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## Committed (in a good way) to Andrews

Employee loyalty, a lifelong career—these are concepts which are almost obsolete in our day and age. Today, the norm among workers in their 20s is to switch jobs every two years. But at Andrews University, many faculty and staff have spent the majority of their professional lives at this one institution. What has prompted that type of commitment?

Not all occupations are exciting, but they need to bring some type of fulfillment—either in the form of a pay check, making a difference in other people’s lives, learning a new skill or being part of a team. Employees need to feel that they are making a contribution to the overall success of their organization. Everything from developing proper filing systems to teaching anatomy and physiology has an impact. No job is insignificant.

The effect of employee turnover on an organization can be substantial. In the positive sense, it can bring an influx of new ideas and approaches, and often adding “new blood” revitalizes and brings positive change. On the other hand, the cost of turnover definitely affects bottom-line performance. When an employee gives notice of their departure they are already mentally “checking out” and starting to concentrate on the challenges of their upcoming position. This affects their job performance and may also impact the productivity of their coworkers. The cost of the search for a replacement is significant as well, both in time and money.

So how do we retain quality employees? For many, I believe it is key to affirm their contribution and foster a connection with the institution’s core mission and goals. They need to have a sense of purpose to stay dedicated to their job.

Having collaborated on *Focus* magazine for more than a decade, I’m continually amazed at the number of individuals who have expressed that dedication by working here for 25+ years. Bill Richardson served as a teacher and administrator for 29 years, Delmer Davis taught English and worked in administration for almost 30 years, George Knight taught for 30 years at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Esther Tyler worked at the James White Library for nearly 42 years, Greg Constantine inspired budding artists for 43 years in the art department, Merlene Ogden (who is featured in this issue) served for half a century, and Daniel Augsburg taught at Andrews for a record 60 years. These are just a few names who spring to mind; there are many more.

Current employees who are still actively serving were recently recognized at the awards reception featured in the Faculty/Staff section of this issue. There are now three more names to add to the 25+ category: Greg Offenback, who started at the dairy and is now in transportation; Michael Harrington, who works at the dairy; and Susan Murray, who teaches in the behavioral sciences and social work departments.

What kept them here? I believe they felt a calling, a desire to further Adventist Christian education at Andrews University, to change the world through the students they interacted with. The wealth of knowledge and respect they gathered during their tenure has benefitted future generations of faculty and students.

Merlene Ogden exemplifies that passion for influencing others. For five decades, she worked tirelessly (and I mean that in the literal sense) to make a difference in the lives of thousands of students. As a teacher, dean, administrator, honors director and tour maestro, she was the force behind countless positive and innovative initiatives at Andrews. The benefits of her loyalty to this institution truly can’t be measured.

All these individuals have taken the phrase “bloom where you are planted” to heart. No matter where you work or what your occupation is, I hope you’re inspired to make a difference.



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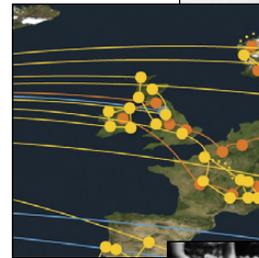


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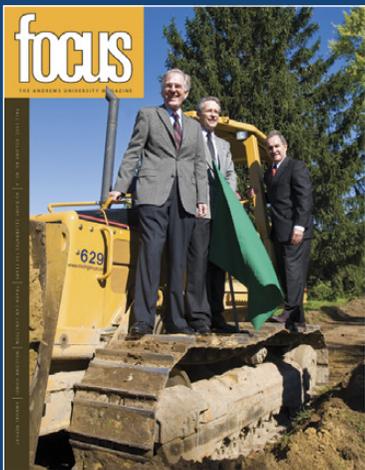


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**Donald May** (MA '87), director of general education and student retention and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, captured the quintessential spirit of Merlene Ogden on a 1984 European academic tour.



## Where are the letters?

It's true. There aren't any. We would gladly have published them had they arrived, but alas, none did. The sentences of appreciation for the magazine that accompany address changes are always welcome, but don't really constitute a letter per se. Please take this opportunity to express your viewpoint on an article or comment on something that we've highlighted in the issue. We'd love to hear from you!

## 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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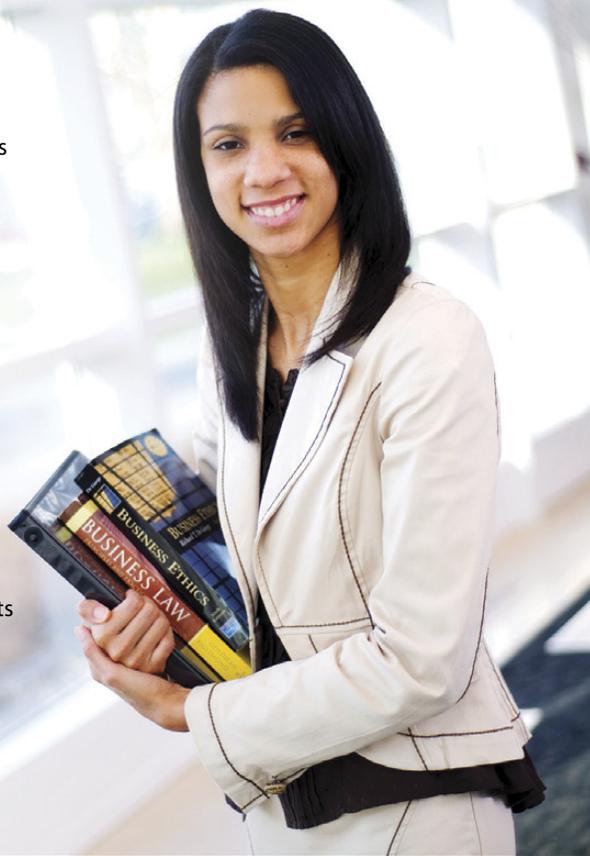
## NEW GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Paying for graduate school studies just got a little easier for students attending Andrews University, beginning with the 2008–2009 school year. The university's new Graduate Scholarship Program will be the first university-wide program to offer scholarships to eligible students in most entry-level graduate programs. The graduate scholarships will offer, for those who qualify, an overall percentage discount on the specific tuition for that student's program, based on the student's GRE or GMAT scores.

G. Lyndon Furst, who retired in December as Andrews University's dean of Graduate Studies, said the new scholarship has been a dream of his since he first assumed the position in 2002. "Nearly 40% of Andrews students are in the School of Graduate Studies," according to Furst. "This new scholarship program demonstrates how important graduate education is to Andrews."

The scholarships are available to master's level students accepted into programs which require a GRE or GMAT, or first-time graduate students in advanced programs (for two years only), who enroll for the first time for the 2008–2009 term and who have current (within five years) GRE (or GMAT for School of Business students) scores at the time of enrollment. The Graduate Scholarship Program will not be available to most doctoral students or to students in programs with subsidized tuition rates, such as those within the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews.

"The graduate scholarship gives students who want to attend grad school in the context of a Christian worldview a little bit more assistance," said Furst. "It's a major step forward for the university in making grad school more affordable."



## Study Bible to be published by Andrews University Press

An international editorial team of Adventist Bible scholars has begun work on a new study Bible to be published by Andrews University Press, according to President Niels-Erik Andreassen. Andreassen made the announcement on March 4 in connection with meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Andreassen said the editorial team is preparing a work designed for lay Bible students around the world. “The Andrews Study Bible will provide the tools necessary for any Bible reader—no matter the level of theological training—to navigate the Scriptures in a meaningful way,” he said.

Those tools will include an extensive study note and reference system, general articles on important theological and interpretive principles, maps, charts and indexes, all prepared for the general reader. Andreassen said that the heart of the Andrews Study Bible will be one of the standard English translations of the Bible commonly used by conservative evangelicals. The ultimate purpose will be to produce a work that is academically credible, theologically sound and practically useful for the individual reader, and for wide distribution in Adventist evangelism.

Andreassen, who is chair of the Andrews University Press Board, said that discussion about the project began nearly a year ago. “This is a very important initiative from the Andrews University Press and it is already receiving wide support. Mark Finley, vice president for evangelism for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Angel Rodriguez, director of the Biblical Research Institute and Gerry Karst, general vice president for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, who also chairs the Andrews board, are serving as consultants on the project,” he said.

“I’m very excited at the prospect of what this study Bible will do,” said Finley. “Besides the tremendous value it will have for untold thousands of readers around the world in the years ahead, its production now will help scholars of the church to think as evangelists and its use will help the evangelists of the church to think as scholars.”



Jon Dybdahl, retired president of Walla Walla University, and former Seminary professor, is the general editor of the Andrews Study Bible.

Development of the publication, the first of its kind in Adventist publishing, has been delegated by the Andrews University Press Board to an oversight group called the Andrews Study Bible Project Committee, chaired by Andreassen. Members include Karst, Finley, Rodriguez and Denis Fortin, dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; Juan Prestol, undertreasurer of the General Conference; two members of the Press staff; and Jon Dybdahl, named in January as general editor of the Andrews Study Bible.

Dybdahl is the recently retired president of Walla Walla University in College Place, Wash., and long-time professor of world mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Since accepting the general editorship, Dybdahl has quickly recruited a team of more than a dozen scholars to begin the editorial production.

“I am particularly excited about the impact this project can have on the church and the world,” Dybdahl said. “If it can bring church members and those who are seeking God into direct contact with the Bible in a

meaningful way, the possibilities of what can happen are limitless.”

Andreassen said the project has been able to move ahead quickly because it is supported, in part, by a grant for start-up and development costs from the General Conference.

Members of the Project Committee met with Dybdahl and the editorial team to formally commence work on Sunday, March 2, at the Sutherland House. The team continued its work on March 3, accepted assignments, signed contracts and returned home to start writing.

## “Blessed are the Peacemakers” — celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Over the course of several days between January 15–21, Andrews University students and faculty reflected on the ideals of Martin Luther King, Jr. through a series of programs and special events under the theme “Blessed are the Peacemakers.”

A highlight of the week was the University Forum presentation by Sister Helen Prejean, author of *Dead Man Walking*, the best-selling book that was adapted into an award-winning film. Sister Prejean shared her experiences as an advocate of the poor in New Orleans, which led to her work on behalf of death-row inmates, as well as the families of murder victims.

“Sister Helen Prejean’s visit to Andrews University offered a refreshing perspective on how to love our neighbors—in a practical, meaningful way, albeit a difficult way,” said Kathleen Dayle Schwarz, a junior anthropology major. “While so many of us simply sit back and admire the good works of Christ, a few people in the world are actually acting out that love. Sister Helen’s sacrifices for the most despised men and women of our society demonstrate an answer to a higher calling.”

The first Creative Arts Exposition held in conjunction with the holiday took place

at the Howard Performing Arts Center on Sunday, Jan. 20. K–12 students in public and private schools in Berrien Springs submitted artwork that illustrated the theme “Blessed are the Peacemakers,” and were judged in their age category. More than 150 individual entries were submitted. The awards ceremony also included musical performances by students from local schools.

On Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 21, Andrews University held a convocation and awards ceremony, honoring a number of local citizens and organizations with the 2008 MLK Freedom of Legacy Award for their service to the community. Recipients received the award and congratulations from the University’s president, Niels-Erik Andreasen, and Heather Knight, provost. Recipients included Princella Tobias, founder and CEO of the *Benton Spirit Community Newspaper*. Other recipients of the Legacy of Freedom Awards were David Cooke and David Brown of Great Lakes Eye Care, for service to the Berrien Springs community and medical missionary work in developing countries; Band of Brethren in Christ, who seek to improve the community through helping develop talents of leadership, education and inter-

generational mentoring programs; Stella Greig, who throughout her career as a professor has worked to develop deeper cultural understanding at Andrews University; and Lynn Gray, an emergency medical physician whose work as a member of the Andrews University Board of Trustees has contributed much to building unity among diverse University stakeholders.

Carolyn Schrock-Shenk, associate professor of Peace, Justice and Conflict at Goshen College, delivered the keynote address, “The Task is for Everyone: Peacemaking as a Way of Life.” While a competent academician, she prefers to label herself as a practicing maker of peace and conflict resolver. She revealed that her most challenging peacemaking assignment has been “to make peace with myself” after becoming paralyzed from her chest down.

The day’s events concluded with student-led panel discussions. Representatives from Social Workers Acting Together (S.W.A.T.) and the Andrews Pre-Law Club approached the central subject of peacemaking. Members of ACTION, a student-led social advocacy group, also led a presentation on “Peacemaking in Darfur: Challenges and Possibilities.”



**Clockwise, from top left:**

Sister Helen Prejean, best-selling author, spoke for University Forum on Jan. 17.

Carolyn Schrock-Shenk from Goshen College delivered the keynote address on Jan. 21.



Recipients of the 2008 MLK Freedom of Legacy Award, L-R: David Cooke, Princella Tobias, Stella Greig, David Brown, Dan Jennings, representing the Band of Brethren in Christ. Not pictured: Lynn Gray.

Local K–12 students submitted artwork that illustrated the theme “Blessed are the Peacemakers.”

## “2000 Years of Christianity in Africa”

From February 7–9 scholars from various disciplines, universities, and religions converged at Andrews University to discuss “2000 Years of Christianity in Africa and the Diaspora,” part of the Black History Month celebration.

The seminar’s two keynote speakers were Charles Bradford, former North American Division president and author of *Sabbath Roots: The African Connection*, and Craig Keener, author of fourteen books and professor at Palmer Theological Seminary. The seminar also featured lectures by a number of religious and historical scholars, including Keith Burton, author of *The Blessing of Africa*; Joan Francis and Douglas Morgan of Columbia Union College; Bertram Melbourne of Howard University Divinity School; Ganoune Diop, director of the Global Missions Study Center; and Kofi Owusu-Mensa, author of *Saturday God & Adventism in Ghana*. Following the lectures, members of the Andrews community responded to the speakers, and audience members engaged in a question-and-answer period.

Bradford kicked off the weekend with a university chapel service on Thursday morning in Pioneer Memorial Church, discussing “The Great African Prophets.”

“As an attendee at many of the sessions, I was impressed by the extensive scholarship presented by the many scholars involved with this project, as well as by the active audience participation,” said Heather Knight, provost. “Certainly, there is wide

interest in this topic as it relates to the spread of global Christianity and the growth of Adventism in Africa and among the African Diaspora in particular.”

On Friday evening, Keener lectured on “Defending Black Faith,” drawing material from a book of the same title that he coauthored with Gary Usry. “I don’t know what is more strange—that I am a white guy speaking at a conference on Black Christianity, or that I’m a non-Adventist speaking on the Sabbath,” said Keener.

Keener surveyed African presence in the Bible, beginning with the Old Testament and working chronologically into the New Testament, which is his area of specialty, and devoted most of his presentation to Paul’s treatment of race relations. Noting the familiar “Slaves, obey your earthly masters” passage of Eph. 6:5, Keener stated that the original Greek indicates that Paul was referring not to field slaves, but rather to household slaves who were capable of upward social mobility and even attaining freedom.

He pointed out repeated calls in the Book of Romans for unity in Christ between Jews and Gentiles, saying “Christianity is not an exclusively white religion, but is for all people.”



Charles Bradford spoke for the university chapel and divine services at Pioneer Memorial Church.

In Bradford’s Sabbath sermon, “No Child Left Behind,” he called attention to the explosion of Christianity in Africa over the last two centuries, and particularly the prevalence of Sabbath-keeping in Ethiopia. “There will be an abundant entrance into the Kingdom,” he said.

“It is refreshing to see the Seventh-day Adventist Church begin the process of corrective historiography to counter the centuries of errors, distortions, omissions and falsehoods attributed to the continent of Africa and its inhabitants,” said Timothy Nixon, chaplain. “The Africans, the first people of the earth, are the primary characters of scripture. May we never again believe or teach the notion of a heathen or Godless Africa.”

## Drug policy research published

The Institute for the Prevention of Addiction (IPA) has been working on a major drug policy research project supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. A major part of the research was to examine the role of public health agencies in providing alternatives to incarceration for drug users. A major part of the results of this research were published Friday, Feb. 1, 2008 in the *American Journal of Public Health*.

*AJPH* is a major high-impact journal and this article has already become a part of international discussions of drug policy. The data from this article was presented last September at the London School of Economics and more results will be presented at an international drug-policy conference in Lisbon in April.

Duane McBride states, “At the IPA we continue to have support from RWJF for our work. We are very grateful for the op-

portunities they have provided for our work and our ability to present our work in major venues. In addition, we are very pleased that we can represent Andrews University in these venues.”

## Seminary hosts 3rd annual scholarship symposium

The symposium began on Thursday morning, Feb. 7, with a program featuring Daniel I. Block, the Gunther H. Knoedler Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. Block is an accomplished scholar and author as well as a senior translator for the *The New Living Translation* of the Bible.

During the service, Richard Davidson, professor of Old Testament Exegesis, was announced as this year's recipient of the Daniel Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award. The Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Award is given to faculty members whose teaching emulates the high standards of Augsburg's 60 years of service.

On Thursday evening a poster session was held in the Seminary Commons, featuring a total of nine posters by faculty and students. Following the poster session, Block delivered the plenary lecture "The Tenth Commandment: A Window into the Domestic Ideology of Deuteronomy."

On Friday, from 8:30 am–12:30 pm, the symposium finished up with a variety of breakout sessions that showcased the research of Seminary faculty and students.

"Scholarship is an important part of what we do at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and this symposium gives us an opportunity to showcase the research, creativity, and learning that hap-

pens here. Faculty and students work hard all year long, and this event gives a glimpse of what they have accomplished," explained Denis Fortin, Seminary dean.

"As we highlight the academic and scholarly contributions of our faculty and students, we are reminded that all good gifts and talents come from God," Fortin continued. "To Him we give the glory and the praise for our accomplishments and for giving us minds that can study and grapple with complex issues and themes. As we seek knowledge, we also affirm our faith in God in order to make a difference in our world."

## Happenings at the Howard



**Top:** Eugenia Zukerman, flautist, Howard Series Concert, Jan. 19, 2008

**Bottom:** The University Chorale & Chamber Orchestra, performing Handel's *Messiah*, Dec. 8, 2007



**Top:** *Amahl and the Night Visitors* Operetta in One Act, Jan. 12 & 13

**Bottom:** Health Careers Fair, Jan. 28, 2008



## Staff and faculty receive recognition for service

Andrews University's faculty and staff were joined by the Board of Trustees for their annual faculty and staff service awards presentation followed by a reception in the Howard Performing Arts Center on Monday, March 3. Stephen Payne, vice president for enrollment management, was the evening's emcee. Each award was presented following a short slideshow presentation highlighting the qualifying attributes of each recipient.

Six faculty members were honored with the Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty whose teaching reflects the high standards of excellence modeled by Dr. Augsburger in his 60 years of teaching at Andrews University. Augsburger's leadership, academic rigor, breadth of knowledge, teacher-scholar role, along with care and concern for students, exemplify the best of faculty endeavors. This year's recipients were: Richard Davidson, professor of Old Testament interpretation and chair of the Old Testament department; Stephen Thorman, professor of computer science and physics; Gary Gifford, associate professor of leadership and educational administration; Armand Poblete, instructor of information systems; Margarita Mattingly, professor and chair of the department of physics; and Carlos Flores, professor of music and chair of the department of music.

The Spiritual Life Award was presented to Jane Sabes, professor of political science. She was described by her nominators as an ever-strong spiritual influence on students and colleagues alike. The Spiritual Life Award is bestowed upon any employee, faculty or staff member who has made a significant contribution to the spiritual life of the campus.

Three staff members were recognized with the Staff Excellence in Service Award. The award is given "in recognition of outstanding service to the university, the church, and the community, and for demonstrating, by precept and example, a Christ-centered life." This year's recipients were: Lori Guerrero, dispatch supervisor for the department of public safety; Jillian Panigot, an administrative assistant in the department of physical therapy; and Shelly Erhard, guest relations coordinator for enrollment management.

Erhard, who was affectionately referred to as Director of First Impressions in her tribute, says her word creed is, "To be the first friendly face that makes someone feel welcome when they come to Andrews University."

Greg Offenback was given special recognition for his 30 years of continuous service with Andrews University. Offenback says nearly his entire career has been working for the University. "I spent the first 14½ years in the farm and dairy, and the last 15+ years in transportation. I plan on retiring from there some day," he says.

The awards portion of the evening concluded with recognition of employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service with the University.

**15 Years:** Tami Condon, Kathleen Ekkens, Cheryl Kean, Mencia Shelley, Bruce Bauer, Millie Das, Najeeb Nakhle, Dennis Grzybowski, Maxwell Jardine, Ray Ostrander, Renee Skeete

**20 Years:** Gerard Damsteegt, Bernard Helms, Dorothy Show, Richard Show, Herbert Helm, Mildred McGrath

**25 Years:** Michael Harrington, Susan Murray

The evening also included various musical selections performed by Justin Jeffery, Juan Carlos-Rodriguez, Chenoa Jimenez, and the University Singers conducted by Stephen Zork.



Recipients of the 2008 Daniel A. Augsburger Excellence in Teaching Award, L-R: Stephen Thorman, Gary Gifford, Carlos Flores, Richard Davidson and Margarita Mattingly. Not pictured: Armand Poblete.



Recipients of the 2008 Staff Excellence in Service Award, L-R: Jillian Panigot, Shelly Erhard and Lori Guerrero



Jane Sabes, recipient of the 2008 Spiritual Life Award



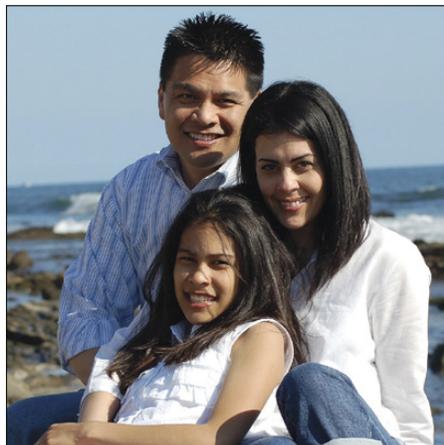
Greg Offenback received an award for 30 years of service

## Martin receives certification as Family Life Educator

A. Allan Martin, associate professor of discipleship and family ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, has received the National Council on Family Relations' Certified Family Life Educator (CFLE) designation.

Martin oversees the approved graduate family-life education program at Andrews University and serves on the board for the Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals. Recently, he was appointed to join the Family Life Values Research Initiative originating out of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center. Martin and his wife, Deirdre, are presenters for *From This Day Forward*, a touring national marriage conference sponsored by North American Division Family Ministries.

The CFLE designation recognizes professionals in the family field as qualified family-life educators. The credential denotes a proven background and knowledge in ten family-life content areas including: families and society, internal family dynamics,



The Martin Family

human growth and development, human sexuality, interpersonal relationships, family resource management, parent education, family law and public policy, ethics, and family-life education methodology. Over 1300 family-life educators have been certified since 1985.

## Hodges new safety director

Dale Hodges of Baton Rouge, La., began as the new director of Public Safety on Monday, March 10.

Hodges has been a member of the Baton Rouge Police Department for 15 years, serving most recently as a detective lieutenant. He also served as a supervisor with the East Baton Rouge Parish Public School System's School Resource Officers Program, which assists with on-site security at the schools. Previous experience also includes four years as a member of the U.S. Army's Military Police Corps.

"I am fully committed to building collaborative relationships between the Department of Public Safety and the faculty, staff, student body and the surrounding community for the betterment of Andrews University," Hodges notes. "Together we can identify areas of concern and implement practices to address these issues. My family and I feel very blessed to have been given this opportunity."

## Greg Constantine recognized by Alumni Awards Foundation

Greg Constantine (*pictured below*), research professor of art and artist-in-residence, emeritus, was the recent recipient of a 2008 Outstanding Alumni Award from the



Photo courtesy of Alumni Awards Foundation

Alumni Awards Foundation. On March 7–8, leaders and educators from across North America gathered at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa in Scottsdale, Ariz., to recognize schools, alumni and teachers who have made a lasting impact on Adventist education.

Along with the award, Constantine was given a \$5000 grant, which he designated to benefit Andrews University.

Constantine began teaching at Andrews in 1963, and chaired the art department 21 of the 43 years of his tenure. In 1971, he initiated European summer sessions for art and architecture students, which he directed for 15 years. Greg was awarded the J.N. Andrews Medallion in 1984 for significant research and publishing. In 1985 he was awarded the Michigan Creative Artist Grant.

Since 1975, Greg has staged numerous one-person shows in top-rated galleries in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami,

Frankfurt, Bucharest and New York. Over the last 10 years, he has been invited to participate in the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies Program, which has exhibited his work in ambassador's residences in six European capital cities.

But more than his paintings, Greg's most critically noteworthy studio accomplishments have been the creation of his Artist Licenses in 1981, and the publication of his three books of drawings in 1983, 1985, and 1986 about famous Old Master Artists visiting American cities.

Over the last 13 years, AAF has given over \$1 million to Adventist education. The nonprofit organization seeks to promote quality education by rewarding schools, leaders and educators who have made a considerable impact on the forefront of Adventist education.

## Ron Johnson retires from engineering department after 32 years

Ron Johnson joined the Andrews faculty in 1975 as an associate professor of engineering technology. Over the course of his career, he witnessed dramatic changes in the field of engineering. “Digital electronics and microprocessors were in their infancy when I began teaching in 1975,” Johnson remembers. “Also, electronic circuits, for the most part, consisted of discrete components or simple single-function integrated circuits.”

“Today, the use of imbedded microprocessors in almost every electronic device and the high degree of integration where whole systems are integrated on a single chip contrast sharply with what we saw 30-some years ago. Keeping current in the classes is perhaps the most significant challenge I faced as a teacher in the engineering field.”

“I enjoyed being able to teach students about electrical engineering ideas that were interesting and challenging for me as well as for them,” says Johnson. “I enjoyed very much watching the students develop into engineering practitioners during their four years here, and then I always got special pleasure from hearing about their accomplishments on the job. I found teaching to be a very enjoyable and rewarding career.”

Johnson’s influence in the classroom extended to his interaction with colleagues,

several of whom were his former students. “The biggest thing I’ve learned from Ron is his amazing commitment to the students as individuals,” says fellow engineering professor Donald De Groot. “The fact that Ron takes time with all his students individually, and that he took time with me when I was a student, is something that I will take with me as a teacher.”

“Ron has left us a legacy that has established a strong foundation to build on,” says Bill Wolfer, another former student of Johnson’s and current chair of the engineering department. “This program and this University have been blessed to have Ron Johnson as a leader for Adventist education. And one of the biggest things we will miss the most about Ron is his wonderful sense of humor and his big friendly smile.”

Since January of this year, Johnson has been enjoying new challenges as the director of Physics Enterprises, an Andrews campus entity that manufactures a variety of science lab and classroom demonstration equipment.



Ron Johnson greets well-wishers at his retirement party held Dec. 6, 2007, in the lobby of the Howard Performing Arts Center.

“Our mission is to carry on the traditions established by Bruce Lee, the founder of Physics Enterprises, and to continue to innovate and expand the product line to serve the science education community,” says Johnson. “Also, in the process of fulfilling this mission we expect to continue to provide jobs for students and income to the University for special projects.” In addition to his work with Physics Enterprises, Johnson is looking forward to some time and opportunities to travel and more time for family and his hobby of model railroading.

## Alger honored for her civic engagement

Sallie Alger, head of bibliographic services, periodicals and the sales department of the James White Library, was honored with an MCC Faculty/Staff Community Service-Learning Award at the 12th annual Institute: Service-Learning and Civic Engagement, on Thursday, Feb. 7. This prestigious annual award is the highest that Michigan Campus Compact (MCC) bestows on faculty and staff in the State of Michigan.

Alger was designated by peers as the faculty/staff person on campus who has made the most outstanding contributions in service-learning and community service. This award recognizes her influence on and the engagement of students to be involved in community service or service-learning

through modeling, influencing or instruction. She was nominated by Larry Ulery, assistant professor of service-learning programming.

Her activities range from attending to the aesthetics of the campus, serving on the university-sponsored academy board, and helping to ensure that the community and university libraries function at optimum levels. She is



Sallie Alger

an active member and officer of the Optimist Club International and a member of a community task force related to tutoring in elementary and middle public schools.

Michigan Campus Compact is a coalition of college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the public purpose of higher education. They promote the education and commitment of Michigan college students to be civically engaged citizens, through creating and expanding academic, cocurricular and campus-wide opportunities for community service, service-learning and civic engagement.

## Media relations specialist appointed

Keri Suarez was recently appointed as Andrews University's new media relations specialist in the Office of University Relations. Her primary responsibilities are to develop and communicate information designed to keep the public informed of the university's mission, programs, accomplishments and activities, through local, national and church media. Suarez replaced Beverly Stout, who relocated last summer to Central Illinois.

Suarez is an Andrews alum, having received her BA in communication with minors in public relations and journalism in 2001. She comes to the Office of University Relations with an experienced background in news and journalism. She spent five years at Newscenter 16, NBC's WNDU in South Bend, Ind.—two years as

a production assistant and three as chief web producer. Her work with the WNDU website won her several awards, including the Associated Press Regional Award for "Best Web Site" in 2003.

Since November 2005, she has been a publicist for Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Ind., promoting their books and authors through special events, media releases, and printed promotional materials.

According to Suarez, "Typically, a career change invokes trepidation along with the excitement of change. But for me, joining



Keri Suarez

the staff at Andrews University feels like a homecoming. It is a privilege to join the Andrews staff and be part of communicating the university's bright future."

"Keri brings an excellent skill set that matches the requirements of this media relations position and we are pleased she is joining the staff," comments Rebecca May, director of University Relations. "We look forward to the relationships she will

build that will bring improvements to our external and internal communication."

## Ann Gibson receives Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair

At a special luncheon on Monday, Feb. 5, Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration (SBA) at Andrews University, announced that Annetta Gibson, professor of accounting and former SBA dean, will receive the Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair of Teaching Excellence in Business Ethics.

The endowed chair was established by Bashir Hasso, whose philanthropy has helped establish Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, and hospitals in the Middle East, as well as education endeavors in the United States. The Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair is one of seven endowed chairs at Andrews University and one of three endowed chairs in the School of Business Administration.

An endowed professorial chair assists the designated department by supporting the recipient's salary, research opportunities,



President Niels-Erik Andreasen, Provost Heather Knight, Ann Gibson and Dean Allen Stembridge

administrative services, and other special projects as set in the endowment agreement. This funding comes from the annual income generated by the principal gift. It is an honor to hold the named chair.

"The School of Business Administration is profoundly grateful for such generosity," stated Stembridge. "This endowed chair enables us to attract and maintain the highly qualified faculty essential for future growth."

Gibson has been a member of the SBA faculty since 1992, when she returned to her alma mater to teach in the Department of Accounting and Ethics. Gibson had received her MBA from Andrews before going on for her Ph.D. at Washington State University. She has since served the SBA in many capacities: as a professor, department chair, SBA dean, director of SBA Off-Campus Programs, and director of its internship program. Gibson began her work in business ethics with Daniel Augsburger, who was a beloved professor at Andrews University for over 60 years. She team-taught a Christian business ethics class with Augsburger and has continued to teach that class since his death. Gibson is also completing a textbook on business ethics that she and Augsburger had initially begun together.

"I will work hard to keep the Hasso name in high regard through the business ethics we teach our students," commented Gibson. "The Hasso family has been generous with Andrews University, and we are grateful for their support."

## VANESSA (LAND) PUJIC

Graduated in May 2006 with a BA in Spanish, a BS in mathematics education, and secondary education certification

### WHY DID YOU CHOOSE ANDREWS FOR YOUR EDUCATION?

My mother graduated from AU in '76 and always had positive things to say about her time there. I wanted to go to an Adventist school that was far enough away from my hometown that I would meet new people and, in a way, blaze my own trail. I had also planned throughout high school to attend an Adventist university as opposed to a college because I felt it would expand my educational, spiritual and social opportunities.

### WHAT WERE YOUR FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT ATTENDING ANDREWS?

Up until college, I had never lived in a dorm, and I happened to be the only girl in my class for three of my four years of high school, so the opportunities I had to build relationships with other women while living in the dorm were, and still are, very important to me. I absolutely LOVED the honors classes that I took through the new J. N. Andrews Honors program that I began my freshman year. The professors and students in those classes, particularly Western Heritage with Drs. Markovic, Mattingly, and Russell and Language of the Fine Arts with Dr. Pittman were amazing, and I still read through the books and reflect upon discussions we had.

### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE YOU LEFT?

I don't feel quite like I've left AU yet because my husband, Goran, is still finishing up his master's in architecture there. However, after graduating, I found a job at a local public school, River Valley Middle/High School, and am currently teaching Spanish 1 and 2, geometry, and 7th grade math. I also married my high school sweetheart this past summer on July 22, 2007!

### HOW DID ANDREWS PREPARE YOU FOR YOUR CURRENT JOB?

The School of Education teachers did a wonderful job of preparing me for teaching! I especially enjoyed their practical advice on classroom management and the importance of building positive relationships with students. In addition, the jobs that I held working in the Math Center and as a TA for the Math Department helped me feel ready to work in my own classroom.

### WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER?

Well, it's never boring! As a Spanish teacher especially, it is exciting to see students' perceptions about the world change as they learn about other cultures. I have one student in particular, a sophomore who is in my Spanish II class that hated Spanish last year, refused to be in Spanish Club and participated minimally in class who, this year, has turned into one of Spanish Club's most active participants. His ideas about learning another language and being socially active have completely turned around, and that is something I am honored to have had a part in.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE?

Goran and I both love to travel and dream of living in England, Spain or Croatia at some point, but eventually we would like to make it back home to Minneapolis where our parents live. And though I love my job in a public school now, I would really enjoy working in the Christian education system sometime in the near future...in a big city.



# A CAREER OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

by Delmer I. Davis

For five decades, **Merlene Ogden** devoted herself to improving the lives of students and faculty. Her career contributions as a teacher and administrator have been crucial to effecting beneficial changes at Andrews University.

Actually, Andrews University did not yet exist when Merlene Ogden first arrived in Berrien Springs and joined the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) in the fall of 1955. Raised in a family of teachers, she had known at an early age she also wanted to teach. With a bachelor's degree from Union College, she first taught all the English, instrumental music, band and women's physical-education courses at Platte Valley Academy for four years. During the summers, she took graduate courses at the University of Nebraska, graduating with a master's degree in English in 1954, one year before her move to Michigan.

Teachers today often complain about overloads and how hard they have to work. One wonders how they would have fared in 1955, given the type of teacher loads that were expected. In her early years at EMC, Ogden taught three sections of composition each term, plus all of the women's physical education courses. Her "free time" was mostly consumed with quickly changing into suitable clothes for her divergent classes and running back and forth between Nethery Hall and Johnson Gymnasium. Housing was not a high institutional priority for single women teachers in those days. For part of that first year, she occupied two rooms with a bath over the quarters of another faculty family, rooms which had no kitchen stove, no kitchen sink, no refrigerator, indeed no kitchen. After buying a second-hand refrigerator and a hotplate, she survived for many months, doing her dishes in the bathtub.

Never one to accept the status quo, however, she began to institute changes for the benefit of her students. Her women's

physical education courses were essentially all of one kind—a sort of composite of various exercises and sports instruction tucked into one course. In contrast, men's physical education courses had already taken the shape of what is commonplace today—separate classes in such sports as softball, basketball and volleyball. Ogden helped to spearhead a revision in women's physical education so women, too, had the opportunity of taking various courses similar to the men's curriculum. She also organized and directed the women's intramural sports program at EMC. Interestingly, she led a faculty women's team in several of these intramural sports events, a team so successful that eventually they were barred from playing because they almost always won. Finally, she was also instrumental in creating a new physical education minor curriculum for women.

Perhaps the biggest change in the history of the institution occurred in 1960 when Emmanuel Missionary College became Andrews University. Interestingly, this drastic change was an event Merlene Ogden experienced from long distance. Every summer since coming to EMC, she had been traveling back to Nebraska to work on her doctorate in English at the University of Nebraska. She was on study leave for two years, from 1960–62, finishing her course work and her comprehensives. When she returned in the fall of 1962, the new university was in the middle of an ambitious building program and the student body was considerably larger, with a strong contingent of graduate students.

For Merlene Ogden, this change to Andrews University was measured by the



**Left:** Merlene began her career at Andrews University in 1955.

English department's fledgling master's degree program in English, a change that resulted in new colleagues and advanced classes taught to graduate students. No longer responsible for women's physical education courses, she now centered efforts completely on the English department curriculum. Always an enthusiastic and charismatic teacher, she launched a regular graduate seminar in Hawthorne. While teaching full-time, she completed work on her doctoral dissertation, a study of the literary relationship between Nathaniel Hawthorne and John Bunyan. Her doctorate was awarded in 1964. Over the next two decades she continued to offer the Hawthorne seminar, but later added an additional graduate course, the seminar in Thoreau, an author she found particularly appealing because of his affinity to nature.<sup>1</sup>

As interested as she was in the content

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**Right:** A member of The Society of Andrews Scholars is mentored by Ogden in 1979.

of these two graduate seminars and the authors represented in the courses, however, she always took a far greater interest in her students and their well-being. As she says today, “I wanted to inspire students to reach their individual potentials, to do their best and to be all that they could be.”

Former students in English courses remember Ogden as one of their most engaging teachers. Present English department faculty member Beverly Matiko recalls that Ogden “had a talent for making demanding literature accessible,” that “she would always have us write in-class response papers to the reading,” instead of “giving us objective quizzes,” and that “I appreciated the invitation to engage with the literature on that level.”

Bruce Closser, another present English department member, remembers Ogden “brought such enthusiasm and energy to her teaching that even if you didn't care all that much for Thoreau, it was hard not to feel excited about your assigned reading.”

An important change in Merlene Ogden's academic life came about as a result of her codirecting a European study tour organized by Union College in the summer of 1960. Travel soon became a main focus of her life. Delighted with the experience on the Union College tour, especially in the way it opened the eyes of students to different cultural, artistic, literary and historical contributions, she organized the first Andrews University European Study Tour for the summer of 1964.<sup>2</sup> On that tour, members visited 16 countries in 83 days. Always known as a champion organizer, Ogden planned all the

details of the tour—the boat trip across the Atlantic (later tours would travel by air), bus, hotel and meal arrangements, boat trips in Europe, castle, cathedral and gallery visits, plus making sure Sabbath services were conducted. Tour members remember her as tireless on these tours.

Notes Beverly Matiko, “We could hardly keep up with her. She pushed herself and she pushed us and I will always be grateful.”

Famous for her ability to economize, she made it possible for more than 800 students to go on one or more of the 13 tours (generally one every-other year) she led during the next three decades. Not only did students get a feel for various cultures, but they also enrolled for up to 6–12 credits of course work. The bus (or coach) became the classroom as teachers and students made presentations over the loudspeaker system while traveling from place to place. Students also did reading, took quizzes and tests, and orally presented research papers prepared prior to the tour while traveling on the bus.

But the tours were not all business. No one has ever been better at melding a diverse crowd of people into a tight-knit group than Merlene Ogden! Each tour group would become a family and she became the “mother” in charge not only of education but also of planning organized fun—shopping trips, enjoying scenic spots, and making sure that students took plenty of photos to show the folks at home! Today, Ogden recalls the tour experiences with particular affection. “The students came back different people with opened eyes about different cultures. In many ways, the





**Left:** As a teacher, Merlene gained the respect and admiration of her students.

**Right:** Merlene celebrated the Honors program with L. Monique Pittman, current director, at the 2007 Alumni Homecoming.

tours were the greatest experiences of my life.” So successful were these European tours, she decided to try short United States versions during spring breaks to New England sites or to the Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg areas, a travel and study tradition that also continued for many years.

Although one would think that she was amply busy with her course teaching and her tours, her rapport with students and her organizational ability led the university administration to appoint her sponsor of the Undergraduate Student Association for several years in the 1960s. In this role, she provided wisdom and some caution as the Andrews University campus rather quietly traversed the age of student protest in the United States.

An important change in Ogden’s experience at Andrews University occurred when she was asked to take over the directorship of the Honors Program in 1969. Although the program had been in place for a few years, it was under her directorship the program really began to flourish.<sup>3</sup> As director of Honors, she had to cut back on her teaching in the English department, but this was more than made up for with the additional Honors courses she began to offer and with the responsibility of organizing and pushing the program into regional acclaim because of its eventual size and distinction. She would continue as director of Honors for 25 years until 1994. For a number of these years,

she served as president and also executive secretary of the Upper Midwest Honors Council.

The late 1970s brought more big changes to both Ogden and Andrews University. In 1977, she was asked to become assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Two years later, in 1979, she was named associate dean. In both roles, she continued to guide the Honors Program. She also became chair of the General Education Committee, where she led in establishing various innovations and changes in the general education curriculum, including helping Andrews University become a pilot school in the assessment of general education by means of the innovative COMP/ACT assessment tool. She also was in charge of processing all academic petitions for the college, a role that allowed her to help countless students meet graduation requirements.

As a result of her tireless work ethic, her people and organizational skills, and her enthusiastic leadership, she was asked in 1981 to serve as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, a position she continued in until 1991. As the college dean, she spoke ably for the “family” of faculty members in her school. As with her classes and tours, she paid particular attention to rewarding the teaching faculty and especially the chairs of departments with thoughtful thank-you notes and token gifts to show her appreciation for their helpful contributions.

As a department chair during her tenure as dean, I can testify to how tirelessly she worked to establish a family feeling among her faculty and students in order to make learning as comfortable and fulfilling as possible. Yearly, she initiated the practice of taking representative department chairs to the national meetings of the Academic Chairpersons Conference in order to help them become aware of how best to administer an academic department, a tradition which has continued to this day. She also established the custom of taking all the department chairs and their families away for a special weekend retreat during winter breaks to nearby resort motels, a much-appreciated gesture given the usual cold and snow. In the evenings, the heated swimming pool and hot tub were always popular sites, but the days were given to discussions of college issues, while Sabbath was a time for spiritual fellowship and interchange along with perhaps a visit to a local cultural or scenic site. Even in tight budget years, she always managed to find funds for this kind of team-building activity.

While dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, she also led in the efforts to establish new majors and to reinvigorate continuing curricula. After several years of careful planning in close contact with the required professional accrediting associations, for example, she helped pave the way for the offering of the physical therapy programs at both Andrews University and Kettering College.

Very importantly, during her years as college dean, she dealt yearly with the tensions and difficult choices resulting from several years of financial stress at the university. Perhaps adapting her skills at running a large tour economically, she learned how to shave departmental budgets with innovative approaches throughout her school, while at the same time consistently voicing the central importance of the College of Arts and Sciences to her fellow administrators. And “fellow” administrators is, indeed, a key word, for when she became dean, she was the only woman in the Andrews University higher administration

1. She linked her lifelong hobby of photography to her interest in Thoreau and developed two photographic essays which were displayed at the Thoreau Lyceum in Concord, Mass.. Later, she co-authored *Walden: A Concordance*, published in 1985 by Garland Publishing Company. 2. Meredith Jones Gray traces the history of this first tour along with information about some of the other tours in a *Focus* article, “Travels with (Mother) Merlene,” Summer 2006, 28-29. 3. See the accompanying article in this month’s *Focus*, 20-21.

“The students came back different people with opened eyes about different cultures. In many ways, the tours were the greatest experiences of my life.”



and would continue to be so during her tenure as the college dean. Thus, her viewpoints were often uniquely different from those of the men around her, and her presence was helpful in increasing their understanding of how women can serve effectively in administrative roles.

Particularly in the late 1980s, Ogden became more and more involved in the complicated process of continuing and establishing affiliation agreements for the offering of Andrews undergraduate degrees in several overseas Seventh-day Adventist institutions. She began making visits to these campuses and piloting ways in which the teachers overseas could more easily communicate with their Berrien Springs counterparts. It is no wonder, then, that as retirement age loomed, she decided to put aside her long-time administrative duties in the College of Arts and Sciences in order to become more fully involved in solving problems for the various university overseas programs.

In 1991, she was named dean of Affiliation and Extension Programs, a position she continued in until 2004, although for the last ten years of this service, she was officially semiretired (yet working full days and often well into the nights—a habit that she seemingly could not put aside since she could always find problems that needed solving and programs that needed improving). As dean of Affiliation and Extension Programs, she regularly traveled the world, with particular emphasis on coordinating the undergraduate affiliations, which at one time included six separate

campuses with many hundreds of students enrolled in pursuit of Andrews degrees. She also monitored and helped process much of the paperwork for a variety of Andrews extension graduate programs throughout the world. In all of these efforts, she once again was tireless in emphasizing the needs of students and faculty on the various campuses, trying her best to adapt the various academic programs to the local sites with an eye to what such campuses could reasonably afford while not sacrificing academic quality. To insure that quality, she set up course and teacher review processes for all undergraduate offerings so that departmental faculty on the Andrews campus could judge how effectively the teachers overseas were instructing their courses by means of sample syllabi, homework and exams.

That kind of quality control and attention to communication details led the North Central Association in 1999 to cite the Andrews University affiliation and extension programs as models for other schools to follow. But in spite of such accomplishments, her greatest satisfaction always came when the various undergraduate overseas schools received their own government charters to offer their own degrees, thus freeing them from the Andrews University umbrella. This, after all, had been the original purpose in setting up the overseas affiliations in the first place. In her final years as dean of Affiliation and Extension Programs, she was key in helping more than 200 graduate students finish their master's of science in administration degrees

in International Development around the world.

As she looks back at her many years as an administrator, beginning with her directorship of the Honors Program in 1969, Ogden is particularly grateful for the years in which the late Arthur Coetzee acted as her mentor when he served as vice president for Academic Administration and as provost for Strategic Planning. “He was always open to new ideas and approaches and he was also good at critiquing my ideas,” she says.

Although retiring from all official connections with Andrews University in 2004, Ogden continues her interest in world travel. Through Ogden Tours, she leads a minimum of two tours a year to exciting sites abroad. Many of her tour members are former Andrews students and faculty. Still devoted to the overseas Adventist schools, she also volunteers weekly at the James White Library, putting donated books on the database for SAIL, an overseas program that allows Adventist colleges and universities around the world to add books to their libraries for the cost of shipping. The recipient of numerous honors from Andrews University over the years for her devoted and selfless service, she continues to put friends, former colleagues, students and tour members first as she seeks to better their lives.

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**Delmer Davis**, professor of English, emeritus, is a longtime friend and colleague of Merlene Ogden. For many years they served together in the English department and later in administration while he was dean of the School of Graduate Studies and vice president for academic administration.



**REGIONAL TRIPS**  
● NON-CREDIT U.S. TOURS

<b>10</b> TOURS	<b>200</b> MEMBERS (EST.)
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**ADULT TOURS**  
● INTERNATIONAL "ALUMNI AND FRIENDS" TOURS

<b>27</b> TOURS	<b>'81-'08</b> YEARS	<b>868</b> MEMBERS
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• MERLENE OGDEN:  
**FROM ANDREWS**

**CONVERSATIONS WITH LES AND GREGORY**

Reveling in the "adventure of the unknown," **Gregory Snell** (BA '91, MA '95) taught English in Asia the last five years. Continuing the cultural exchange, he currently teaches in Poplar Bluff, Mo., where he is plotting a return to Ravenna, Italy for a mosaic workshop. A deliriously happy marriage with **Lisa Karpenko** (BA '96) keeps **Leslie Rollins** (BA '98) in a near constant state of joy. He's fixin' to get his head more fully 'round living in "The South" after relocating from Howell, Mich., to Nashville, Tenn. Leslie currently is crisscrossing the U.S. for Thomas Nelson Publishers as a retail marketing Bible consultant.

Asked to share their European Study Tour experiences with Focus readers, they settle in for a cross-country phone call, reminiscing about their first travel experiences together.

**Rollins:** I first met Dr. Ogden on tour. My aunt and uncle's pictures of a past Ogden tour had enthralled me, and I knew I had to get a ticket into that world.

**Snell:** Well, that's the glamorous way to meet Dr. Ogden. I knew her from working together for seven years, assisting on her tours as a student and renting her basement apartment. The tours are amazing, but Leslie's approach ignores her attention to detail. Traveling in England on the 4th of July—hardly a country to celebrate our independence—she bought watermelons for dinner. The hotel served each wedge with an American flag on top. I asked the waiter where they found 60 American flags. He said, "Your tour leader provided them." She hadn't known how she would use them,

but planned ahead to make our holiday special.

**Rollins:** Yes, Dr. Ogden tries to ensure that everyone has a good time. And she makes you feel comfortable no matter how grand the situation or clueless you might be within it—even if you wear shorts to St. Mark's Basilica in Venice and have to wear a scarf around your waist to gain entrance. At the Windemere Hotel in the Lake District [England], she offered an evening tutorial for fine dining. She set a table with all the glasses and silver and taught us how and when to use each piece. After that, I felt prepared for any situation, no matter how many forks were used!

**Snell:** Her tour preparation begins a year in advance. One entire summer was spent copying, retyping, and compiling information for the tour resource book affectionately called "The Thing." This hefty binder features literature, history, economics, fine arts, architecture, religion, biographies, maps, essays, floor plans and songs. It's an encyclopedia customized for your trip.

**Rollins:** Encyclopedia? It's more like a hodge-podge of things you find on



## THE "GRAND TOUR" OF EUROPE

● FOR CREDIT IN ENGLISH, HISTORY AND FINE ARTS

14

TOURS

'64-'93

YEARS

635

MEMBERS

WITH VISITS TO COLLEGES AT: NEWBOLD, ENGLAND • COLLONGES, FRANCE  
VILLA AURORA, ITALY • BOGENHOFEN, AUSTRIA • MARIENHOEHE, WEST  
GERMANY DANISH JR COLLEGE, DENMARK • TYRIFJRD, NORWAY

## OTHER WORLD TRAVEL FOR A.U.

● AS DEAN OF AFFILIATIONS, MERLENE WORKED WITH OUR SCHOOLS IN:  
AUSTRALIA  
ENGLAND  
GHANA  
HAITI  
INDIA  
JAMAICA  
KENYA  
MEXICO  
NIGERIA  
PERU  
PUERTO RICO  
RWANDA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
THAILAND  
TRINIDAD  
ZIMBABWE

## TOUR TOTALS

51

TOURS

1,703

TOUR MEMBERS

# ...TO THE WORLD

someone's refrigerator—to-do lists, fun drawings, little articles. Separately, they seem disconnected, but taken as a whole a great collection emerges, revealing a thoughtful personality. I never appreciated the wealth of information we were given until I took a fine arts class at community college. When showing slides in class, the teacher had to sigh and ask, "How was it in person, Leslie?" If it wasn't in Greece, Egypt, or Asia I could say, "Been there, seen that."

**Rollins:** I was amazed at her energy. Though always busy, she never appeared flustered. If you asked a question, she always explained things and never seemed impatient, even as she hurried you back to the bus.

**Snell:** Dr. Ogden has one speed on tour—steady. Climbing up to

Neuschwanstein Castle, she may not start in front of the group, but she's waiting when you reach the top. Yet, she is sympathetic to "tour fatigue." After one long day, she said, "Get out 'The Thing' and take notes on..." An audible sigh echoed through the bus. Rather than maintain her lecture schedule she said, "Well, we can do that later. Let's just enjoy the scenery awhile."

**Rollins:** That sigh was probably after your 45 minute monologue about King Arthur, Gregory! Even co-leader Malcom Russell fell asleep. Fortunately, Dr. Ogden shares practical information—shopping advice on what each area is famous for or quality souvenirs that fit student budgets. She suggested keeping a photo journal to help identify pictures after the tour, as well

as saving 15 minutes each evening to journal your impressions of the day.

**Snell:** It's ironic that you praise those tips now since you didn't follow them and still can't identify some of your photos! Dr. Ogden certainly plans ahead. In Ravenna, Italy, she bought a stack of postcards showing a Byzantine mosaic of the Three Magi. The following Christmas she sent them to tour members—it was her holiday card and a fond memory of the tour.

**Snell:** Even though the trips are action-packed, she deliberately carved out space for spiritual enrichment, too. Whether singing a chorus in a cathedral, worshiping with a local church, creating our own service in a Swiss Alps meadow or writing Psalms of Travel, each Sabbath is a special memory.

**Rollins:** Her trips foster great personal connectedness—to history, people and cultures. Even off-paper Dr. Ogden can neatly tie everything together, like a community version of "The Thing." Dr. Ogden showed me a part of the world and a way of thinking about it that still deeply effects me today. I learned that treasure is available anytime if you just open your eyes and show an interest in learning.



# A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

by Meredith Jones Gray

A bustle of last-minute nerves, final adjustments of power points and papers, and people finding their way to the right session fills the halls and classrooms of the Science Complex. It is a Friday afternoon in late April 2007. The Fifth Annual Thesis Symposium of the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program is about to begin.

Concurrent sessions and abstracts, presenters and interested scholars—it is a full-blown interdisciplinary conference. Thirty-seven Andrews Scholars will impart hard-won knowledge, lay out new ideas, suggest hypotheses, and offer conclusions. Their project topics range across the academic map:

“Hellenization, Romanization and Culture Change in Central Transjordan”

“Neuromodulation of Phonotactic Behavior in Female *Acheta domestica*: Possible Involvement of Biogenic Amines”

“College Students’ Consideration for Hybrid Vehicles: Andrews University’s Views on an Emerging Market”

“Effect of Season of Birth on Herd Retention and Production through Two Lactations in Holstein Dairy Cattle”

“Re-inventing the Mousetrap: Improved Synthesis of Cyanostilbenes”

“Father Knows Best: Renaissance Masculinity Modeled on Stage in William Shakespeare’s *I Henry IV*”<sup>1</sup>

Physics and music, behavioral science and education. The students represent student research from departments across campus. Their presentations are the last step in their journey toward graduation with honors from Andrews University. The Thesis Symposium lies within a long



Twenty-two students received the bachelor degree with honors in June 1972. Seated, left to right, are Jennifer Lindquist, Sandra Lenz, Ruth Ann Plue, Connie Beehler, Joyce Gershon, Nancy Anderson, Deborah Hartson, and Sue Hawkins. Standing, left to right, are David Smith, Lindsay Paden, Calvin Hill, Mary Colvin Roth, Merlene Ogden, Gary Russell, Leonard McMillan, Edward Griffin.

tradition of honors at Andrews—a tradition whose seeds were sown over 40 years ago.

Paul E. Hamel, chair of the Andrews University music department, was attending a conference on higher education in Chicago when he noticed in the program a session on honors programs. It piqued his interest. He attended and returned to campus full of ideas for what could happen at Andrews.<sup>2</sup>

The ideas did not stop there. President Richard L. Hammill appointed a committee to study the possibilities and present a proposal to the faculty. On March 4, 1964, the *Student Movement* reported: “Faculty to Evaluate New Honors Program.” Hamel, as chair of the committee, and his colleagues—Daniel Augsburger (Modern Languages), Asa Thoresen (Biology), Elaine Giddings (Speech), Donald Snyder (Physics), and Leif Tobiassen (History)—had a large vision for honors at Andrews; “engagement” and “liberation” would be its bywords. According to Hamel:

‘Engagement’ means giving the gifted student every opportunity to move ahead as rapidly as possible in the field of his particular interest. ‘Liberation’ would mean allowing the

gifted student to free himself from the traditional and limiting regulations of individual courses and curricula.<sup>3</sup>

Despite some who voiced concerns about creating what might become an elitist organization,<sup>4</sup> the faculty approved the proposed honors program and a description first appeared in the *Bulletin* of 1966–67. Hamel, as first director of honors, announced: “Andrews University will implement a new concept in Seventh-day Adventist higher education for the superior student when the new honors program begins in September [1967].”<sup>5</sup> President Hammill would later say that the support he gave to the honors initiative was “one of the things I did at Andrews University of which I am the most proud.”<sup>6</sup>

When Hamel was pressed into other university commitments, the President designated a new director, a professor of English named Merlene A. Ogden. It was an historic appointment. Ogden guided and inspired honors students for the next 24 years. Donovan Moon remembers her persuasive powers as she urged him to take a “special” honors English class. Like so many others, he also remembers the works and authors enthusiastically studied and discussed with Ogden, including the *Song of Roland* and Willa Cather.<sup>7</sup>

Honors students could, as early as 1968–69, take advantage of challenging honors courses in at least eleven academic areas such as anthropology, mechanical engineering design, music and zoology. They could also pursue independent study and research, enjoy some flexibility in fulfilling requirements, and work toward graduation with honors.<sup>8</sup>

The honors committee believed from the beginning that student research should be a cornerstone of the Andrews honors experience: “The honors student will be required to enroll in an interdisciplinary senior honors seminar,” which would



**Top:** Ashley Wynn discusses her honors project with Merrie Jones Gray. **Bottom:** Lisa Renk explains her honors thesis poster to President Andreasen.

include “presentations by the students of their research and independent study reports.”<sup>9</sup>

In December of 1969 senior home economics major Maryellen Hutchinson presented the “first seminar report to come out of the independent-study honors program.” Her primary research included a survey of 122 undergraduate women at Andrews,<sup>10</sup> and her paper was entitled “A Study of the Relationship between General Personal Values and Clothing Attitudes Within a Specific Sub-Cultural Group.” The spring of that school year Hutchinson and twenty other students received their diplomas with honors, the first group of graduates to complete the requirements devised by the honors committee.

Under Ogden’s direction the honors program grew academically, socially and spiritually. The Society of Andrews Scholars, the student arm of the program, worked with the honors faculty to expand the life of the honors community. The school year of 1970–71 featured a symposium on twentieth-century art, with presentations on theology and art, T.S. Eliot’s “Wasteland,” a commentary on visual artists of the century, and “The Sounds of a New Era,” including selections from composers

such as Stravinsky, Penderecki, and Rachmaninoff.<sup>11</sup> The Andrews Scholars sponsored a field trip to Chicago to visit museums and attend a concert by the Rose-Isstomen-Stern Trio. They organized the first annual honors banquet. They also held a Sabbath retreat of special services, lunch, an afternoon discussion and vespers.<sup>12</sup>

Over the years, Ogden brought the Andrews program to regional and national recognition. It became a member of the Upper Midwest Honors Council, the Michigan Honors Association, and the National Collegiate Honors Council.

Today’s honors program still bears a strong resemblance to that early vision. This school year of 2007–2008, under the new direction of L. Monique Pittman, Andrews Scholars attended the Chicago Symphony and visited the Art Institute in Chicago. At the now annual Friday evening Agape Feast and vespers, the officers and sponsors served well over a hundred student and faculty guests. The Scholars are a thriving cultural, social and spiritual community.

On the academic side of life as Andrews Scholars, students pursue a core of stimulating honors classes to complete their general-education requirements. And the senior honors-research experience is still the capstone experience for a student graduating with honors, just as the first honors committee envisioned it. New levels of professionalism have been added: Junior Research Pro-Seminar to prepare the students for their senior projects, and a proposal defense with the Honors Council to help ensure sound research.

One of the more recent innovations has been a poster session held spring semester in which the students who plan to graduate with honors display a visual presentation of their honors topics: a poster explaining their theses, methodologies, and background information. This March some forty scholars put on an impressive exhibit in the Chan Shun Hall lobby—a dazzling array of charts and graphs, concise outlines and careful definitions, illustrations and professional layouts.

Each project is a story of hard work and new academic maturity. Ashley Wynn, senior English major, tells a representative story. She refers to her honors research as “a bit of a journey” and says, “As a freshman

## The Scholars are a thriving cultural, social and spiritual community.

I feared this part of the program... When I attended my first Symposium in April of my freshman year I saw how much work actually went into an honors project.” She remembers feeling “intimidated” and also confesses being a little bit bored by the presentation about Virginia Woolf she attended. Four years later she is preparing, under the direction of English professor and Honors Council member Beverly Matiko, to present her own paper on Virginia Woolf, an analysis of modernism and postmodernism in Woolf’s *The Waves*. Now, she says:

Overall I’m proud of my research and really enjoy all the time I spend working on my paper. I think that studying Virginia Woolf in this way has given me a better appreciation of her. I am also learning and reading a lot of fascinating things about postmodernism and postmodern texts. I hope, however, that my presentation doesn’t bore any freshmen who decide to attend, though it probably will.<sup>13</sup>

In April the John Nevins Andrews Honors Program will come full circle again to its annual grand finale. For almost forty years, senior Andrews Scholars have presented their research during the months leading up to graduation. Six years ago the Honors Council decided to gather those presentations together into a half-day event. April 2008 will bring the Sixth Annual Thesis Symposium, still fulfilling the ideals of engagement and liberation, the tradition of excellence, commitment, and service, and the dreams of the pioneers and leaders who dedicated themselves to honors at Andrews.

**Meredith Jones Gray** is professor of English at Andrews University and is currently working on the second volume in the Andrews Heritage Series.

1. All of the information is taken from the conference bulletin. The authors of these papers are, respectively, Darrell J. Rohl, Rebecca Lee, Allison Hurlow, Rachel Knott, David Carbonell, and Bonnie McLean. 2. Paul Hamel, personal interview, 10 March 2008. 3. P. 1. 4. Hamel interview. 5. “The Andrews Scholar Program to Begin in September,” *Focus*, July–August 1967. 6. *Pilgrimage* 121. 7. Telephone conversation, February 2008. 8. *Andrews University Bulletin*, 99–101. 9. *Andrews University Bulletin*, 1966–67, 41. 10. “Report Shows AU Women Don’t Look the Way They Feel,” *SM*, 11 Dec 1969, 11. 11. Tom Alexander, “AU Scholars Hold Art Symposium,” *SM*, 12 Feb 1970, 6. 12. “Scholars to Retreat May 16 & 17,” *SM*, 30 April 1970, 8. 13. E-mail message, March 2008.

# ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MARCH

- 9 Arizona Alumni Gathering**  
9:30 am  
*The Golden Corral*  
7609 W Thomas Rd, Phoenix, Ariz.
- 16 Tennessee Alumni Gathering**  
6:30 pm  
*Provino's Italian Restaurant*  
5084 S Terrace Pl, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 17 Georgia Alumni Gathering**  
6:30 pm  
*Pappasito's Cantina*  
2788 Windy Hill Rd, Marietta, Ga.
- 18 Asheville, N.C. Alumni Gathering**  
6:30 pm  
*Asiana Grand Buffet*  
1968 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville, N.C.
- 19 Charlotte, N.C. Alumni Gathering**  
6:30 pm  
*Romano's Macaroni Grill*  
8620 Research Dr, Charlotte, N.C.

## APRIL

- 26 Willowdale SDA Church**  
8:45 & 11:30 am services  
535 Finch Ave W, Willowdale, Ont.  
President Niels-Erik Andreasen will be speaking at both church services.

- 26 Oshawa Alumni Gathering**  
7:30 pm  
*Chapel, Girl's Residence Hall*  
Kingsway College, Oshawa, Ont.  
We're honored to have local celebrity and alumna **Rochelle Hansen** (BA '05) in concert, featuring selections from her debut album *Step Out*. If you're looking for an experience that will leave you feeling refreshed and inspired, with her soothing vocals and inspirational lyrics, this is it. Join us for appetizers in the cafeteria after the concert, and the opportunity to mingle with the artist and fellow alums.
- 27 Toronto Alumni Gathering**  
11:30 am  
*Mandarin Buffet*  
2200 Yonge St, Toronto, Ont.

## MAY

- 1 Alumni Graduation Picnic**  
6:00 pm  
*Alumni House backyard*  
Andrews University  
Berrien Springs, Mich.  
Just prior to graduation rehearsal, the Alumni Association will host graduates at this traditional celebration. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact the Alumni Office.

- 10 Washington Alumni Gathering**  
5:00 pm  
*Havstad Alumni Center*  
20 SW 4th Street, College Place, Wash.  
President Niels-Erik Andreasen has been asked to speak on the campus of Walla Walla University and would like to invite you to join him for a light supper following his message.

## JUNE

- 14 Indiana Alumni Gathering**  
4:00 pm  
*Indiana Academy*  
Cicero, Ind.
- 21 Wisconsin Alumni Gathering**  
5:00 pm  
*Andrews University Cabin*  
Camp Wakonda, Westfield, Wis.
- 21 Lake Region Alumni Gathering**  
5:00 pm  
*Camp Wagner (tent next to the church)*  
Cassopolis, Mich.
- 28 Michigan Alumni Gathering**  
5:00 pm  
*Fellowship Hall, Cedar Lake Church*  
Cedar Lake, Mich.

**Please Note:** Locations and times are subject to change. As the date gets closer, be sure to doublecheck the alumni website or call the alumni office for updates.

## WHO'S CONSIDERED AN ALUM?

If you've attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! If you're a parent or know someone who may be considering Andrews, you're invited to join us for any of the above alumni gatherings.



Would you like to share an idea? Recommend a venue for a gathering? Help host an event? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Tami Condon (BS '91) in the Alumni Office at [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu) or 269-471-3591. Your generous support makes these events possible. Thank you!

## Alumni Gatherings



Silver Spring, Maryland

### Silver Spring, Maryland

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007

Our Maryland alumni gathering at the Eggspectations restaurant in Silver Spring, Md. has become one of the largest, with about 100 alumni in attendance. Architecture wins the honor for largest representation, thanks to local alumna **Ruthzaly Weich** (BSA '05 MArch '06), who rallied friends and classmates to attend.

### Bermuda

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2007

The beautiful island of Bermuda is home to an enthusiastic group of alumni who are very proud of their

alma mater. Tami shared pictures and news from campus during brunch at the Devonshire SDA church.

Local alumna, **Sonia Pearman** (BA '77), was instrumental in helping bring the group together; she and the others hope to see the gathering continually grow each year.

### Huntsville, Alabama

Monday, Dec. 3, 2007

Heather Knight, provost for Andrews University, was honored to host our first alumni gathering at Oakwood University. She was able to reconnect many African-American pastors who were there for the Annual Pastoral Council and several local alums in the Huntsville area with the "New Andrews for a New Century."

Alumni in attendance included **Ricardo Graham** (MDiv '80), former secretary and new president of the Pacific Union Conference; **Roscoe Howard** (MDiv '84), secretary for the North American Division; **Washington Johnson** (MDiv '87), editor, *Message* magazine; **Virgil Childs** (MDiv '91), African-American coordinator for the Northern California Conference; and **Jackson Doggette** (MA '86), attorney.

Oakwood University President **Delbert Baker** (MDiv '78) dropped by the event to say hello and show his support as well.



Huntsville, Alabama



Bermuda



Huntsville, Alabama



Cruise with a Mission

## Cruise with a Mission

Dec. 16–23, 2007

Cruise with a Mission is a Caribbean cruise, a mission trip, and a spiritual retreat all wrapped up in one meaningful adventure. **Japhet de Oliveira** (MA '97) and his team coordinated an amazing experience with a wave of service opportunities involving dozens of organizations at locations throughout the cities of Belize City, Belize and Puerto Santo Tomas De Castilla, Guatemala.

We hosted an alumni gathering onboard, as several of the attendees were alumni of Andrews University. Be sure and check out the website



Apopka, Florida

[www.cruisewithamission.org](http://www.cruisewithamission.org) for a complete list of pictures, details and ways to get involved next year.



Redlands, California



Roseville, California

were treated to an evening of “exertainment” which included a variety of options, including several interactive video games. President **Niels-Erik Andreassen** (MA '65, BD '66) shared news from campus, and the evening ended with a refreshing smoothie from the facility conceived, owned and operated by local alums **Ernie Medina Jr.** (BS '89) and **Kim** (BS '88, MS '89) & **Corey** (BS '93) **Knowlton**.

## Roseville, California

Monday, Feb. 11, 2008

University Trustee Paul Stokstad and his wife, Shelley, generously hosted an amazing alumni gathering at the Adventist Health facility. It was a lovely dinner with “blue & gold” featured in every detail from start to finish. In Paul’s own words, “Shelley and I feel so blessed to be a part of Andrews and its mission of educating our young people.”

## Apopka, Florida

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008

Everyone seemed to have a great time at the historical and elegant Captain and the Cowboy Restaurant. Once again, several prospective students were invited as our honored guests, which made the fellowship all that more meaningful as we caught up with friends and talked about campus.

## Redlands, California

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2008

This was our second alumni event held at the innovative and action-packed XRtainment Zone in Redlands, Calif. Alums

## Napa, California

Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008

What a joy to visit Napa Valley, especially during the month of February. But it’s the warmth of our alums



Napa, California

there that we truly treasure. Once again Marie Callender's restaurant was the location of our gathering and we enjoyed mingling over a buffet dinner and their famous pie!

### Alumni Hockey Game & Open Skate

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008

This annual tradition held at the South Bend Ice Box Arena has become a favorite for both



Alumni Hockey Game

alumni and students, bringing out alums such as **David Zanzanian** (BBA '07) from as far away as New York to play in the game. School spirit was apparent, as students and

alumni alike proudly waved their AU pennants and cheered on their favorite team!



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Introducing AU&ME, the new online community for Andrews Alumni! This service is available to all Andrews alumni and will allow you to update your profile and connect with other alumni. Join today at [www.andrews.edu/alumni](http://www.andrews.edu/alumni).

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THE ANDREWS ALUMNI CONNECTION



The Hamberger Family



The Damron Family



Ruth-Ann & Stanley Cottrell

## 1940s

**Frank Damazo** (BS '44, '47) is retired living in Frederick, Md. Frank served for 48 years as a general surgeon in Frederick. He is blessed with two daughters, Donna Butler and Nancy O'Donnell.

**Ruth Hamberger** (BA '47) considers getting to teach English to foreign students at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School to be a professional highlight. These days Ruth is retired, making her home in Berrien Springs, Mich. She is the proud mother of two children, **Joan Calfee** (BS '78) and **David** (BA '84). Her husband, **Bill** (BA '51), died in 2000.

## 1960s

**Chester Damron** (MA '58, '67 MA) resides with his wife **Mary Jean (Brown)** (att.), in Berrien Springs. Chester is retired after a long career in the ministry where he served in many posts including missionary, pastor, evangelist, college Bible teacher, and chaplain, to name a few. Chester was the first missionary chosen to be trained at Andrews in the mission-pilot training program. He served for ten years overseas training pastors, singing in the Thailand Voice of Prophecy quartet, and serving as an evangelist. Chester has many interests and served for ten years as "Uncle Dan" on Your Story Hour, and also thirty years as an "Abe Lincoln Impressionist." In 2006, he was declared the "Best Abraham Lincoln of 2006" at the annual convention of the Association of Lincoln Presenters. He is thankful for "many wonderful memories of time spent with college students." Currently he serves the Pioneer Memorial Church in traffic safety and control, helping attendees have a smoother time Sabbath mornings. Chester and Mary Jean are the proud parents of three children including **Delisa Purchase** (att.).

**Stanley Cottrell** (BA '64) and his wife **Ruth Ann Baldwin-Cottrell** (BMUS '61, MAT '93) are retired in Battle Creek, Mich. After eight years as the director at the Historic Adventist Village, Stanley has retired from that position and is now serving as an interim pastor for the Mich. Conference. In addition to pastoring, Stanley and Ruth Ann conduct Adventist History Seminars on weekends. They have four grown children and two grandchildren.

**Helen Grattan** (MA '67) makes her home in Bondurant, Iowa, with her husband, Gordon. Helen is retired from serving as college instructor; however she remains active in her local church where she is kindergarten leader and head deaconess. Some favorite memories for Helen from Andrews include trips she got to take while she was here. The history summer tour of Europe with Richard Schwartz and Dr. Thompson, as well as camping trips and rides on the sand dunes of Lake Michigan are times she remembers warmly.

**Richard Habenicht** (BA '67, MAPM '97) and his wife **Cherry (Lidner)** (BA '68, MA '72) make their home in Columbus, Wis. Richard is the trust stewardship/religious liberty director for the Wisconsin conference. He has served in that conference for 22 years with the last 15 years spent working in the conference office. Among his blessings he is thankful for: "Godly teachers who modeled learning about and following God." Richard loves flying and in 1967 he received his private license. He has since received his commercial and instrument ratings for flying. Besides flying he has enjoyed leading mission trips to South America and Latin America. Richard and Cherry have three children including **Lisa Isensee** (BA '96) and **Hans** (BS '00).

**Al Konrad** (BA '65, MA '67) resides in Frostburg, Md. Currently Al works as a nursing-home administrator for the Alleghany County Nursing and Rehab Center.



The Vyhmeister Family



Bruce N. Cameron

**Elwood Starr** (BD '67) holds the distinction of being the longest-serving pastor in the Oregon Conference. He writes of his 40 years of pastoral ministry as a time of "touching people's lives and them touching mine." Currently he lives in Warrenton, Ore., with his wife Verna, and he serves in Astoria as a district pastor. A profession highlight came for Elwood when he was able to go on mission trips to Tanzania and India. He considers it quite a thrill to see lives "changed by the gospel." From his time at Andrews he remembers "wonderful fellowship with fellow seminarians and challenging classes of dedicated teachers." Elwood and his wife have four children and four grandchildren.

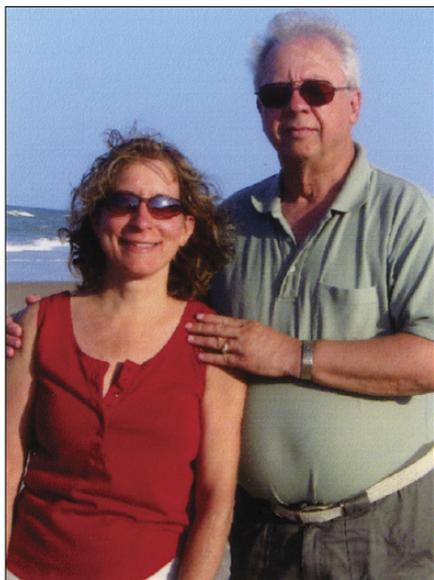
**Nancy Vyhmeister** (MA '67, '78 EDD) is an Andrews professor emerita. While at Andrews Nancy developed two new courses, taught religion for undergrads, and gave the PhD dissertation seminar at the Seminary. In addition to her duties at Andrews she invested 17 years of her life working on the Adventist Bible Commentary set. She writes that she has "too many blessings to count!" However if she did count them they would include "family, health, home, plenty to do, friends, and challenges." She and her husband **Werner** (BD '68), also a retired Andrews professor, make their home in Yucaipa, Calif. The couple have made missions a priority and served as missionaries in both South America and the Philippines throughout their careers. They have two children, **Heidi** (BS '80), and **Ron** (MBA '85), as well as four grandchildren including **Alexander** (att.).

## 1970s

**William Brent Coffman** (MDiv '71) and his wife, Patricia McGhee-Coffman, make their home in Redlands, Calif. They have five children: Brent, Amy, Jarrid, Travis and Ashley. William has spent twenty-five years as a dentist at a family practice in Yucapia Valley, Calif., and Patricia is a physician working in Fontana-Colton, Calif. Through the years, William has served as president for the Seminary Student Forum (1970-71), on the Andrews University Board (1972-75) and as president for both the CDA, ADA Tri-County Dental Society and the American Academy of History of Dentistry. William has also volunteered his dental services in Mexico, Fiji and Russia.

**Bruce N. Cameron** (BA '73) was recently appointed the Reed Larson Professor of Labor Law at Regent University School of Law. He remains on staff with the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation. His wife, **Margie (Brennan)** (BA 74), teaches in the Manassas Adventist Preparatory School. Their son, **Blake** (BS '06), was married last summer to **Catherine McDermott** (BA '06) and is in his second year at Loma Linda School of Medicine. Their daughter, **Courtney** (att.) currently attends Regent University. Bruce writes a weekly Bible study guide to the adult Sabbath School lesson quarterly which Blake publishes on the Internet ([www.GoBible.org/www.SabbathSchoolLessons.com](http://www.GoBible.org/www.SabbathSchoolLessons.com)). The lesson is translated into several languages. In the last month a new e-mail distribution list picked up the lesson boosting its readership from 26,000 to 33,000 each week.

**Melodie (Hall) Lopez** (BA '75), recently located to the Collegedale, Tenn., area with her husband **Vincent** (BA '86). Melodie is working to help establish the new Graduate Studies Office at Southern Adventist University and at the same time pursuing her master's degree. Vincent is teaching science to 9th grade students at a public high school, as well as fundraising for a local business. The couple has two children of whom they are very proud. They write, "we are still adjusting to what has been a major move for us at this stage of life. Leaving Florida was not an easy decision, after living there since 1975. We miss the ocean but we continue to trust in the Lord's guidance as we join a new community of faith and see the continued beauty of His handiwork through the majestic hills and mountains of Tennessee. We truly enjoy reading Focus."



Cindy & William Merz

**Estrella Acosta** (BS '77) makes her home in Apopka, Fla., where she works as a referring travel agent. Previously she worked for twenty years as a program development specialist with the east coast "Migrant Head Start Program." She was able to provide training and technical assistance to staff at centers in seven different states. A great tragedy came to Estrella in April of 2007, when one of her two daughters died in an auto accident. Among Estrella's memories of Andrews she recalls "snowdrifts 12 feet high, and snow from October to May."

**Rose (Evans) Barg** (BS '77) makes her home in Federal Way, Wash. with her husband Donald, a structural engineer. The couple is blessed with two children, Amanda and Ryan.

**Deborah (Berlin) Blosser** (BS '77, MAT '80) and her husband Jerry reside in Shepherd, Mich. Deborah has spent her career in teaching and is now transitioning into either social work or speech pathology. While teaching she was able to write a study guide for the *Desire of Ages*, create a remedial reading program, develop a community outreach program, design curriculum and serve as a teacher consultant. In her church work she has been able to teach in all departments and serve as an Adventurer planner and leader. From her time at Andrews Deborah remembers the "food fair at Johnson gym, and all the additions to campus buildings including both Burman and Lamson Halls." The couple is blessed with five children.

**Thomas Camm** (MA '77) resides in Reynoldsburg, Ohio with his wife **Carol (Harris)** (BMUS '74). Thomas spent twenty years as an Adventist teacher and principal. He currently works as a programmer analyst for the Ohio department of agriculture. Besides teaching he also served five years as an extension associate for Ohio State University, and 12 years as an IT professional including six years as IT manager. From his time at Andrews he remembers "summer band concerts on the lawn, and ground school at Andrews' flight school." Thomas and Carol have two sons, John and Thomas.

**Beverly Matiko** (BA '77, MA '78) is an associate professor in the English and communication departments of Andrews University. She also teaches in the honors program and coteaches literature classes with Douglas Jones and Delmer Davis. Before coming to teach at Andrews, Beverly taught at Adventist colleges in Canada and the United Kingdom. Among her blessings Beverly writes that she is grateful for "many friendships formed during my four years as a student at Andrews."

**Cindy (Petras) Merz** (BSMT '77) is in her 30th year in the field of medical technology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Currently she is working in the immunology laboratory department of the hospital as a supervisor. Cindy is thankful for "family and friends" including her husband William with whom she lives in Joppatowne, Md. Her memories of Andrews include "cold winter mornings, Sam's chicken, and Dr. Becker's musical magic."

**John Putnam** (BA '77) makes his home in Springfield Mo., where he works as an orthopedic surgeon. He has two children, Jason and Ashley.

**Steven Rude** (BA '77, MDiv '80) resides in Portland, Ore., with his wife Joanne. Steven is currently working as a chaplain for the Adventist Medical Center in Portland. Prior to chaplaincy he pastored for 25 years in both Indiana and Ohio. In his training for chaplaincy he did his Clinical Pastoral Education at the Cleveland Clinic and at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

**Janice (Schilling) Stone** (BA '77) makes her home with her husband Erin in West Hills, Calif. Janice is a surgeon and her husband is a physician. In her free time she enjoys playing violin in her community's orchestra, quilting, reading, and traveling extensively. In fact while she was in medical school she was able to spend a few months doing missions in



Devon (Thomas) Treadwell



The Girardin Family

Phuket, Thailand. In her local church she enjoys singing in the choir, while her husband serves as an elder and teaches a Sabbath school class.

It was in mid-2004 that **Wilfried Tepper** (MA '77) and his wife Mary moved from Victorville, Calif., to Lehi, Utah. Wilfried is excited to be in the process of publishing his first book. Prior to writing he has served in many different capacities including assistant minister, operations manager, technical writer, and foster-care social worker. Among his many scholastic achievements he received a PhD in 2002 in the area of holistic/spiritual psychology. The couple has two sons, Jason and Mark.

**Marjorie (Wolcott) Ulloth** (BSN '77) is a retired nurse living in Miamisburg, Ohio with her husband **Julian** (BA '48). Marjorie worked in many different units including polio, pediatrics, and 38 years in the nursery and neonatal unit at Hinsdale Hospital. Marjorie had two experiences at Andrews, coming in 1947 for her pre-nursing training and then 30 years later for her BSN. She is grateful for their four children, all of whom attended Andrews, **John** (AAT '80, BSAS '88), **Karen** (BS '78), **Joan** (PhD '98), and **Cheryl Fierce** (BSELED '83).

**Elvira "Vi" (Hoyt) Westman** (BS '77) makes her home in Kirkland, Wash., with her husband **Rick** (att.). Vi is a commercial real-estate and loan broker for Hoyt Commercial Realty. The couple has two daughters, Erica and Elisa.

**Cherie (Chartier) Whiting** (BS '77) and her husband **William** (BS '75) reside in China, Mich. Cherie works as an executive for Personal Home Care Services, and William works as a child therapist. Cherie serves as an elder and helps with music in her local church, and is very grateful for her family. The couple is blessed with three children, Catie, Billy and Andy.

**Devon (Thomas) Treadwell** (formerly Sherrie Thomas, BA '78) earned a master's of advertising from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and subsequently worked as a copywriter/creative director for some of the world's largest advertising agencies, including Young & Rubicam, J. Walter Thompson and Rapp Collins Worldwide. She is currently principal and founding partner of Pollywog, a naming and branding agency in Minneapolis, Minn. In her spare time Devon volunteers for a Golden Retriever rescue organization and hosts a blog for the community of owners at her local dog park.

## 1980s

Since 1996 **Brian Bates** (BS '82) and his wife **Sabeulah (Daniel)** (BS '83) have served as missionaries on the island of Guam. Brian works as a physician in the Guam SDA Clinic, and Sabeulah works as a nurse. The couple has three sons, Patrick, Eric, and Justin.

**Narelle (Toepfer) Brothers** (BMus '82, MMus '89) resides in Lincoln City, Ore., with her husband **Greg** (MDiv '84) and their two daughters. Narelle serves as the organist for St. Peter the Fisherman Lutheran Church. In addition to her church work Narelle runs a piano studio from her home for 20 piano students. Greg is currently the pastor of the Lincoln City Adventist church, a position that he has had for the last nine years. She writes that as a pastoral couple they have had the opportunity to live in many places in the Northwest including Montana, Idaho and Oregon. She is thankful for "two wonderful daughters who both love the Lord."

**David Girardin** (BA '82, MDiv '85) is grateful to be alive after he had a brain bleed subarachnoid hemorrhage. He writes that "God preserved my life and I'm left with no deficits." He lives in Chesapeake, Va., with his wife Barbara and their two children. David



Richard & Rainy Hutagaol

is a special assistant for pastoral services at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va. He works with a group of eight chaplains, six CPE residents, and eight support staff. Since Andrews he has received a second master's in pastoral care/counseling and is becoming certified with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Through his work with the Navy David and his family have been able to live in Puerto Rico as well as Guam where they served on several mission committees. Currently he is active in youth ministry at his local church.

**Cheryl Gill** (BS '82) makes her home in Dayton, Ohio, where she is a family medicine physician and owns her own practice. In addition to practicing medicine she works as an assistant clinical professor of family medicine at Wright State University School of Medicine. Cheryl has received several awards for her work including "Teacher of the Year" and more recently "Preceptor of the Year." From her time at Andrews she fondly recalls "Friday evening worships at PMC, and BSCF programs."

In March of 2003, **Richard Hutagaol** (MA '82, EdD '83) received the certificate of appreciation from the General Conference for "40 years of distinguished service rendered to the educational system of the SDA church, beginning as a high school teacher in 1962 and culminating with 19 years of meritorious leadership as president of the Universitas Advent Indonesia." Now Richard holds the title of professor emeritus from UNAI. While teaching he taught in many different fields including management, administration, and business law. From his time at Andrews Richard remembers the beauty of the fall colors and the spring flowers, as well as "the solemnity of worship at PMC." Richard and his wife, Rainy, make their home in Bandung, Indonesia, and are the proud parents of four children.

**Terence Johnsson** (BA '82) has spent the last 25 years working with General Motors. Currently he is the president of General Motors Middle East, located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He writes that the most enjoyable thing about his work has "been the chance to work all around the globe." From his time at Andrews he remembers Friday nights at the pier, the autumn colors, and spring at the Dunes." He and his wife Renee have two daughters, Madeleine and Jacqueline.

**Edison Mawikere** (MBA '82) makes his home with his wife Regina in Jakarta, Indonesia. Since graduating from Andrews Edison has been involved in banking including many management positions. Currently he has his own company which engages in financial and business consulting, specializing in financial and operational restructuring. Edison finds his job both challenging and rewarding and he writes that he enjoys working as a consultant because "it gives me the opportunity to not only meet many diverse people, but also be exposed to such a dynamic business world." Edison and his wife have two sons who are completing their education in the field of engineering.

**Kim Norton** (BS '82) writes that it was a "privilege to attend Andrews. The teachers were genuine and devoted!" Kim currently lives in Kingston, Ontario, Canada where she works as a speech pathologist for adults with neurological disorders. In addition to speech pathology Kim works part-time at the Kingston school of Music as an acoustic guitar teacher. In her free time she enjoys martial arts, kickboxing, running, and helping out in her local church.

**Sandra (Veldman) Paulsen** (BA '82) makes her home in De Pere, Wis., with her husband Harold. Sandra currently works as a cook for KinderCare, a learning center for children in Green Bay, Wis. Prior to this she has taught grades 1-4 for a couple of years and worked as a teacher's aide while their two daughters attended church school. Sandra continues to serve children at church, where she is involved in children's ministries, and has worked with Pathfinders for 12 years.



The Swensen Family



Kjell and Marianne Aune

**Laura Roberts** (BS '82, MS '84) makes her home in Indianapolis, Ind., with her husband Anthony Bonds. Laura lists some of her blessings to include, "a wonderful husband, children, the greatest friend in the world, and brothers and sisters." She keeps very busy in the life of her local church by serving as the senior program leader, parents' prayer-group coordinator, and women's-ministries volunteer.

**Waylene (Wang) Swensen** (BA '82) makes her home in Bellevue, Wash., with her husband **Ron** (BS '80) and their three children. For the past four years they have lived in the Seattle area where both Waylene and Ron work at the University of Washington as doctors. Ron works in gynecologic oncology and Waylene works in radiation oncology. They are happy to live within driving distance of Rosario Beach, the Walla Walla University marine station associated with Andrews, where Waylene took general biology in her undergraduate years. They write that they both have "fond memories of our Andrews years, and remain grateful to the Andrews family for its role in our marriage, launching us into careers that we find satisfying, giving us memories of Sabbath, friendships, singing and Yogi sandwiches from the snack shop."

**Vivienne Watts** (BS '81, MA '82) resides with her husband **John** (MDiv '81, DMin '82) in Cooranbong, New South Wales, Australia. Vivienne currently works as vice president for Administration and research at Avondale College. She has also worked as a lecturer and senior lecturer professor for 18 years. John works at Avondale as well in the capacity of a senior lecturer.

**Allan Willmott** (BA '82) makes his home with his wife, Premila, and their two children in Clinton, Mass. Allan works as an auditor in the General Conference auditing services. Prior to his work with the GC he managed an assisted-living community in Dedham, Mass. He writes that it was a "pleasure working with seniors." Allan considers Andrews as one of his blessings and writes that it should "continue as the premier educational institution of our church." He hopes that his children will "have the opportunity to complete their education at Andrews."

**Kjell Aune** (MDiv '84, DMin '05) and his wife Marianne recently moved to Beirut, Lebanon, where Kjell is president of the Middle East Union and Marianne is departmental leader for family ministries and Shepherdess. They have been living in the Middle East since 2004. For the first two years they lived in Cairo, where Kjell was president of the Egypt Field. He was elected president of the Middle East Union (MEU) in November 2005. The Union office was situated in Cyprus until it moved back to Lebanon last year after a 24-year exile. The Aunes enjoy their time in the Middle East, and the varied challenges of working in the 14 countries of the MEU. Their two adult daughters, Linn Annett and Sarita, live back in Norway but regularly visit their parents in the mission field.

**Orlan Johnson** (BA '84) has recently joined the Saul Ewing LLP Washington, D.C. office as a partner in the business department and a member of the Securities Transactions and Utility Practice Groups. Orlan joins the firm from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, LLP where he served as co-head of its regulatory practice in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to that, he served for nine years as a staff attorney and branch chief in the division of investment management for the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. In addition to his legal practice, Johnson is an adjunct professor of law at Howard University School of Law, where he teaches Securities Regulation classes. Orlan and his wife, Zina, have three children.

**Roy Burke** (BBA '87) and his wife of 13 years, Julianna, and his daughters Amelia and Ingrid, have recently moved to Bermuda for a three-year work assignment. Roy credits his education in Andrews school of business for preparing him for his career as a certified public accountant.



Dawn Ebanks



Hedley & Yvonne Eager



The Flory Family

**Jean (Robinson) Cusack** (BBA '87) resides in Erie, Pa., with her husband Thomas (MDiv '88), and their son Joshua. Jean works as an auditor and overseas evangelism coordinator. She currently gets the opportunity to travel twice a year overseas to share the gospel.

**Michael Donohue** (BS '87) and his wife **Renee (Bisson)** (BS '87) make their home in Clarkrange, Tenn. Michael works as a nurse anesthetist and Renee is a "RN homemaker" for their two children, Brittany and Nicholas.

**Sherri Dovich** (BBA '87) describes herself as a "stay-at-home mom" for her two children, Elizabeth and Alexander. Before being a full-time mom she spent 12 years working in accounting, finance, and treasury. Sherri and her husband **Steven** (BS '83) make their home in Andover, Mass.

**Dawn Ebanks** (BS '87, MSPT '90) lives in Palm Bay, Fla., where she has started her own staffing agency, Sunsource Healthcare Staffing. Prior to this Dawn worked in home health for many years as well as doing some outpatient orthopedics. She is grateful for "loving, supportive family and friends," and enjoys getting to teach a youth class at her local church.

**Hedley Eager** (PhD '87) along with his wife **Yvonne (White)** (att.) make their home in Bonnells Bay, New South Wales, Australia. Hedley writes of his time at Andrews as being one of "enrichment and inspiration, sharing intellectual, spiritual, and social times." The couple has been involved in mission work in many areas, including Pakistan and the Philippines. Hedley was able to develop the PhD program in educational administration for the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies, and taught in many of its distance-learning centers throughout the years. Currently the couple helps with the home-schooling of five of their nine grandchildren. They write, "We look forward to the time when we can meet our fellow workers and our students in the great classroom of heaven."

**Talitha Fair** (PhD '87) resides in Warsaw, Ind., where she works at the Selah Christian Center as a psychologist. She writes that "working with children and their families to bring harmony and a closer relationship with God is the joy of my life."

**Penny (Ward) Flory** (BS '87, MSPT '88) makes her home with her husband Mark and their three children in Loma Linda, Calif. For the last twenty years Penny has worked as a physical therapist in the areas of sports medicine, traumatic brain injury, and polytrauma. She writes that she currently has "the privilege of staying home with my new baby and older children."

**Cletus Georges** (BS '87) is a urologist who has made his home and practice in Orlando, Fla. From January 2005 until December 2006, Cletus served as the chairman for the department of urology at Florida Hospital Orlando. In his free time he enjoys traveling all over the world to places as far-flung as Australia and South Africa. Cletus is grateful for many things including good health, family and the "lasting friendships" he formed at Andrews.

**David Raih** (MS '87) lives with his wife, Ruth, and their three children in Greenville, Mich. David works as an office nurse in Grand Rapids, Mich., and Ruth is a housewife.

**Edwin Reynolds** (MA '87, PhD '94) lives in Ootewah, Tenn., with his wife **Connie (Tucker)** (att.). Edwin is currently professor of New Testament and Greek for Southern Adventist University. Before coming to Andrews Edwin taught at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines. While he was there he was able to design and supervise the construction of the bell tower at the entrance of the school. In addition to his work in the Philippines Edwin has also served as a missionary in



Serge & Mimose Vernet



The Ramirez Family



The Bartolome Family

Pohnpei, and at Solusi College in Zimbabwe. Edwin has done a good deal of work serving as editor of various publications including being the current editor for the *Journal of the Adventist Theological Society*. From his time at Andrews he has many memories including helping to set up the graduate student association and writing its constitution. Edwin and Connie are blessed to have three children, Beth, David and Brandon.

**Lorna Thomas** (BSD '87, MA '89) is a licensed mental-health counselor in Lakeland, Fla. Besides work Lorna keeps busy in the life of her local church, serving as a women's-ministry leader and special-interest leader. Lorna has one child, Kai Ray.

**Serge Vernet** (MA '78, PhD '87) makes his home in sunny Winter Garden, Fla., with his wife Mimose. Serge is retired from serving as president of Haitian SDA University and principal of Hebron SDA Bilingual School. He is currently self-employed as a family counselor. For the last 15 years he has been involved in ministry by conducting seminars in churches, retreats, and doing family shows on radio and television. He refers to himself as an "active layman" serving as a church elder and doing evangelistic series in both Haiti and Manhattan, N.Y. Serge and his wife are the parents of two children.

**Bradley Whited** (MDiv '87, DMin '93) resides in Riverside, Calif., with his wife **Yvonne (Vogt)** (att.), an interior designer. Bradley is retired from serving as pastor for administration at the La Sierra University Church. From his time at Andrews he enjoyed getting to work in the student apartments, and also in the Buchanan SDA church. He is grateful for "outstanding seminary professors." Bradley and Yvonne have two daughters who both attended Andrews Academy.

**Andres Zambrano** (BS '87, MSPT '88) works as a physical therapist at St. Mary's Mercy Healthcare in Rogers, Ark. He and his wife Tami have three sons, Anthony, Austin, and Lucas.

**Jorge Ramirez** (MDiv '89) has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for 23 years in the Southeastern California Conference. Presently he is serving as the new vice president for administration (executive secretary) at the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He is married to Bexy Castellón and they have three children: Reuben (13), Ryan (11), and Reiss (11). They currently live in New Market, Va.

## 1990s

**Maryann (Buckley) Phinney** (BS '92, MSPT '93) and her husband, Edward Phinney, welcomed their son Ian into the world on August 28, 2006. They were married on June 27, 1999, in Philadelphia, Pa. Having both decided on medicine as a second career, they attended UMDNJ: Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Maryann graduated in 2003, and completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in 2006. Edward graduated in 2004, and then joined the medical staff at University Medical Center at Princeton. He is still completing his residency in psychiatry.

**Daisie (Dimalibot) Bartolome** (BA '95) and her husband Ira (MDiv '06) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Claire. She was born Oct. 23, 2007. They are now living in Sedro-Wooley, Wash. Ira is working as an associate pastor at the North Cascade Adventist Church in Burlington. Daisie is a stay-at-home mom for Brooklyn and is also working on a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language.

**Roy Gatón** (BA '93, MDiv '95) resides in Miami, Fla., with his wife Lois and their two children, Chloe and Roy Alexander. Currently he serves in private practice in the areas of spiritual and family counseling in Miami. In addition to his counseling practice Roy holds



The Carlson Family



Juli & Anthony Carrion



The Elsey Family

teaching appointments at Loma Linda University and Medical School. Before moving his practice to Miami Roy served as the executive director of spiritual life and pastoral care at Castle Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and as family-ministries director for the Hawaii Conference. He has also served as the senior chaplain at the Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Roy is also a speaker, writer and consultant for business and religious organizations in the areas of marriage and family life, leadership and spiritual growth.

**Jeremy Burden** (BS '97) is self-employed as a dentist in Bath, Maine. He and his wife **Lidija (Balduff)** (AT '97) reside in Freeport, Maine. Lidija is also self-employed, working as a horticulturist.

**Julee (Bohl) Carlson** (BS '97, MSPT '98) along with her husband Richard and their two girls, Savannah and Emma, live in Ware, Mass. Julee is a software technician/trainer and custom-form developer for Complete Healthcare Solutions. She is very active in the life of her church, serving as a youth leader, music coordinator, VBS director, deaconess, social committee, and assistant treasurer. Recently she enjoyed the opportunity to organize "Little Showers of Blessing," which is a program funded entirely by donations that provides baby showers for single or low-income moms. She has many memories of Andrews' days including "fresh apples from the nearby orchards, standing forever in registration lines only to find you didn't have all you needed, beaches, and friends, friends, friends."

**Anthony Carrion** (BT '97) and his wife, **Juli (Gray)** (BS '96, MSPT '97), are expecting twins in October of this year. The couple makes their home in Gaithersburg, Md., where Anthony is a grounds supervisor and Juli works as a physical therapist. Since 2001 Juli has worked at Tender Loving Care Home Health and Montgomery General Home Health with a current focus on cardiac and geriatrics. From their time at Andrews both recall a fondness for "going to the beach" and Anthony loved having "Sam's Chicken on Tuesdays." Anthony writes that his blessings include "having a job that I love, my wife Juli and the 10 wonderful years we've been married, and our twins that are on the way."

**Kyle Craig** (BS '97) resides with his wife Tess in College Place, Wa. Kyle began teaching at Walla Walla College in 2003 after receiving his PhD at the University of British Columbia. Currently he is an associate professor in the chemistry department. He remembers fondly many things from his Andrews experience including "the camaraderie of the chemistry department with each other and the students, physic department 'vespers on rye', and going to the same university my father still teaches at." Kyle and Tess are both involved in the College Place Village Church TV ministry, and are excitedly awaiting the birth of their first child.

**Douglas Elsey** (MDiv '97) is the pastor of the Mt. Ellis SDA Church in Bozeman, Mont. Prior to coming to Mt. Ellis Doug worked in two churches in southern California. From his time at Andrews he remembers the old seminary building where he endured hot classes in the summer with only a window air conditioner. Despite the conditions he writes that his time at the seminary "were great days. Seminary did wonders for our prayer lives." He and his wife Sherri have three children, including their new baby girl, Kayleigh.

**Oi Yee Polly (Wong) Fung** (MBA '97) resides in Laguna City on the island of Kowloon in Hong Kong with her husband Alex. She currently works as a company secretary and assistant financial controller for Dynamic Holdings Limited. The couple has one child, Louise.

**Michael Hess** (MDiv '97) lives in Fort Jones, Calif., with his wife Vickie and their four children. After receiving his MDiv at Andrews, Michael attended Loma Linda University where he received his MD. He is currently a family-practice physician in addition to helping pastor the Scott Valley SDA church.



The Hess Family



The Stallard Family



The Viemann Family with Tami Condon (left)

**Andrew Lay** (MMus '97) is grateful for “a beautiful wife, **Colleen (Thompson)** (att.), a loving mother-in-law, a great family, and fantastic coworkers serving in Christian education.” For the last 11 years Andrew has taught at Indiana Academy in Cilero, Ind. He teaches Spanish and music, and for the last 11 years has coordinated the Indiana Music Festival for grades 6–10. Missions have been a priority for Andrew and he has gone on five Maranatha trips in Latin and South America. In his local church he serves as an organist/pianist, and greeter.

**Daniel Marin** (BS '97, MDiv '00) was recently elected a secretary of the Slovenia Conference of the SDA Church. He and his wife made the move to the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, to be near the conference offices.

**Melanie (Remple) Neufeld** (MSW '04) recently moved from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Seattle, Wash. Melanie and her husband and daughter made the move in order that they could facilitate a congregational ministry with the homeless people of Seattle.

**David Poloche** (BS '97, MS '99) makes his home with his family in Berrien Springs. David works as a software architect, and his wife **Emely (Garcia)** (BA '01) is a teacher. The couple has two children, Natalia and Nicolas.

**Noemi (Benitez-Cruz) Rugel** (BSMT '97) along with her husband **Omar** (att.) and their two children reside in Hinsdale, Ill. Noemi is a medical technologist at Hinsdale Hospital and Omar is an entrepreneur.

**James Samuel** (BA '97) is a family-medicine physician living in Glenview, Ill. In 2006, he received his master's in health-service administration from Saint Joseph's College of Maine.

**Letrisha (Rodgers) Stallard** (BS '97, MSPT '98) makes her home with her husband Dwight (BS '02) and their two children in Ypsilanti, Mich. Letrisha is a physical therapist and in 2006 she opened up her own contracting company. She enjoys getting to be active in the life of her church by serving as a children's-ministry leader, and going on the first annual “Cruise with a Mission.”

**Aleksandar** (MA '99) and **Dragoslava Santrac** (MA '99) recently had their second daughter, Emily Grace, born July 18, 2007, in Paris. She joins big sister, Nastasya Nadia, who is now four years old. Santrac is currently the pastor of two churches in Paris: Ivry sur Seine, an ethnic Yugoslavian church, and Neuilly sur Seine, one of the central French churches. He has also entered postdoctoral studies (research on the problem of the knowledge of God) at the Catholic Institute of Paris. In November 2007, he was appointed a visiting scholar at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., where he will be doing research in philosophy of religion on the problem of evil with Alvin Plantinga.

**Rhoda (Sommers)** (PhD '99) married David Johnson on Aug. 11, 2007. They are currently living in Canton, Ohio, where Rhoda serves as an associate professor of education at Malone College and David is self-employed as a certified financial planner.

## 2000s

**Felipe Viemann** (MDiv '06) and his wife Shannon make their home in Spring Valley, Calif., with their new baby girl, Cigourney Marie. Cigy, as they like to call her, was born on Oct. 7, 2007, in the Sharp Chula Vista hospital. Shannon is currently a stay-at-home mom who is working on several “at-home” business ideas, and Felipe is the associate pastor, overseeing youth and young adults at the Chula Vista Adventist Church.

## Weddings

Denver Drieberg and **Susan Berridge** (BSN '81) were married on April 20, 2007, in Rialto, Calif. They currently reside in Grand Terrace, Calif.

## Births & Adoptions

To **Cara (Nixon)** (BS '99) and **Mika Stenfors** (BA '99), Sandy Spring, Md., twin boys, Liam Jay and Beck Nikolai, Dec. 12, 2007.

To **Karina (Koehn)** (BS '99) and **Christopher Halminen** (BS '97), Toronto, Ontario, a girl, Finley Winter Hope, Dec. 5, 2007.

To **Becky (Edler)** (BS '96) and James McDonald, Miamisburg, Ohio, a girl, Grace Noelle, Nov. 25, 2007.

To **Jennifer (Hanson)** (BS '99) and **Andrew Nichols** (BA (BS '99), Frederick, Md., a girl, Olivia James, July 23, 2007.

To **Keri (Payne)** (BA '01) and Michael Suarez, Niles, Mich., a girl, Keira Rylinn, June 17, 2007.

## Deaths

**Herbert Donald Peak** (BSMT '66, MS '83) died Feb. 7, 2008, in Tomahawk, Wis., at the age of 69. He enjoyed a long career in the medical field, was an active member of his church, and a dedicated husband and father.

Herb attended Emmanuel Missionary College from 1956–60, and after graduation married **Lavonne A. Sherwin** (DIP2YR '60) in Battle Creek, Mich. In 1961, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the White Coats until 1963. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at the Fort Detrick branch of the Walter Reed Hospital in Frederick, Md.

On April 18, 1963, Herb and Lavonne had a son, Evan Scott Peak, and on May

15, 1967, their daughter Charlyn Kay Peak was born. After being discharged from the Army, they moved to Battle Creek, Mich.. A year later they moved to Hinsdale, Ill., where Herb took the medical technology program at Hinsdale Hospital. After graduating, he became the supervisor of the hematology department, a position he held for 39 years until he retired.

Herb was an active member of the Downers Grove Seventh-day Adventist Church in Downer's Grove, Ill. He was a Sabbath School teacher, head elder, building committee chairman for the new addition, and choir director. Since moving to Wisconsin, he was a member of the Tomahawk Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he was active in Sabbath School and music. Music was important to Herb—he was a member of the Metropolitan Chorale, the Hinsdale Men's Chorus and several quartets over the years.

Herb enjoyed snowmobiling and water-skiing with family and friends at his cabin in Tomahawk, Wis. Herb also loved John Deere tractors. He restored his father-in-law's 1946 LA John Deere tractor and enjoyed showing his tractor and driving it in parades.

Herb is survived by his wife **Lavonne (Sherwin)**, son **Evan** (AIT '85), daughter **Charlyn Marsh** (BSELED '90), and son-in-law, **Jody Marsh** (BA '89, MA '97), and nephew **David Sherwin** (BFA '82, current faculty).

**Julia "Judy" Fox** (BA '40), 88, of Grand Terrace, Calif., passed away Jan. 17, 2008, in Riverside, Calif. She was modest, quiet and observant, taking in everything around her and always thinking before acting. She was a friendly person who truly cared about those around her.

In 1936 she graduated from Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind., and in 1940 she earned a bachelor of arts in English and journalism from Emmanuel Missionary College. She also pursued graduate school, earning a degree in special education at Cal-State, Los Angeles. Julia was editor of the *Student Echo* at Emmanuel Missionary College and also served as the religious

editor for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Julia spent fifteen years as an elementary school and special education teacher. Other jobs she held included journalist, newspaper editor, medical secretary, university instructor, and ten years as a coordinator of special education in Colton, Calif. In 1985, she retired from the Colton Joint Unified School District.

Her favorite pursuits were collecting fox figures, art and antique collecting and travel.

Julia was a charter member of the Azure Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Terrace. She was a member of the sanctuary choir for 20 years and a Sabbath School teacher in the children's divisions as well as a member of the school board.

She is survived by her three daughters Kathi Swanson, Judi Hawkins and Marla (Paul) Clark; four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

**Thomas Peter Ipes III** (MDiv '73), of Azusa, Calif., passed away Jan. 6, 2008, at the age of 60. Thomas received an MDiv from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and a DMin from Lancaster Theological Seminary. In the early years of his career, he served as a pastor for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In addition to his formal education, he received training from various leaders in his field and was loved and respected by his clients. He was recognized for his expertise in his profession from the community and received numerous awards and honors.

Ipes was the director of the Christian Counseling & Educational Center in Newburgh, Ind., for 30-plus years, where he specialized in marriage and family therapy as well as sexual dysfunctions. He resided and continued his practice in the greater Los Angeles area the last five years of his life.

He was the son of the late Thomas Peter Ipes II and Ruth Lydia Kroncke. Survivors include his wife, Sharon Ipes; three children, Christine (Don) Sager, Melinda (Travis) De Wind, Thomas (Tiffany) Ipes IV; two grandchildren, Makayla and Camden De Wind; brother, Daniel Ipes;

niece, Rebecca (Mark) Paxton; nephew, Daniel (Billy Joe) Ipes II; and in-laws, Ervin and Mary Durham.

**John Malcolm Scott** (MDiv '77) died Dec. 17, 2007, at the age of 87. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, mentor and pastor.

He lived a long, fruitful and prosperous life. For his educational pursuits he attended University of the Southern Caribbean (formerly Caribbean Union College), Northern Caribbean University (formerly West Indies College) and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He ministered as a pastor in the islands of Grenada and Trinidad and Tobago.

He is survived by his wife Janet, son **John Marvin** (MDiv '01), and daughters JoAnn, Juliet and Jewel.

**Gilbert B. Dunn** (BA '55) passed away Dec. 15, 2007, from prostate cancer, at the age of 74. He enjoyed a long career in education, serving as superintendent of public schools in three districts in Michigan and later, two districts in Ohio.

He knew early on that he wanted to be an educator. After earning a bachelor's degree in French and history from Emmanuel Missionary College, he went on to earn a master of arts in history from the University of Michigan and an EdS from Michigan State University.

Dunn, whose parents, Orville and Florence, were missionaries, was born in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, and lived in the West Indies with his family until he was 11 when his family settled in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Following his college graduation, Dunn married the former **Mary Youngs** (BA '55), with whom he later had four children. After earning his postgraduate degrees, he began his educational career in Houston, Tex., where he taught and served as principal of a parochial junior high school. After two years there, he returned to Michigan, initially teaching high-school English in the Pinckney, Mich., school district. He later became elementary-school principal and then assistant superintendent in Pinckney before accepting his first

superintendent's position in 1968 in New Lothrop, Mich.

In 1973, Dunn became superintendent of schools in Cassopolis, Mich., where he served for nine years. During his tenure there, he was instrumental in the passage of a bond issue that resulted in construction of a new high school that continues to serve the district; one of the professional accomplishments of which he was proudest.

In 1982, he joined the Willow Run Community Schools in Ypsilanti, Mich., where he served as superintendent of schools for approximately eight years. During this time (1982–83), he also served as president of the Alumni Association Board for Andrews University.

In 1992, he moved to the eastern edge of Ohio, where he held the superintendent's post in the Bellaire district until 1995, later serving on the Bellaire Board of Education for three years before moving with his wife in 2002 to Murray, Ky., to be near his stepdaughter's family. The Dunns became active members of the Murray community, joining a variety of civic organizations while also forming vital friendships at Alpine Village in North Carolina, where the couple owned a time-share.

Dunn is survived by his wife, Helen; children Scott, **Greg** (BS '85), Rebecca and Shelley; stepchildren Pam Ward and David Brown; and grandchildren Taylor, Dallas, Griffin and Cassidy Dunn and Lauren, Dillon and Alex Ward.

**Murray W. Deming** (BTh '32) was born Nov. 11, 1909, in Broken Bow, Neb., and died Nov. 27, 2007, in Tucson, Ariz., from complications following a fall resulting in fractured ribs. Murray graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College on May 30, 1932, and on that same day married his lovely classmate, **Dorothy Hanson** (BS '32). His first work was a self-supporting ministry in Elwood, Ind., and a call the next year marked the beginning of pastoral responsibilities in southern Indiana and later in Hammond and Gary. He was ordained in 1936.

The Demings moved to Oklahoma in 1943 where they spent seven years, first in

Oklahoma City, then Tulsa. For the next 14 years, he served as senior pastor at the College View Church in Lincoln, Neb. During that time all seven of Murray and Dorothy's children took advantage of the educational opportunities available in that community.

The following eight years, Deming led out in the organization of the new congregation that was formed with the establishment of the Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital in Kettering, Ohio. His final four years of ministry served the diverse congregation of the Grand Avenue Church in Oakland, Calif. In 1976 he retired from active ministry, and was living in Roseville, Calif., at the time of Dorothy's death on May 30, 1998, their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

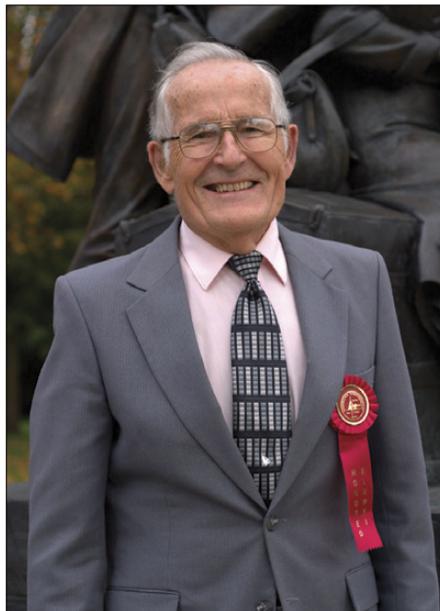
Surrounded with the loving interest and care of his large family and a host of friends, Murray's life continued to abound with the strength and courage that comes from daily seeking God's guidance. For four years after leaving Roseville, Murray made his home with a daughter in Tennessee and was a member of the Collegedale Church at the time of his death. In declining health, he spent his last three months with a daughter in Arizona.

In the community where he served his longest pastorate, he was laid to rest beside his wife in the College View Cemetery on Dec. 9, 2007, attended by some sixty family members and a host of faithful friends. In the nearly ten years he was alone, he missed Dorothy greatly but was never distracted by his own grief. He was always fully present and thoroughly enjoyed the people and places that continued to come into his life. He gave of himself, always interested in others.

Survivors include daughters Charlene Scott (Richard) of McDonald, Tenn.; Corinne King (Curtis) of Green Valley, Ariz.; Billie Jewett (Richard) of Mesa, Ariz.; Natalie Dodd (James) of Kettering, Ohio; Regina Nestell (Clifford) of Shawnee, Ks.; sons John (Joan) of Walla Walla, Wash. and Michael (Darlene) of West Gardiner, Maine; 25 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

**Bruce Elwin Lee** (BA '49, PhD '97), 81, professor emeritus of physics and director of Physics Enterprises, passed away on Sept. 19, 2007, in Berrien Springs, Mich. In 1941, at the age of 15, Lee moved to the United States from North Korea, where his parents were serving as missionaries. He subsequently graduated from EMC Academy, to which he returned as a science teacher after graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1949. His first teaching job was at Battle Creek Academy where he taught until 1955. He furthered his education at Michigan State University, where he earned an MS in 1956. He also received an honorary ScD from Andrews University in 1997.

Lee made significant and long-lasting contributions to Andrews University since joining the faculty in 1956 as a physics teacher at EMC Academy. He moved to the college level in 1959 and for the first year he taught in the chemistry department. In 1960 he joined the physics faculty and was in the physics department until he retired in 1988. His ability to communicate the principles of physics had a profound impact on the curriculum of the physics department, and he created many physics demonstrations still used by Andrews faculty today.



His talent for making practical applications of physics led him to create a number of experiments in the 1980s. Currently, his experiments are sold in the PASCO Scientific and Vernier catalogues, and brought national recognition when they won prizes from the American Association of Physics Teachers in the Apparatus Competition.

He created and administered Physics

Enterprises for 20 years, providing valuable products for teaching physics as well as employment for Andrews students. He directed the manufacture of over 180,000 of the 250,000 student force sensor units sold, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Citation by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Lee contributed over 4 million dollars in profits to Andrews, providing money for student scholarships, grants to support innovation in teaching and research, and funds to bring in outstanding new faculty. He provided funding for the engineering study group that led to the establishment of the new 4-year engineering program, and made possible a \$600,000 grant which, with matching funds, will provide 1.2 million dollars to further develop the engineering program.

At the 2006 Alumni Homecoming, Bruce was an honored alumnus, and the recipient of the Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion for his outstanding service to the University, unusual achievements in his profession and contributions to the community and church.

Lee is survived by his wife **Barbara Jean (Hunter) Lee** (BSMT '68, MS '83), sons Bruce E. Jr, **Steven** (BS '76) and Mark, and daughter Yvonne Donette.

**Carl Wessman, Jr.** (BMus '61) passed away June 25, 2007, at home in Meridian, Idaho. He was born Jan. 9, 1935, in Chicago, Ill. He graduated from Cedar Lake Academy in 1953, and earned a bachelor of music education from Andrews University in 1961. He received his master's in psychology from Worcester State University in Massachusetts in 1982.

Most of his career was spent in teaching voice, directing choirs and teaching Bible, along with serving as a guidance counselor. He taught at Greater Miami Academy, Canadian University College, Pioneer Valley Academy, Battle Creek Academy and Broadview Academy.

After retiring, he and his wife, Gloria Maxine (Jones) Wessman, celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary in Victoria, Vancouver Island, Canada, in 2005.

Carl is survived by his wife, Gloria, two sons, Marlon and Timothy, his mother, Louise Wessman, and sister, Lois Kasner.

**Kenneth Carl Morrison** (BS '61, MA '63), of Berrien Springs, Mich., died May 20, 2007, at the age of 81.

Kenneth was a 1944 graduate of Mattoon Public High School, after which he served in the U.S. Army. After earning two degrees in education from Andrews University, he began a 48-year career of elementary education teaching. He taught at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, the Village Seventh-day Adventist School and for the Benton Harbor Area Schools.

He was an avid reader, dedicated gardener, and enjoyed classical music and following college and NBA basketball teams.

On Feb. 18, 1951, he married **Patricia Haker** (BS '66). The couple enjoyed over 56 years of marriage. In addition to his wife, Patricia, survivors include three brothers, a number of nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

**Gordon Daniel Skeoch** (DIP2YR '36, BS '38), of San Diego, Calif., died Sept. 10, 2006, at the age of 90.

He was born in Anderson, Ind., where he resided with his parents for the first 16 years of his life. His college years were spent at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., majoring in physics, while acquiring his premed requirements.

At the age of 19, he was accepted at Loma Linda University Medical School, where he earned his M.D. in the class of 1941.

He was inducted into the Army in 1941, serving four years in the Army Medical Corps at various Bases: Monterey, Calif.; Olympia, Wash.; Anchorage, Ala.; and South Bend, Ind. After serving in the Reserves for an additional six years he terminated his military duty in November 1951.

In 1945 he joined the Kensington Medical Group in San Diego, Calif., where he practiced as a family physician for 45 years. Skeoch was an active member of the Tierrasanta Adventist Church and a life member of the the Alumni Association of the School of Medicine of Loma Linda University.

He also served as a member of the Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center Councilors; the National, California and San Diego Medical Societies, and on various San Diego County hospital boards and medical committees. As a board member of the San Diego City Rescue Mission, he pioneered their first medical clinic, and served as the clinic doctor on Wednesday evenings for many years.

He is survived by his wife Neusa J. (Stoehr), daughters Judith L. Willis and Kathleen P. Durning, and sons Daniel, Gordon V. and Graydon.

**Raymond H. Hoffman** (BA '49), 82, of Henderson, N.C., died June 10, 2005. He was born in Chicago, Ill., the son of John and Elizabeth Hoffmann. He received a master's degree in administration from the University of New Mexico.

Raymond was employed by the Adventist Church as a pastor for 11 years and an educator for 29 years. His educational and pastoral work moved him around the country, living in Illinois, New Mexico, California, Minnesota, North Dakota, New York, Georgia and North Carolina. Although he retired in 1987, he was called out of retirement to serve as principal of Fletcher Academy for two years. He and his wife, Carol, then traveled to Taiwan to teach at the Taiwan Adventist College for a year.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Carol J. Hoffman, two daughters, and one granddaughter.



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## Corrections

2007 Annual Report:

**Class of 1950:** Marilyn Jorgensen was incorrectly listed as deceased. She's alive and well.

**Annual Fund, Maple Society:** The listing for Joel N. & Beverly Noble was incorrect. Joel N. Noble has been deceased for a number of years and should not have been listed.

We apologize for these errors.

## Preamble

Honor. Nostalgically, the CC remembers being introduced to the word through Pathfinders. We proudly and ceremoniously wore “honor” as a badge—or a sash—or badges on a sash. Back in the day, honor could be achieved via such vital skill areas as winter camping, knot-tying and quilting. The CC no longer engages in much winter camping and sadly has not made a quilt in years. But the CC’s shoe laces never come undone and the CC can still entertain the kids with a simple slip knot. Our Pathfinder counselors would be proud indeed.

As Pathfinder days faded, “honor” became all about the opposite sex. And being honorable meant that it was important to be chivalrous and that hormones had to be kept in check. Looking back, that seems about right. After school days, honor presented itself as a new course. The golf course, in fact. There, the CC learned that finding itself in the position of having the “honor” was to be cherished...if only because the CC so rarely experienced it.

Now that the CC is in middle age, the concept of “honor” has come full circle. It’s all about the knot tying, although now it’s the marital knot. Our Pathfinder counselors still would be proud.



## CAMPUS CRAZE HONORS EDITION

<b>Medal</b>		The Medal of Honor is the United States’ highest award for bravery. The CC salutes its recipients and all those people who live bravely, often out of the spotlight.
<b>J. N. Andrews Honors Scholar</b>		The requirements are serious, but serious research that can reach interdisciplinary audiences is way cool.
<b>Severed hand</b>		Aristotle’s metaphor for an isolated human being is challenging and creative...but the CC is squeamish.
<b>Parents</b>		“Honor your father and mother” is not just a commandment, it is a pleasure. Thanks, Mom and Dad. You raised the CC swell.
<b>Duty &amp; Country</b>		With honor, they make up General McArthur’s triumvirate call for what military cadets ought to be about. The CC appreciates the general’s imperative, but wonders how to fit in Christ’s greater call to “love your enemy.”
<b><i>Honor: A History</i></b>		James Bowman’s book describes how the concept of “honor” was undermined and discredited in the West during the 20th century. Bowman also suggests that the absence of a change to old ideas about “honor” in many parts of the world helps to explain, in part, the current conflict between the West and Islam. The CC seeks to understand....



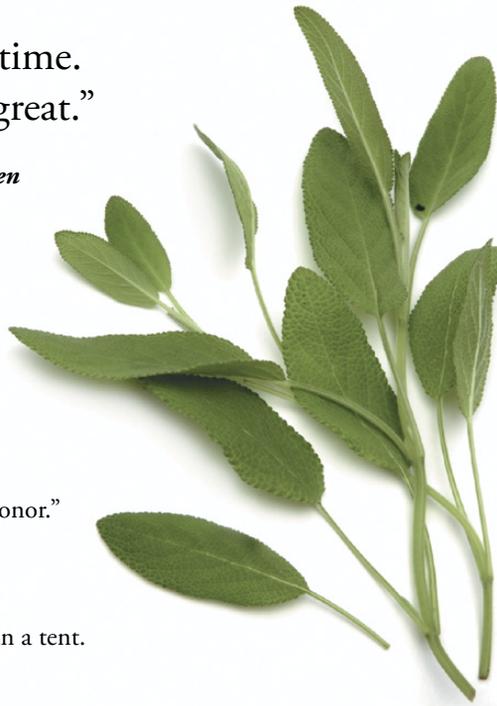
## Speaking of...

“There have been some migration problems.”

*Stephen Payne, vice president for enrollment management, at the Faculty/Staff/Board Reception, explaining the absence of the “Golden Cardinal” statues, March 3, 2008*

“God is great. All the time.  
All the time. God is great.”

*The call and response led by Stephen Payne at the Faculty/Staff/Board Reception, March 3, 2008.*



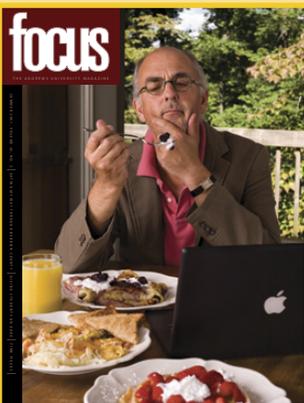
## A frowsy fallacy

A Pathfinder patch is called an “honor.”

A camp site is a Pathfinder patch.

Therefore, it is an honor to sleep in a tent.

## Out of Focus



### From the Summer 2007 issue:

The article on undergraduate research at Andrews University in this recent issue of *Focus* referred to the general education curriculum for honors students. The name of the program, SAGES (Scholars’ Alternative General Education Studies), evokes the obvious intellectual connotations. But did the program’s creators intend a more subtle link with the common herb of the same name? It seems likely.

A study conducted by the Universities of Newcastle and Northumbria concluded that taking the herb sage can improve memory recall by elevating “levels of a chemical that helps transmit messages in the brain” (<<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/3189635.stm>>). Incidentally, the same herb has long been noted for reducing problems with digestion and flatulence.





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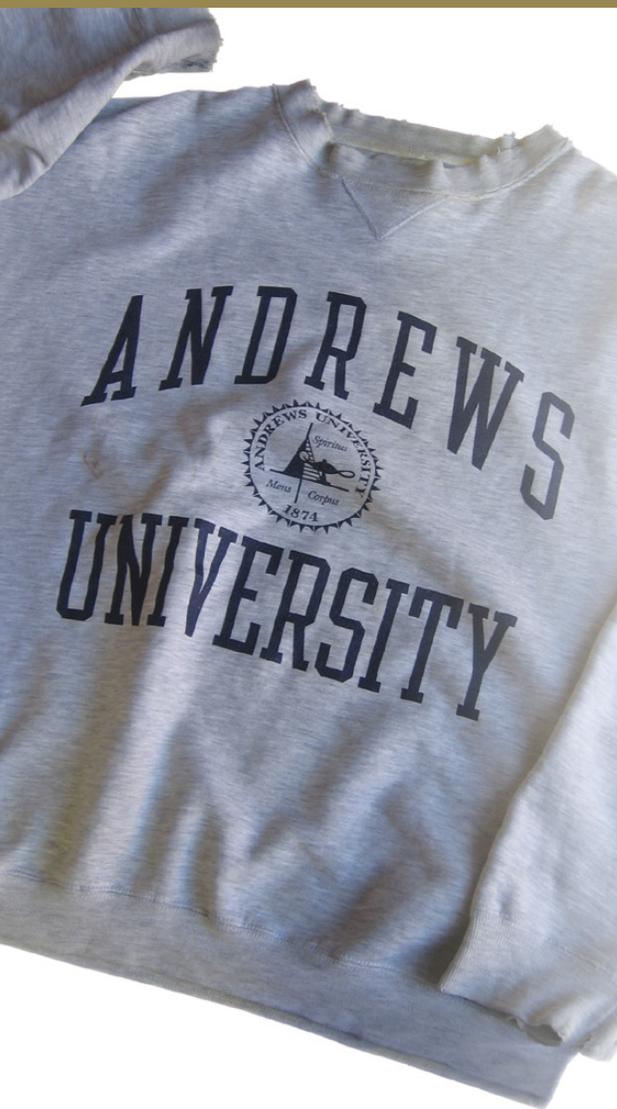
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## FADED GLORY

HOW AN ANDREWS SWEATSHIRT APPRECIATES OVER TIME

By Jack Stenger



Every Andrews student should buy an Andrews sweatshirt. Why? After a decade of wearing my own, here's the biggest reason: These sweatshirts actually become more valuable over time. A big claim, I know. But let me explain.

My sweatshirt is there in my closet. It's a familiar friend, to be sure, and I still wear it all the time. The sad part, though, is that this familiar friend is about to give up the (fabric) ghost. Maybe an inventory of its condition would be insightful to textile engineers or fashion-design majors. For me, it's a reminder that time is nondiscriminatory, playing equal ravages on both the wearer and the worn. The collar is altogether frayed. In certain patches, the sweatshirt is marked by odd spots of color (of unknown or now-forgotten origins). Its once lustrous sheen is long gone, a casualty of countless turns in the spin cycle. And thanks to years of tugging and pulling, the misshaped sweatshirt would certainly fit an out-of-shape (and long retired) Chicago Bears linebacker. These days, it makes me look a little disheveled. But no matter. It's perfect "loung-about wear" around the home.

I bought the sweatshirt from the Campus Bookstore sometime in winter 1995. Like all buys dating from a now-hazy yesteryear, I don't remember much about this specific point of purchase. I do know my context, though. Where employment at Andrews was concerned, I was a new hire. And where Michigan winters were concerned, I was a rank amateur. Here in my home state of Georgia, winters are as temperate as the sweet tea we drink. But Michigan

winters, by their very definition, embody the word "bracing." Certainly those climatic realities prompted the buy. But there also was a new-found sense of Andrews pride. I was proud of my affiliation to the school. And the university community was every bit as welcoming to new employees as it was to new students.

The sweatshirt selection I had was likely the same as is found today. There were regular sweatshirts along with bulkier "hoodies." They came with fanciful embroidery on front or the more standard heat-transferred lettering. I opted for a straight-forward gray heather sweatshirt, one with the university name and logo emblazoned on the front. It was dignified. It was warm. I was proud to wear it, then. And I'm still proud to wear it today.

Oscar Wilde once said: "One should either be a work of art, or wear a work of art." I'm not sure how much longer my worn Andrews sweatshirt will be around. But for me, it is becoming a little like that "work of art" that Wilde mentioned. I guess garments are just like some experiences: they have beginnings and ends. But some articles of clothing can mean more—even as they hold up less. My sweatshirt reminds me of idyllic days in Berrien Springs, Mich., and my life in a close-knit campus community, a place I knew (and loved). And while the colors might fade, those memories never do.

So, if you're new to Andrews, go over and buy yourself an Andrews sweatshirt. Why? Like I said, they certainly appreciate over time.



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We'd love to hear your reflections on the time you spent at Andrews University. If you're interested in contributing, please e-mail [focus@andrews.edu](mailto:focus@andrews.edu).



This winter the Michigan landscape was covered with snow more often than usual, which made for some great photo opportunities. In February, **Vaughan Nelson** (BS '98) captured this unique shot at the beach in St. Joseph, Mich.

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