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CRISIS IN THE WEST END



## Beware the ides of March

Or so it would seem as we look back on the events of this past March, now three months behind us.

The whirlwind of decisions made (and rescinded) appears to have blown by, leaving something of an edginess on campus, a feeling heightened by the general quiet that follows the end of a school year. Now, some would say the mood is turning to guarded anticipation as we await hires for the vacated administrative posts.

Interestingly, the list of positions to be filled has grown.

Since March, we've learned that the Dean of the School of Business, Ann Gibson, will be stepping down (but continuing to teach), that Bill Richardson, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will be retiring at the end of July, and that John McVay will no longer head the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, but instead move west to become president of Walla Walla College.

For those keeping track, that's two vice presidents, and three deans to be replaced.

(As Focus goes to press, we are pleased to announce that Dr. Heather Knight has accepted the invitation to become University Provost, a position that was established as part of those March decisions).

The times they are a changin'.

But with the uncertainty that may accompany this moment and these changes, we know one thing is certain: God will continue to use this university to further His work.

It's times like these when looking back at the long and storied history of our institution can buoy our faith. That story—of Andrews University, of Battle Creek College and of Emmanuel Missionary College—includes other tipping points, storms ridden out, seeming dire circumstances turned passable. And we don't have to look too carefully to see God's intervening hand at work time and again.

As a reminder, English professor and resident university historian Merrie Jones Gray examines perhaps the darkest period in the history of our institution: the regrettable, malicious dispute that led to the year-long closure of Battle Creek College. It is a dramatic account of human frailties, emotions, and actions, highlighting God's ability to overcome that largest of all obstacles—ourselves.

Following their March meetings, readers of Focus may be interested to learn a little more about the composition of the Andrews University Board of Trustees. Brent Geraty, university counsel and a contributing editor to Focus, provides a snapshot of the entire Board, including a brief overview of specific bylaws relevant to its membership.

Finally, in this issue, we've also asked President Andreasen to share a few words about his future and the future of Andrews University. It may surprise you after the turbulent events of March that Dr. Andreasen's commitment to the university appears stronger than ever, a circumstance that bodes well for both the short- and long-term future of our school.

With him, we will continue to trust that God has big plans for Andrews University.




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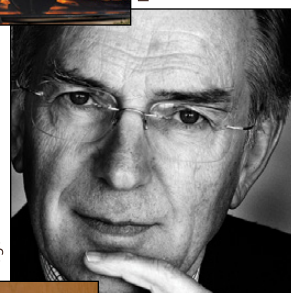
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A Snapshot of the AU Board of Trustees

by Brent Geraty

Recently, questions have been raised concerning the composition of the Andrews University Board of Trustees. These questions have multiplied in the days following the Board meetings in March. Brent Geraty, university counsel and recording secretary for the Board, provides this snapshot of the current Board membership, the offices, titles and positions they hold, and what the university bylaws state regarding Board composition.



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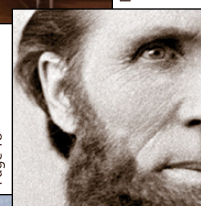
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by Meredith Jones Gray

Opposing views ignite a bitter feud between a founding faculty member and the institution's new president. With scandalous accusations flying, the college board initiates a series of investigative meetings. Students weigh in and begin jeering the professor, calling him an "old hermit" and throwing apple cores at him. A physical confrontation in the college stairwell between the president's son and the professor in question further heightens the animosity. Finally, as the school year closes and with its entire work in disarray, the college shuts down all operations for an entire year. It's part of our legacy—the crisis in the West End.



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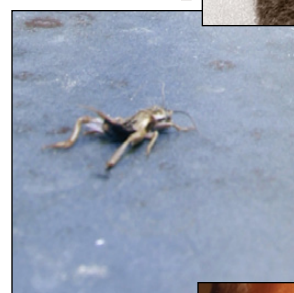
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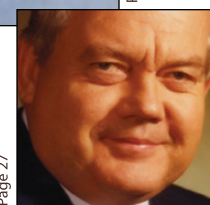
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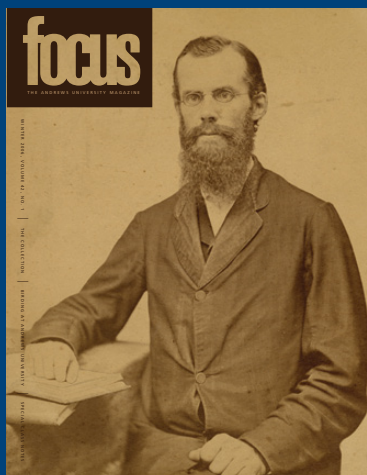


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#### On the cover

Although Holland, Mich., just a short one-hour drive north of Berrien Springs, is better known for its tulips and annual Tulip Festival, the AU campus can more than hold its own when it comes to springtime flora. Our cover photo was taken by Sarah (Spangler) Lee (BT '02) during the morning hours of May 5, 2005.



## Birds, boards, and remembrance

Particularly around campus, we received a lot of appreciation for publishing copies of the J.N. Andrews letters that were recently donated to the university. Many were pleased with the opportunity to read the letters in Andrews' own hand, finding the entire spread inspirational and appealing ("gorgeous" in the words of one colleague)...English professor Scott Moncrieff's article on birding elicited many fond recollections from those who share either a love of bird watching or of special birders. That feedback would seem to support our claim that birding is "much more than a hobby" among generations of alumni readers.... And finally, some readers who reacted strongly to the news regarding the Board decisions in March, found in Focus an outlet for their voices.

## Board actions revisited

As an alumna of Andrews I'm relieved to learn that the AU Board has reversed its ill-advised action of March 6, 2006. Now the Board has learned that university presidents are not fungible assets. They cannot be picked up and replaced, helter-skelter, willy-nilly. When you have a good fit, don't change it! Dr. Andreasen is a good fit for Andrews at this crucial period in its history.

God bless our school.

*Catherine Lang Titus (BA '55)*

Two questions: Can you name those individuals constituting the leadership of the Board of Trustees who reportedly asked several individuals in administrative positions at Andrews University to resign? Have the leaders of the Board of Trustees been invested with the authority to ask for the resignation of the Andrews University President or any of the Vice-Presidents without the specific approval of the Board of Trustees?

And—the winter edition of the Focus is the best ever!

*Paul E. Hamel (BA '48)*

*Editor's Note: In official statements, the Board indicated that its leadership was involved in asking for, and accepting, the resignation of President Andreasen (whose resignation has since been rescinded). The resignations of the two vice presidents were requested as a result of formal actions taken by the entire Board.*

## Birding memories

While reading Scott Moncrieff's interesting article, "Where the Cardinals Come to Sing," in the Winter issue of Focus, I was pleasantly surprised to find that he quoted the 1923 class song by Ms. Lucille Dobson (see page 15). It brought back many sweet memories because I had heard it quoted by heart as I grew up in our home in San Diego, California. You see, Ms. Lucille Dobson is really Mrs. L. Lucille Babiencko, my mother. She lived to be 90 before she went to sleep in Jesus, and is buried in Loma Linda, California.

Currently, I live in Berrien Springs with my wife, Marilyn. All three of our children are graduates of Andrews University—**Kathy** (BSELED '82), **Steve** (BS '84), and **Cyndi** ('86).

We have a birdfeeder in our backyard, and often see cardinals eating there as we enjoy our Sabbath dinners.

## Don't forget to write

**Letters to Focus are always 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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Thank you for using my mother's poem/song in your article. I can hear her voice in my mind as she repeated it often over the years. You brought back many precious memories.

*Bruce Babienko (MA '62)*

I really appreciated the article on birders at AU, past and present. C Roy Smith was my academy biology teacher. I greatly admired him as he was the first one to instill in me a love of discovering the wonders of the natural world. I'm glad to know that he is not forgotten. I was so saddened to learn of his cancer that cut short his life, but I had the opportunity to express my appreciation to him before he died. I know I am not alone in that; he touched many lives.

Thanks for such a beautiful and well-done publication. It represents the University very well.

*Kathy Koudele*  
(BA '79, MS '83, and current faculty)

## Fifty years gone by

In May, I had just come out of Babylon into Adventism. Then on to the college in

the fall. I must say the saints were a challenge at times but I loved them anyway. The greatest problem was they had a lingo all their own. Being unfamiliar with the terms could be troublesome.

What do I miss most when I return for a visit? The old prayer room in Lamson Hall! It had a window. When you looked out on the beautiful campus, you felt so close to the Creator. One or more times a day I went there to be alone with God. It was so quiet and peaceful. Sometimes there was an occupied sign on the door. I either waited or came back.

To me EMC was the very gate of heaven. I came to the end of each year feeling my blessings were too great to be received. The school gave me a wonderful foundation on which to build a more Christlike character through the years. The Spirit continues to work.

How I wish I could come to the alumni weekend in the fall, but the dear friends I always stayed with are resting until Jesus comes! They took the underground road to heaven—not a bad way to go.

Fifty years ago, I was graduated from EMC. This is such a special year!

You are doing a great job with Focus!

*Wanda Lea Simmons Lowry (BS '56)*

## Crediting Luxton

After following me around the world the Fall issue of Focus caught up with me in Australia. I enjoyed the article entitled "Through The Eyes of a Teacher," having experienced Andrea Luxton's skills as a team leader in our accreditation process at Fulton College in Fiji. Dr. Luxton was of course the subject of the article. (Please forgive me for noting that Fiji is spelt with a "j" rather than a "g" as in Figi in the article). At the time of Dr. Luxton's accreditation visit I had the privilege of working as the principal at Fulton College and am now the ministerial association secretary in the North New South Wales Conference in Australia.

*W Murray Chapman (MDiv '83)*

## Ogden tours

### **SOUTH AFRICAN ADVENTURE SEPTEMBER 10-28, 2006**

Tour highlights include sightseeing in Johannesburg, three days of guided safari in Kruger National Park, a coach ride along the Garden Route, a trip to Featherbed Nature Reserve, a lagoon cruise and scenic train ride leaving out of Knysna, and five days in Somerset West with day trips to Helderberg College, Capetown, Franschhoek, Paarl and Stellenbosch. Along the way, there will be numerous other cultural and historical stops, including visits to Swaziland, Zululand, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

The tour will cost approximately \$4300 per person, to include international air fare from Atlanta, double/twin ensuite rooms, breakfast and dinner or lunch daily, luxury motor coach with English-speaking guide, all entrance fees, and all excursions listed in itinerary.

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## 375 graduates inspired to serve

Three hundred seventy-five graduates walked away with Andrews degrees on Sunday, May 7 at the 2006 spring commencement service. Graduation events began with the consecration service, Friday night, May 5, at Pioneer Memorial Church, when graduates were inspired by Ranko Stefanovic's, professor of religion, talk, "You are Makarios." Hyveth B. Williams, senior pastor of the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, Calif. gave the baccalaureate sermon on Sabbath morning, speaking on "A Wide Door for Effective Service."



Charles Sandefur (*top left*), president of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, encouraged graduates to "Give the World Another Heart" at Sunday morning's graduate and undergraduate commencement services. Also during the Sunday services, two honorary degrees were presented. Dr. Glenn G. Reynolds of Sun Valley, Calif. and Dr. Arthur W. Weaver of Detroit, Mich. were honored with the degrees Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

Also during commencement, two long-time members of the Andrews University faculty were presented with the John Nevins Andrews Medallion—William R. Richardson, dean, College of Arts & Sciences, and Meredith Jones-Gray, professor of English (*top right*).

## Students achievements honored

At the annual Awards Chapel held on April 18, 2006, in the Howard Performing Arts Center, the following students received awards: The Paul Pelley III Physics Excellence Award: Jonathan Van Ornam; The Bruce Lee Physics Excellence Award: Daniel Greene, Andrew Trecartin; AAPT Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award: Jeffrey Hafner, Laurie Mack; Wall Street Journal Award (recognizing students in each



Kimberly Schnieder, *Wall Street Journal* award recipient



Solomon McCullum & Traci Washington receive their Sportsmanship Awards from Dave Jardine, SR director

state with high academic achievements in undergraduate business-related programs): Kimberly Schnieder; Sportsmanship Award (Intramural dept): Solomon McCullum, Traci Washington; Spirit of Andrews Award: Allison Hurlow, Jean-Marcel Clouzet; The Brent Bills Pat on the Back Award: Brendan Cross, Sereres Johnston; Lamson Hall Good Neighbor Award: Holly Brubaker, Krystle Brubaker; 150 students made the *Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities* list; and 14 students received the Dehaan Work Excellence Award.



## AU hosts interreligio symposium

While the words of the popular Christian campfire jingle “Father Abraham” may indeed be trite, their message is a crucial one: there is no one son of Abraham, something subscribers to the three Abrahamic faiths—Judaism, Christianity, and Islam—tend to forget. Rather than embracing a common heritage, the orthodox use doctrinal and ideological differences as license to exclude and stereotype.

In response to rampantly skewed attitudes and general misconceptions among the three religions, on March 28, Andrews University hosted “Our Father Abraham,” a symposium spotlighting Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations with the aim of replacing narrow-mindedness with mutual respect and open dialogue.

Jointly sponsored by the International Religious Liberty Association, the Seminary, and Shabbat Shalom, “Our Father Abraham” commenced with a morning presentation by professor of Rabbinic Literature at the Schechter Institute, Mordechai Arad, who stressed the historical commonalities among the three religions. This theme of mutual heritage was echoed by day’s speakers, including Jacques B. Doukhan. Professor and director of the Institute of Jewish-Christian Studies at the Seminary, Doukhan’s chapel message, “Whose Son Are You?” posited that “brotherhood is a sign of sonhood.” Coordinator of the Kroc Institute’s Program in Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding (PRCP) at the University of Notre Dame, Rashied Omar, along with president of the Islamic Education and Resources Network “ILearn,” Soraya M. Orady, both advised proponents of all three faiths to obliterate stereotypes by jointly tackling issues of social injustice independent of any



Special guests and symposium speakers enjoyed a meal of Middle Eastern fare under an authentic Bedouin tent at the Horn Archaeological Museum (Photo by Jiri Moskala)

doctrinal or ideological agenda.

Other symposium speakers included Jon Paulien, professor of New Testament interpretation at the Seminary; lecturer, and contemporary ethics PhD student Abigail Doukham; Øystein S. LaBianca, professor and director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University; and John Graz, director of the General Conference’s Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department. The symposium ended with a panel interview and roundtable discussion.

## Passion Play 2006





## English department presents “Crossing Delancey”

A meddling Yiddish grandmother, pickle salesman, matchmaker, lovestruck bookworm, and a narcissistic author made up the cast of the English Department’s production of Susan Sandler’s romantic comedy *Crossing Delancey* on April 22 & 23. The show was the result of many nights spent memorizing lines and practicing accents by Bruce Closser’s play production class.

*Crossing Delancey* tells the story of Isabelle “Izzy” Grossman, a young, modern Jewish woman whose life revolves around a small bookstore in New York City and her more traditional, matchmaking grandmother, Bubbie. The plot thickens when a narcissistic writer and a shy, gentle pickleman enter the scene to battle for Izzy’s affections. As the story unfolds, questions about love and life are posed, and some of the answers might come as a surprise.

Due to size of the class, a different cast—except for the role of Bubbie, the meddling grandmother—performed each night. The first night featured Kristin Denslow as Izzy, Daniel Bedell as the author Tyler Moss, Nerva Augustin as Sam the pickleman, and Deidre Etheridge as Hannah Mandelbaum, the matchmaker. Night two featured Katie Lechler as Izzy, Seth Paul as Tyler Moss, Brian Urias as Sam, and Crystal Cheatham as Hannah. The role of Bubbie, the grandmother, was played both nights by Beverly Stout. Joel Kotanko served as Dr. Closser’s assistant director.

**Top right:** “Bubbie” (Beverly Stout) opens a gift from “Sam the pickleman” (Nerva Augustin) while “Hannah” (Deidre Etheridge) looks on.

**Right:** “Izzy” (Kristin Denslow) is delighted to receive the special inscription from her favorite author “Tyler Moss” (Daniel Bedell).



## Andrews participates in county-wide disaster drill

Crashing airplanes, flames, and multiple car pile-ups all made up the scene of June 13th’s Berrien County disaster drill, which took place at several locations throughout the county, including Andrews University’s airpark (*pictured left*). Andrews University’s Department of Public Safety along with other staff members practiced the university’s Disaster Response Plan, forming an Emergency Operations Center and performing tasks as would be done in a real disaster. The university team was commended by observers for their quick response time.

## Architecture Missions Group created

The Division of Architecture, in collaboration with its alumni, has created a building missions organization entitled Architecture Missions Group (AMG).

Under the Architecture Missions Group program, the Division of Architecture will function as a clearing house for mission projects, with one faculty member serving as director. Architecture alumni and other interested professionals will be responsible for a given project, and an architecture student or students will be assigned to work with them in the design of the project. They will then team up with other members of the AMG to organize a trip or multiple trips, and ultimately build the project.

The AMG will function in the manner of Maranatha Volunteers International—a nonprofit Christian organization that organizes and implements urgently-needed building projects around the world—but will take projects that Maranatha does not accept. These are typically projects that are too small, too complex, or too unique, because the stock plans that Maranatha uses are not appropriate for the context. Currently plans are underway to assist with the following needs.

- **Mexico:** AMG has established a relationship with both the North East Mexican Conference and the Mexican Baja California Conference. Projects currently scheduled are:  
*Acuna, SDA Church*—plans are being developed, church slated to be constructed

October 15–30, 2006.

*Monterrey, Monte Crystal SDA Church Expansion*—plans are being developed, church addition slated to be constructed Christmas 2006.

*Monterrey, Vincente Suarez School (San Nicholas) Elementary School*—Construction of three additional classrooms slated for Christmas 2006.

- **Philippines:** AMG is working with Adventist World Aviation to facilitate the development of an airbase on Palawan. This summer, AMG hopes to send an evaluation team consisting of an Andrews

architecture professor and alum, to develop a master plan for infrastructure and building needs.

AMG currently operates on a volunteer basis. All monies earmarked for construction projects are used only for the purchasing of materials for the construction projects. Participants are responsible to cover the costs of transportation, food and lodging. This cost is often mitigated by local assistance.

Volunteers fulfill many roles from

manual construction labor to meal preparations and evangelistic outreach. Those interested in volunteering are urged to consider participating in upcoming projects, and may contact the Division of Architecture at 269-471-6003 to speak with Denise Collard, or email her at [collard@andrews.edu](mailto:collard@andrews.edu). Donations may be made to Architecture Missions Group via a check made out to Andrews University Division of Architecture (AMG), or by credit card by calling the Office of Development at 269-471-3124.



Architecture students travel to Bolivia each year to build orphanages

## New Urban News gives high ranking to architecture program

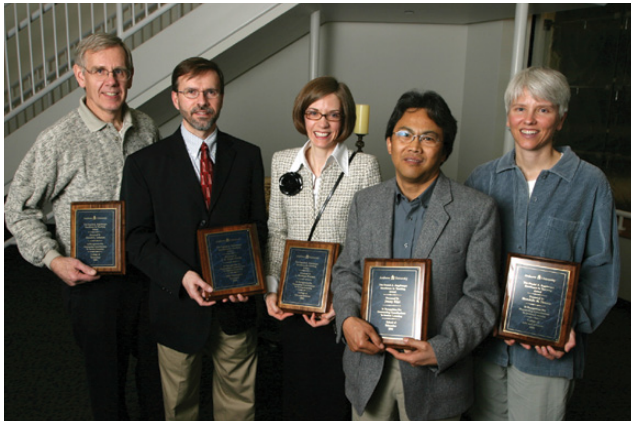
In a world where connectivity and convenience increasingly influence where people choose to live, the architectural philosophy of New Urbanism is rapidly gaining supporters—thanks to its commitment to facilitating communities where all necessary amenities are within a 5–10 minute walk of any given residence.

And it's that dedication to pedestrian-friendly design that has earned Andrews University's Division of Architecture a high ranking in *New Urban News*, a professional newsletter for architects and public officials who promote and practice New Urbanism.

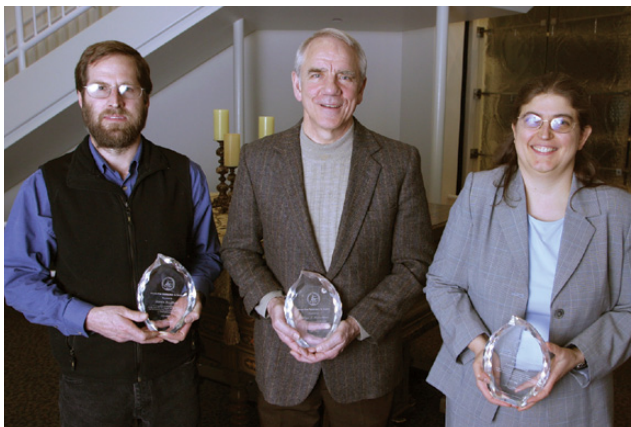
The February 2006 issue of *New Urban News* commends Andrews University for being “one of the few architecture departments in the U.S. that directly incorporates New Urbanist principles and practices into the curriculum.” In the same issue, Andrews University is tied for sixth place with the University of Pennsylvania under the category “Best Schools: Which Institutions Do a Good Job of Training New Urbanist Practitioners?” Andrews also joins the University of Michigan in fourth place for “Recent Hires at New Urbanist Firms: From What Schools?”

Carey C. Carscallen, Director of the Division of Architecture, is excited by the national recognition. “The holistic way we teach architecture by promoting conservation and a healthy balance in the built environment gives our students the skills they need to succeed.” And perhaps more crucially, assures them that “what they are learning is of high value.”





**Recipients of the Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award:** Ronald Johnson (College of Technology), J. H. Denis Fortin (SDA Theological Seminary), Monique Pittman (College of Arts & Sciences), Jimmy Kijai (School of Education) and Shandelle Henson (College of Arts & Sciences). Not pictured: Betty Gibson (School of Business)



**Excellence In Service Award Recipients:** Martin Bradfield, director of transportation & custodial services; William Richardson, dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Lorena Bidwell, chief information officer



**20 Years of Service:** Christine K. Robbins, Christine L. Carlson, Gaylord F. Hanson, Loretta L. Nave, David A. Steen, Irene O. Touchard (Not pictured: Duane C. McBride, Paul David Merling, Nancy L. Miller, Randall W. Younker)

## Employees honored at awards night

Andrews University is made up of a community of faculty and staff members who are dedicated to Christian education and creating an environment that is enjoyable to work and study in. At the annual faculty and staff awards ceremony on April 3, 2006, several employees were honored for their years of service and commitment to excellence.

This year, six faculty members were awarded the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is intended to recognize faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence modeled by Dr. Daniel Augsburger in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. This year's recipients are: Betty Gibson, assistant professor of information systems; J.H. Denis Fortin, professor of theology in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; Shandelle M. Henson, associate professor of mathematics; and L. Monique Pittman, assistant professor of English.

The Excellence in Service Awards are presented each year to hourly or salaried full- or part-time staff members who have served for at least three consecutive years. The award is given "in recognition of outstanding service to the university, church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life." This year's recipients are: Bill Richardson, dean, College of Arts & Sciences; Lorena Bidwell, chief information officer; and Martin Bradfield, director, transportation and custodial services.

Adrienne Townsend, assistant dean of women, is this year's recipient of the Spiritual Life Award. This award is given to any employee, faculty or staff, who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of campus. Names are considered and voted by the Spiritual Life Committee.

For her tireless commitment and service to the university as a long-time member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, Marguerite Dixon is the 2006 recipient of the President's Medallion. This award was designed to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in causes that the university views as congruent with its own idealism, mission, and Christian outreach.

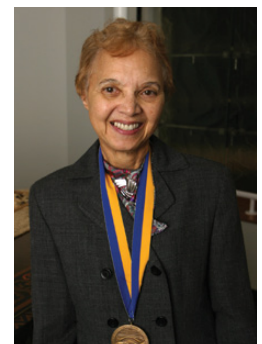
Three faculty and staff members received the 30-year Service Award. They are: Joseph W. Warren, Sr., professor of English; Lois Forrester, assistant registrar; and George R. Knight, professor of church history. Several others were acknowledged for serving the university for 20, 15, 10, and five years.



**30 Years of Service:** Lois Forrester & Joseph Warren. (Not pictured: George Knight)



**Adrienne Townsend,** recipient of the Spiritual Life Award



**Marguerite Dixon,** President's Medallion recipient



## Seminary dean accepts new position

John K. McVay, dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, recently announced that he has accepted the position of president of Walla Walla College (WWC) in Walla Walla, Washington. WWC's current president, Jon Dybdahl, will retire this summer.

McVay brought his wife, Pam, and their two children—Marshall, 18, and Macy, 14—to Berrien Springs in 1998 when he joined the Seminary faculty as professor of New Testament before becoming dean in 2000.

“Our eight years here at Andrews and the Seminary have been very good ones for us,” said McVay. “We are experiencing a deep and palpable sense of loss even as we embrace the promise of our new assignment and acknowledge God’s leading in it.”

Prior to coming to Andrews, McVay served as a pastor in Iowa and Georgia, as well as professor and chair of religion at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif. While in California, McVay also served briefly as pastor of the college church.

## Faculty members receive awards

Applause resounded in the Howard Performing Arts Center during the Recognition and Awards University Forum on April 18, 2006, as two Andrews University faculty members were recognized for their exceptional commitment to the academic and spiritual success of their students. Assistant professor of imaging and applied technology, Renee Skeete, received the Advisor of the Year award and assistant professor of religion, Susan Zork, was recognized as AUSA Teacher of the Year.

Each year, students elect one professor to receive the Advisor of the Year award. This year’s winner, Skeete demonstrates a holistic attitude toward success so characteristic of the award’s recipients. Skeete’s advisees get so much more than a suggestion to take certain classes over others. They’re guaranteed a smile, a joke, some reassurance, and maybe even an invitation to Sabbath lunch. “Ms. Skeete always goes the extra mile to help and can always be counted on,” says one grateful student. Says another, “Ms. Skeete has been more than an academic advisor to me. She has been a source of support and guidance, and has actively involved herself in my growth and development as a student and as a person in general. She has also been willing to pray with me when I needed it most.” Skeete’s advisees feel like they’ve been treated like family members. Of her recognition, Skeete says, “Advising our students is truly a pleasure and not a task. The students make it easy.”

Much like Skeete, AUSA Teacher of the Year Susan Zork makes an effort to connect with, and positively influence, each of her students. Whether by singing a vivacious version of “Happy Birthday” in class to a surprised student or offering a hug and a prayer to a struggling freshman, Zork’s all-things-are-possible-with-Christ attitude is an inspiration and encouragement to her students. And despite her hectic schedule, Zork “is never too busy for a student in need,” recalls one of her students. “She cares and is interested in the lives of her students and they know it. She is encouraging and positive even under challenging circumstances. She is not only my advisor, she is also my friend, and I am blessed to know her.”

Clearly, Zork’s passion for sharing Christ with young people is at the heart of her work. “I love teaching,” she says. “I love the subject matter. I honestly love the people that walk into my classroom everyday.” For Zork, the experience of teaching “is more a joy than

anything else and a deep privilege that I cherish with profound gratitude.”

Andrews University is blessed to benefit from the talents and dedication of both these outstanding faculty members.



**Above:** Kris Knutson, coordinator of advising services, presents Renee Skeete with the Advisor of the Year award

**Below:** Susan Zork, AUSA Teacher of the Year



## Ruth Merkel pens *Hannah's Girls* series



Ruth Merkel

Ruth Merkel has always loved telling stories. When her granddaughter, Erin, was born, Ruth wanted to share with her not only the family stories she cherished, but the significance of what it meant for Erin to be a sixth generation Seventh-day Adventist and 13th generation American.

"I wanted her to know it wasn't by chance that she was a sixth generation Adventist," Ruth explains, "that it was by God's providence, guidance and abundant love. Heritage is very

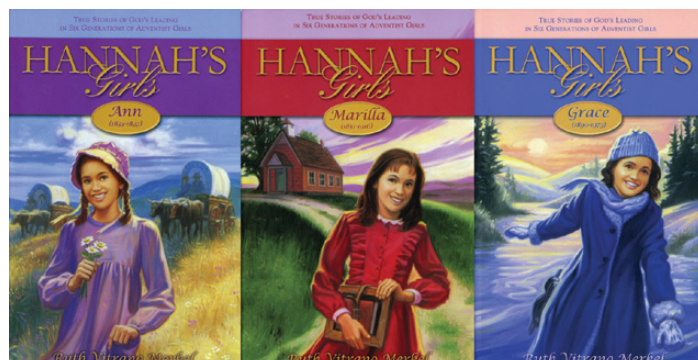
important and too often not paid attention to."

So, Ruth started to write, putting together a small booklet of stories for Erin about each of the six generations of Adventist girls in her family. About a year after she finished the booklet, Ruth saw an ad in the *Andrews Agenda*, Andrews University's weekly newsletter, about an upcoming visit by representatives from the Review and Herald Publishing Association. Thinking it was a seminar for writers, Ruth called and set an appointment time. With her collection of stories in hand, Ruth showed up promptly at her scheduled time only to discover that this was not a seminar, but rather a one-on-one meeting with editors looking for new authors. Ruth shared with them her little book of family stories, and the editors' interest was picqued. Soon, Ruth found herself with a contract that would turn her cherished stories into six children's books.

Now, almost ten years after that first meeting, the first three in what will be a series of six books, hit the shelves in May 2006. The

*Hannah's Girls* series takes young readers back through six generations of Adventist girls, starting with *Ann* (1833-1897), Ruth's great-grandmother and Erin's great-great-great-grandmother, then *Marilla* (1851-1916), *Grace* (1890-1973), *Ruth*, *Elaine*, and of course, *Erin*. The last three books are expected to be released sometime next year. *Ann*, *Marilla*, and *Grace* are now available through the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Adventist Book Centers across the country, the Andrews University Bookstore, and Amazon.com.

Ruth is a long-time member of the Berrien Springs community, having served as secretary to four Andrews University presidents, as well as attending the university herself, receiving a BA in office management in 1989. Currently retired, she and her husband, Eugene, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Ruth's granddaughter, Erin, will be a senior this year at Spring Valley Academy, in Dayton, Ohio.



## Lighthall named new Gymnics coach



Christian Lighthall

The 2006-07 school year will bring a new face to gymnastics at Andrews University—Coach Christian Lighthall. Gymnastics runs through Lighthall's veins. Both an experienced gymnast and coach, Lighthall comes to Andrews from Mount Pisgah Academy in North Carolina, where he has coached and taught since 1999. He also spent three years as a coach at Hinsdale Adventist Academy in Ill. and one year at Monterey Bay Academy in Monterey, Calif. In 1995,

Lighthall graduated with his degree in physical education from Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tenn., where he was a member on the Gym-Masters team for five years. But his love for

gymnastics stretches back through his days on the Bass Memorial Academy team.

Lighthall brings with him not only fresh ideas for routines and stunts, but a passion for the sport and the Andrews University Gymnics tradition. "Andrews has a long tradition of gymnastics and is really the birthplace of Adventist gymnastics," he notes. "My goal is to expand and continue the Gymnics legacy, as well as take the program to a new level of excellence. My idea of a strong team is not only based on the performance presented on the mat. A Christ-centered team that is bonded closely together can accomplish many incredible things and touch many lives. My primary goal as a coach is for the Gymnics to be a trophy for Christ."

Lighthall joins the Andrews community with his wife of 11 years, Brandee, and their two pet boxers. When he's not spotting back flips and choreographing floor routines, Lighthall enjoys traveling, reading, photography, and of course, sports.



## RMES and AA elect new board chairs

Beginning with the 2006-07 school year, both Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES) and Andrews Academy (AA) have elected new chairs for their individual boards. Jim Jeffery, dean of the School of Education at Andrews University, will serve as the new AA board chair. Both men are experienced educators, having served as teachers and administrators for a number of years.

"I believe that Andrews Academy is a great school with tremendous students, a caring and committed faculty and extremely supportive parents and involved alumni," Jeffery notes. "It was a privilege to be asked by Dr. Andreasen to serve as the board chair, and I look forward to working with Academy administration, faculty and the board, to build an even better educational experience for AA students."

RMES' new Board Chair is Lee Davidson, associate professor of teaching and learning. "Being the chair of the board of RMES is a big responsibility," says Davidson "Having been a principal for many years I have a good idea of what I would like in a board chair. I feel it is the responsibility of the chair to help coordinate activities and communication between the school administration and the school board. It is not my job to try to run the school or to make decisions for administration. We have hired good people and we need to let them do their jobs. Together we will strive to keep RMES always improving and before the people so that they will be proud to send their children to RMES and to call it "their" school."



**Above:** Jim Jeffery  
**Right:** R. Lee Davidson



## Heather Knight named new provost



Heather Knight

On June 28, President Niels-Erik Andreasen announced that Dr. Heather Knight, current associate provost for faculty development, diversity and special programs at University of the Pacific in Calif., has been named the university's new provost. He stated, "I believe that the future of Andrews University and higher education in general is bright, and the collaboration and possibilities that Dr. Knight will bring to our work here will be significant."

The decision to offer the position to Dr. Knight came after the provost search committee completed interviews of its short list of two finalists for the position. The interviews of the candidates by this committee were accompanied by a number of campus presentations by each candidate. The committee also reviewed feedback from several key groups across the campus, including faculty, staff, students, departmental and academic deans.

Dr. Knight joins Andrews University with rich experience in teaching and administration at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. She began her teaching career there in 1988, becoming a tenured associate professor of English in 1993, teaching a variety of literature and writing courses. She then served as an assistant provost, and became associate provost in 1997. Knight graduated with a PhD in English from Stanford University in 1991, specializing in African American Literature; a master's in English from Loma Linda University in 1984; and a bachelor's in English from Oakwood College in 1982. She has presented a multitude of papers at conferences across the country and has articles in several publications. She has served as a panelist for the National Endowment of the Arts, as well as an evaluator on several accreditation teams and many university committees.

According to Adventist News Network (ANN), "One of Knight's major achievements at the University of the Pacific was leading a diversity program to increase minority representation in the school's faculty. The effort, begun in 1997, increased the number of minority faculty from 10 percent to 19 percent, well surpassing the United States' national average of 13 percent."

Gerry Karst, chairman of the AU board of trustees and a general vice president of the Adventist world church, stated to ANN, "She [Heather Knight] expresses a strong commitment to Seventh-day Adventist education, its philosophy and mission. It is a pleasure to welcome her to the leadership team."

Knight will officially begin in her new role as provost in mid-August 2006.





# A PRESIDENCY IN THE REMAKING

BY NIELS-ERIK ANDREASEN

» HIS RESIGNATION NOW RESCINDED, PRESIDENT ANDREASEN REASSERTS HIS PASSIONATE BELIEF IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND “THE ANDREWS WAY.”

LET ME BEGIN WITH a little history lesson I learned while I was a teacher. During the 19th century some historians proposed that to write good history one had to report the past as it actually happened. In more recent times that has all changed, as can be seen for example in biographies of Roosevelt, Lincoln, Churchill and other famous personalities. Each new biography differs from the preceding. Each new author has a point of view and each new telling of what “actually” happened differs from earlier ones. The recent story of Andrews University is like one of those recent biographies. It differs with each telling, various viewpoints are expressed, familiar explanations of the events are given and new ones advanced. So I have decided to make no new attempt at this time to answer the question of what actually happened (I may in due course offer my perspective on the matter, but not now. Besides, additional probing of this question at this time may actually not be helpful to Andrews and to Adventist higher education).

In the meanwhile, I have accepted the board invitation to continue my work here at Andrews. I did it because I have two passions in my life. First, I believe deeply in education, for it opens the only way to human dignity in this world and to a useful life of generous service to God and society, as we state in our university mission

statement. Second, I believe equally passionately in a Christian education, for it helps us understand our ethical responsibility at the present, opens a way of hope for the future and lasts an eternity. That kind of education is the Adventist way; it is the Andrews way, and I would rather travel that way than any other. So when people ask me why I still stick by Andrews after all this, I sometimes respond by saying that it must be an affair of the heart, a love affair with Christian education at Andrews and by implication, around the world.

Now let me tell you what is ahead for Andrews, as we seek to look around the corner into the near future. Following a downturn in its enrollment patterns early in this decade, Andrews has taken some steps to improve its operations. On the expense side, these have included some reduction in employee levels, some consolidation of programs, redesign of the overall remuneration and benefits provisions, and reductions in discretionary spending. Though difficult, these steps have improved our operations significantly. On the income side, tuition revenue is once again increasing with steady enrollment gains. As a result the university operations have strengthened in recent years, even while discretionary funds have remained tight. These improvements will continue so that



**Above:** Early years—Andreasen with former AU President, W. Richard Leshner.

**Right:** Of AU graduates' accomplishments, Andreasen notes, "it is no small thing to be an alum of this University."

needed resources in the instructional departments and for campus infrastructure will settle at appropriate levels.

Meanwhile, Andrews, along with all higher education in our country, must deal with three challenges: Costs, access and quality. The first means the cost of a college education continues to increase faster than the national economic index (though not as fast as health-care expenditures). The second means that in order to enable students and their families to afford a college education, significant financial aid must be provided. The third means that students, parents and the public desire an education of high quality accompanied by strong values.

Andrews University is responding to these three challenges by seeking the very best teachers we can find, by offering our students more opportunities to grow in faith and Christian service along with their intellectual pursuits, and by committing significant financial aid to students who commit themselves to Christian education. The highest merit award for the most qualified incoming freshmen now stands at \$8000 a year for four years. To do that Andrews must grow its educational resources, so we have introduced our new institutional development plan, called the Legacy of Leadership campaign: A New Andrews for the New Century. Its purpose is to seek new resources, more partners in Christian education and improved quality so that Andrews can continue to respond to the challenge of serving the world church in the 21st century with the best educational practices and ideas the Adventist church has to offer. Internally, it means that I will spend more of my time in development and with our educational partners around the world, while a Provost will be appointed to carry much of the burden of overseeing campus activities.

You may ask, are these changes going to be good for Andrews? I have felt for quite some time that Andrews University is an educational treasure house that we must protect, support and grow. That became clear recently during a visit to our sister university in Nigeria, Babcock

University, which Andrews has been instrumental in developing over the past quarter century. I had gone to speak to its 800 graduates of 2006, meet with the faculty and administration, the faculty senate, and inaugurate a new DMin program delivered by our seminary to Church pastors and leaders in West Africa. That university, now chartered, established and growing rapidly, began as an affiliate campus to Andrews. Babcock is proud and thankful for that ongoing relationship. Through the experience, I once again caught a personal glimpse of the enormous influence for good that Andrews University wields on the worldwide system of Adventist higher education.

This educational treasure house of Andrews, along with its over 30,000 alumni and its educational partners on nearly every continent, must be protected, nurtured, developed, expanded and improved "by the grace of God" (as my new



found Nigerian friends say at the end of nearly every sentence!). It is no small thing to be an alum of this University, and so I have decided "by the grace of God" to spend my remaining years as an Adventist educator advocating this kind of education, articulating its values, building its resources while soliciting friends and funds in its support.

I am confident in the future of Christian education in the Adventist church, and in Andrews University as a leading institution within it, but we must never take that future for granted. I promise to keep working as hard as I can for Christian education of high quality and spiritual vibrancy, and I invite your interest in and support of this great venture.





# BOARD BRIEFING

BY BRENT GERATY

## A SNAPSHOT OF THE AU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At its meeting in October 2005, the Andrews University constituency raised issues regarding the composition of the Andrews University Board of Trustees. At that time, the constituency appointed an ad hoc Constitution and Bylaws Committee to study the concerns, make recommendations and report its conclusions at a specially called constituency meeting set for October 15, 2006.

Following the Board's actions in March 2006, still more people began asking about the Board and, among other items, its composition.

Here we introduce FOCUS readers to the Board, specific bylaws relative to its composition, and the individuals who serve as trustees.

Board members are appointed every five years during regular meetings of the Andrews University corporation (also known as constituency meetings). The trustees serve five-year terms. Currently, the Board is comprised of the maximum 38 trustees. Of these trustees: 84% are men, 16% are women; 66% are White, non-Hispanic, 24% are Black, 5% are Asian, and 5% are Hispanic; 76% are employed by church-sponsored employers, 24% are lay trustees; and 66% are AU alumni.

The university's bylaws set parameters for the selection of trustees. In addition to the requirement that all trustees shall be members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the trustees are comprised by the following groups.

➤ **GENERAL CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.** Five members of the General Conference Executive Committee must be appointed to the AU Board by the constituency. According to the bylaws, these five individuals are "recommended by the officers of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists." The five individuals serving as trustees during this quinquennium are: **Jan Paulsen**, president of the General Conference; **Matthew Bediako**, secretary of the General Conference; **Robert Lemon**, treasurer of the General Conference; **Gerry Karst**, vice president of the General Conference; and **Garland Dulan**, director of education for the General Conference. The bylaws require that the chair of the Board be selected (by the Board itself) from among this group of trustees. Elder Karst has served as chair of the Board since 2000.

➤ **WORLD DIVISION PRESIDENTS.** Four world division presidents of the General Conference must be appointed to the Board. The Bylaws specify that one of these presidents must be the president of the North American Division. The four individuals serving

as trustees during this quinquennium are: **Jairyong Lee**, president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division; **Geoffrey Mbwana**, president of the East-Central Africa Division; **Donald Schneider**, president of the North American Division; and **Bertil Wiklander**, president of the Trans-European Division.

➤ **PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION.** The bylaws specify that the president of Andrews University shall be a member of the Board. The president is the only university-employed member of the Board. Andrews University's president, **Niels-Erik Andreasen**, is serving in this capacity.

➤ **ALUMNI.** Two individuals from the alumni of the university are to be appointed to the Board, "as recommended by the Board of Directors of the Andrews University Alumni Association." The two individuals serving as trustees during this quinquennium are: **Margaret McFarland**, an attorney serving as General Counsel to the District of Columbia Housing Authority; and **Lynne Waihee**,



president of Read To Me International Foundation.

**>> UNION CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS.** A minimum of one, and a maximum of five, Union Conference presidents are to be appointed to the Board. The one Union Conference president who is required to be a member of the Board is the president of the Lake Union Conference. Serving during this quinquennium are: **Dennis Carlson**, president of the Mid-America Union Conference; **Harold Lee**, president of the Columbia Union Conference; **Jere Patzer**, president of the North Pacific Union Conference; **Max Trevino**, president of the Southwestern Union Conference; and **Walter Wright**, president of the Lake Union Conference. According to the Bylaws, the vice chair of the Board shall be the Lake Union Conference president and Elder Wright has served as vice chair since he became LUC president in 2003.

**>> ADDITIONAL LAKE UNION CONFERENCE OFFICERS.** The secretary and treasurer of the Lake Union Conference also serve on the Board. Those individuals are: **Rodney Grove**, secretary of the Lake Union Conference; and **Glynn Scott**, treasurer of the Lake Union Conference.

**>> CONFERENCE PRESIDENTS.** The presidents of the five local conferences within the Lake Union Conference are to be appointed to the Board. Those individuals are: **Donald Corkum**, president of the Wisconsin Conference; **Jerome Davis**, president of the Lake Region Conference; **Ken Denslow**, president of the Illinois Conference; **Jay Gallimore**, president of the Michigan Conference; and **Gary Thurber**, president of the Indiana Conference.

**>> NON-UNIVERSITY PERSONS.** The bylaws require that all remaining trustees be selected from “persons not employed by the university” and are trustees who “represent professional and business interests.” The bylaws also specify that, in selecting these professional and business trustees “consideration shall be given to assure substantial representation by persons not employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.” During this term, the maximum fourteen trustees from this category have been appointed. These trustees are: **Lynn Gray**, an emergency room physician working for the Lakeland Regional Health System in Michigan; **Edwin Hernandez**, foundations research director of RDV Corporation in Michigan; **Sandra Johnson**, vice president of business development for Adventist Health System in Florida; **William Murdoch, Jr.**, a child and adolescent psychiatrist at Loma Linda University in California; **Barbara Randall**, owner/manager of White Oaks Retirement Residence in Michigan; **Gary Randolph**, director of education for the Lake Union Conference in Michigan; **Steven Rose**, under treasurer of the General Conference in Maryland; **David Rowe**, president of PS Soft, Inc. in Utah; **Ernie Sadau**, chief executive officer of Adventist Midwest Health in Illinois; **Ella Simmons**, vice president of the General Conference in Maryland; **Dolores Slikkers**, a retired businesswoman in Michigan; **Paul Stokstad**, president of Pasco Scientific in California; **Dale Twomley**, business manager of Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio; and **Edward Zinke**, president of Ann’s House of Nuts in Maryland.



## HOW TO CONNECT WITH ANDREWS:

One of the best ways to connect with a university and figure out if it's right for you is to check it out in person. We'd like to invite you to visit Andrews University.

### UNIVERSITY PREVIEW WEEKEND

September 24 & 25, 2006

November 5 & 6, 2006

March 11 & 12, 2007 (Lake Union juniors)

April 1 & 2, 2007

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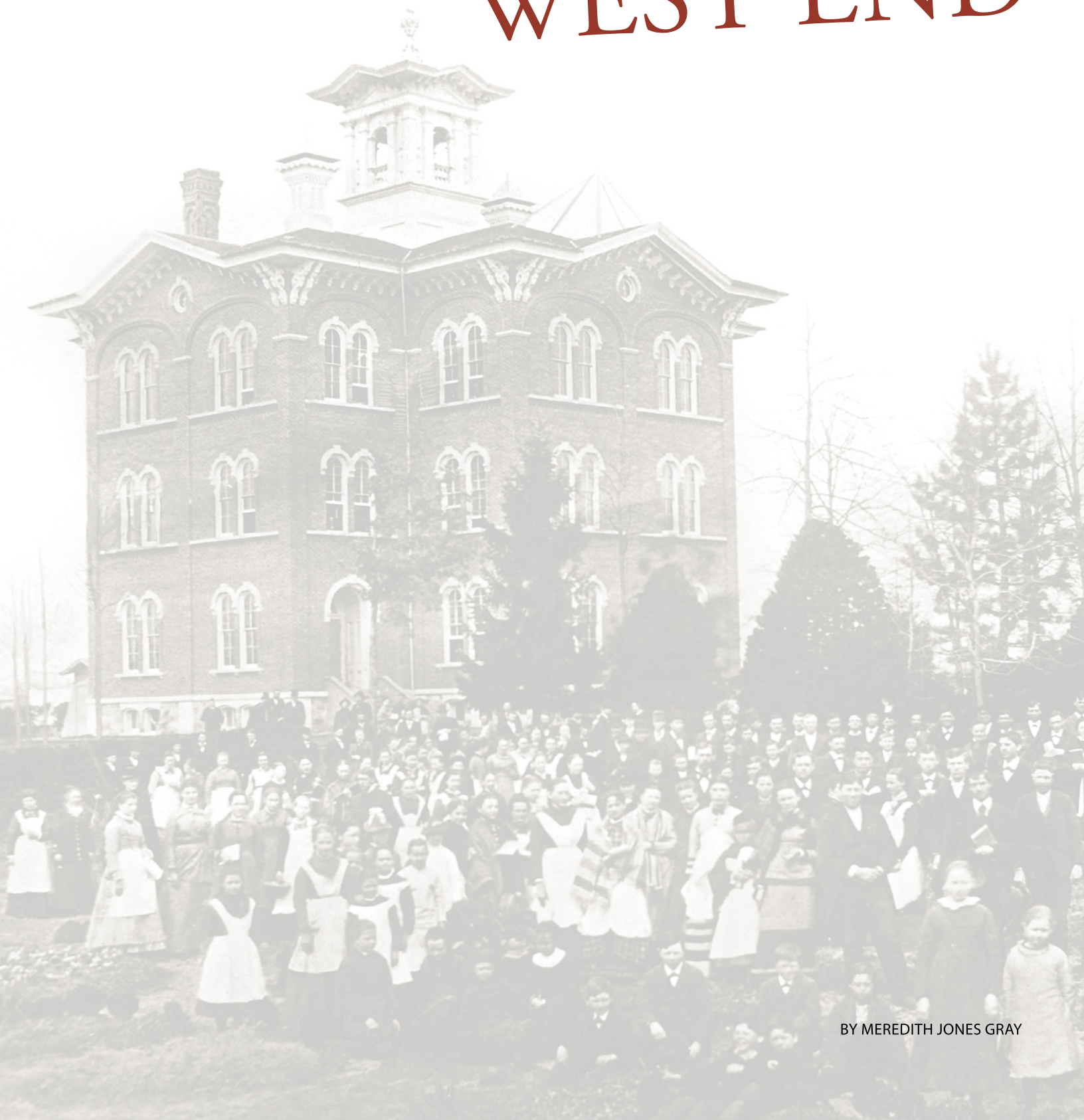
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# CRISIS IN THE WEST END



BY MEREDITH JONES GRAY



BITTER RIVALRY, RESENTMENT, BACKSTABBING, AND NAME-CALLING, THE SAD CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO THE YEAR-LONG CLOSING OF BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE ARE A LESSON IN HUMAN FRAILTY AND GOD'S INFINITE PATIENCE.

“I fully believe it is in the order of God that we should have a school started....That there will be great difficulties to surmount and obstacles to be overcome we do not doubt, as there have been in every enterprise undertaken by our people. But we have seen the work move forward, because we believe God has a hand in it.” So wrote George I. Butler, General Conference president, from “the road” in Civil Bend, Missouri, on May 22 of 1872.<sup>1</sup>

The establishment of Battle Creek College was still two years away, and Butler’s projection could not have been more accurate: difficulties and obstacles lay ahead of the new denomination and its educational enterprise. Obstacles as deceptively simple as frozen pipes; difficulties as painful as deep rifts between staff members. Nonetheless the small college would survive, even thrive, for a quarter of a century on its original site until another round of troubles helped to send it on to a new location and a new set of challenges and triumphs.

## OUR BELOVED COLLEGE

Under the administration of Sidney Brownsberger, a well-educated man thoroughly dedicated to the message of his new faith, Battle Creek College became an established fixture in the city and grew quickly. Visiting in the spring of 1881, General Conference President Butler rendered a glowing report: “I am assured by the teachers that never since it was founded has better feeling prevailed in the school than at the present season....This winter over three hundred students have been in attendance,—more than ever before.”<sup>2</sup>

Brownsberger appeared to be well liked by the majority of students and



Sidney Brownsberger

teachers, and the school seemed to be thriving except for a troublesome debt, but being at the helm exacted its toll on Brownsberger’s health. Just three months after Butler’s commendation was published, Brownsberger resigned before the end of the school year, citing ill health, and went with his family to Ohio to try to recover.<sup>3</sup>

It would be hard to replace the accomplished head of the school, especially in a denomination that could not boast many members with graduate degrees. So Alexander McLearn seemed a true godsend to the trustees casting about for a new leader for the young college. The son of a Presbyterian minister, McLearn had converted to the Baptist faith and become a minister. He had a doctor of divinity degree from Prince of Wales College.<sup>4</sup> He had learned about the Sabbath message from a Seventh Day Baptist tract and had attended Seventh-day Adventist meetings. Although he referred to himself as a convert<sup>5</sup> (perhaps he meant specifically to the Sabbath message), there is no direct evidence that he became a Seventh-day Adventist. But

James White and Uriah Smith gave their stamp of approval. Wrote White: “Bro. McLearn is a highly educated Christian gentleman. He has made great sacrifices in coming with us. We should be pleased to see him holding a position of importance in the cause.”<sup>6</sup>

Before the school year started, however, James White was dead and the Adventist West End of Battle Creek was reeling from shock and sorrow. A grieving Ellen White had left for California. George Butler was, of necessity, on the road often. Perhaps in calmer times wise leaders would have seen the potential for trouble at the college. But in the demoralized, destabilized community, only a couple of months into the fall term, tensions began to rise and before anyone realized what was happening, the crisis was full blown. At the heart of the controversy stood the new President McLearn versus an old founder of the school, veteran grammar teacher, and devotee of Christian education as outlined by Ellen White, Goodloe Harper Bell.

Bell was heavily invested in the church and in the school and was also set in his ways. He reigned supreme in the grammar classroom and always had. He wasn’t about to change for some “outsider,” especially if he felt that person threatened the mission of the school he had helped to establish. McLearn, from his side, probably felt it important to establish his authority in his new position. He was after all, the man with the degree. Furthermore, he wanted to win over his new constituents...and found the perfect way. McLearn became immensely popular with the student body when he single-handedly revoked the rule against socializing between young men and women.<sup>7</sup>

Unhappy, Bell made plans to leave the school and pursue Sabbath School work full-time, because “he was not properly appreciated by his associates,” feeling “that they were rather working against him and injuring his influence.”<sup>8</sup>

The newly elected college board suddenly awoke to the fact that the peace of the school year had been disturbed and began to make inquiries. They were appalled to discover that Bell was planning to leave in the middle of the year and felt that the college would suffer terrible embarrassment if he did. They urged him to stay. He refused without some assurance of support from the board and the college, whereupon the board drew up a paper reestablishing the “privileges and duties” that he had held under the previous administration.<sup>9</sup>

### THE COLLEGE CIRCUS

Within twenty-four hours the board had a full-scale faculty rebellion on their hands. The other teachers issued a statement to the board that they would all resign unless “the paper” given to Bell was rescinded. Eventually, in dialogue with the board, all but three withdrew their objections. The three, President McLearn, along with Professors E. B. Miller and J. S. Osborne, were invited to meet with the board. McLearn asserted that he had come to Battle Creek “to administer the affairs of the college” and that he would not “be made a nobody.”<sup>10</sup>

Still, some of the board members felt that they had almost come to a resolution when it became clear that one of the board members, chair Uriah Smith, in fact, sympathized with the college men in their hostility toward Professor Bell. Their indignation fueled anew, the college representatives demanded an investigation. Thus, the “circus” began and became public.

The major parties put their accusations in writing. The board held investigative sessions, the shortest of which lasted two hours and the longest eight.<sup>11</sup> Students signed petitions and held “indignation meetings.” The anti-Bell contingent hunted up student witnesses who would testify against the professor. “The Moon,”



a newspaper which styled itself as “A daily realistic reflection of the local life history of Battle Creek,” carried lively, opinionated accounts of “The College Circus” from both sides of the controversy.

The faculty was split. His colleague Eli B. Miller leveled ugly accusations against Bell, including the suggestion of improprieties with young women.<sup>12</sup> The board was divided; Uriah Smith,

for whatever reason, repeatedly voted the opposite of the rest of the board throughout the investigation, staunchly supporting McLearn and his cohorts. Only the students seemed to speak with one voice, as if seized by mass hysteria. They jeered Bell in the public meetings and made no secret of their support for McLearn.

The board issued even-handed censures. To Bell for his sometimes harsh



Battle Creek College campus





**Left:** Goodloe Harper Bell  
**Far Left:** Alexander McLearn

and sarcastic treatment of students and, regarding the charge of sexual indecorum, for behavior which, “while not shown to have been prompted by wrong intentions, was of such a character as might give rise to suspicion of unworthy motives.” To McLearn (in spite of Smith’s opposing vote) for assuming “authority to give students permission to violate” the college policies. Bell accepted the censure, assured the board of his repentance, and asked forgiveness. McLearn initially protested, saying that the censure was not justified. But when the board explained that the censure was against his “conduct” and not him personally, he, too, apologized.<sup>13</sup> By a roll call, the faculty unanimously agreed to abide by the board’s decisions.

That should have brought the uproar to an end, but of course such painful events are not so easily laid to rest. Everything remained in disarray. Some of the main faculty instigators, although they had agreed to accept the board’s actions, continued to make incendiary remarks during the student chapel meetings. The board called for their resignation but apparently

allowed them to continue to function as the school year limped to an end.<sup>14</sup> Uriah Smith resigned from the board, had his resignation refused by the board, and then resigned again.<sup>15</sup>

The students continued to harass Bell. In February, Henry McLearn, the president’s son, shoved the professor on the stairs and abused him verbally. According to a report of the incident, “Bell kept telling him [Henry] to stop . . . and put his hand on his arm and held on to him.” This was what Principal McLearn saw as he came around the corner: Bell struggling with his son on the stairs. He issued a stinging rebuke to Bell on the spot. Only later did he suspend his son; the board finished the business and expelled Henry. Three days after the episode, Bell resigned.<sup>16</sup> But until he left Battle Creek for South Lancaster, Massachusetts, on April 4, every time he ventured on campus he met with mistreatment: “Prof. Bell suffers excessively from apple cores and other missiles [sic] when he passes through the College grounds now—if the students are around and the Prof’s [sic] are not. They also never fail to give

three cheers for ‘Old Hermit,’ as they have dubbed him.”<sup>17</sup>

Three distraught board members (C. W. Stone, A. B. Oyen, and J. H. Kellogg) wrote to Ellen White—a long letter outlining the whole sad story from their perspective. The board, now under the direction of George Butler, met throughout the summer, trying to decide whether to have school or not to have school the coming year, given the decimation of the administration and faculty. On August 4 Butler read a letter from Ellen White advising against trying to hold school that fall. She wrote that she would not be able to recommend to anyone to attend the school under the present circumstances. On August 10 the defeated board voted to withdraw the notice about the start of school from the Review, release the teachers from their contracts, and notify the denomination of their decision.<sup>18</sup>

### “UNPLEASANT THEMES: THE CLOSING OF OUR COLLEGE”

On September 12, 1882, a long article appeared under this title in The Review and Herald. It must have been one of the harder things George Butler had ever written, for he preferred, by his own admission, to concentrate on positive things. But he did not hesitate to spell out the pain of the moment: “After carefully viewing the matter from every standpoint, the Board finally decided to close the College. We cannot express the feelings of sadness and distress that we felt before we could bring ourselves to this decision. Months of anxious thought and prayer passed ere we could bring ourselves to the point of proclaiming to the world that our College was closed because of troubles among us. This is a most humiliating step for us to take. It will cause our enemies to rejoice, and cause sadness all through our ranks. But it is preferable to the state of things existing some months in the past.”<sup>19</sup>

The hopeful spirit in which its founders had established the college seemed to have been extinguished



President Littlejohn, seated, with his student assistant

within the space of one short year. Seventy-five thousand dollars, a considerable sum for a church that did not spring from wealth, seemed to have been solicited and spent for a humiliating failure. The future of Battle Creek College looked dim indeed.

### SHALL THE COLLEGE AGAIN BE OPENED? WE ANSWER, YES....

A denomination that thrived on hope, however, could not smother its optimism completely. In December, when the S.D.A. Educational Society, the founding organization of Battle Creek College, held an informal meeting in Rome, New York, the members licked their wounds, did some soul searching, and reaffirmed their course of action in closing the school for a time to gain their bearings. They then resolved to “re-open” the college “as soon as the condition of things in the Battle Creek Church will justify such action, and the Trustees shall be able to procure the services of suitable persons to constitute the faculty of the College.”<sup>20</sup>

The trustees would make some changes if the college reopened. For one thing, they would return to their original philosophy of discipline. To help gain better control of the discipline they would seriously look into providing “a suitable boarding-house” for the students rather than having them live in church members’ homes

all over the West End. They would require manual labor. And they would recommit themselves to the “conducting of the College upon a plan which shall harmonize in all respects with the light which God has given us upon this point through the Testimonies.”<sup>21</sup>

### PRAY AND WORK FOR BATTLE CREEK COLLEGE

Even for those who lived through the experience it must have been hard to believe that the college could descend into chaos and be reduced to closing in twelve short months. Perhaps it was equally difficult to believe—given all the ugly things that had been said and done, all the painful ruptures that had occurred, all the dire predictions that had been made—that one year later the college was ready to go again.

Board chairman Butler reported that during the year of “reflection” and “repentance” for many, the Battle Creek church had, of its own accord, passed a resolution to support the college and its authorities if the school were to reopen. The “different spirit” that the board, Butler, and Ellen White had been seeking from the local Adventist community seemed to be moving among students, former antagonists, and church members.<sup>22</sup>

New college president Wolcott H. Littlejohn reported that eighty students showed up for the beginning of the new school year and more were arriving every day. “What is desired now,” he wrote, “is the hearty co-operation and prayers of all those who believe that there is not only no necessary antagonism between Christianity and learning, but also that he is better qualified to work for God who has a disciplined mind,...than he who, though having an earnest desire to work for the Master, finds himself thwarted in his efforts at every turn by his lack of the very information which it is the province of such a College as ours to impart.”<sup>23</sup>

The golden years of Battle Creek College still lay ahead with enrollments of over 700 students, an ambitious academic program, and great moments of religious revival. Would there be hard times? Certainly. The “difficulties” and “obstacles” George Butler had predicted shook the

school’s very foundations and contributed to its move to Berrien Springs. There the pioneers of Adventist higher education and their descendants faced other crises: terrible financial debt, a flu epidemic that closed the school, the Great Depression, the inability to gain accreditation, among many other bumps in the road.

But George Butler’s other prediction also came true: “I expect to see this comparatively small beginning which is now being made, amount to something very important before the message shall close.” Why? Because “God has a hand in it.”

<sup>1</sup> RH, 4 June 1872, 196-197.

<sup>2</sup> “Our College at Battle Creek,” RH, 15 March 1881, 169.

<sup>3</sup> RH, 23 August 1881, 135.

<sup>4</sup> Albert N. Rogers, Dean of the School of Theology, Alfred University, to David L. Bauer, 13 January 1960. His information about McLearn came from Evalois St. John of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

<sup>5</sup> James White, “Spring Arbor Camp-Meeting,” RH, 7 June 1881, 360.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

<sup>7</sup> Battle Creek College Board Minutes, 5 [sic?] January 1882, AHC.

<sup>8</sup> C.W. Stone, A. B. Oyen, and J. H. Kellogg to Sister [Ellen G.] White, 9 April 1882.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> BCCBdMin, 5 January 1882, AHC.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.

<sup>13</sup> BCCBdMin, 5 January and 25 January 1882, AHC.

<sup>14</sup> BCCBdMin, 29 January 1882, AHC.

<sup>15</sup> BCCBdMin, 1 and 8 May 1882, AHC.

<sup>16</sup> Allan G. Lindsay, “Goodloe Harper Bell: Pioneer Seventh-day Adventist Educator,” PhD diss, Andrews University, 1982, 219-220. Lindsay cites a letter from G. I. Butler to W. C. White, 20 February 1882, located in the EGWRC-GC.

<sup>17</sup> “College Cullings,” The Moon, 17 March 1882, 2.

<sup>18</sup> BCCBdMin, AHC.

<sup>19</sup> P. 586.

<sup>20</sup> A. B. Oyen and George I. Butler, “S.D.A. Educational Society,” RH, 2 January 1883, 13.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> “Our College at Battle Creek,” RH, 31 July 1883, 490.

<sup>23</sup> “The Opening of the College,” RH, 11 September 1883, 592.

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Andrews historian and professor of English, Meredith Jones Gray (BA ’76, MA ’77), is author of *As We Set Forth*, and is currently working on the second volume in the Andrews Heritage series.





## MICHAEL SCALFANI

Graduated in May 2006 with BS in Behavioral Neuroscience and BS in History, JN Andrews Scholar

### LABORATORY RESEARCH:

My specific project consisted of looking at the phonotactic selectivity of female crickets (*Acheta domestica*) to the male calling song following injection of picrotoxin (PTX) into the prothoracic ganglion.

### MY CRICKET FRIENDS:

Crickets have "personalities" and they have the ability to change their behavior in response to varying stimuli. On a basic level, crickets actually have the ability to learn and make decisions like we do.

### OUT OF THE LAB:

I like to road bike, run, read, ski, travel, eat good food, and spend time with my girlfriend.

### PLAN AHEAD:

Getting my masters in neuroscience, going on to medical school, and then specializing in either pediatric neurosurgery or skull base surgery. My dream is to go into academic medicine.

### AU EXPERIENCE:

I have been taught to strive for excellence in everything that I do. The context of a Christian education has allowed me to grow in my faith and to mature in an environment that encourages spiritual growth alongside the academics.



## Michael Lawson elected Alumni Board president

Michael E. Lawson has been elected to serve as the president of the Andrews University Alumni Board for the next three-year term. Lawson is an alum of both Andrews Academy and Andrews University, having received his BBA in management in 1987. Since graduation, Lawson has had a very successful career with a company that has recently been renamed Ameriprise Financial Advisors and was formerly owned by American Express. Positions he has held have included district manager, managing principal, and field vice president. Currently, he is serving as one of only 30 field vice presidents nationwide, who together oversee the company's approximately 8,000 financial advisors. His responsibility includes supervising the over 200 advisors living in Michigan (excluding



Michael Lawson

Detroit) and northern Indiana.

Lawson brought his talents to the Alumni Board beginning May 2006. "I am extremely excited about the opportunity to be part of the Alumni board and work

with an awesome group of board members who all care passionately about Andrews University," says Lawson. "After so much time focused on business, it is great to be able to give something back to a place and people that have given so much to me!"

During his term as president, Lawson plans to focus on 2–3 significant issues that, as a group, the Board could really make a strong impact on. One issue that they are considering is strengthening the university's alumni network, particularly looking into how alumni could team with graduating students, potentially providing employ-

ment opportunities. He would also like to see an increase in alumni involvement in the governance of Andrews.

"These are just a couple examples of some of the issues we would like to tackle," Lawson explains. "However, because we are only representatives, we very much would like to hear from our alumni about what they care about. With this in mind, I invite our alumni to contact us with their thoughts on what is important to them. One of my favorite quotes is from Goethe: 'Sometimes when I consider the consequences that come from little things I'm tempted to think there are no little things....' We need more people involved, and by just doing a "little" or sharing an idea, we will together have a big impact!"

Lawson, his wife, Marie (Guillen), and their three children—Justin (15), Sean (13) and Wendy (11)—currently call Ada, Mich. their home.

## Congratulations, Spring graduates!

This May, 201 undergraduate and 187 graduate students were added to our amazing pool of almost 30,000 alumni. The Alumni Association celebrated with the graduates by hosting a picnic behind the Alumni House just before rehearsal.



## New 2006 Alumni Board

Back row, l-r: Dan Hansen, Gennelia Laluna, Debbie Busch, Nadine Nelson, and Michele Bunker. Front row, l-r: Julian Anderson-Martin, Michael Lawson, Birgit Trubey, and Tami Condon. Not pictured: Guillermo Magana, student representative.





## Alumni gathering at Florida

We had over 110 alums gather in Florida this past month at the Florida Hospital Church. Local alums Dan & Karen Tilstra were instrumental in helping us coordinate this enjoyable get-together. **Joy Nugent** (att.) and **Berdene Beckles** (BA '06) enjoyed the fellowship.



## Alumni get together at camp meeting...

The Alumni Association hosted several Alumni Gatherings this summer at area Camp Meetings. These included shortcake at Broadview Academy, Indiana Academy, Camp Wakonda and Camp Wagner and a light supper at Great Lakes Academy. Thank you for joining us in supporting Andrews.



## Acapella group Take 6 to perform at Homecoming

Grammy-award winning vocal group Take 6 will perform in concert at the Howard Performing Arts Center on Saturday, September 30, at 8:30 pm. For tickets and further information, call 1-888-467-6442.

## 1970s

**Melchor R. Liwag** (MBA '77) and **Liwanag Reyes-Liwag** (MSA '98) toured China this past April, including a stop at the Great Wall. Following thirty years with the Adventist Health System, Melchor retired from his most recent position as director of auditing for the Adventist Care Centers in Orlando, Fla. Liwanag is currently Director of Nutritional Services at Florida Hospital Altamonte/Apopka. The couple has two children, **Meli Liwag-Fleming** (MSA '98), a medical technologist at Florida Hospital Celebration Health, and Melvin, an electrical engineer at Orlando Utilities Commission. The couple writes that they "are proud to have been students at Andrews University and continue to support the mission of this great institution."



**Top:** Liwag Family

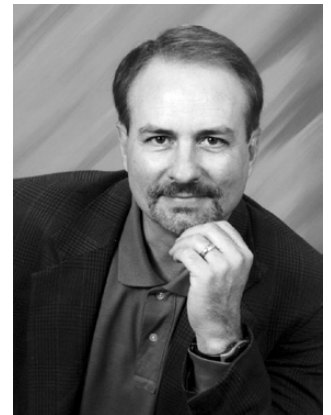
## 1980s

**J. LeBron McBride** (MDiv '80) is director of behavioral medicine and a faculty member at Floyd Family Medicine Residency in Rome, Georgia, an associate clinical professor for Mercer University School of Medicine, and an assistant clinical professor for the Medical College of Georgia. McBride is the author of *Family Behavioral Issues in Health and Illness* recently published by Haworth Press. His textbook provides an understanding of how the patterns and systems found in a diverse range of family styles can create special health issues, and how the ability to assess and anticipate those issues can ensure the most comprehensive patient care and cost-effective management of time and resources.

McBride received his bachelor of arts degree in sociology and psychology from West Georgia College, and his doctorate in marriage and family therapy from Florida State University. He also holds a master's degree in public health from Loma Linda University.

McBride is a clinical member and approved supervisor in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and a fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. He is the author of numerous journal articles, book chapters, and popular writings including topics such as spirituality, relationships, and emotional trauma.

McBride is also a minister at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Rome, Georgia. He resides with his wife, Deborah, a family nurse



**Bottom:** J. LeBron McBride



**Top:** Kalu Family

**Middle:** Velazquez Family

**Bottom:** David & Brad Randall

practitioner, and two children, Anna and Ben, on a farm outside of Rome.

Navy Chief Petty Officer **Stephen K. Robinson** (BS '83) is assigned to the U.S. Naval hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19), currently deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans. Mercy is in on a humanitarian assistance and Theater Security Cooperation deployment to South and Southeast Asia host nations. Robinson serves as the hospital's public affairs officer.

**Hilda Camargo** (BA '84, MA '85) is a vice president of corporate sales at Imagine Great People, in Waco, Tex.. Hilda specializes in the design, development, and implementation of custom assessment and performance solutions, and she is skilled in the analysis of business results and the identification of effective performance solutions. Hilda's experience spans over 20 years in health-care operations and human-resource management.

**Uko "Ben" U. Kalu** (BA '84) is a surgical physician assistant at Howard County General Hospital in Columbia, Md. In 1995, Kalu earned an MA in gerontology at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and in May 2006 he received his surgical assistant certification. Kalu is quite active in the Pikesville Adventist Church, where he is the communication director and also the family life coordinator. He and his wife Claudia have two children, Nnenna-Simone and Micah. The family lives in Randallstown, Md.

**Steven E. Stender** (BA '88), a retired Adventist pastor, has recently published three books: *Twenty-First Century Commandments*, *How to Keep God's Law in Modern World*, *Bitter Harvest, the Biblical Truth About the Rapture and Life in the Millennium*, and a novel entitled, *Smack Him! Make Him Cry!* He has also had several poems published in recent months. Previously, Stender had served as a pastor for 10 years in Pennsylvania and five years in Maryland. He currently resides in Salisbury, Md.

## 1990s

**Gary Case II** (BS '92) spent six weeks at McMurdo Station on Antarctica during November and December in 2005. He received his Doctorate in Astrophysics from University of California Riverside in 1998. Since that time he has been involved in post-doctoral research at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Case currently lives in Baton Rouge, La.

**Arnold Donato** (BBA '93) is the chief financial officer of Divine Health Providence, an administrator and owner of Advent Home Health Care Services, Ltd., a licensed Illinois realtor associated with Hot Property Residential, and a licensed Illinois loan originator. He and his wife, Rosalie Donato, live in Skokie, Ill. The couple has three children.

**Efrain Velazquez** (MDiv '99) is currently serving as an associate professor at Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico. He and his wife, Mariella, returned to Puerto Rico in 2004, to take care of his mother, who was awaiting a liver transplant (which she has since received). Efrain plans to set up a museum at Antillean, having received several artifacts on loan from the Horn Archeological Museum. He and Mariella believe Andrews will always hold "a piece of our heart," as their children, Benraimel, 6, and Nathaniel, 3, were born there. The Velzquezes newest arrival, Ezekiel, is also a boy.

**Brad** (BA '98) and **Lori (Hahn) Randall** (BSELED '98) live in Ann Arbor, Mich., where Brad is about to begin his third year of dental school at the University of Michigan. The couple recently welcomed their first child, David Clayton, on April 21. Lori tells us that "before entering into the wonderful world of 'mommyhood,'" she had "enjoyed teaching the middle school grades at Metropolitan Junior Academy in Plymouth, Mich." Brad and Lori attend the Metro church.



## Weddings

**Aldemar Hernandez** (BS '96, MS '99) and **Sonia Y. Concepcion** were married Dec. 7, 2005, and reside in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico

**Sarah Spangler** (BT '02) and **Martin Lee** (staff) were married May 14, 2006, and reside in Berrien Springs, Mich.

**Daniel J. Patton** (BS '05) and **Jamie Danaher** (att.) were married June 11, 2006, and reside in Loma Linda, Calif.

**Susan Lynn Davis** (BS '06) and **Christopher Becker** (att.) were married June 4, 2006, and reside in Orlando, Fla.

## Births

To **Kathryn (Gordon)** (BS '91) and **Michael Sanchez** (att.), Eugene, Ore., a boy, Nathaniel ("Nate") James, June 20, 2005.

To **Denise** (BA '98, MA '00) and **Donnell Josiah** (BSET '00, MSA '02), Severn, Md., a boy, Darryl Emmanuel, Aug. 9, 2005.

To **Melissa (Ballington)** (BS '99) and **Cameron Mortenson** (att.), Gilbert, S.C., a girl, Hadley Wrynn, Aug. 15, 2005.

To **Stacey (Lee)** (BS '02) and **Brian Hanna**, Berrien Springs, Mich., a girl, Madison Chloe, Nov. 2, 2005.

To **Gladys (Tortal)** (BS '92) and **Steven Griggs** (BBA '92), Apopka, Fla., a boy, Tanner Jeffrey, Jan. 13, 2006.

To **Victoria (Mummert)** (BS '95) and **Jeff Emde** (MSPT '96), Brunswick, Maine, a girl, Ella Elizabeth, February 24, 2006.

To **Jennifer (Trepper)** (BBA '97) and **Mark Cook** (BFA '99), Niles, Mich., a boy, Owen Michael, Jan. 27, 2006.

**M. Wesley Shultz** (dean emeritus, College of Technology) died May 13, 2006. Shultz was born on December 3, 1933, in Caldwell, Idaho, where he would grow up on a farm with his two sisters, Carol and Myrna. Shultz was only in third grade when he met the girl that would become his wife, Joan, when she moved into a home just up the road from where he lived.

Shultz graduated from Gem State Academy, in his hometown, and later Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., with a bachelor of science degree in industrial education. After graduation, Shultz taught woodworking classes at Gem State Academy and helped out with his father's logging business for a time. When India, where Shultz had been asked to serve as principal of a boarding school, denied the couple visas, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists instead offered him a job as principal of the Kellogg Mookerjee High School in East Pakistan (now Bangladesh), where the family would spend several industrious years.



M. Wesley Shultz

Upon returning to the United States, Shultz went on to do graduate work, receiving his master of arts in education at Walla Walla College.

After graduation, he was invited to serve as principal of Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Penn. During his tenure there, Shultz helped the campus build and improve well-needed facilities, including a gymnasium which would be named in his honor. While keeping up with his busy duties as principal, Shultz again returned to school, earning a doctor of education degree from Lehigh University in 1975. He would serve Blue Mountain for 14 years.

During his time in Hamburg, Shultz began what would be a life-long active Rotary Club membership. He would serve as chapter president in Hamburg and later in Berrien Springs.

In 1978, Shultz and his family moved to Michigan where he would spend the next five years as principal of Cedar Lake Academy (now Great Lakes Adventist Academy), again working toward improving and building facilities. In 1982, Wes would begin his 21-year tenure as dean of the College of Technology at Andrews University. It was during his time as dean that the home of the College of Technology, Harrigan Hall, was constructed. Shultz retired in December 2003, with the title Dean Emeritus of the College of Technology. The Harrigan Hall amphitheater was named in his honor. For his leadership as dean, Shultz was honored with the Johns Nevins Andrews Medallion in May 2004.

Shultz leaves behind his wife, Joan, and their daughters Kari, Debra, and Julie. His two sons, Kendall and Randy, preceded him in death. In his memory, the family is establishing the M. Wes Shultz Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donations may be made to this fund at the University.

To **Wendy (Cady)** (att.) and **Mark Wickey** (BS '97), Rochester, N.Y., a girl, Natalie Grace, March 2, 2006.

To **Melissa (Barksdale)** (BS '00, MSPT '01) and Pete Edwards, Marysville, Ohio, a boy, Benjamin Isaac, March 24, 2006.

To **Lori (Hahn)** (BSELED '98) and **Brad Randall** (BA '98), Ann Arbor, Mich., a boy, David Clayton, April 21, 2006.

To **Tonya (Hippler)** (BA '00) and **Chris Snyder** (BS '01), Berrien Springs, Mich., a boy, Maxwell Christofer, April 21, 2006.

To Denise and **Todd Freeman** (BS '00), Buchanan, Mich., a boy, Zane Thomas, May 14, 2006.

## Deaths

**Daniel R. Erhard** (BA '65) died July 13, 2005. He was born Aug. 5, 1942, in Royal Oak, Mich. Erhard graduated from Adelphian Academy in 1960.

After earning a degree in dentistry at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry in 1969, Erhard practiced dentistry in Jackson, Mich., until 1996. He was an active member of the Jackson Adventist Church, volunteering for medi-

cal-dental missions in the Dominican Republic.

Survivors include his wife, Eloyce (who passed away on Feb. 2, 2006); one son, Todd of Jackson; a daughter, Tina Hanson of Lake Wales, Fla.; two grandchildren, two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

**Owen F. Moore** (BS '62) died April 17, 2006. He was born May 28, 1934, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Moore graduated from EMC with a degree in education and worked as a middle school teacher for a number of years, teaching at both the Yuba City Junior

**Asa Clifford Thoresen** (BA '54, former faculty) died May 31, 2006. He was born September 9, 1930, in Blenheim, New Zealand, the fourth of eleven children.

Thoresen moved to the United States at the age of 19, intent on pursuing higher education. Following his undergraduate work at EMC, Thoresen earned a master's degree in biology at Walla Walla College, and a doctoral degree in zoology from Oregon State University in 1960, whereupon he was invited to join the biology faculty of Andrews University.

Following a courtship conducted mostly by mail, including his marriage proposal, Thoresen married wife Shirley in 1952. The couple has two children, Davona and **Meylan** (BFA '83).

During his 32-year tenure at Andrews, Thoresen served for 20 years as biology department chair—the longest serving chair in the department's history. After assuming that role in 1963, Thoresen oversaw many improvements to the program, including the planning and construction of Price Hall, and the growth of the department to 10 biology faculty and about 150 undergraduate and graduate students. During his tenure as chair, Thoresen is perhaps best remembered for spearheading the department's development of the master's degree in biology.

According to John F. Stout, current dean of research, under Thoresen "the foundation for the present biology program was developed so well that it has continued to grow into one that was recently recognized by the National Science Foundation as among the strongest and most effective in the United States."

Always professionally engaged, Thoresen published his research in scientific and popular journals, becoming regarded as an authority in sea-bird biology and attracting support from public and private foundations for his, as well as the department's, research projects. Additionally, Thoresen played

a significant role in developing the Museum of Natural History and the university's greenhouses, both of which continue to provide valuable educational resources for the university and the larger southwest Michigan community.

While at Andrews, Thoresen was also noted for his extracurricular activities. Among other things, he organized the annual Ingathering campaign for three years, recorded movies of campus activities for a promotional film, led multiple student tours to Peru and Australia and New Zealand, and taught summer sessions at the marine biology station in Anacortes, Wash.

At Thoresen's retirement in 1991, the university awarded him the J.N. Andrews Medallion, its highest form of recognition.

To his colleagues, Thoresen was known for his gentle spirit, wise and sensitive counsel, and wry sense of humor. Long-time professor, Harold Heidtke, recalls that "Asa [who suffered from Parkinson's Disease] will forever be remembered for bearing his physical affliction with courage, never losing his cheerful disposition, his ever-gentle spirit, and his Christian soul."

Thoresen is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Davona Church, and son, Meylan.



Asa Thoresen



High School in California and at the St. Joseph Public Schools in Michigan. He was also principal of Gobles Junior Academy in Gobles, Mich. While still teaching, he and his family owned and operated Moore's Fruit Haven in Berrien Springs, Mich., and later established Moore Enterprises in 1971. The family owns and manages residential and commercial real estate in southwestern Michigan and in northern Indiana.

Moore married Laura Squire Lane on Aug. 15, 1971, and the couple enjoyed nearly 35 years of marriage. The couple was active in the Village Adventist Church, where Owen served as an elder,

on the building and finance committees, and as a leader of the Pathfinder Club for 12 years.

Moore loved auctions, the Green Bay Packers, and antique collecting. His favorite collections include smiley faces, bobble heads, and the Dionne Quintuplets. Most of all, he loved his wife and family and cherished the times that they all spent together.

Survivors include his wife Laura; his children, Gary, Tari Record, Victoria, and Richard, all of Berrien Springs; Brook of Boast, Mass., Craig Lane of St. Joseph, Mich., Carter Lane of Loma Linda, Calif., and Corry Lane of Berrien Springs; 15

grandchildren, and a sister, Dorothy Brust of Roseville, Calif. His sister Lucille Momsen preceded him in death.

Send birth, wedding, and funeral announcements with a daytime telephone number to Life Stories, Focus, Office of University Relations, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1000, or email the information to [focus@andrews.edu](mailto:focus@andrews.edu).

## Join us for Homecoming 2006!

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To make arrangements for lodging, contact Convention Services at **269.471.3295**.



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## Preamble

*Most people work just hard enough not to get fired and get paid just enough money not to quit.*

—George Carlin

Yes, rest assured, the work-a-day world (i.e. drudgery) does from time to time encroach on what we do here at Andrews University. We may not like to admit it but the proverbial “ivory tower” needs to be dust-mopped now and then. (Those classrooms that host string theory lectures don’t clean themselves you know.) Still, committee assignment complaints aside, the university setting is a pretty good place to work. More importantly, Andrews University, because of its mission to nurture spiritual talents as well as academic ones, is a pretty good place to see God’s work in action. So we’ll continue to sweep up the joint.



| <div>CAMPUS CRAZE</div> <div>EMPLOYMENT EDITION</div> <div>In the timeless words of one 80s band, “everybody’s working for the weekend.”</div> |    |  |
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| Management   | 👍  | Every day is bosses’ day!  |
| Health Insurance   | 👎  | With multiple plans to choose from, employees try to predict their illnesses and ailments in the coming year. It’s like PowerBall, minus the big payoff.   |
| Termination  | 👍👎 | The CC advocates DE-termination!   |
| Human Resources  | 👍👎 | While the CC applauds the department’s mission, the title rings just a bit Orwellian.  |
| Rank and Tenure  | 👎  | a.k.a. Publish or Perish.  |
| Yearly Evaluations   | 👎  | Like a physical, except with more coughing and turning.  |
| Minimum Wage   | 👍  | It’s \$5.15 in Michigan (and at AU) and goes up to \$6.95 on Oct. 1. Tennessee has no minimum wage state law. Advantage Andrews. (Source: U.S. Department of Labor)  |
| 40-Hour Work Week  | 👎  | Got to make up those free Friday afternoons somewhere!   |
| The “Business” Model   | 👎  | Running a university isn’t like running a used car dealership. Except for the steering committees.   |
| Faculty Schedules  | 👍👎 | The popular “summers and holidays off” notion obscures the nearly 24 hour-a-day cycle of class preparation, grading, and research. Throw in student advising, various committees and service obligations and you begin to understand what it means to have “faculty unrest.” |





## Speaking of...

“Right now, I don’t know how to answer that question accurately and fairly and with Christian courtesy.”

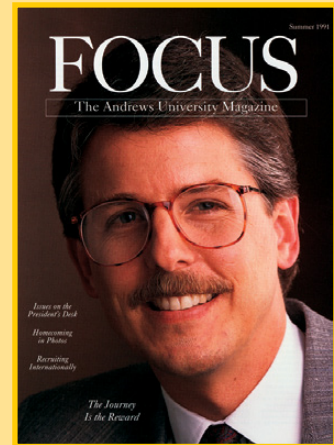
— President Niels-Erik Andreasen, responding to the question (“What happened at Andrews?”) which he has been asked repeatedly at home and abroad since this past March, during a briefing of the Executive Committee of the University Board, May 11.

“I tell you why I decided to return. Number one, I have a great deal of affection for Andrews—a lot....Number two, I decided to stay because I have a lot of confidence in Andrews....And the third reason, I have very great hope in the future of Andrews. There is more potential waiting here than most of us dare think about.”

— President Niels-Erik Andreasen during a briefing of the Executive Committee of the University Board, May 11.

“If you are a practicing, believing, Seventh-day Adventist you are a believer in education. If you push our faith, our church, our Christian life, together into one hard matter, like a nucleus, what is in there? There’s faith and there’s learning. It’s not just something we do in a classroom. It’s what we believe in.”

— President Niels-Erik Andreasen, describing his inspiration to “soldier on” as president, during a briefing of the Executive Committee of the University Board, May 11.



Out of Focus

## From the Summer '91 issue

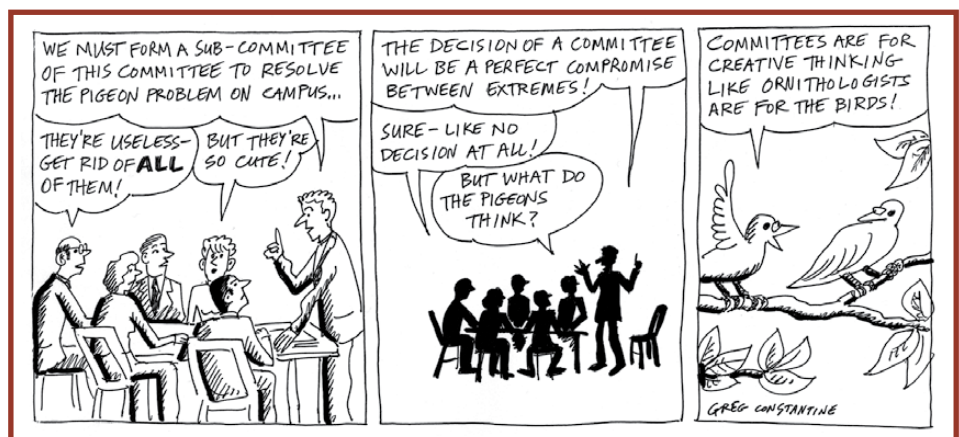
Talk about making an entrance?! Seems plans to create a more aesthetically pleasing entry to campus have been in the works for some time now. In the Summer 1991 issue, then President Richard Lesh suggested in “Issues on the President’s Desk” that Focus readers might have to wait to christen a “new” university entrance. At the time, according to Lesh, construction on the entrance had been put “on hold” because additional funding was necessary. Undaunted, however, Lesh had “hope” there would be “a new entrance in the next five years.” You might say the university is proving to be fashionably late....

## A frowsy fallacy

Individuals sit on a university board.

Most boards are made from lumber.

Therefore, university boards face splintering, cracking, warping, and aging.





## Social Wreck?

The Student Services offices in the Campus Center are getting a major facelift. Among the planned changes, students can expect a large open space for lounging, a big flat screen TV for watching channel 13 (the on-campus TV station), and a “business” center for printing and copying needs. Steve Yeagley, assistant to the vice president for student services, has only one regret about the refurbishing: he’ll miss his all-pink office.

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