and Sarita, moved to Egypt in the summer of 2004, where Kjell currently serves as president of the Egypt Field in Cairo.

ORLANDO A. MASTRAPA (MA '88, former faculty from '79-89) recently completed a book entitled Colegio Amamoste (Andrews University Press, 2005). The title translates as "college, we love you" and the book traces the history of the SDA church in Cuba, as well as the educational history of Antillian College before it was moved to Puerto Rico. Collegio Amamoste also includes a number of memoirs from alumni of Antillian College when it remained in Cuba. Orlando and his wife, Selma (CHAIJ) (former faculty '82-90), live in Beltsville, Maryland, where they are near their children, LILLY (BBA '86) and her husband, Tony Touma (BS '89, MSPT '90), ORLY (BBA '87), and Hector (BBA '87) and his wife, CAROL (DAVIDSON) (BSAS '87), and their four granddaughters.

### 1990s

**JOHNNY COOMANSINGH** (BT '96) successfully defended his doctoral dissertation

at Kansas State University, April 1, 2005. The title of his dissertation was "Commodification and Distribution of the Steelpan as a Conflicted Tourism Resource." Johnny is a cultural/economic geographer with research interests in the Caribbean region, HIV/AIDS and tourism, contested landscapes and Native American sacred sites.

### 2000s

ERIK CARTER (MA '02) and his wife, HARMONY (BS '02), recently moved to Louisville, Ky., where Erik serves as pastor of the Middletown and Lawrenceburg churches. Harmony will begin medical school at the University of Louisville this fall.

Navy Hospitalman Guerwin E. Weekes (BA '04) recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill. Weekes' first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, he can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

Share your recent achievements, professional developments, additional degrees or certificates, travel, hobbies, volunteer work or anything else interesting about you, or your family. Email to focus@andrews.edu or send to Focus, Office of University Relations, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1000.



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### Weddings

PETER J. POKRYFKE (BArch '02, MArch '03) and Kiirsa Pokela were married September 5, 2004, in Portage, Mich., where they now reside.

### **Births**

To Mary (Covarrubias) (BSN '96) and Gregory Hann (BSN '95), Puyallup, Wash., a girl, Madigan Isabelle, May 8, 2005.

To Lucie (Alleyne) Delfish (BA '02), Kingston, New York, a boy, David Alex, January 8, 2005.

To CHARISSA (CRAW) (BSW '94) and ADAM ROSE (BA '94), Portland, Ore., a girl, Madeline Sydney, February 8, 2004.

### **Deaths**

HENRY "GREGORY" DELGADO (MA '94) died May 12, 2005, as a result of injuries sustained in an accidental fall at work. He was born April 10, 1967.

Delgado received a bachelor's degree in business management from Southwestern Adventist University. After earning his graduate degree in education at Andrews, he worked as an assistant store manager for Walgreens at locations in Niles, Mich., and South Bend, Ind. He was most recently working in home construction for Exquisite Homes in Berrien Springs.

Gregory was always full of life, greeting everyone he saw with an infectious, bright smile, and he was always there for his friends and family, taking the time to listen and just being there. The basis for Gregory's character was found in the strong faith that he had in his Lord.

Gregory was an avid reader, enjoyed sports of all types, spending time with

family and friends, and vacationing.

Survivors include his son, Garrett; former wife, Karen Johnson; his parents, Henry and Eva Delgado; his twin sister, Lisa Hess; and his grandfather, Apolinar Delgado.

ELENORA I. (WASENMILLER) MARSA (BA '38, MA '63) died May 5, 2005. She was born June 5, 1917, in Shattuk, Okla.

Following her education, Marsa served as a teacher, reading specialist, and a principal, beginning her career at the Berrien Springs Village SDA School, and retiring from the Rockford, Ill., public school system in 1984.

She married LEONARD J. MARSA (BA '41) on September 12, 1937. Together they pastored various churches in Illinois, including Springfield, Peoria, Rockford, Freeport, and Savanna.

Because of health concerns, the couple moved to the Toledo, Ohio area in 2004 to be close to family, and they thoroughly enjoyed being near four of their greatgrandchildren.

Elenora is survived by her husband, Leonard; son, Gerald Marsa (BA '63); daughter, Carolyn Johnson; granddaughters, Kathi LaCourt, and Christina Carlton (BA '91); six great-grandchildren; her sister, Lora Neumann (BA '42); and several nieces and nephews.

RICHARD LEE HUFF (former staff) was born May 12, 1929, in Indianapolis, Ind. and died April 28, 2005. He spent his early childhood in Indianapolis where he attended Indianapolis Junior Academy. Much later, he would serve as chairman of the school board for 13 years.

Although beginning his high school education at Indiana Academy, Richard graduated from Broadview Academy in LaGrange, Ill. His experiences at Broadview were some of his most cherished memories, as he participated in the Glee Club, Saxophone Quartet, and

Band. Until his death, Richard served on the Board of Directors of the Broadview Academy Alumni Association.

Richard attended Emmanuel
Missionary College before transferring to
Southern Missionary College, where he
graduated with a degree in economics
and business in 1952. Later in life, Richard
would serve on the Andrews University
Board of Trustees and the Andrews
University Executive Committee.

While attending the Glendale Church in Indianapolis, where he served as a head elder and deacon, Richard met Roberta Lambert-Harper, whom he married, becoming a devoted father to her son Verner B. Harper. Their second son, Richard A. Huff, was born in 1962. Roberta passed away in 1986 after a battle with cancer.

Richard received his Doctorate of Juris Prudence in 1956, from the Indiana University School of Law. After a short venture into private practice, he went to work for the Indiana Attorney General's Office, where one of his most notable accomplishments was the legal planning and supervision of construction of the Port of Indiana. He then went on to serve as judge for the Indianapolis Probate Court.

In 1977, Richard decided to leave public service and move to Berrien Springs to dedicate his legal practice to church matters. Richard felt his most rewarding career choices were serving Andrews University as Vice President and General Counsel, and providing legal counsel for the Lake Union Conference. In 1988, Richard was reunited with college friend Eva Lynne Ashlock-Herdman and in 1989 they married. The marriage gave Richard two stepsons—Doug and Dave Herdman. Sadly, Eva Lynne passed away after a battle with cancer in 2004.

Richard continued his involvement with the church and law until recently

when he was forced to wage his fulltime battle with illness. Richard's devotion to his life's work led him on many journeys where he came in contact with many different people. His love for Christ showed through his relationships both personally and professionally.

Francis Andrews Thiel (BA '48) died on April 26, 2005, in Fairfield, Wash. He was born June 4, 1921, in Walla Walla, Wash., to Professor Leo F. and Myrtle E. (Andrews) Thiel.

Thiel graduated from Takoma Academy in 1939, and earned an AA degree at Columbia Union College in 1942.

After serving from 1942 until 1945 in the U.S. Army 70th Station Hospital, which was activated out of Fort Lewis, Wash., Thiel completed his premedical education at EMC. He earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University in 1953, and completed a rotating internship at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane, Wash.

Thiel practiced in Fairfield, Wash., with Dr. Walter E. Hart from 1953-1982, and then continued his practice for the next eight years with his wife, Dr. Shirley O. Thiel. In retirement, Thiel did many locum tenens appointments in both Idaho and Washington.

Survivors include his wife; four children, Arthur, Loren, Norman, and Nancy; seven grandchildren; and two siblings, Dorothy Hughes, and Mitchell Thiel.

JOYCE MARIE (MOHLMANN) JONES (former staff) was born November 3, 1923, in Bethel, Connecticut, to Bertha Sandstrom Mohlmann and George B. Mohlmann.

Joyce graduated in 1945 with a BA in Religion from Atlantic Union College. After a short stint as a Bible worker in Maine, she taught elementary school in Providence, Rhode Island, where she met Harold T. Jones, a graduate student at Brown University. She had already committed to a term of missionary service in Ghana when they became engaged. For two and a half years, Joyce and Harold corresponded while she taught at the Bekwai Teacher Training School.

Upon Joyce's return from Africa, she and Harold married in Bethel on August 23, 1953. After the wedding, she moved to Berrien Springs where Harold was already teaching mathematics at Emmanuel Missionary College. She quickly became involved in her new community, working in the registrar's office, serving as president of the very active Campus Women's Club, and leading in the Primary Sabbath School. As she raised her children, she continued to work part-time, substitute teaching at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Joyce served as dissertation secretary and bulletin editor at Andrews
University for 17 years, editing scores of doctoral dissertations for the School of Education and the Theological Seminary as well as theses in biology, home economics, and music, among others. She prepared the class schedules and academic calendar for Andrews University, edited book manuscripts for the University Press, and served as copy editor for the *Journal of Research on Christian Education*.

She directed the local Community Services Center in Berrien Springs for more than a decade and her volunteer spirit blessed hundreds in the community, including international students and those who had suffered disaster. One of her hobbies was collecting dolls, and she was a charter member of the Blossomland Doll Club.

Joyce died at home with her family beside her on Friday morning, April 15, 2005. Harold preceded her in death in 1995. She is survived by her daughter MEREDITH JONES GRAY (BA '76, MA '77), son-in-law GARY R. GRAY (MDiv '80), and grandson Jeremy J. Gray; and son Bruce D. Jones, daughter-in-law Lolita Nick Jones and grandson Liam T. Jones.

HEDWIG (NAGELE) JEMISON (former staff) died April 12, 2005, in Greeneville, Tenn. She was born November 25, 1912, in Portland, Ore.

Known to friends as "Hedy," Jemison attended classes at Pacific Union College, Columbia Union College, and Andrews University, where she studied business administration and religion. In 1980, she received an honorary master of divinity degree from the SDA Theological Seminary in the Philippines.

Jemison was married to Dr. T. Housel Jemison, now deceased. The couple had one daughter, BARBARA (JEMISON)
MYERS (BA '63).

Jemison worked as the head of the diet kitchen at the St. Helena
Sanitarium, secretary to the treasurer of the Northern California Conference, secretary to the president of PUC, secretary to Arthur L. White of the Ellen G. White Estate, and secretary to W.G.C.
Murdoch, dean of the seminary at Andrews, before becoming director of the Ellen G. White Research Center.

Jemison was involved in extensive travel while representing the White Estate, including trips to Europe, Australia, South America, Inter-America, the Far East, Ethiopia, and South Africa. She established the Ellen G. White Research Centers at Newbold College, England; Avondale College, Australia; Montemorelos University, Mexico; River Plate College, Argentina; the theological seminary in the Philippines; and Helderberg College in South Africa, with smaller centers in Japan, Korea, Peru, Brazil and Trinidad.

Jemison also compiled two morningwatch devotional books entitled My Life

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Today and Sons and Daughters of God. She has also written various articles for denominational publications and presented a paper on the role of women in the church for the General Conference. Retired as associate director of the White Estate, Jemison moved to Tennessee, where she was a member of the Greeneville SDA Church.

"Hedy" loved Jesus. She loved people, her family and her church. She grew flowers. She traveled the world. She leaves behind an extensive network of friends.

Preceded in death by her husband, Housel, and brother, Charles Nagele, Jemison is survived by her daughter, Barbara Myers; granddaughters, Mindy Burgin and Larisa Brass; two greatgrandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Douglas Ronald Newberry (BS '73, former faculty) died March 23, 2005, at home following an illness. He was born Jan. 27, 1949, in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, to Ronald F. and Jean V. (Sudds) Newberry.

Newberry was a graduate of South High School in Grand Rapids, and earned a degree in physical education at Andrews. He received his master of education and health degree from Western Michigan University. Newberry taught physical education and health classes at Andrews Academy for over 15 years before accepting a teaching position at Andrews University in 1988. After his retirement from teaching, he worked as a residential building contractor and construction manager for 10 years.

Newberry was a very active and involved teacher, mentor and friend to his students. He was known for doing much more than what was expected of him. He sponsored canoe, cycling and backpacking trips and took a lot of pride

in Andrews Academy. He often spent countless hours in the summer months grooming the ball fields and was heavily involved in the design of the current physical education facilities at the Academy. Newberry will be remembered for the special connection that he had with his students. Although he always commanded respect, he demonstrated care and concern for his students by being a good listener and friend. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was a member of Pioneer Memorial Church, loved sports of all types, including golf, hockey, boating and camping. In recent years, he developed a love for riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Survivors include his wife, Lois R.

Newberry (BS '70, MAT '85); a daughter,
Jennifer Renee Mueller; a son, Bradley
Douglas Newberry; his father, Ronald F.
Newberry; a brother, Glenn F.
Newberry; two sisters, Dianne McMains
and Joanne Edgar; and 10 nieces and
nephews. He was preceded in death by
his mother, Jean V. Newberry.

Memorials in Newberry's memory can be made to the Andrews Academy Douglas R. Newberry Endowed Scholarship Fund.

MARK YANCEY (AT '91) was born Nov. 19, 1968, in Indianapolis, Ind. He died March 3, 2005, in Parkville, Mo., at North Kansas City Hospital. Mark had recently successfully completed chemotherapy for testicular cancer when he suffered a sudden illness from which he was unable to recover.

Mark graduated from Andrews University with an Associate Degree in Automotive Technology in 1991. He had been employed by Toyota Motor Sales USA since 1995, having started out as a warranty administrator and, most recently, as a district service and parts manager in the Kansas City Region. Mark and his wife, **Brandey (Tesser)** (BS '91), had been married for 14 years and have 3 children, Chris, Halle and Tanner. They had been foster parents for a number of years as well, having cared for 8 children over those years.

Mark will be best remembered for his terrific sense of humor, love of life, and devotion to his family. Survivors include his wife Brandey; sons Chris and Tanner; daughter Halle; parents Steve and Virginia Yancey of Orlando Florida; brothers Michael, of Chicago, and Greg, stationed in Turkey, and their families.

RAYMOND S. BENSON (BA '48) died on January 30, 2005. He was born April 16, 1921.

Raymond served in the Army, Air Corps (which became the U. S. Air Force), and he retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel. Raymond married **Barbara Tupes** (att.) in August of 1948. Shortly afterward the couple moved to Auburn, Calif., where Raymond worked as an accountant. In the mid 1950s he started his own accounting practice, retiring from that in 1996.

Upon retirement, Raymond and Barbara moved to Redding, Calif., where Raymond was very active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Auburn.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara; two sons, Bradley and Rodney; and five grandchildren.

MADELYNN JONES HALDEMAN (MA '49, ThD '88) died on January 28, 2005, in Naples, Fla. She was born in Lebanon, Penn., in 1926. She and her husband Wilfred Haldeman were married in June of 1950.

Madelynn served on the faculties of Mt. Vernon Academy, Kingsway College, Loma Linda University and La Sierra University. A superb teacher of Koine Greek and of New Testament interpreta-

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tion, Madelynn led many hundreds of students into deeper insights into Scripture's meaning in early Christian times and in our times today. Her mastery of syntax and of literary style also made her an excellent copy editor for several publications, including the *Journal of Medical Sciences* and *Spectrum*.

Madelynn was honored by the Association of Adventist Women as Adventist Woman of the year in 1995 and, on December of that same year, ordained to the ministry at the La Sierra University Church. She was a leading member of the Gender Inclusiveness Commission of the Southeastern California Conference, and led out in the establishing of the Women's Resource Center at La Sierra University.

Madelynn was the first president of ASRS (Adventist Society for Religious Studies), and a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Academy of Religion, and Alpha Mu Gamma Honors Society for Modern Languages. Fifteen articles or book chapters by her have appeared in denominational and professional publications.

Through her writings, preaching, counseling, teaching, seminars, retreats and camp-meeting presentations, Madelynn made an enduring impact on Adventist laypeople's understandings of God, forgiveness, and grace. Her ability to draw rich meaning and spiritual insight and encouragement from the New Testament writings distinguished her beyond the confines of campus and classroom.

She is survived by her sister, Nancy Wall; her son, Joel; her daughter, Kimberlee; and grandchildren, Tiffany and Casey.

NAOMI LORENE (STRINGER) TRUBEY (BA '64) died Nov. 8, 2004, in McMinnville, Tenn. She was born Aug. 9, 1910, in Guthrie Center, Iowa.

Naomi graduated from high school at age 15 with "Normal Training" diploma, which would have qualified her to teach in those days if she had been 18 years old. After working as a seamstress for a couple of years, and subsequently turning eighteen, Naomi taught public school in Iowa for two years.

While attending Union College, Naomi met Lester Trubey, whom she married on Sept. 4, 1932. The couple moved to eastern Ohio, where Naomi taught in SDA elementary schools in La Grange, Rock Creek, Ashtabula and Dayton. For ten years, Naomi would teach special education in the public school system in Columbus, Wis., before continuing to teach at a number of Indiana SDA schools, including schools in Kokomo, Anderson, Richmond, Frankfort and Cicero. Wherever she was, Naomi was interested in, and put forth extra effort for, the children who didn't do well in school.

In 1964, 36 years after she began teaching, and after attending five other colleges through the years, Naomi graduated with an elementary education degree from Andrews University.

Over the years, Naomi and her husband took in at least 11 people to live in their home, often for a year or more. Most came so that they could attend an SDA school. Besides this, she was involved in tutoring, teaching Red Cross classes, teaching children's Sabbath School classes, working with Pathfinder clubs, visiting neighbors, and helping people in the community, school or church.

Naomi lived a long, active, full life, and was a wonderful wife, mother of four children, teacher and citizen. Her consecration to the work of God in education impacted many lives.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Eva Badger and Jeanette Bissell; two sons, Charles and Edward; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild; one great-great-grandchild and three step great-great-grandchildren.

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Death is not funny. Especially when it hits close to home. Death is too painful to be funny and the pain exists because of how precious, how wonderful, life is (or can be). Ultimately, we can smile and laugh, not because we feel or intend any disrespect, but because doing so is a way to embrace an abundant life.



### Fun-da-mental facts

- In May 2005, 50 undergraduate students graduated with a GPA of 3.75 or higher; 38 out of the 50 are women. The CC leaves it to your judgment as to whether women are smarter, or more diligent, or both.
- "David" is the most common name given to May 2005 male graduates, followed closely by "Michael." "Jessica" and "Nicole" tied for the top name given to female graduates.
- Every May 2005 graduate named "Amy" graduated either *Summa Cum Laude* or *Magna Cum Laude*. While the baby name dictionaries will tell you that Amy means "beloved," the CC thinks the name is Latin for "gets a lot of A's."

# CAMPUS CRAZE

### LIFE OR DEATH EDITION

"It's not life or death!" Those words are meant to convey that something is not *really* important. The CC thinks anyone who uses the statement is missing the boat—arguably, everything relates to life and/or death. Everything.

Cloning	P	It's just not right when one self passes away before the other.
Test Tube		Isn't that what Colgate uses when they're trying out a new toothpaste?
Living Wills		Kudos to the public relations executive who named the document. The CC would have given it a "thumbs down" if it were called a Still-Alive-But-No-Longer-Able-To-Participate-In-Any-Meaningful-Way Will.
Funeral Home	P	When the CC's time has come, it's getting a Funeral Condo.
Morticology		The newest certification program at AU?
Cemeteries		When the CC was younger, the "final resting place" seemed creepy. Now that the CC is getting older, it has a fondness for any place where resting is encouraged.
Eulogies		Seriously. Shouldn't we be saying all these nice things about each other before we die?

### Speaking of...

### "God don't make no junk!"

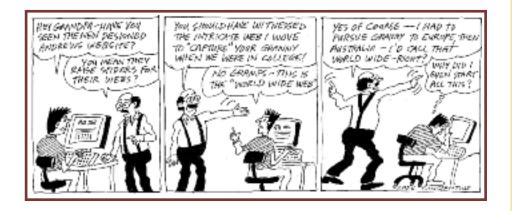
**Ernie W. Sadau**, CEO of Adventist Midwest Health, paraphrasing Psalm 139:14 during his Commencement Address on May 1, 2005

"The mind is the only thing that, if we sharpen it, doesn't become more narrow. It becomes broader."

Sadau, during his May 1 Commencement Address

"It may seem odd that you have studied for four years to get to this part ... and that I can confer the degrees on you in one minute!"

**Niels-Erik Andreasen**, moments before the conferral of degrees at the Undergraduate Commencement on May 1, 2005



### Bar none?

At the AU Bookstore students find rows and rows of high octane study aids (useful for all classes outside the nutrition and wellness dept.). The Bookstore reports that *Snickers* is the top seller.





### From the Fall 1965 Issue:

Recently, there have been rumblings about founding a law school at Andrews. Think this is a new idea? Think again. In the November/December 1965 issue of Focus, then-President Richard Hammill wrote: "We think that the place for a school of law is at Andrews University. Certainly, with our religious and educational outlooks we have much to say to the world in the area of law, religious liberty and political organization—words based upon a Christian viewpoint and not merely upon the old outworn political systems of the balance of power and of power politics." 39 years and counting....

### A frowsy fallacy

Death is a part of the circle of life.

Life insurance makes provision for after death.

Therefore, death insurance makes provision for the afterlife.

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- Hear Pastor Dwight Nelson, our Sabbath church speaker
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