Are We the Head or the Tail?

Cognitive Genesis is the name of a study designed to examine the quality of Adventist education. The project was undertaken by the School of Education at La Sierra University. Its director is Elissa Kido, and the participating researchers are associated with La Sierra University, Andrews University (Jerome Thayer) and other organizations. Recently the general findings of this study were written up by the project director in an opinion piece for the Christian Science Monitor, with the title, “For real education reform, take a cue from the Adventists” (November 15, 2010).

The heart of the study involves testing the learning outcomes of over 50,000 students in North American Adventist schools by using the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (grades 3–8), the Iowa Test of Educational Development (grades 9–11), and the Cognitive Skills test for all grades. These test scores were then compared to national scores and in just about every case the students in Adventist schools did better than the comparison group. Moreover, students who transferred to Adventist schools improved their test scores, and, generally speaking, students in smaller schools (with smaller class sizes) did better than those in larger schools. Finally, it is noted that typical Adventist schools have fairly open and very diverse enrollment, so that the good performance cannot be attributed to selective admission of particularly gifted students as is the case with some other private schools.

It is too early to understand all the factors that are believed to contribute to these good results, but preliminary suggestions center around class size and close interaction between individual students and their teachers, a passion for learning, and parental commitment to the value of a good education.

These findings have generated a great deal of excitement among Adventist educators, educational superintendents and church leaders, not least because so many voices have suggested that Adventist schools offer inferior education, are dying and may have outlived their usefulness for Adventist parents. Although this study does not solve all the challenges facing Adventist schools, and the good test results are compared to what happens in the nation’s schools generally, and they do not offer a stellar benchmark, nevertheless it is very good to know that if parents want their children to exceed national norms, Adventist schools are good places to achieve that.

What about our colleges and universities? We know that the same is happening at Andrews. Members of our science, neuroscience and education faculties are just completing a report on a half-million-dollar National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to Andrews. The purpose of that grant was to understand why Andrews students, representing a very diverse segment of our population, are achieving so well, in fact better than in some other highly selective universities. The preliminary findings match the findings of the cognitive genesis study: inspiring teachers, working personally and closely with their students, a passion for learning, and parental commitment to the value of a good education.

This fall, a movie entitled Waiting for Superman communicated the message that America should not expect a superman from outer space to come and fix our nation’s failing schools. To this we can now respond with some confidence, that as a matter of fact we already know the super men and women who are able to make our schools and colleges better if only given a fair chance: They are our teachers.
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On the cover: Samuel Ngala, carrying the Myanmar flag, proudly leads a group of international students in the Homecoming Parade. (Photo by Austin Ho, IMC student photographer)
**Blind inspiration**

I really appreciated Keri Suarez’s article on Ray McAlister, first blind PhD graduate from the Seminary. I’ve been associated with Christian Record Services since my days in youth ministry, later as chairman of the board and as a member in my retirement. I know this fine young man and the plight of those deprived of vision. I admire Ray for his determination to succeed in life. He and Bob Wilson (BA ’58, MA ’59), who also has a PhD in sociology, are an example and inspiration to all of us.

I just pray that our people will support this ministry and encourage other blind men and women to find meaning in life. It is the purpose of CRS to help the blind to see Jesus! Our National Camps for the Blind have led them to nature and to surrender their lives to God. I just hope that Ray can use his talents to lead many others to Christ!

*Leo Ranzolin Sr.* (MDiv ’62)

**Traveling with tarantulas**

It was with great sadness that I read in the summer 2010 issue of Focus of the death of Sam Tooley. It was my privilege to attend Thunderbird Academy and Andrews with Sam. He was a very gifted and unique individual and your life sketch was such an interesting survey of his life of creativity and service to the youth of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

During our time at Andrews in the 1960s, I learned firsthand of Sam’s love for reptiles, insects and other creatures. On several occasions Sam rode with me in my VW bug from college to our homes in the Phoenix, Ariz. area.

I well remember carrying Sam and his pet tarantula. When I tired of driving and asked Sam to take over, he was ready to do so, however with the stipulation that I hold his pet while he drove.

“He might get lonesome,” Sam said.

“Treat him gently, or he might bite!” Sam warned.

A few miles of holding an 8-inch hairy spider was enough for me.

“Pull over, Sam,” I said, “you hold your spider, I’ll drive!”

A few miles further, and I glanced over and discovered Sam sound asleep, as was his tarantula, sitting on his chest! Later while Sam slept, his pet awoke and crawled under his seat. I was more than a little nervous until Sam awoke and retrieved his wandering companion.

I also remember 8- to 10-foot black snakes asleep in his dorm room in old Burman Hall.

I will miss Sam, but not his pets.

*Jeffrey Kent Wilson* (BA ’66, BD ’68)

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**European Tours**

Alumni and friends of Andrews University are invited to join one of the following 2011 tours offered by Merlene Ogden, dean emerita of Andrews University:

**Springtime in Bermuda**

*April 10–18, 2011*

This trip will feature this charming island in all its natural splendor and man-made beauty, including its historical landmarks, coral beaches, botanical gardens and friendly people. Full information available upon request.

**Portugal, Spain and the Douro River Valley Cruise**

*September 14–25, 2011*

Pre-cruise extension to Spain, September 6–15, 2011. The cruise features two days in Lisbon followed by a coach tour through Coimbra to Porto to board our cruise ship, The Duoro Spirit. The next eight days visit charming Portuguese cities and enjoy beautiful scenery in this picturesque river valley. In Spain visit Madrid, Avila, Segovia, Toledo, Granada, Cordoba, and Seville, ending in Lisbon. Full information available upon request.

**Danube Holiday Markets—Passau, Germany, to Budapest, Hungary**

*December 4–12, 2011*

This cruise during the Christmas season features visits in four countries—Germany, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary. Enjoy holiday decor and the sounds and smells of Christmas, as well as the Old World atmosphere during this festive time of year. Full information is available upon request.

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Fall Board of Trustees Report

Formal vote taken on transfer of Griggs University/Griggs International Academy

A formal vote on transferring ownership of Griggs University and a surprise rallying of financial support for the Bibles for Freshmen Project were high points of interest at President Niels-Erik Andreasen’s annual Board Briefing following the October meeting of the Andrews University Board of Trustees.

Andreasen shared how an engineering student named Sandra Prieto opened the Board meeting with prayer and shared the impact the Andrews Study Bible has had on her. Sandra, who also participated in the Bibles for Freshmen project by sponsoring a Bible for a fellow student, launched the Board of Trustees into a conversation on how they could best give the project continued support and longevity. In a matter of minutes, the Board collectively pledged $18,000 of their personal funds to expand the Bibles for Freshmen project to provide Bibles for all current students.

“It created camaraderie and a sense of general goodwill,” said Andreasen. He then shared future plans for the Andrews Study Bible, which includes negotiations on translating it into other languages.

One of the most significant action items on the Board’s agenda was a motion to accept the transfer of ownership of Griggs University/Griggs International Academy. In essence, said Andreasen, Andrews University is the new owner of Griggs as a corporation, much as Andrews owns WAUS Broadcasting, the Center for Youth Evangelism, etc. The Board also voted to transfer administration of Griggs to Andrews beginning November 1, 2010. The tentative plan for the physical relocation of Griggs is to move to Andrews sometime in 2011, possibly during the summer months. Griggs will move into space at the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists building.

The General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists (GC) will provide approximately $700,000 in annual rent and operation subsidy to Andrews for Griggs. The Board voted to accept that the GC would cover any personnel costs for current Griggs employees who either retire or choose not to move from Maryland to Michigan. Andrews University will cover the costs of setting up Griggs at Andrews, including personnel and technical costs estimated at $1.25 million, by accessing restricted funds currently held by Griggs plus a smaller amount coming from the GC. The GC also agreed to a $1 million, four-year appropriation for program development to be paid out annually in increments of $250,000.

Joseph Warren, associate professor of English, presented a diversity report to the Board on the ethnic distribution of students and employees. For all students, 28 percent are black; 11 percent are Asian; 1 percent are Pacific Islander; 16 percent are Hispanic; 41 percent are white; 2 percent are listed as “two or more”; and 1 percent are unknown. For all full-time employees, the ethnic distribution is: 10.1 percent are black; 0.1 percent are American Indian; 6.4 percent are Asian; 0.1 percent are Pacific Islander; 9.6 percent are Hispanic; 72 percent are white; 0.8 percent are “two or more”; and 0.9 percent are unknown.

Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication, presented an enrollment report revealing Andrews University’s current student headcount is 3,487, with a slight increase in FTE.

Larry Schalk, vice president for Financial Administration, presented an operations report with an overview of the fiscal year-to-date, May 1–Sept. 30, 2010. The operating budget is currently $650,000 behind. On the plus side, Andreasen noted, tuition will be higher than expected with more FTE students than budgeted and increased occupancy in the residence halls. On the negative side, interest and depreciation is more than budgeted and Andrews is feeling the loss of $435,000 in subsidy from the Michigan Conference. According to Andreasen, Schalk stated that because the additional revenue will be achieved later in the fiscal year, we will be at budget by the end of the fiscal year. He pointed to two key campus entities, residence halls and Dining Services, as being on budget.

Max Trevino, chair of the Audit Sub-Committee, reported to the Board a recent “clean audit” for Andrews University. According to Trevino, the auditor called it “the best audit ever.”

The Board also voted and approved a new PhD program in Biblical & Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, which is housed in the Department of Old Testament in the Seminary.

Campus Construction Update

Also in the report from Financial Administration was an update on construction and remodeling for the Undergraduate Learning Center and the new residence hall tower. According to Schalk, both construction and budget are on schedule and crews anticipate building closure (roofs and walls) before the first snowfall of the season. Over Christmas break, half of Nethery Hall will be vacated to begin the remodeling portion of the Undergraduate Learning Center project.

Further details on construction of the new residence hall tower were provided at a general staff meeting by Dick Scott, director of Plant Administration. The brickwork was completed the week of October 18, mechanical rough-in is completed on the first three floors, and workers poured the last of the concrete on October 20. Windows and the roof were installed in November, which means construction can comfortably continue during the winter months. New residents should expect to take occupancy around the first of June.
Arminianism and Adventism Symposium

The Seventh-day Adventist Church has a comparatively unique doctrine of salvation, but where did those beliefs come from? To explore the answer to that question, the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary hosted an Arminianism and Adventism Symposium October 14–16.

Theologians from all over the world converged at Andrews to trace the development of Protestant soteriological theology (the theology of salvation), recognize the 400th anniversary of the Remonstrance of 1610, and present their papers. The symposium was particularly important, according to Gary Land, retired professor and plenary speaker, because “It attempts to place Adventism within a theological context. Although there have been exceptions, Adventist scholars have tended to examine their denomination in isolation from the larger Christian community. A conference such as this helps us explore those connections between our specific religious traditions and the wider church of which it is a part.”

The symposium began with a selection of Renaissance-era music, performed by a sextet dressed in period costumes. During the opening reception, Andrews University faculty in costumes portraying major theologians mingled in the crowd. The symposium began with opening remarks and a presentation of the underlying rationale.

Thirty-one speakers presented their papers at the conference in a variety of breakout sessions and discussions. The nine plenary speakers were: Denis Fortin, dean of the Seminary; Hans K. LaRondelle, professor emeritus; George Knight, professor emeritus; Roger Olson, professor of theology at the George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University; Barry Callen, professor emeritus of Christian Studies at Anderson University; Keith Stanglin, assistant professor of Historical Theology at Harding University; Woodrow Whidden, professor at the Seminary of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies; Gary Land, professor emeritus and assistant dean of graduate programs for the College of Arts & Sciences; and Angel Rodriguez, director of the Biblical Research Institute.

The plenary speakers presented papers on topics ranging from LaRondelle’s “Seventh-day Adventist Perspectives on Predestination” to Whidden’s “Investigative Judgment and Assurance of Salvation” and Keith Stanglin’s “Assurance of Salvation: An Arminian Account.” Additional papers presented focused upon themes and history interacting with Arminianism such as Jacques Doukhant’s “Fate or Destiny: The Issue of Predestination and Free Will in Hebrew and Jewish Thought.”

Gary Land closed the symposium with his reflections, which reviewed the basic thoughts and ideas presented in each of the plenary papers. “Whatever our theological positions, they are part of conversations and debates that have long predated us,” said Land. “It behooves us to know that history and have it inform our participation in contemporary theological discussion both within our church and with those of other Christian traditions.”

Teacher Prep Program tops once again

Receiving a perfect 70/70 performance score from Michigan Dept of Education

For the third straight year, the Andrews University Teacher Preparation Program is the only institution out of 32 in the state of Michigan to receive a perfect 70/70 performance score from the Michigan Department of Education. The score has also earned Andrews University’s Teacher Prep Program the honor of being declared an “exemplary program.” “This repeated achievement couldn’t have been done without the dedicated support of an interdisciplinary team of educators, including Lee Davidson, chair of the Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum; the core Teacher Prep Program faculty including Nancy Agetta, Michelle Bacchiocchi, Faith-Ann McGarrell, Ray Ostrander and Barbara Reid; and also the many College of Arts & Sciences faculty who provide academic coursework for our 18 secondary education majors and 14 minors,” says Jim Jeffery, dean of the School of Education. Read more at www.andrews.edu/news.
CYLE turns 30, hosts Youth Leadership Summit, 180° Symposium and more

Affirmation that transforming young adults for ministry and service is the primary focus of the CYLE

Youth ministry leaders are beginning to realize that it’s not only about doing church activities and events—it’s about transforming young adults,” said Denis Fortin, dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and vice-chair of the Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) Board. Fortin was one of several key speakers who participated in the CYE’s 30th Anniversary Celebration held Thursday, Oct. 21, in the Andrews University Seminary Chapel. The service reflected on the history of the Center while also highlighting its current impact and future goals, including the annual Youth Leadership Summit held October 22–24. The CYE provided training for youth leaders, pastors, children’s ministry leaders and Pathfinders during the event while hosting some 250 participants from across the country.

Established in 1979 as the Youth Resource Center at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, it became the first such center at any Adventist college or university in the world, specializing in the training of students and congregation youth ministry leaders for various forms of youth evangelism. It has steadily grown over the years and was renamed in 1996 as the Center for Youth Evangelism.

Today, it is home to more than a dozen ministries specifically focused on youth evangelism including Cruise with a Mission, International Pathfinder Camporee, an annual Music & Worship Conference, and more.

Erin McLean, mathematics and English major at Andrews University, is just one of many youth leaders who have been inspired by the CYE’s evangelistic efforts. “I have been involved in the past two Pathfinder Camporees,” said McLean. “The CYE is the most dedicated professional organization that I’ve ever been involved in. I honestly think the CYE is the best organization of its kind in the Adventist church... They incorporate so many cutting-edge ideas and revitalize the way the church thinks about youth.”

At the 30th Anniversary Celebration, other youth leaders shared their experience working with the CYE. Thoughts from former Youth Resource Center directors

Des Cummings Jr. (1979–1985), Steve Case (1985–1991) and Randal Wisbey (1991–1996) were shared. Gilbert Cangy, director, General Conference Youth Department; Manny Cruz, associate director, North American Division Youth Department; Roger Dudley, director, Institute of Church Ministry; Don Livesay, president, Lake Union Conference and member of CYE Board; and Niels-Erik Andreasen, president, Andrews University and chair of the CYE Board, also spoke at the event.

Case, president of Involve Youth, explained the growing number of students who were interested in youth ministry during his experience as director. “The Youth Resource Center was the lab for what we were learning in class,” he said. “It put me into the field instead of just going off of my own experience from the past... We sometimes say ‘my’ ministry,” he explained. “But we need to keep putting ministry into the hands of God.”

“I believe the future for the CYE is very exciting,” said Ron Whitehead, who currently serves as executive director, commenting on the development of new technology, research methods and media communication. “I believe the Center is at the right university—Andrews University—where we prepare students to change the world. I’m happy to celebrate a Center that has much to do with the future.”

The ceremony ended with remarks and closing prayer by José Bourget, assistant director of the CYE. A reception with light refreshments was held in the CYE offices following the event.

Nicholas Zork, director of the Andrews University Music & Worship Conference, was one of the leaders who presented during the Youth Leadership Summit. He led out in several worship ministry sessions and described worship as a time where “We tell God’s story through Scripture.” He offered practical advice for planning worship services and identified specific ways “to interweave God’s story with young people in worship.”

The information was especially helpful to Luvisca Payne, an Andrews graduate and current ministry leader from Naples, Fla. Payne explained, “I teach my young people on Sabbath mornings and they bring their pens and notebooks, and they think it [Sabbath School] is boring. I was really interested in what Mr. Zork said about the disconnection between the speaker and the youth.”

Other topics such as Child Development, Leadership Skills, Conflict Management and Outdoor Education were also addressed during the weekend meetings. In total, over 50 hours of training seminars were offered during the event, including a new Spanish track, which was introduced for the first time this year.

This summit was organized by Craig Harris, associate youth director for the Michigan Conference; Massiel Davila, assistant director for Youth Leadership Development; and Japhet De Oliveira, director of the Center for Youth Evangelism. The Lake Union Conference Youth and Young Adult Department also partnered in the event.

To learn more about the Center and its ministries, visit www.adventistyouth.org.
Sophomore awarded scholarship

Luis Garibay, double major in chemistry and mathematics, will receive $5,000 per year from ACS

Andrews University sophomore Luis Garibay is a 2010 American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholar. The scholarship was announced in August and carries an award of $5,000 per year. The scholarship is renewable through Garibay’s fourth year of college.

Garibay, a double major in chemistry and mathematics, is from Colorado but grew up in Chiapas, Mexico. This semester, he is taking the classic sophomore chemistry major crush: Organic Chemistry, Quantitative Analysis and Physics for Scientists & Engineers, along with Calculus III. Garibay also serves as the pastor of the Chemistry Club.

David Nowack, chair of the Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, says, “This ACS Scholarship verifies the quality and diversity of students that are attracted to our chemistry and biochemistry program. We are proud of Luis for his outstanding commitment to academic excellence and grateful to God for Luis’ talents that will ultimately be used for the uplifting of humanity.”

ACS Scholarships are awarded to historically underrepresented ethnicities in the chemical sciences on the basis of academic record, career objective, financial need, leadership ability, participation in school activities, and community service. This year’s list of ACS scholars includes students from leading universities including Harvard, Columbia, MIT, Cal Tech, Berkeley and Stanford. This year, only two ACS Scholars were selected from the state of Michigan: one from the University of Michigan and the other from Andrews University.

Garibay is the second Andrews student to receive this prestigious scholarship. In 2007, Nuvia Saucedo became the first Andrews University student to receive it. After her 2009 graduation from Andrews, Saucedo went to pursue graduate studies at the University of California, Riverside.

Garibay, who was humbled by receiving the scholarship, says, “Since I decided to come to Andrews, I knew that this institution was a great place to prepare me for a career in chemistry and for growing in my faith. This scholarship is an answer to my prayer for two things: money to afford attending Andrews since I do not have my parents’ support and secondly, that I would have an opportunity to help the Andrews University Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry become better known to other students and institutions around the world.”

Upton grant received

For Buller Hall construction

Andrews University has received the first installment of a grant of $45,000 from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation, to be used in the construction of Buller Hall. The Upton Foundation, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mich., funds local organizations dedicated to developing their surrounding communities.

The grant proposal, submitted in early spring 2010, was developed by Tom Pittman, foundation relations officer, and Audrey Castelbuono, senior development officer. Larry Ulery, director of service learning, also played a large part in contributing specific information about the program he leads to the proposal. The proposal presented the Community Service Learning program as the portion of the Undergraduate Learning Center the Foundation might be most interested in; however, the Upton Foundation did not specify what the funds were to be used for.

The grant totals $45,000, to be paid out over three years. The Upton Foundation and Andrews University have had a partnership since 1983. The Upton Foundation has given more than $200,000 in funding to projects such as WAUS Radio and the development and growth of the Community Service Learning program.

In appreciation for the foundation’s generosity, Andrews University has given the Upton Foundation first choice in a naming opportunity of one of the conference rooms the Community Service Learning program will share with the Department of Behavioral Sciences. The Upton Foundation has not finalized this decision yet.

Workshop and Poetry Reading

Donald Platt and Dana Roeser visit campus

Acclaimed poets Donald Platt and Dana Roeser, who are also husband and wife, gave a workshop and poetry reading at Andrews University on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Platt, a professor at Purdue University, whose fourth book of poems, Dirt Angels, was recently published by New Issues Press, alternated sets of poems with Roeser, whose 2008 book In the Truth Room, won the 2008 Morse Poetry Prize. Following this Department of English-sponsored event, Platt and Roeser (pictured) had a chance to interact with students.
At first, Ellen White’s writings were available in various print formats: books, tracts and periodical articles. Then, her published works were available on CDs. Today, two Ellen G. White writings apps already exist for iPhones. Now, the newest method of distributing all of White’s published writings, including those translated into other languages, is via the Internet.

The Ellen G. White Estate was formed in 1915 as a result of her will. Since then, the organization has been dedicated to translating and distributing her materials. One of the more recent manifestations of this mission has been the formation of the Connecting with Jesus project, done in cooperation with the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists following an action of the 2005 GC session.

The goal? To make some of White’s well-known works available to all church members and to encourage the study of her writings.

Ten of White’s works were designated as part of the Connecting with Jesus Project, including Education, Ministry of Healing, Steps to Christ, the five-volume Conflict of the Ages series, Counsels for the Church and Counsels on Stewardship. The books have been made available by the millions in major world languages including English, Spanish, French, Russian and Chinese.

At the 2010 General Conference Session in Atlanta, the White Estate presented a digital version of the Connecting with Jesus books, including major foreign languages. Over the next year the goal is to include all Ellen G. White books available in the many languages in which they have been published. The website, still in a beta (test) state, makes the digital files available in a multitude of ways: PDF, text-searchable books, and some are even in MP3 format.

The digitization of Ellen White’s works is made possible by the joint efforts of the Ellen G. White Estate and its branch office at Andrews University’s Center for Adventist Research (CAR) and through the generous support of donors. Both organizations are in the process of digitizing their works: the Ellen G. White Estate is digitizing their collection of Heritage materials and the Center for Adventist Research is digitizing most of their books, papers, sound recordings and photographs. Since the Center for Adventist Research has many of Ellen White’s books in foreign languages and is already active with digitizing Adventist materials, it was the natural place to do the digitization.

The process begins in a medium-size room at the Center for Adventist Research, under the supervision of Merlin Burt, director of the Center. There, the foreign-language copies of White’s writings are scanned, page-by-page, and turned into a digital image. The digital images are then refined and assembled into a single “book.” The PDF of this “book” is sent to the White Estate, where the PDF is then scanned with optical character recognition. This makes it possible to search each book for keywords and get thousands of results instantly. For example, the keyword “Isaiah” brings up 9,000 results from the works which I believe are inspired by God.”

The online format is going to enhance the sharing of these incredible and profound writings which I believe are inspired by God.”

The digitization of Ellen White’s works are already online. The digital files are then uploaded onto the new website: http://egwwritings.whiteestate.org.

The mission of the Connecting with Jesus project doesn’t stop there. Daryl Thompson, director of the Ellen G. White Estate, says this digitization is part of a larger effort to completely redesign the estate’s website, making it as user-friendly as possible. The goal of the estate is to make each one of Ellen White’s writings previously printed in another language available online.

According to Thompson, 50 languages will cover 99 percent of the Seventh-day Adventist population, and various groups have expressed interest in minor-language translations as well.

Several modules (sections of a website) will eventually be centralized on the updated Ellen G. White Estate website. Thompson envisions the new website eventually resembling Google, with accounts and information sharing. Burt anticipates the digitization of all of Ellen White’s foreign-language published writings will be finished sometime next year.

And when they are finished, the entire world can access them “without any kind of hindrance except the need of a computer,” says General Conference President Ted Wilson. “It will be a wonderful way in which young people especially and others will have access to these writings which are so important to every facet of life—from health to family life to understanding our relationship with God. The online format is going to enhance the sharing of these incredible and profound writings which I believe are inspired by God.”

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Fall 2010 at the Howard Center

Naturally 7
Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, 7 p.m.

With their roots in New York City, the seven men of Naturally7 perform a genre of their own—a distinct a cappella style they call “Vocal Play,” heavily influenced by R&B, Gospel and Motown. Quincy Jones describes the group as “poised to take a cappella to the next level!” Naturally7 has toured with Michael Bublé for the past year.

BarlowGirl
Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, 7 p.m.

Sisters Alyssa, Lauren, and Rebecca Barlow, known for their hits “Never Alone” and “I Need You to Love Me,” took a stance in being bold with their faith at an early age. The contemporary Christian band performs songs and ballads that perfectly showcase the sisters’ gorgeous vocal blend as well as their emotionally weighty word play.

Sandi Patty
Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, 8 p.m.

Still bursting with creative energy and magnetic talent three decades into her career, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee with 39 Dove Awards, five Grammy Awards, and an armload of platinum and gold albums has seen professional peaks and personal valleys alike while in the spotlight, all of them tempered by the grace of God. “I have a lot of life experience,” she says, understating what is truly a legend’s history.

Visit howard.andrews.edu for an updated schedule of upcoming events. Schedule is subject to change.

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Fall 2010 at the howard Center


Sign up to receive the online Howard Center newsletter for the latest information on the upcoming 2010–2011 season or visit howard.andrews.edu. Call the Box Office at 269-471-3560 or 888-467-6442 for tickets.
Smiles crack at Egg Drop Contest
Twenty teams of students design "egg vehicles"

The Department of Engineering & Computer Science’s 2nd annual Egg Drop Challenge was a smashing success—literally. The event, which challenged students to create a vehicle to withstand a several-story fall while protecting the egg inside, took place on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Andrews University Science Complex.

The contest was designed to teach engineering students “Creativity, how to calculate force, look at design aspects and thoughtful strategy,” said Hyun Kwon, assistant professor of engineering and coordinator of the event.

Students in the Intro to Engineering class participated in the event as part of a class project. Each student was challenged to design and create a vehicle that would allow an egg to be dropped from the top of a building and land without breaking. Then, on contest day, 20 teams of students gathered to watch as the various “egg vehicle” designs were dropped from the top of Haughey Hall to the concrete sidewalk below. Judges evaluated designs that fell “as slowly and fancy as possible.”

Some designs, such as Tyler Colomb’s, were simple yet effective. He used a pillow for padding and secured the egg on top using duct tape. Students were amazed when the hard crash left the egg unharmed. Colomb received Best Cushion Award from the judges, Gunnar Lovhoiden and Roy Villafane, faculty members from the Department of Engineering & Computer Science.

Unlike Colomb’s, most egg vehicles used trash bags as egg-parachutes and balloons to decrease the force of the drop. Designs ranged from helicopter models to hang gliders and used materials such as peanut butter jars, cups, cotton balls, floss and even cereal boxes to protect the egg. Mervyn Besra’s project was made of “a platform that added drag force, sponges that worked as shock absorbers, and a cup filled with water and balloons to lessen the impact,” he described. When his vehicle landed safely, Besra said, “This is a great feeling and it makes me feel accomplished. It’s really exciting to go from an idea like this to functional reality.”

Some participants were surprised that their designs worked. “I thought ours was going to break!” laughed Michael Hernandez. He and his partner, Konner Dent, created a vehicle using an umbrella, red tubing, bungee cords and a bucket stuffed with newspapers to make a circle-like vehicle, one of the largest at the event. The judges awarded the boys’ efforts with the Most Creative Design Award, a prize that included an alarm clock, “So that they can come to class on time,” said Kwon.

Each student received a 2-gigabyte USB drive for their efforts and participation.

Recognition for commitment to diversity
From Minority Access, Inc.

Andrews University has been recognized for its commitment to diversity by Minority Access, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization. During the 11th Annual Role Model Conference, held September 10–12 in Las Vegas, Nev., Andrews University was given special recognition during the Diversity Awards Dinner. Andrea D. Mickle, president of Minority Access, Inc., presented the recognition to Pedro Navia, chair of the Andrews University Diversity Council.

The Minority Access National Role Model Conference, which assembles high-achieving innovators, recruiters, researchers, faculty, administrators, students, mentors and alumni, as well as institutions that have been exemplary in producing minority researchers, has been held annually since it was first initiated in 2000.

“Diversity is one of the most significant strengths of Andrews University. We want to be known as a University that is inviting to minorities and an institution that celebrates the richness diversity brings to our campus,” says Andrea Luxton, provost.

“Our participations in conferences focused on diversity help us do our job better and allow us to share our strengths in this area with others.”

Minority Access, Inc. is a nonprofit educational organization that provides support to individuals, colleges and universities, Federal, State and local governments, private agencies and corporations of all kinds to diversify their campuses and work sites by improving the recruitment, retention and enhancement of minorities. Through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and National Institutes of Health (NIH), Minority Access has forged a partnership among 170 diverse institutions.
Cuneiform tablet donated to Horn Museum
Part of a donation of ancient artifacts from Dick Rentfro

The Horn Archaeological Museum recently received a donation of ancient artifacts from Dick Rentfro, a pastor from the State of Washington. The collection includes an arrowhead, an Egyptian coin, a Samarian pot, a mammoth tooth—and a clay cuneiform tablet from around B.C. 2039.

The one-inch tablet from the Third Dynasty of Ur is a receipt of a goat, signed by the scribe Lukalla. The transaction occurred in the tenth month (the day is illegible) of the 7th year of Amar-Sin's reign, in the province of Umma. The tablet was translated by the curators at the Babylonian Collection of Yale University, and reads: "One dead goat, received from Lugal-mashubaba, sealed by Lugalalla. The month of the feast of Shulgi, the year Huhnuri was destroyed."

Rentfro was one of the participants in the 1957 Holy Land tour sponsored by Siegfried Horn. He attended as part of some Advanced Studies classes he was taking at Potomac University, which was shortly to combine with Emmanuel Missionary College and become Andrews University. He and 40 others spent two months visiting sites such as Petra, Nineveh and Babylon. The experience made such a large impact on Rentfro that when he heard of the Horn Museum, he knew the gift “had to go there.”

The Egyptian coin dates from B.C. 221–204, and quite possibly was in circulation during the lifetime of Jesus. The Samarian pot dates to the time of Christ and the arrowhead dates from B.C. 1500. The arrowhead was found near the city of Samaria. The mammoth tooth was found in Oregon by a friend of Rentfro, and the Horn Museum plans to donate the tooth to the Andrews University Museum of Natural History, located in the Science Complex.

The Horn Museum houses one of the largest cuneiform collections in the country. The curators of the Horn have teamed up with the Cuneiform Digital Library Initiative (CDLI). A collaborative effort between Assyriologists, museum curators and archaeologists, the project’s goal is to make the images and content of large cuneiform collections available through the Internet. CDLI has currently catalogued over 246,000 documents, dating from the birth of writing, ca. B.C. 3350 until just before the time of Christ. For more information about the Horn and the CDLI collection, visit www.cdli.ucla.edu.

Cardinals basketball home openers

Below: Head coach (and former FOCUS editor) Ivan Davis plans strategy with the Women’s Cardinals basketball team during a timeout on Wednesday, Nov. 3. The final score was 61–53 in favor of Glen Oaks Community College. They continue to maintain a busy schedule of both away and home games.

Right: The Men's Cardinals played their first home game against Great Lakes Christian College, also on November 3. The teams were evenly matched, and the Cardinals found themselves down by two with seven seconds left in regulation, and ran a play to forward Jerome Murray. Jerome shot a fade-away jumper at the buzzer to send the game into overtime and an eventual 85–71 victory.
2010 Celebration of Creation
Sponsored by the General Conference Faith and Science Council and the Hope Channel

The 2010 Celebration of Creation took place Oct. 22–23 at Pioneer Memorial Church. The weekend was sponsored by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Faith and Science Council and the Hope Channel and celebrated God’s creation as a “revealing of His power and glory.”

The celebration began Friday evening with a vespers service featuring presentations by several Adventist theologians and University professors, carried live on the Hope Channel. Seminars continued the following day with Sabbath School, midafternoon and evening programming dedicated to the event.

Throughout the weekend, some 23 experts spoke on a variety of topics including Evil and Beauty in Nature, Creation and Catastrophe, Science, Time and the Biblical Worldview, and Believing Creation: The Difference it Makes. A special question and answer session marked the conclusion of the event. Thoughts from a few of the presenters follow.

Ted Wilson, General Conference president, was one of the presenters at Friday evening’s service and was also interviewed by Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor, at both PMC Sabbath services. Wilson included the following in his remarks on Friday, “God’s word is so plain. There is no other explanation...We [Seventh-day Adventists] are creationists. We are not to minimize our Seventh-day Adventist distinctiveness. Believe on His word as it reads...Biblical creation is intertwined with God’s authority and His plan to save us for eternity.”

Timothy Standish, associate director of the Geoscience Research Institute, stated, “The existence of evil is not an argument against design or a designer. It is an argument against the goodness of God. Christianity is about acknowledging this terrible evilness in nature. Christianity acknowledges that terrible suffering and evil in nature, and we want the end of it.”

Bernard Brandstater, professor of anesthesiology at Loma Linda University, spoke about the impossibility of random chance producing the world we live in. He said, “The presence of beauty in the natural world, in life and in us is proof of who the Designer is and His compelling nature...The designs tell us that He has taste and artistry, and it tells us a little bit about His personality...I call beauty the signature of God.”

David Steen, chair of the Andrews University Department of Biology, reflected, “He has invited us to study His handiwork without fear of offending Him. We praise God, our Creator and we thank Him for inviting us to think His thoughts after Him...That’s what we celebrate.”

Former professor ministers to eunuchs of India
A first in church history

Johnson Choppala, who taught biology at Andrews from 1967–69, has served as a professor at universities in Kenya, Trinidad, Thailand and India since retiring from government service in 1999. In 2007, Choppala began a unique service project: ministering to the eunuchs of India.

On Sept. 4, 2010, he gave a sermon at the South Asia Church of Michiana, which meets in Burman Hall, and told his story.

While teaching at Spicer Memorial College in Pune, India, Choppala and his wife, Mridul, stumbled across a verse that transformed their lives. They read Isaiah 56: 4, 5: “To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and hold fast My covenant... I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.”

“We immediately knew this was from the Lord,” says Choppala. Eunuchs “are treated as outcasts by society; they have no rights; their parents put them out of their homes. They are forced to beg or dance for a living,” says Choppala. The Choppalas discovered that there are over four million eunuchs in India alone. They prayed for God’s guidance, and felt led to go forward.

In 2008, the couple met Ammaji, the leader of a group of eunuchs in Bhimavaram, India. “I talked to the eunuch, which surprised him, because no one talks to them with respect,” says Choppala. As the Choppalas established relationships with eunuchs in nearby cities, OASIS was born. The Choppalas co-founded the Organization for the Advancement of Special-gender Individuals through Education & Welfare Society in 2009. It aspires “to reach every eunuch in India with the message that God loves them.” Its goal is to establish schools where eunuchs can learn trades such as tailoring, cosmetology and hairstyling to give them alternative ways of living.

The Choppalas are currently raising money to build a school and residences. At the end of September, they will return to India to continue their work. “One of the greatest lessons we’ve learned is to love people,” says the couple.
German-English Theological Online Dictionary

Thirty years in the making, Wolfgang Kunze’s dream becomes a reality

Since the early 1980s, Wolfgang Kunze, professor emeritus of German, has dreamed of publishing a German-English theological dictionary. With plans “to help people continue their research using German material that needs to be understood,” dreams became reality in 2009 when Kunze designed the German-English Online Dictionary of Religion and Theology, the first of its kind.

“A long time in the making, Dr. Kunze’s German-English Theological Dictionary will provide a valuable tool for doctoral students in various disciplines that need a basic knowledge of German for their studies,” says Denis Fortin, dean of the Andrews University Seventh-day Theological Seminary. “I’m thankful that he has been able to prepare this dictionary and to make such a contribution to theological education.”

A long time in the making, indeed. The project began some 30 years ago when Kunze worked as a professor of German at Andrews University. With the help of several doctoral students from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Kunze compiled thousands of dictionary entries into mainframe computers. He intended to publish the entries in a hardbound copy.

“This was the time before any book could be printed electronically,” he explained. Tragedy struck when technological difficulties got in the way of publication and after years of hard work and the completion of thousands of entries, Kunze says he got stuck with a computer mainframe that was totally obsolete.

For the next 20 years, he continued to write and published several small German reference works. He resumed the dictionary project in full force upon retirement in 2002. 40,000 entries later, he decided to publish the dictionary online.

In 2007, he teamed up with Armand Poblete, instructor of information services at Andrews University, and began to develop the book’s website: www.dictionary-theologicalgerman.org. Together they created an open-source database software program designed specifically for the project. The program allowed the designers to create a Wikipedia-style website, encouraging database expansion over time, printable dictionary entries in PDF format and password-protected editable entries.

“The main difference between this site and Wikipedia is that we don’t allow just anyone to edit entries...You can only edit and submit with a password. We give this information out to theologians and experts, and they can enter material from wherever they are. We want accountability, and that lies with the author and their reputation,” said Kunze.

Though the edit/entry portion of the site is closed, the resources and information are available to all. The current theological dictionary is composed of some 2,000 entries that include abbreviations, definitions, and even picture and graphic illustrations. When completed, it is expected to consist of more than 40,000 entries and offer supplemental material to Kunze’s textbook: Theological German: A Reading Course. The resource will provide significant help to students taking language exams required for certain PhD programs. It can also help in understanding the contents of major German theological texts such as the vast amount located at Fuller Theological Seminary McAlister Library in Pasadena, Calif.

“I envision this online dictionary filling a great need for those of us whose native theological language is not German, but who need to stay abreast of current theological literature,” says Richard Davidson, chair of the Old Testament Department at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. “Such a research tool will be of inestimable value to our doctoral students.”

With the dictionary project 98 percent complete, says Poblete, the only work left to do is data editing and entering. Project funding is requested to finance the labor, which will be conducted by doctoral Seminary students. Kunze aspires to have some 15,000 entries online by the end of the school year. Approximately 2,000 hours of student labor are needed to complete the project, totaling about $20,000.

Donations for the dictionary are being accepted. You can give online at www.andrews.edu/development or send checks payable to Andrews University—Dictionary Project to the Andrews University Office of Development. For more information about the book, e-mail Wolfgang Kunze at theologicalgermandictionary@gmail.com.

Check out the online dictionary at: www.dictionary-theologicalgerman.org
What is your current job description at the Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church?
I am the senior pastor and founder of Kids Zone. I am also a bus driver for the weekends and remain involved in buses, KidsZone and weekly visitation with the Campus Ministries Outreach team under Keren Toms, associate pastor at PMC.

Since this is a church plant situation, how are ministries funded?
Mainly through personal donations. Pioneer Memorial Church and the Michigan Conference combined fund about 25% of our budget. Financially, we fundraise like many non-profits do. Each child we evangelize costs about $700/year, and the adults we minister to do not tend to bring much tithe either.

How did you become interested in ministry to the inner city?
As a “kids pastor” I was drawn to all the young people in Benton Harbor (about 40% of the population is under 18). As I was working with them, planning to return to Canada, God called me to stay longer and serve here in Benton Harbor.

What are your goals with the development of KidsZone and Family Church?
Most of the goals are laid out in our 10-year plan. In the near future, we are hiring a full-time kid’s pastor/fundraiser in May 2011 (the current KidsZone leader, Paul Torchia); looking to develop a mobile version of KidsZone over the summer www.sidewalksundayschool.org/Sidewalk/In_Action.html; also, we need to raise about $300,000 for 2012 to keep up with the growth of the ministry. Lastly, we are looking for a permanent home for our ministry (we are currently in an unstable rental situation), but nothing has turned up yet.

Describe a “typical” Sabbath at Harbor of Hope.
Long! If I’m driving bus I often wake up at 5:30 a.m., get my devotions in, final sermon prep and morning shower/breakfast…8:30 a.m. I inspect the bus…9 a.m. picking up kids…10 a.m. drop off kids and join them for breakfast at church…10:45 a.m. Sabbath School (I usually walk around and make sure everything is okay)...12 p.m. worship service starts with songs and ends with a sermon, usually by myself...1:30 p.m...free lunch for everyone...2:30 p.m. load the buses with kids and go pick up more kids for KidsZone...4 p.m. drop them off for KidsZone and help with the teaching and the program...5 p.m. load the kids back up and drop them off at home...7 p.m. go home and collapse.

What brings you the most joy in your work and what are your plans for the future?
My connection with the young people and seeing their lives changed. This week a 19-year-old from the original KidsZone program I did at Canadian University College during my undergrad told me that “Kids Church was the highlight of my childhood.” Shouldn’t learning about Jesus be the highlight of everyone’s childhood? One of my goals is to provide an opportunity for every one of the approximately 3,000 children in Benton Harbor to have the chance to come to KidsZone and learn to love Jesus!
Maier appointed as president of ADRA
Effective October 12, 2010

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International Board of Directors appointed Rudi Maier as the agency’s new president and executive director during the board’s regular autumn meeting. Maier most recently served the Church as professor of mission in the Department of World Mission at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. His ADRA appointment became effective October 12, 2010.

Maier, who has extensive experience in international development, becomes the fourth ADRA International president since its founding in 1984. He takes over the helm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s global humanitarian agency at a time of increased need for developmental and relief interventions.

“We are pleased to announce Maier’s appointment to this vital position,” said Dr. Ella Simmons, vice-chair of the ADRA Board of Directors. “We congratulate him and wish him success in this new leadership.”

Maier’s long career in academia has been complemented by an ongoing involvement in international development. Between 1981 and 1988, he worked for ADRA, building the agency’s monitoring and evaluation capacity, and implementing community-based programs. For more than 20 years, Maier taught at Andrews University, and consulted for numerous nongovernmental organizations in Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the former Soviet Union.

Born in Germany, Maier served in various professional capacities in Pakistan and Sri Lanka. He holds a doctorate in Sociology and International Development from American University and a Master of Arts in South Asian Languages and Culture from the University of Chicago.

Miller participates in groundbreaking religious liberty conference
Held for the first time in Amman, Jordan

Nicholas Miller, director of the Andrews University International Religious Liberty Institute (IRLI), played a leadership role as conference secretary and lead drafter in a groundbreaking religious liberty conference held this September in Amman, Jordan. For the first time in its history, the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA), a partner organization of the IRLI, held its Meeting of Experts in the Middle East, on September 8 in Amman, Jordan. Conducted in cooperation with the Arab Bridge Center for Human Rights and Development, each association shares a common goal of promoting human rights, interfaith relations and peace.

The theme of the 12th IRLA Meeting of Experts, “Teaching Respect of Religion,” provided opportunities to encourage a climate of peace and respect between religions in Jordan and the encouragement of the authorities to promote dialogue between religions. According to Amjad Shmmout, attorney and president of the Arab Bridge Center; John Graz, secretary general of the IRLA; and Nicholas Miller, director of the Andrews University IRLI; this meeting will be the first step in a larger partnership.

Miller says, “This event marks the first time that the IRLA and the IRLI had sponsored a conference jointly with an Arabic organization. We hope to build on this event and expand the discussion and dialogue on this vital topic of peace and respect among religions in the Middle East.”

The meeting was attended by religious leaders and scholars from the Islamic world, as well as from a number of different Christian denominations. A preliminary report on the conference has been written. Miller is helping coordinate the assembly of a complete report by the Conference’s drafting committee.

The purpose of the International Religious Liberty Institute is to foster the study of the principles of religious liberty and church-state relations upon sound methods of biblical, historical, legal and philosophical scholarship and to spread these principles through publications, lectureships, conferences, symposiums and the support of public advocacy.
Andrew von Maur and Jesse Hibler win Chicago design challenge
With only 12 hours to complete drawings for a 75,000 square-foot project

Andrew von Maur, associate professor of architecture, and Jesse Hibler, local alum and owner of Hibler Design Studio in Berrien Springs, Mich., are the winners of the 2010 Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference Design Challenge. The challenge took place at Chicago’s Navy Pier during the biannual Traditional Building Exhibition and Conference held Oct. 20–23.

Architects come from around the world for the event and have the opportunity to receive 24 continuing education credits in just four days. Each year, the conference offers a variety of workshops, tours, seminars, demonstrations and a chance to participate in the popular Design Challenge.

This year’s Design Challenge was a team competition consisting of two to three participants per group. Teams were composed of architectural or building design firms and groups from colleges, technical colleges and universities. The challenge was to completely design and draw a new “old” house for the historic Jefferson Park neighborhood of south Chicago in just two days.

The Hibler Group/Andrews University design was chosen as the winner of the event, landing von Maur and Hibler work in the nationally distributed New House Journal and a contract to sell the design through New Old House for one year.

“Professor Andrew von Maur and alum Jesse Hibler are both very gifted and dedicated professionals, and I am very pleased with their achievement,” says Carey Carscallen, dean of the Andrews University School of Architecture. “...They represent our program well and continually strive to improve the quality of the education our students receive. It is a pleasure to work with professionals of this caliber.”

Previous conferences have taken place in Boston, Mass., and New Orleans, La. The biannual event is hosted by Restore Media LLC, an information company dedicated to “growing green” through historic restorations, renovations and traditionally inspired new construction tactics.

Andrews staff complete Chicago Marathon
Two first-timers, Ildiko Gyresi and Teela Ruehle, inspire colleagues

Ildiko Gyresi, junior accountant in the Office of Financial Records, and Teela Ruehle, PC support specialist for ITS, ran the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2010. This was the first marathon for both Gyresi and Ruehle. Gyresi started training in January of 2010. “It was a life-changing experience for me,” says Gyresi. “God impressed me to start exercising regularly,” she says, to be an encouragement to others to exercise regularly.

Ruehle decided on her 26th birthday to push herself out of her comfort zone. “A friend suggested running a marathon: 26 miles for 26 years of life. So I signed up!” she says. Ruehle says, “Ildiko was such a great support! We would see each other at work and ask, ‘How far did you go this week?’” Gyresi’s CHIP time was 6:07:45 and Ruehle’s was 4:44:36.
Constantine publishes two new books
Completing a trilogy of children’s books about famous artists

Gregory Constantine, research professor of art and artist-in-residence, emeritus, has recently published two more books for middle readers (ages 7–12). When More Big Artists Were Little Kids reveals 17 artists including Edward Hopper, Mary Cassat, Rembrandt and Norman Rockwell. Seventeen architects are featured in When Big Architects Were Little Kids, from ancient Greeks to Frank Lloyd Wright.

These two new volumes complete a trilogy along with When Big Artists Were Little Kids, published one year ago. To view several pages online and order your own copies visit www.edgecliffpress.com.

Lael Caesar to become an associate editor
Of Adventist Review and Adventist World, the general magazines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

Lael O. Caesar, professor of religion, will become an associate editor of Adventist Review and Adventist World magazines, the general papers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Caesar will succeed Roy Adams, whose 2010 retirement brought a close to his 22 years on the team.

Caesar is expected to join the staff following the close of the current academic year. He has spent 14 years on the Andrews faculty, winning “teacher of the year” honors multiple times. He has also taught at Montemorelos University, a Seventh-day Adventist school in Mexico, and has served the church in the Caribbean, South America, the Middle East, Russia and Western and Southern Africa.

“I am delighted to have Lael Caesar join the editorial team of Adventist Review and Adventist World,” said Bill Knott, editor and executive publisher. “Lael is a talented author and Bible scholar whose work will strengthen and enrich the ministry of these two international magazines. His skills as a preacher and in the classroom have endeared him to thousands of Adventists around the world, and his warm, pastoral personality emerges in everything he produces. Readers around the world will come to enjoy Lael’s love of words and his deep and abiding love for the Word of God.”

Associate Editor Gerald Klingbeil added, “As a fellow Old Testament scholar, I have known Lael Caesar for over a decade and appreciate his humble commitment to the Word of God, his wonderful capacity to connect with people from many walks of life, and his great gift to communicate effectively and with warmth.”

Born in Guyana, Caesar earned a bachelor’s in theology at Caribbean Union College in Trinidad; a master’s in religion at Andrews; and both a master’s and a doctorate in Hebrew and Semitic Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Since 1849, Adventist Review has been the flagship journal of the Seventh-day Adventist movement. Today, Adventist World, the international paper for the church, which appears in 13 languages in print and/or online, joins the Review in communicating news of the world church to its constituency.

$350,000 NSF Grant
Received by Shandelle Henson and James Hayward

Shandelle Henson, professor of mathematics, and James Hayward, research professor of biology, have received a National Science Foundation Grant for $350,000. The grant supplies funds beginning in September 2010 through August 2013 to study “Socially-Induced Ovulation Synchrony in Colonial Seabirds: Mathematical Models and Field Data.”
Hans and Herta von Stiegel met when they were students at Andrews University, “which was clearly a time which changed our lives forever,” says Hans. Herta was a junior majoring in history and German, and Hans was a senior studying business administration. He graduated in 1978 and she in 1980.

The couple enjoyed their experience at the university, saying, “We laid the foundations for our careers there, we grew significantly spiritually while there, and we met each other!” The von Stiegels have since flourished in their business careers and currently work at Ariya Capital, a Botswana, UK and Jersey based private equity firm focused on sustainable investments. Herta is the founder and CEO of the firm and Hans is the Chief Financial Officer.

With “just over 11,000 days” of marriage under their belts, boasts Hans, the couple has encouraged prospective students to attend Andrews throughout the years and has even provided financial assistance to make it possible. At the beginning of the 2010 school year, the couple decided to donate an especially generous gift to the university: $100,000 for the new Undergraduate Learning Center.

The von Stiegels decided to fund the Center’s prayer chapel in the first weeks of university provost Andrea Luxton’s appointment. Luxton had been familiar with the von Stiegels since her work as president of Newbold College in England from 1997–2001. When she came to Andrews at the beginning of the 2010 school year, the von Stiegels learned of the new construction project and spoke with Luxton about the possibility of sponsorship. Following conversations with Audrey Castelbuono, campaign manager, Andrews University Office of Development, the couple considered the investment opportunities and “had their hearts set on the prayer chapel,” says Castelbuono.

The von Stiegels are dedicating the chapel to their parents, Georg & Johanna Ludwig and Jack & Ruth von Stiegel. The room will be named “Red Rose Chapel” in honor of Hans’ ancestor Henry William Stiegel. In 1750, Henry came to America where he became an ironsmith, glassmaker and philanthropist. He founded the town of Manheim (in present-day Pennsylvania) and was considered a true Renaissance man for his time.

Several years after he arrived in the town, he opened up the Elizabeth Furnace Plantation and earned fame as a glassmaker. He also became prominent in church and civic affairs.

As the years passed and Henry’s fortune grew, he had schools built and employed schoolmasters to educate the town children. In 1766, he directed the Trinity Lutheran Church choir and even gave his fellow Lutherans a plot of ground on which to build a church. He decided to charge five shillings for the church and yearly thereafter the payment of one red rose from town citizens.

The tradition has been annually observed since 1892 and is celebrated as the Festival of the Red Rose. The celebration in Lancaster commemorates Henry’s generous gift of land, and each year, church members pay “rent” through the donation of one red rose to a descendant of Henry’s.

“He commonly used a Red Rose as decoration in things which were special to him,” says Hans. Though he left no fortune, “…his work product (in museums and collections) and his charity are his legacy.”

The Red Rose Chapel will be connected to the north side of Buller Hall, adjacent to Harrigan Hall, and will overlook the Margaret Davis Memorial Garden. There is a possibility that the garden will be expanded to offer students a more nature-like atmosphere outside the room and that the chapel will include several stained-glass windows.

“One of our goals for the new Undergraduate Learning Center is to create space that invites students to remain in the building,” says Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. “A motto could be ‘Class is over, feel free to stay.’” According to Mattingly, the inside of the chapel is “small on purpose” and will be reserved for quiet meditation or small group Bible study. On the south end of the first floor in Buller Hall will be the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages, giving students a spiritual focus throughout the building.

The Center is expected to be completed in August 2011 when Nethery Hall renovations are finished. To learn more about the Center or view construction updates, visit www.andrews.edu/ulc.

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The retirement reception for Barbara K. Friesen, assistant
in administration, was held
Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010. The
camping theme led to creative
decorating, complete with a
canoe, s'mores and wilderness decorations.

She has given 40 years of service to the
Seventh-day Adventist Church and 38 of
those years were at Andrews University.

Barb was born in Goodland, Kansas, and
received her bachelor's degree in physical
education from Southern College,
Collegedale, Tenn., in 1966. Initially
she was a chemistry major, then
biology and medical technology.
During her junior year she attended
Andrews University and switched to
physical education. Ingrid Johnson,
then chair of the department, recalls
that “Barb was a natural,” and
encouraged her to consider physical
education as a career. Happy with
the choice in retrospect, Barb says,
“Probably if I were going back and
doing it now, I’d end up as a forest
ranger or something, but that wasn’t
an option at the time.”

Her hobbies confirm a variety of
interests: woodwork, miniatures,
wood burning, needle-craft, and playing the
violin and viola.

She earned a master’s degree in physical
education from the University of Colorado,
Boulder, and a doctorate in recreation from
the University of Utah, Salt Lake City in 1981.
The title of her dissertation was “Values and
Educational Interests of 13- to 15-year old
Seventh-day Adventist Youth Relevant to
the Pathfinder Club Program in the State of
Michigan.”

Ingrid Johnson invited Barb to join the
Andrews faculty in 1972 as an associate
professor of physical education. Before
joining the Andrews faculty, she taught at
a number of secondary schools across the
country.

She inspired confidence in her students.
Meredith Jones Gray, professor of English,
says, “She was the best PE teacher I ever
had. I wasn’t gifted in PE and dreaded it. I
took every PE class from her that I could,
badminton, swimming, wilderness living…
she made me want to do well without making
me feel inadequate.”

Barb taught many outdoor-activity classes
including backpacking, canoeing, kayaking
and cross-country skiing. She especially
enjoyed the winter camping class, usually
about a dozen students, who traveled to
a recreation area near Pigeon River, north
of Grayling, Mich., over President’s Day
weekend. During that time of year, every kind
of weather can occur. Barb said, “One year we
went cross-country skiing Sabbath afternoon,
started in the snow, came back on two
ribbons of ice and the next morning we were
sitting in four inches of water on top of ice so
we packed up and came home early.”

Canoeing took place in the fall semester
on small local lakes and then graduated to
local rivers with currents. A couple times the
class traveled to the White River in northern
Michigan. Classes in backpacking ventured
to the Charles Deam Wilderness Area, near
Bloomington, Ind. and Storey County, Ind. or
the Manistee River by Baldwin, Mich.

Barb’s favorite class was a one-week
outdoor survival intensive in the spring of
1980, which took place in Storey County,
Ind., south of the Monroe Reservoir in the
wilderness area. She taught students how to
find edible wild plants, build
fires and shelters, find water
and purify it, and the final test
was a three-day solo survival
challenge. Linda Helm (MAT
'80), recalls the experience:
“Finding my solo survival spot
with a map and compass was
easy. Sleeping alone under a
sheet of plastic in a downpour
was doable. Lying quietly in the
pitch black while the heavy-
footed animal foraging nearby
stopped, sniffed and screamed
was worrisome. Eating only
items from our “wild edible
plants” list was risky (ask Frank
Martinez who had to crawl out).
Watching Barb’s face as we each entertained her with our separate adventures on the way back...priceless.”

Charlotte Hamlin, then in her 70s, also took the class. When everyone else gathered to head home, Barb said, “they were mostly dirty, glum, tired, hungry...nobody was talking.” They called for Charlotte but received no response. “Pretty soon here she came; she’s just had the best weekend of her life. She’s been over to the creek washing up and she’s just bubbling over with her experience.”

Her passion was teaching swimming, which she did for almost 28 years, from 1972 through 1999, in the new Beaty Pool. Barb says, “I enjoyed the swimming because nobody could make excuses, you either sink or swim. I also liked the science aspect of it, using chemistry in the operation of the pool and applying the principles of physics. I approached it from that angle and tried to share the reasons it worked. Someone the other day told me they learned more physics in that class than they did in their actual physics class. I taught everything from the six-month old class up through water safety instructor level and I loved it. I never got tired of teaching swimming, but I got tired of being wet sometimes.”

Barb has lived in her current house in Berrien Springs for 33 years, but Johnson Gym was her home away from home for many of those years. When the physical education major was discontinued in 2003, Barb was invited to work as an assistant in administration by President Andreasen. Moving to the third floor of the Administration Building would be considered a big shift by most, yet she enjoyed the atmosphere there immensely. “As much as I enjoyed the other [parts of my career], I think those seven years were the most fulfilling. I really enjoyed it, much to my surprise,” she says. Her position entailed working on a wide variety of projects that involved research in the library or online, coordinating graduations, planning meetings and working with some group visits to campus. She also took minutes at board meetings and the Seminary executive committee for many years.

John Pangman, former department chair, reflected on working with Barb. “It was my privilege to be a colleague of Barb’s for some 30 years. It is impossible to work with Barb without it being obvious of her commitment to her work. The Andrews swimming pool was always in top condition and she was always faithful to test the water for the proper chlorine levels, etc. She developed a camping equipment checkout system for camping equipment for students and staff. Everything was always in order and in good shape. She also was in charge of the canoe rental program. This of course was in addition to teaching. Students in her classes soon came to understand that only their best effort would be accepted. Then when her illness struck she continued with her classes and missed only if she had to go to Ann Arbor for treatment. She always has such a positive attitude. Her dedication to duty was truly exemplary. Barb is a real credit to the teaching profession and it is my belief that she would have been a great department chair.”

Reflecting on the current Andrews physical education program, Barb says, “I think the way it’s turned out is the best. They’ve got a good strong program (Fitness & Exercise Studies) going now. It’s up-to-date. It’s addressing the need that’s there now. So I think that probably, in the long run, painful as it was, I think it’s for the best. We were all teacher educators trying to do an exercise science program.”

Barb has one sister, Phyllis, who lives in Sandwich, Ill. Her father resides in the Berrien Springs area.

Patricia Spangler is the editor of FOCUS and editorial manager for the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication. She admires Barb’s indomitable spirit and enjoyed working with her on many projects.
ive thousand miles apart, and already spending a year as student missionaries, they both wanted to do more. In Thailand, Steve Erich asked God, “Show me how I can make more of a difference.” In Majuro, in the Marshall Islands, Rob Erich prayed the same prayer.

The brothers had both decided to spend the year as student missionaries. Rob had his eye on Thailand, and Steve wanted to go to China, but as mission calls often go, the opportunities fell through. A month before he was supposed to leave, Rob was offered a position as a high school social studies teacher on the island of Majuro in the Marshall Islands. Steve was looking through the open positions, and “Thailand seemed interesting,” he says, so he decided to teach English at Thailand SDA Language School in Bangkok. Several months into the year, both of them had made friends and were witnessing to the students, but each felt that they wanted something more in their ministry. They wanted to see that they were making a tangible difference.

Rob’s answer came about a week later. While at the school, a security guard mentioned in the course of conversation that the Nitijela, the Marshall Islands’ Parliament, was considering implementing a Sunday law. Since Rob was teaching social studies, he and his fellow teacher, Rudy Estanque, thought it might be a good idea to take the senior class to see the Parliament in action. But when they went, it had been postponed. A couple days later, a fax went out to all the pastors on the island inviting them to come and speak at the meeting and debate the Sunday law.

The night before the meeting, Rob and Rudy decided, “We’re not planning on saying anything, but just in case, let’s figure some stuff out.” They looked at the Marshallese Constitution, which is very similar to the U.S. Constitution, and thought of biblical and historical examples that illustrated that God ruled through love, and forcing a certain religion on a people was never good.

The bill was a government effort to encourage morality and religious practice among the people, and mandated that no businesses except hospitals and restaurants could be open, and small stores could sell only food between the hours of noon and six.

When the day of the Nitijela meeting arrived, Rob and his students were surprised to find the hall very full. The entire governing body, the Irooj, and most of the highest officials were present at the proceedings. After the bill was introduced, the Attorney General made a few remarks to the effect that the bill might be unconstitutional, and then invited the churches to speak. The first few churches voiced their opinion that the bill was unconstitutional or wrong, but the majority of the churches agreed with the bill. And then the Adventist church was called. The pastor hadn’t been able to come, so a church member took the floor. Unfortunately, he got off-topic and began didactically presenting the Adventist church’s end-time beliefs rather than stating the church’s opinion on the bill. He was asked to step down, and after his speech, the atmosphere at the meeting changed drastically. Rob and Rudy watched in astonishment as the majority of the churches began to declare their support for the Sunday law bill. When the floor was opened to local businesses, many of these supported the bill as well. Finally, community members were given the opportunity to speak. The
two teachers decided that now was the time to speak, and do their best to end the meeting on a positive note.

“So we went up there, and realized that we were about to speak to all the leaders of the country, even the kings; these were the people that our students respected and were the most powerful in their world,” says Rob. They greeted the Nitijela in Marshallese, “which may have surprised them a little,” says Rob, and made their few remarks. “We tried to be as respectful as possible, because we realized that this was their culture, not ours.

Their speech was short and to the point—“we went on to say that we thought it was awesome that the leaders of the Marshall Islands cared not only for their people’s physical but for their spiritual well-being, and that they were very lucky to have leaders that cared for their salvation,” says Rob. The teachers then briefly went over their points from the night before, and even managed to get a few laughs from the audience. They only found out later that the proceedings had been broadcast over the entire island.

By the end of that session of the Nitijela, the bill still hadn’t passed. The next session began in October, and there is no word on whether the bill has been rejected or just postponed. “That whole year helped me realize how important my beliefs are to me,” says Rob. A fourth-generation Adventist, he hadn’t given much thought to his beliefs before having to stand up in front of a government to explain and defend his beliefs.

Steve was teaching English to many different age groups at the Thailand SDA Language School, and although he was able to make friends with some of the students, “I didn’t feel that I had a huge chance to witness,” says Steve. So he began looking online for ministries in Bangkok, and stumbled onto a site for Men and the Sex Trade ministry (MST). The volunteer organization has a prayer room in a tailor shop in one of the red-light districts of Bangkok. The volunteers stand on the streets and look for western male tourists visiting the district. “Many of the guys who go to the brothels are actually looking for deeper relationships, love, someone to talk to, so we offer that alternative,” says Steve.

While teaching at the language school, Steve was also able to make friends with a teenager named Earth and watch him accept Christ. Several of the language teachers and student missionaries were living on the same street, and began meeting on Wednesday nights, halfway through the semester, for meals and fellowship. The teachers started bringing their students and friends to the meetings. Earth naturally began coming to the prayer group and church. “He was Buddhist, and very thoughtful, always asking deep questions, and very open,” recalls Steve. One night, he spoke up and told the group that he’d never known that kind of community before in his life, “and then he thanked us for showing him God,” says Steve. “It was eye-opening for me to see a friend become Christian, because it brought Christianity into everyday life. I realized that year that being a Christian is essentially being a missionary wherever you are.”

“That year I realized the power of prayer when you let God take control. If you want to do something for God and you pray about it, God will answer your prayers in ways you could never imagine, that are so far beyond what you thought that you’ll be amazed,” says Rob. The Erich brothers are both back at Andrews now, and volunteer at the Harbor of Hope church in Benton Harbor every Saturday. Their spirit for missions hasn’t diminished any since they’ve been back—ask them to tell you their stories. You’ll see it.
Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet

The Great Lakes Room of the Campus Center was beautifully decorated for attendees to the Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet. The event recognized the university’s most faithful donors, inaugurated alumni celebrating their 50th class reunion into the Golden Hearts Club, and acknowledged all the other decades of alumni present.

President Niels-Erik Andreasen recognized recipients of the Spirit of Philanthropy Award and honored those who have helped Andrews create a culture of giving among alumni and friends. The banquet marked the first event of Alumni Weekend.
Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing

The annual Wes Christiansen Memorial Golf Outing took place at Blackthorn Golf Club, South Bend, Ind., and included 18 holes of scramble golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch and other prizes. Andrew Knowlton (BSMT '95), Corey Knowlton (BS '93), Thomas Brundage (att.) and Aaron Knowlton (BSELED '00) comprised the winning team for the Championship Flight Division. The group shot a final score of 57 (15 under par).

Hard Hat Tour of Undergraduate Learning Center Construction

A large group of alumni took advantage of the opportunity to view the construction progress, courtesy of a guided tour by the project managers. Keith Mattingly, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and Donald May, associate dean, also shared details of where departments would be located and the vision for the new facility. View live webcams at www.andrews.edu/ulc.

AU Disc Golf

Lining up for a chance to take a shot at one of the 18 holes (baskets) along the two-mile course around campus.
23rd Annual Homecoming Parade

From flaming trombones to flying Gymnics, vortex smoke rings and waving sports teams, this year’s parade provided an exhilarating feast for the eyes and ears. Kali Jardine, parade coordinator, said, “This was the most amount of participation I’ve seen in the past few years that I’ve coordinated the parade. There were more floats than I can ever remember and people tried their best to make them interesting and exciting…I’d also especially like to thank Dan Bacchiocci, the alumni board president, for all of his leadership. We definitely couldn’t have done it without him and all the participants.” Stephen Payne, vice president of Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication, and emcee for the parade, provided interesting details about each of the 32 entrants. There was a constant line for free elephant ears provided by the Alumni Association and children scrambled for the candy, apples and even homemade cookies handed out along the route. Judges Erica Slikkers, Mike Villocock and David Oakley declared the winners: President’s Prize went to the Ambassadors, 2nd place Cardinals, 3rd place eigen* Club.
International Flag-Raising Ceremony

The Andrews University Wind Symphony, conducted by director Alan Mitchell, participated in the International Flag Raising Ceremony during Alumni Weekend. The symphony performed while the United States flag was raised first to honor the nation as the University’s host country. Many alumni, students and community members represented their country at the event.

Above: Anneli Sigvartsen with the Norway flag
Top left: L–R Maryann Alkandari, Hamad Alrashed, Amal Alansari and Yousuf Aloriafan with the Kuwait flag
Middle: Kevin Wilson with the Sri Lanka flag
Left: The Wind Symphony provided musical selections during the flag raising ceremony

Missions Vespers

Tim Gillespie (MDiv ’98) was the featured speaker (right) for the Student Missions vespers held at the Howard Performing Arts Center. He challenged students and alumni to participate in missions work, saying, “When you do missions and realize that it’s hard, you begin to see that when God is all you have, He begins to be all you need.”

The service also featured student testimonials by Sara Olakowski and John Musselman. Musselman talked about his missionary experience at Great Lakes Adventist Academy where he served as a dean. “Wherever He calls you to go, He has a purpose. Remain open to that purpose.” Olakowski talked about her missionary experience in Egypt. She said, “I learned more this past year than I have in any school year. I learned that your weaknesses follow you wherever you go...It was a hard lesson to learn.” There are currently 40 student missionaries from Andrews serving around the world.
The Church at Worship

Dwight K. Nelson (MDiv ’76, DMin ’86), PMC senior pastor, spoke for both services. The University Chorale provided inspiring music and honored alumni presentations were made.

Black Student Christian Forum Reunion Service

Guest speakers Baldwin (BA ’85, MDiv ’91) and Pollyanna (BA ’79, PhD ’98) Barnes (below), spoke on the theme: “Heaven the Ultimate Reunion, a Relentless Pursuit.” “What would it be like to be living in heaven?...Contemplating what it would be like alters the present. And life and our relationships, who we are and how we interact is different.” Wanda Cantrell (BA ’73, AS ’85, MAT ’93) (bottom below) was recognized for her long-time commitment to the BSCF Alumni Chapter.
Reunion Dinners

Many alumni experienced the new Dining Services for the first time as they attended reunion dinners. Classmates were reunited at the tables and reminisced with good food and great company.

Pictured are members from the Class of 1950: L–R Rosie (Sherwin) Nash, Lois (Hodde) DeWitt and Ina (Hanson) Barton looking through their yearbook.

Museum Tour

Alumni were invited to attend a tour of the Institute of Archaeology and Siegfried H. Horn Museum which included an original goat-haired Bedouin tent from Jordan, as well as other artifacts unearthed from the time of Abraham during Andrews University’s Tall Jalul and Hesban excavations (pictured here). Other features included exhibits on Egypt and Mesopotamia and murals by Nathan Greene, depicting life scenes from Biblical stories.

Other tour locations included the Architecture Resource Center, Natural History Museum and Center for Adventist Research.

Constantine Gallery

An art exhibit featuring the work of Gregory Constantine (BA ’60), research professor art emeritus and artist-in-residence, was on display in Smith Hall during alumni weekend. Constantine was also responsible for this year’s homecoming program artwork.
Community members and alumni enjoyed the Harvest Picnic that took place in the white tent behind the Alumni House. The event included a meal of haystacks, donuts, cider and s’mores while live folk-style and ensemble music played in the background. “The most fun I have during the Harvest Picnic is making the s’mores! The challenge is to get close enough to the fire without burning yourself. You almost need a 15-foot long stick!” joked Roger Dudley (MA ’59, EdD ’77).

People sat inside the tent at tables, enjoying the buckets of peanuts provided while chatting and meeting up with old friends. Attendees were also offered free hayrides around campus, including a stop at the Dairy to visit the baby cows.
Alumni Homecoming Gala


André Moncrieff, sophomore biology and music major, concertmaster, said, “I really enjoyed the *Danzon* by Marquez—it is exciting to play and listen to. Some pieces are fun for the musicians, but not for most listeners. Other pieces are a bore for the musicians, but captivating to the audience. *Danzon* is a pleaser all around.”

Alumni vs. Students Basketball Game

Jerome Murray, center-forward for the Andrews University Men’s Cardinal Basketball Team, said, “We all played really well. Everybody did their part, everyone is in great shape, and we play as a team. There is no one, distinct leader. We passed the ball really well, and played the whole court.” The Cardinals defeated the Alumni 84-60 during the annual game in Johnson Gymnasium. “I was a little worried about facing such a tough Alumni team,” said Dave Jardine, Cardinals head coach. “...We have a young team with eight freshmen this year, but we played really well and came together in the end.”

Alums Sean Thorne and Terrance Millan were recognized for their four years on the Cardinal Team. Thorne participated as a member of the Alumni Team.
1/5/10K
An enthusiastic group of runners braved the brisk October morning and encouraged each other to finish the race! An impressive number of very young future alums ran the 1K, encouraged by parents and friends.

There were 66 finishers for the 5K Run, 41 males and 25 females. Ryan Kwiecinski of Chesterton, Ind. came in first, followed by Andre Moncrieff of Berrien Springs, Mich. in second place and Karen Nagel of Valparaiso, Ind., in third.

The 10K Run included 38 finishers, 16 females and 22 males. Braden Teller, Edwin Hurlow and Ashok Willmott, all from Berrien Springs, Mich., came in first, second and third, respectively.

Champion Chip timing was provided by the Honor Credit Union, premier sponsor of the event.

Ride for AU
Alumni, community members and students participated in the third annual Ride for AU, an organized motorcycle trip that took participants on a scenic route through Southwest Michigan. The Berrien County Sheriff’s Department Motorcycle Team escorted the riders.

see you next year!

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If you are interested in serving as a reunion leader or getting involved, please contact the Office of Alumni Services.
Sir Patrick L. Allen  
(BA ’85, MA ’86, PhD ’98, Hon LLD ’10)

His Excellency the Most Honorable Sir Patrick L. Allen was appointed Governor-General of Jamaica on February 26, 2009. Allen is the first Seventh-day Adventist to be appointed the high position and the sixth person to hold the office since independence in 1962.

Raised in Fruitful Vale, Portland, Jamaica, Allen came to the United States and earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from Andrews University in 1985. He earned a Master of Arts in religion in 1986 and a PhD in education administration and supervision in 1998.

A devout Christian, Allen has served the church in many positions, including as a schoolteacher, principal, pastor, director and president of the Central Jamaica Conference and West Indies Conference, respectively.

He is no stranger to service and taught in the Jamaican public school system for ten years. He has also served as a member of various boards, including the Government Public Broadcasting Commission, Police Civilian Oversight Authority, Strategic Oversight Commission, and as chairman of the Board of Northern Caribbean University.

Having served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 28 years, Allen has also been vice chairman of the Bible Society of the West Indies and given oversight to community interventions organized by the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA).

Several awards and accomplishments include: an honorary Doctor of Public Service, honorary Doctor of Laws from Andrews and membership in the Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta and Alpha Mu Gamma honor societies.

He enjoys badminton, track and field, basketball and cricket. He and Her Excellency, The Most Honorable Lady Allen, have been married for over 35 years and have three adult children.

Donald W. Corkum  
(MDiv ’70, DMin ’10)

Donald W. Corkum was born in Nova Scotia, Canada. After graduating from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, Mass., in 1965, he attended Andrews University to pursue theology through graduate studies. Corkum completed a Master of Divinity in 1970 and a Doctor of Ministry in 2010.

From 1966–1996, he served as a pastor, evangelist and departmental director for two conferences in Canada. Throughout this 30-year span, he spent nine as the president of the Alberta Conference. When he came to the United States in 1996, Corkum served as the president of the Wisconsin Conference until retiring in April 2010.

Corkum is actively involved in evangelism and has participated in mission trips to Peru and the Dominican Republic. He has also traveled several times to Israel to enrich the ministry there as well as helped to train pastors in the Ukraine following the evangelism explosion of the early 90s. Besides serving the church through these ministries, he has also led in fundraising for many capital projects and written articles for Conference and Union communication magazines.

He is an active/former member of the Andrews chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, Adventist Health Systems Board, Andrews University Board of Trustees and chair of the Wisconsin Academy Board.

“Andrews has greatly enriched my life both times I have pursued degrees there,” says Corkum. “First, the training that was a springboard to my ministry with my MDiv, and the capstone to my ministry with a DMin near retirement. My life has been blessed by these two experiences.”

Corkum resides in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He is married to Phyllis and has three children, Sheri, Rhonda and Brian.
Marguerite Ross
(BA ’50)

Marguerite Ross was born in Quincy, Mass. Following several years of undergraduate study at Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Mass., Ross transferred to Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) in 1949. She completed a Bachelor of Arts in English and elementary education with minors in mathematics and biology, the following year. Attending summer school from 1952–55, she completed her MA in English and elementary supervision from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

While completing her studies at EMC, Ross worked for the Southern New England Conference and taught as a part-time elementary school teacher for 7th-grade mathematics and English students. She became a full-time instructor at EMC’s elementary school in 1950 and remained at the institution until 1988. Throughout this time, she also spent several years teaching “Literature for Children” at the college. In 1990, Ross returned to Andrews as a volunteer and continues her service there today.

Ross has not only taught in the U.S., but also as a primary school teacher in Ireland and, in the summer of 1963, taught English as a second language at Colegio Linda Vista in Mexico. She enjoys traveling and has been on study tours to the British Isles, Europe and China.

Though she was asked four times to join the Michigan Conference Department of Education staff as a visiting supervisor, Ross “preferred to be where the action is; in the classroom.” She claims that “children teach one many things: to be humble, grateful, to pay more attention to their words, to be aware of their awesome willingness to forgive, their readiness to respond to love, and to marvel at their patience when helping another student with a difficult math concept or teaching a teacher to throw a spiral pass.”

She resides in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Robert G. Wilson
(MA ’66, MDiv ’67)

Robert G. Wilson was born in Youngstown, Ohio. After graduating from Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md., in 1965, he attended Andrews University to pursue religion through graduate studies. Wilson completed a Master of Arts in religion in 1966 and a Master of Divinity in 1967.

From 1967–1978, he served as a minister in Ohio, North Carolina and Colorado. Wilson then worked as a college chaplain at Kettering College of Medical Arts, Dayton, Ohio, from 1978–1985. Following these experiences, he moved to Florida and served as a hospital chaplain in Miami and Orlando. In 1990, he founded Hospice of the Comforter, a nonprofit ministry located in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Wilson is actively involved in ministry. While at Kettering, he wrote articles for the Young Adult Sabbath School Quarterly and, in 1975, served as president of the Ministers Association, Durham, N.C. At Hospice of the Comforter, Wilson serves as a chaplain besides his duties as president and CEO. When he’s not working at the organization, he enjoys traveling, among other hobbies. He has gone snorkeling and diving in the Caribbean and also been on two trips to Greece, where he sailed among the Greek islands.

Wilson is an active member of the Hastings Center for Bioethics, Adventist Chaplaincy Ministry and vice president of Florida Hospices and Palliative Care. He claims that while at Andrews, he “had the privilege of exposure to a tremendous spectrum of teachers” whose “varied scholarship, wisdom, perspectives, etc., gave me a wonderfully broad education and view of theology, the world, myself and life’s possibilities.”

He resides in Altamonte Springs, Fla., and is married to Trudy. The couple has two daughters, Kimberly and Whitney.
Alumni calendar of events

For more information visit us online at www.andrews.edu/alumni/ or contact the Office of Alumni Services at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

December

Chicago Alumni Gatherings

12 Oakbrook Alumni Gathering
11 a.m.
Mon Ami Gabi
260 Oakbrook Center, Oakbrook, Ill.

14 Downtown Chicago Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
Reza’s Restaurant
432 West Ontario, Chicago, Ill.

12–19 Cruise with a Mission
This year’s ports are: Key West, Florida; Falmouth, Jamaica; Georgetown, Cayman Islands; and Cozumel, Mexico. Prices start at $599 per person for this seven-day experience exclusively for young adults ages 18–35. For more info, visit www.adventistyouth.org/cwm.

California Alumni Gatherings

10 Riverside Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
3191 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, Calif.

14 Downtown Chicago Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
Reza’s Restaurant
432 West Ontario, Chicago, Ill.

15 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

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California Alumni Gatherings (continued)

12 Sacramento Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
1910 J St, Sacramento, Calif.

14 Napa Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
Compadres Rio Grille
505 Lincoln Ave, Napa, Calif.

19 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

January

12 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

February

California Alumni Gatherings

14 Riverside Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
The Old Spaghetti Factory
3191 Mission Inn Ave, Riverside, Calif.

18 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

28 Graduation Picnic
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you’re interested in gets closer, be sure to doublecheck the alumni website or call the office for updates.

RSVP for an event
RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our alumni community: www.andrews.edu/alumni.

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www.andrews.edu/alumni

April

11 Alabama Alumni Gathering
6 p.m.
To be determined
Huntsville, Ala.

13 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
4 p.m.
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

28 Graduation Picnic
Alumni House, Andrews University
Berrien Springs, Mich.

Who are alumni?

If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! And if you’re a parent or a potential student considering Andrews, you’re invited to be our honored guest at any of the above alumni gatherings.

L–R: Andre Morgan (BT ’07), Jane Thayer (FF), Aaron Koleda (BSELED ’09), Arlyn Drew (MDiv ’97), Sean Porras (MA ’08, MDiv ’10)

Would you be interested in serving as a local host for an alumni gathering? Or maybe you’d be willing to sponsor an event in your area? How about serving on our Alumni Board of Directors? Connecting with students as a mentor? We’d love to hear from you! E-mail alumni@andrews.edu or call 269-471-3591.
Alumni gatherings

The Alumni Association hosted four regional alumni gatherings during the month of November.

It began with record attendance in Bermuda, where brunch was served at the beautiful Botanical Gardens. Next, we flew to Maryland to host an event at Mrs. K’s Tollhouse, where almost 100 alumni joined us for dinner. A copy of the new Andrews Study Bible was given to the most recent graduates, Andwele (MArch ’08) and La’Joya (Vanderhorst) (MArch ’08) Worrell. We then traveled to New York City, where we hosted an event at Nick’s Pizza. This was our second time at this location and we were excited with the number of recent graduates in attendance. The journey was completed as we neared home, where we hosted our final event in Kettering, Ohio. It had been a while, so we were delighted to be back.

We may be coming to your area next, so be sure and check out the Calendar of Events in each issue!

Bermuda
November 7

Maryland
November 9

New York City
November 10

Kettering, Ohio
November 14

Enjoying the beautiful weather and each other’s company in Bermuda

L–R: Lulu Muze Kelly (BBA ’92), Anita Watts (BS ’91) and Winsome Messam (BBA ’93) enjoyed getting together at Mrs. K’s Tollhouse

Nick’s Pizza was a popular venue for the alumni who met in New York City

L–R: Harold Merriman (MPT ’97), Rebekah Wang Cheng Scriven (BA ’74) and Seanna Waters (MDiv ’09)
Class of 1950

First row: (L–R) Marguerite Ross, Georgia (Nelson) Pfister, Leora Day


Class of 1960

First row: (L–R) Lois (Hodde) DeWitt, Rosie (Sherwin) Nash, Rae Constantine-Holman, Ina (Hanson) Barton, Judy (Sharpe) Patterson, Ethel Ashton, Donna Justinen, Lenore Hodges

Second row: (L–R) Robert Burt, Art Hallock, Jim Myers, Charles Dowell, Don Miller, Nicola Ashton, Gregory Constantine

Class of 1970

First row: (L–R) Mary Penny-Davis, Johann (Derringer) Dyresen, Gretchen (Mehner) Moon, Lenore (Schultz) Weikum, Faith (Boelter) Gregg, Bonnie Beres, Estelle Jorgensen, Sharon Mosher, Bonnie (Bogar) Hicks, Nancy Boothby, Irene (Dennison) Herr, Barbara (Struzik) Walker, Thelma Nation, Ann (Steinweg) DiCicco

Class of 1980
L–R: Bill Penick, Esther Knott, Peter Swanson, Joyce Webber, David Bacino, Ellen Tambunan

Class of 1985
L–R: Rae Constantine-Holman, Lorena Bidwell, Baldwin Barnes, Rodney Becker, Wanda Cantrell

Class of 1990
L–R: Wendy Munroe, Doug Wamack, Jim Slater, Stan Strzyzykowski, Crystal A. Stevens, Timbul Tambunan

Class of 2000
L–R: Sebrena (Morrison) Sawtell, Timothy Newbold, Karla (Goulart) Newbold
Golden Hearts

First row: (L–R) June Hunt, Leora Day, Georgia (Nelson) Pfister, Judy (Sharpe) Patterson, Lois (Hodde) DeWitt, Rosie (Sherwin) Nash, Luz (Journet) Earp, Betty Garber, Bonnie Jean Hannah, Ina (Hanson) Barton, Rae Constantine-Holman, Judy Pritchard, Jess Oliver, Murna Wager, Betty Weakley, Ethel Ashton, Marguerite Ross, Donna Justinen, Lenore (Schmid) Hodges

1950s

**Lawrence Show** (BA '50) writes, “I wanted so much to make it back to AU this weekend [for Homecoming], but circumstances simply would not permit it. Since I graduated in 1950, this is my 60th; and I wanted to attend one more time. I realize that probably only a few from that “great class of '50” will be there, but seeing that “few” once again would be worth all the problems of getting there. I mention that “great class of ’50”, because that’s the year when a great many WWII vets finished college and graduated.

I met Phyllis (Sunderland) (att.) from Takoma Park, Md. at EMC, and we were married in August of 1949 in Takoma Park. We had a delightful experience my senior year living with other married couples in old North Hall. I studied while she worked at an establishment in St. Joseph. We called that a PHT Degree (Pushing Hubby Through) in those days. My career has involved business management while earning an MBA degree along the way. Sandwiched in were 20 years as director of Auxiliary Enterprises at AU and then associate professor of business and vice president for finance at Columbia Union College. My last ten years involved owning and managing Lara’s Shoes, a ladies’ fashion shoe store in Baltimore, Md. While at AU and CUC, Phyllis worked as an administrative assistant at both schools and then as administrative assistant to the vice president for nursing at Washington Adventist Hospital.

Our daughter, Kathryn (BA '76) presently holds a master’s degree while teaching science teachers how to better teach science to elementary students in a district in Seattle. Our son, Brian, had his first 12 years of education at Andrews, took college at CUC and his MBA at Washington University. He is vice president of Royal Glass, an auto-glass replacement chain in the Washington, D.C. area.”

1960s

**Aurelia Rae Constantine Holman** (BMus ’60) has worked as a teacher and administrator in Michigan public schools for more than 36 years, and spent two years teaching music at Walla Walla College. After marrying Andrews music professor Hans-Jorgen Holman in 1963, they began the custom of conducting summer music tours in many countries, which continued until Hans-Jorgen’s death in 1986. Rae was featured as a soloist in many productions of choral works by major composers, and sang under the direction of Robert Shaw and Hans Gillesberger. Rae has received numerous awards and recognitions for her work in the public schools, among them the National Exemplary Program of Excellence for her work in the local bilingual and community education; and a National Outstanding Educator Award. She has served as a grant writer, and has been responsible for bringing in millions of dollars in state and federal money to fund her programs. Rae is also active in community affairs: she was elected as a trustee of Oronoko Charter Township and served two four-year terms, and has also served on the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra board of directors.

After graduating from Andrews, Carolyn Elizabeth (Thompson) Palmer (BS ’60) went on to receive her MS in Urban Education, with an endorsement in Administration and Supervision, from Chicago State University. In 2000, she retired from the position of education superintendent of the Lake Region Conference. Since her retirement, she has traveled with James, her husband of 48 years, most recently to Israel and Egypt where they were able to walk where Jesus walked. Their son, Phillip, is the treasurer of the South Central Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. His wife, Ingrid, is a registered nurse. Their daughter, Cynthia (BS ’92), is also a registered nurse.

Last year, Harry Bennett Jr (MA ’65) accepted a position as part-time chaplain of a new retirement community in San Diego, Calif. He enjoys the new challenges of a multifaith ministry as well as reaching out to community clergy in the area. Harry continues part-time with Paradise Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church in addition to his part-time chaplaincy. His wife, Marilyn (MacLafferty), continues teaching piano and playing the organ at church.

**Gregory Matthews** (MDiv ’68) has been a Seventh-day Adventist minister for more than 41 years. As a pastor, he was employed in Virginia. In 1975, he left pastoral work to become a U.S. Army chaplain, from which he retired in 1993. In 1994, he began work for the Department of Veterans’ Affairs as a hospital chaplain. Currently, he is employed full-time at the VA hospital in Denver,
Colo. He is the father of three sons. One is a correctional officer at Folsom State Prison, the second is a certified Microsoft computer technician, and the third is an electrical engineering student.

Csaba Mera (BA ’68) was recently appointed medical director for Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon. Mera earned his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in California. His community activities include serving as president of Third Rail Repertory Theatre and president of Janus Youth Programs for homeless and disadvantaged kids. He is also on the board of the Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation.

Dwayne Toppenberg (BD ’68, DMin ’87) and his wife Janet recently celebrated a family reunion that included their daughter Deb who traveled from Geneva, Switzerland, where her husband works for Inter-Peace, an organization that works closely with the United Nations. They also celebrated their 44th anniversary by traveling to the General Conference Session in Atlanta, where they saw many old friends.

1980s
Gary John Herr (BA ’70) is a licensed professional counselor in Cleburne, Texas. He received his PhD in social work in May 2009 from the University of Texas at Arlington. His wife, Irene (Dennison) (BMus ’70) teaches music and theater arts at Keene Junior High and High School. Both are involved in the Joshua Adventist Church.

1980s
Trudy Morgan-Cole (BA ’86) looks forward to the release of her twentieth book, Sunrise Hope, from Review and Herald in 2011. Since her first book, All My Love, Kate, was released during her senior year at Andrews, Morgan-Cole has written young-adult books, devotional books, and a series of novels about Bible characters including Lydia, Esther, and Deborah. She has also had two historical novels published by non-Adventist publishers. The Violent Friendship of Esther Johnson (Penguin Canada 2006), was inspired by a paper she wrote for a class at Andrews University, and the award-winning By the Rivers of Brooklyn (Breakwater Books 2009) tells the story of immigrants from Newfoundland in Brooklyn, New York in the early 20th century. In addition to writing, Trudy is challenged and inspired by teaching English and social studies to at-risk youth and young adults at The Murphy Centre in St. John’s, Newfoundland. Trudy, her husband Jason, a mechanical engineer, and their children Christopher and Emma have travelled around North America and to Australia, and plan a trip to Europe in 2011. Trudy’s website is at www.trudymorgancole.com.

Mark (BA ’80, MA ’82) and Debra (Bacheller) Pendleton (BS ’80) reside in Las Cruces, N.M. Mark is head librarian of the Las Cruces Public Library and Debbie is a nurse at a public school for the developmentally impaired in Las Cruces. Their son, Christopher is an accomplished artist. Daughter Heather is a college student and also works as a restaurant manager.

Leslie N. Pollard (MDiv ’83, PhD ’07) was selected as the 11th president of Oakwood University on Nov. 1, 2010. He will assume his new post January 3, 2011. Pollard holds a Doctor of Ministry in preaching and worship from the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, Calif., a PhD in New Testament Language and Literature from Andrews, as well as an MBA from the La Sierra University School of Business in Riverside, Calif. He has served as a senior pastor, a youth pastor, a university chaplain, a healthcare program administrator, and an educational administrator at LLU. He regularly leads leadership conferences worldwide. He and his wife, Prudence, have two daughters, both graduates of Oakwood.

1990s
Karen Spruill (MA ’95) has begun a new weekly blog, “Life Notes with Karen,” posted at www.answersforme. Answers For Me is a resource site sponsored by the Pacific Union Conference. She
considers this a “great new opportunity and challenge.” Karen has been living in Florida for the past 12½ years and became a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in October! (She recommends that all counseling students should take the national exam immediately upon finishing their degree).

Holly Shaffer (att.) purchased the Hecht Veterinary Hospital in Berrien Springs, Mich., on Dec. 31, 2009. She first met Philip Hecht through a pre-vet class he was teaching at Andrews University in 1992 and then began working as a receptionist at Hecht Vet Hospital during her summer breaks. She graduated from Michigan State University with a BS in Animal Science in 1996 and from MSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 2000. After 10 years of working with Hecht, she purchased the practice and has renamed it Two by Two Animal Hospital after the Biblical story of the animals coming to the ark to be saved.

Shaffer is on the Board of Directors for the Humane Society, enjoys assisting with Animal Aid, is a volunteer veterinarian at the Berrien County Youth Fair, and is an adjunct professor at Andrews University, where she teaches two pre-vet classes called Equine Health & Disease and Small Animal Health & Disease and serves as an advisor for the Pre-Vet Club.

Shaffer lives on a little farm in Berrien Center with her husband Captain Tim of Headhunter Sport Fishing Charter, whom she married in 2000. They love to camp with friends during any free time but don’t get to leave the farm very often. Together they have over 40 animals including five dogs, a Jersey steer, three llamas, one sheep, two goats, two cats, two quail, two peacocks, and over two dozen chickens. Besides doing chores around the farm, Shaffer enjoys taking her animals to nursing homes and church events. She takes two of her dogs to train with handicapped children on Monday nights in a 4-H club called Best Friends. They practice all summer and then show the dogs at the BCYF in August.

Holly is also an active member of the Andrews University Alumni Board of Directors and enjoys being involved with her church and Bible study small group.

Sook-Young Kim’s (MDiv ’93, PhD ’08) dissertation, *The Warrior Messiah in Scripture and Intertestamental Writings*, was published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing in September 2010. Two well-known scholars wrote the back cover paragraphs: Craig Evans, Payzant Distinguished Professor of New Testament at Arcadia Divinity College, Nova Scotia, Canada and Ray C. W. Roennfeldt, president of Avondale College.

2000s

Vania Marie Lee was born on August 2, 2010 to Sarah (Spangler) (BT ’02) and Martin Lee (current staff). Sarah has been a freelance photographer and graphic designer since graduation and is the personal business owner of Ambient Light Studios. Martin is the web communications manager for Andrews University and works in the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication. They live in Berrien Springs, Mich. with their two-year-old German Shepherd, Misha.

Sean-Pierre Nicholas Sinnett was born on Nov. 1, 2010, to D. Sean Sinnett (BMus ’02) and Rachel Cabanilla (BA ’00, BMus ’01). He is held in the photo by a proud grandpa, Dale Sinnett (BA ’69). Since graduating from Andrews, both Sean and Rachel went on to obtain master’s degrees in music and are now working in music education in the Saint Joseph, Mich. area.

Ashley (Maycock) (BHS ’07, DPT ’10) and Bron Jacobs (MDiv ’04) are happy to announce their marriage on Dec. 6, 2009 in Nashville, Tenn. They currently reside in Riverside, Calif. Bron and Ashley met at Andrews while Ashley was pursuing her doctorate in physical therapy. Bron is currently pursuing his DMin degree at Andrews.
**Births & Adoptions**

**Michael (MDiv ’97) and Vickie Hess (att.)** are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Susannah Esther. She was born on Sept. 29, 2010 in Yreka, Calif., and weighed 7 lb., 5 oz. She was welcomed by siblings Michael, Joseph, Samuel, Abigail and Gideon.

**Deaths**

**Chris E. Miller (MBA ’00), 53, of Stevensville, Mich.,** died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, at his home. Chris was born July 3, 1957, in Terre Haute, Ind. He was a graduate of Andrews University, where he earned his MBA in 2000. He had been employed as a senior call center representative for Whirlpool Corporation. In his leisure time, he loved antique cars and antiquing, and enjoyed collecting die-cast cars.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Gatewood) Miller (current staff); son Zachary Miller; parents, Leon and Renee Copeland (AS ’88, former staff) of Berrien Springs, Mich.; and brother, Anthony Copeland, of Falls Church, Va.

**Guy Kurt Ebeling Jr. (BA ’72), 66,** passed away Sept. 12, 2010 at the San Antonio Hospital in California.

Guy grew up in Battle Creek, Mich. He spent two years in the U.S. Army in Washington D.C., completed college at Andrews University in 1972 and moved to California in 1973 to work for White Memorial Medical Center. Guy worked for T.S.T Inc. in the city of Fontana, Calif., as an accountant controller, and was also in charge of the MIS department. Guy received his bachelor’s degree in business administration, majoring in accounting. He worked in business administration and accounting for more than 20 years.

Guy loved the outdoors, water skiing, hiking, camping and snow skiing. Guy skied national patrol for three years. He was in search and rescue with divers for a time. He did freelance photography while in college. Guy enjoyed working on, building and repairing computers. He had a love for roses and orchids, which he grew in a greenhouse that he constructed.

He loved animals of all kinds and often took in strays. At the time of his death he had three dogs. He also held a private pilot’s license and a black belt in Judo. He was a member of the Magic Castle.

Guy is survived by his loving daughter Lisa Ann Ebeling of Oregon and his brother Karl Eugene Ebeling. He was preceded in death by his father Guy K. Ebeling Sr., his mother Phyllis A. (Knickerbocker) Ebeling and his brother Anthony Copeland, of Berrien Springs.

**Arlene Isabelle Friestad (BA ’45), 90, of Berrien Springs, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010, at her home.**

Arlene was born August 30, 1920, in Marseilles, Ill., the daughter of Fred and Isabelle (Peterson) Friestad. She graduated from Broadview Academy in Illinois, went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1945, and later did graduate studies at Andrews University and Indiana University. She was secretary to the president of EMC from 1945–1949, and a secretarial instructor from 1951–1954. She was selected Alumnus of the Year by Broadview Academy in 1961, and by Andrews in 1975.

Arlene began her career as dean of women at Broadview Academy, where she served the 1950–1951 school year. She became dean of women at EMC in 1954 and served until her retirement in 1985. During her career, she was dean to over 6,000 women and presented over 5,000 worship talks to “her girls.” She was loved and revered by all who met her.

Survivors include two sisters—Delores Prokupek of DeKalb, Ind., and Margery Taggart of Minneapolis, Minn.; eight nieces and nephews who loved and adored her—Wayne Friestad of Orlando, Fla.; Gary Friestad of St. Helena, Calif.; Barbara Brown of Calistoga, Calif.; Craig Prokupek of DeKalb; Trudy Sirany, Todd Taggart, Rhonda Ravell and Georgia Zachman, all of Minneapolis; cousin, Robert Boisso of Darien, Ill.; and her dear friend and caregiver, Darlene Weaver of Berrien Springs.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley and Francis Friestad.

**Ginger (Beres) Ellison (att., former staff) died on Sept. 7, 2010. She was diagnosed with ALS in April 2009.**

Ginger was born Feb. 15, 1943, in Cleveland, Ohio. As a young girl, she developed a love of music. She sang in many choirs, from the Echoliers at Mount Vernon Academy to the University Chorale and Seminary Chorus at Andrews University.

She graduated from Mt. Vernon Academy in 1960, and attended Columbia Union College, Andrews University and Loma Linda University before marrying James Ellison (BA ’76) in 1970. He was drafted into the Army, and the couple went to Germany. After his army service was over, Ginger and James returned to Andrews University, where Autumn Cynthia Kirsten was born in 1974, and a son, Eric James Christopher (BA ’01, MDiv ’06) in 1979.

Ginger began her career at Andrews University in 1989 for the Nutrition Department. When that job was downsized, Ginger worked for the MA in Religion program at the Seminary and then as the office manager for the Institute of Church Ministry, where she worked for 20 years until her retirement at the end of October 2009.

She loved her children and was very proud of them. She also loved animals and had dogs all her life. She enjoyed traveling, and traveled throughout Europe and the United Kingdom, as well as Korea and the United States. Even after her diagnosis, Ginger traveled to Australia twice, most recently in Dec. 2009 for Autumn’s graduation from Avondale College.

Ginger is survived by daughter Autumn Roberts, son Eric and his wife Trisha (BA ’04, MA ’06), grandchild Mairi Ellison, and sister Bonnie Beres (BA ’70, current staff).
The idea for this article began when a colleague invited me to walk through Griggs Hall before its destruction the next day. I walked through all the rooms, and spent extra time in the third-floor classroom. It might sound odd, but I spent my birthday alone in Griggs Hall. I have fond memories of the building where I spent half of my life. Sometimes I spent more time there than in my house. I almost shed a few tears when the building came down, and not without reason.

In 1966, I arrived at the Seminary to work on my degree in Biblical languages. Shortly after I arrived, Vice President Earle Hilgert asked me if I would stay and teach French. I don’t know how they found out I spoke French, but I stayed.

I taught in every classroom, even the third-floor one, and in both the modern language and religion departments. The lower part of Griggs housed the modern language department and the upper housed the religion department. They used to say, “Gift of languages downstairs, spirit of prophecy upstairs.” Of course, this made the building one of the most vivacious, but it also got very crowded when the bells would dismiss classes.

In both departments, I was the only woman, which gave my colleagues good opportunities to tease me. Josef Greig once put a rubber tarantula on my desk and covered it with a sheet of paper. After I finished teaching, I went to my office and moved the paper. His office was next to mine, so of course he got to hear my scream.

Daniel Augsburger was one of the oldest friends I had in this country. He used to live on Westwood drive. We both lived close enough to walk to school, and as soon as he would spot me on campus, he started running. I don’t know if he did it on purpose or not, but I thought, “A Greek of the Olympics cannot let a Swiss beat me,” and we would race each other to class.

Samuele Bacchiocchi was quite interesting. Whereas I am a soft-spoken person, he had a very loud voice. He was teaching next door to my classroom, but his voice drowned mine out. I told my students to be happy, because they were paying for one class and getting the benefit of two. He was a very prolific writer, but could only teach four days a week. Our meetings took away from the time he spent traveling, lecturing, and promoting his books. He was an extremely talkative person, and told us, in detail, the good news about the weekend’s events and how many people were interested in the message. Once, before we started our meeting, he looked at his watch and said, “Well, Carl [Coffman], how long is this meeting going to take?” Carl replied, “As long as you make it, Sam.”

As I passed through the building from one end to the other, I could still hear the students singing in Greek. Over the years, I’ve taught hundreds of Greek students. They nervously entered the classroom, and I tried to boost their courage. I taught them to sing in Greek, and a little bit of modern Greek pronunciation. I also taught them to memorize the Lord’s Prayer. “That’s impossible!” they always said. But I said, “You will see, at the end of the quarter you will be able not only to recite but to write it.” We practiced little by little and by the end of the quarter, they could write and say the Prayer. I got so many tablets of chocolate from them—you see, when they told me, “It’s impossible!” I said, “Let’s make a bet.” And I never bet unless I’m sure.

It was very strange to see Griggs Hall come down, like a part of our lives would be gone. Of course, the students were why I enjoyed teaching. I hardly remember one country that I have visited where I haven’t met somebody who was either my student or knew one of my students. The building felt like our home, because it held all those memories.

Elly Economou (MA ’67) taught at Andrews University for more than 30 years. She is renowned for her generous hospitality. Samantha Snively, IMC student writer, assisted her with this piece.

What’s your story?
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.
This past year has been both exciting and challenging for Andrews. Among the excitement has been the arrival on campus of our new provost Dr. Andrea Luxton. Andrea came from Canadian University College to a much larger and more complex institution, but she is a quick study and has already acquired an amazing understanding of Andrews and its educational mission. Meanwhile, the university embarked upon some of its largest capital expansion projects in recent times, including a new residence hall for graduate women, a new educational building for undergraduate students (Buller Hall), and an upgrading of the venerable Nethery Hall. The latter projects, costing around $12 million, are an indication that the university continues to invest heavily in its core activities—educating students. I want to take every opportunity to thank our friends, alumni and supporters for helping make these initiatives possible. We expect all the funds needed for the new educational building to be provided through donations, and that includes a significant commitment from faculty and staff.

It is true that new student residence halls and athletic and recreational facilities are high on the list of capital improvements in universities these days, and it is also true that Andrews must attend to those needs as well. We have chosen to begin this cycle of campus upgrading by focusing on the teaching and learning experiences we can offer our faculty and students. All schools and universities need to get their priorities right in the current economic climate and for us, the foremost of these is to prepare students to become competent, committed, Christian professionals in this changing world. Thank you for helping us do that.

The challenge facing Andrews this year we hope will also become one of our greatest opportunities in the years ahead, and that is the invitation by our world church to establish an alliance with Griggs University, the denomination’s institution of distance learning. As things stand now, it is the plan for Griggs to move to the Andrews campus during the summer of 2011 (finding a home in the unused part of the Lake Union Conference building). The challenge is how to merge the operations of two very different institutions. The opportunity is to expand the educational footprint of Andrews, especially our off-campus, distance education services. I wish to publicly thank the leaders of the world church headquarters for providing resources to Andrews that will enable this transition to take place, along with some ongoing support to help make it successful. Clearly this initiative is intended as a new partnership between Andrews, Griggs and a number of educational centers and institutions around the world.

In addition to the ongoing education, research and services for which Andrews is justly proud, I hope you will find these new developments, both those on campus and far from campus, exciting and promising. And I thank you for the generous support of so many friends of Andrews whose names are noted in this report.

Sincerely,

Niels-Erik Andreasen, president
We want to thank the many alumni and friends who have supported our fundraising effort this past year. Even though the total gifts to Andrews show a decrease in giving over the past two years because of the economy, the generosity of the Andrews family is obvious in the pages that follow.

A special thank you for the work of Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, and Dan Bacchiocchi, president of the Alumni Association. They have coordinated more than 30 alumni events this past year including a spectacular brunch and tour at the Georgia Aquarium during the General Conference with nearly 400 in attendance from around the world. The Alumni Association has 44,000+ members and is continuing to find ways to communicate effectively and efficiently—currently we communicate with nearly half of our alumni base via e-mail.

The Office of Planned Giving & Trust Services reports that the Daniel Augsburger Society, which is made up of individuals who have remembered Andrews in their estate plan, now has over 300 members.

Fundraising for the Undergraduate Learning Center: Buller Hall and Nethery Hall continues. The goal is to reach $8.5 million by fall 2010. We presently have $7.1 million toward that goal. The faculty and staff have reached $436,000 of their goal of $750,000 for this project. The President’s Council voted in their October 2010 meeting to match dollar for dollar the remaining $314,000 to be raised in the faculty/staff campaign. The President’s Council, which was established in 2005, provides counsel and financial support to the university. The council group has grown to 50 families.

These are just a few ways in which the mission of Andrews University is advancing around the world through the generosity of some of our most important constituents—our alumni and donors. Your support gives Andrews the opportunity to continue to expand on the vision of our founders who recognized the need for the highest quality Adventist education. That need is just as strong today as it was in 1874. Thank you again for partnering with us to make Andrews University the flagship school of the Adventist educational system.

Sincerely,

David A. Farhner, vice president University Advancement

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The Andrews Academy Class of 1961 Endowed Scholarship
Established by members of the Andrews Academy Class of 1961, the scholarship will be awarded annually for the funding of special faculty professional growth experiences and/or the purchase of instructional materials that will enhance the educational experiences of students at Andrews Academy.

The Haulter/Sutherland Endowed Scholarship
Established by Robert and Sandra Haulter, the scholarship will be awarded annually to benefit undergraduate students showing a financial need and who are in good academic standing with the University in the area of nursing, School of Education, or the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

The Ramira Ruth Jobe Endowed Scholarship
Established by Meredith Jobe in December 2009, on behalf, also, of Christopher Jobe and Katherine Margaret Richman to honor their mother. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students based on their high academic achievement, who are enrolled as either an upperclassman or graduate student, and who plan to pursue a graduate degree in law or education.

The Howard W. & Catherine A. Wilcox Endowed Scholarship
This scholarship was established in September 2009 from the trust of Howard and Catherine Wilcox. It will be awarded annually to assist worthy and needy students at Andrews University.

Airplanes donated
By physician Max Taylor

Two planes were recently donated to Andrews University by Max Taylor (BA ’50) of Phoenix, Ariz. Taylor is a medical doctor and is also a member of the President’s Council.

One is a 1976 Cessna 150 M (commonly known as a ‘trainer’) and the other is a 1971 Cessna T 210 L. The 210 is a six-passenger turbo-charged airplane. Both planes are currently at the Andrews Airpark being overhauled by Department of Aeronautics students and faculty.
**Meeting the world of Adventism**

Since 2006, Jean Lemeau has attended Andrews University with the aid of scholarships such as the Andrews Partnership Scholarship.

“It [the scholarship] basically finalized my coming here,” says Jean. “Without it, I’d have to take semesters off to work... That extra push from the awards is definitely helpful.” The APS has provided Jean and many others with the support they need to finance an Andrews education.

Jean was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and moved to the U.S. at the age of 6. He grew up in Connecticut with a younger brother and loving parents and attended public school before entering a Catholic high school in 2002.

Growing up, Jean could often be found playing basketball and piano, “my two main hobbies,” he explains. Passionate about music, Jean also played the flute and saxophone before “taking piano seriously” his junior year in high school.

He enjoys using these musical talents at the Haitian church he attends when in Connecticut.

When he graduated from high school in 2006, Jean wasn’t sure where he would go next: Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., University of Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., or Andrews University.

“Ultimately, I ended up here because I wanted to experience something new,” says Jean. “I’ve been meeting a lot of people from different backgrounds, and I’m starting to understand how global Adventism is.... Here, I had my first taste of meeting the world of Adventism.”

Jean is currently studying engineering and mathematics at Andrews. He plans to become an engineer someday.

“...but it will be wherever God leads me.”

Attending Andrews has “been completely different than going to a Catholic school,” he says. “... I guess the difference in culture, religious beliefs and spirituality set me apart from the other students, and I felt I was always at a distance because we didn’t share that same bond...”

Because of scholarships such as the APS, Jean and others have experienced Adventism as never before.

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**It’s worth the price**

Jeremy Mumu didn’t know what to expect when his mom informed him he had received the Andrews Gift Scholarship. “It helped a lot,” he explained. “My parents and I were really happy about it.” The scholarship is just one of several that Jeremy and others have received to help fund an Andrews education.

Jeremy was born into an Adventist family in Redlands, Calif., and moved to Seattle, Wash., at the age of 8. He grew up with two younger brothers and “has been in an Adventist school ever since kindergarten.”

He enjoyed four years at Puget Sound Adventist Academy in Kirkland, Wash., saying his best experiences were “participating in sports and learning good sportsmanship, singing in the choir... and doing percussion in the band.” Jeremy even went on a mission trip to Mexico during high school, where he helped build an orphanage. He also participated in a choir tour around Brazil where he sang at a number of churches.

When he graduated from Puget Sound in 2009, Jeremy decided to come to Andrews and pursue religion and biology. After changing his major several times and trying to figure out what he wanted to do, he settled into his current field: biology/pre-med.

“I don’t know what to expect, but someday, I plan to possibly go around the world as a missionary doctor before I settle down and have a family,” says Jeremy. He recognizes the importance of Adventist education and plans to attend Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, Calif., after finishing his undergraduate degree.

“Having a Christian education is a really great opportunity that most kids in the world don’t have the chance to have, even Adventists, because of financial issues and expenses. But it’s worth it. It’s worth the price.”

Scholarships play a major role in helping students like Jeremy pursue their dreams.
2010 Spirit of Philanthropy Awards

The first event of this year’s Alumni Homecoming was the Spirit of Philanthropy Banquet. The event, which merged the annual Golden Hearts and Donor banquets, was held to recognize “some of the University’s most faithful donors,” as well as to induct new members into the Golden Hearts Society.

David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, opened the evening with words of appreciation for all the alumni gifts, major and small, and gave an update on the current construction of the Undergraduate Learning Center: Buller Hall and Nethery Hall. He commented that many of our gifts have come from those who are friends of the University, though not necessarily alumni. He also made reference to Hans and Herta von Stiegel (go to p. 19 for their story), who watched the progress of Buller Hall construction online and were inspired to give for the north-end chapel.

Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services, performed a roll call of attendees by decade and then officially inducted new Golden Heart members. Two special guests were recognized: Paul Hamel, a member of the Class of 1940, and Betty Garber, a member of the Class of 1935! Betty was presented with a bouquet of flowers by the president of the Alumni Association, Dan Bacciochhi.

Among those recognized as Spirit of Philanthropy Award recipients were the lead group of 19 faculty and staff donors, Timbul and Ellen Tambunan, and Leona Running. Chris LeBrun, director of the Office of Development, presented the first Spirit of Philanthropy Award to Timbul and Ellen Tambuna for their consistent “attitude...
of generosity.” Over the last 20 years, the Tambunans have given their time and resources to almost every branch of the University, including Andrews Academy, Ruth Murdoch, WAUS, the Howard Performing Arts Center, and various mission initiatives.

In honor of their parents, they also established a scholarship fund for worthy and deserving students in the clinical laboratory sciences program. “One of the more unique ways they have given back,” said LeBrun, “is the annual Tambunan’s Pizza, Pop and Professionals.” This event gives students the opportunity to connect current Andrews students with professional alumni.

Leona Running was the next recipient of the Spirit of Philanthropy Award, presented by Jacqueline Spencer, annual giving coordinator. When told she would be receiving the award, she said, “I’m not sure why I’m receiving this, but thank you very much.”

Running has served the University since 1960, retired in 2002, and still continues to proof dissertations for doctoral candidates in the Seminary and for FOCUS magazine. Beginning with her first gift in 1970, giving has become a part of Running’s life—since then, she has made 250 gifts to the University, including the establishment of an endowed scholarship in her name. “Her numerous gifts and her nearly 40 years of service make her a superlative example of the spirit of philanthropy among the faculty and staff,” said Spencer.

Madeline Johnston, who accepted the award on her behalf, related how Leona took many students into her home, providing financial assistance for foreign students’ tuition.

Audrey Castelbuono, capital campaign manager, then gave special recognition to the faculty and staff lead donor group for their sacrificial and generous contribution to the Undergraduate Learning Center: Buller Hall and Nethery Hall. The 19 couples combined pledges toward the Undergraduate Learning Center total more than $100,000, making them “outstanding philanthropic leaders on campus.”

Total faculty and staff giving to date stands at $348,000, with a goal of $750,000. Members of the President’s Council recently committed to matching donations dollar for dollar for the remainder of that faculty/staff campaign goal. “The donations of the faculty and staff greatly encouraged those matching gifts,” said Castelbuono.

President Andreasen closed the evening with remarks highlighting opportunities for improving undergraduate learning by promoting the “experience of discovery” through undergraduate research and other means. He described students as “candles to be lit” and also reported on the initiatives encouraged by the President’s Council to strengthen Seventh-day Adventist academies and improve the training and morale of principals at those facilities.

In conclusion, he quoted Derek Bok, former president of Harvard University, “If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.”
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