



# The Sanjo

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## Search for new principal complete

Hayley Lofthouse // Newswriter

### Robert Overstreet to begin in 2011-2012 school year.

School Board Chair Brent Geraty announced Wednesday that Mr. Robert Overstreet has accepted the position as Andrews Academy principal. He will be arriving in June. Mr. Overstreet is currently the Vice principal at Forest Lake Education Center (FLEC) in Florida.

Overstreet, speaking via cell phone, addressed the AA family, saying that he was looking forward "to serving the parents, students,

faculty, and staff of Andrews Academy." He also shared that he had asked God to make it clear to him whether he should go to AA. "He did," he said.

Overstreet asked students and faculty to pray for him and his family as they make the transition in the summer. He ended the phone call with prayer for a good school year.

Mr. Overstreet visited AA for the first time a few weeks ago. During that visit, he gave a chapel talk and spent the day touring the campus.

He also met with student leaders, giving them an opportunity

to interview him and ask him questions about himself and his plans for AA.

Since Overstreet was one of two candidates who had been invited to visit AA, student leaders offered their feedback to assist in the selection process.

Mr. Overstreet returned the following weekend with his wife, Tammy, a 6th grade teacher, and two daughters to visit the area and the school. They attended the School vs. Alumni basketball game Saturday night, watched the Super Bowl at the Faehners' house Sunday night, and spent the day at school on Monday.

Principal candidate Bob Overstreet speaks to AA students during a recent visit.



To: Benjamin VanderWaal

I'm acknowledging you in the newspaper. :)

To: Alex Gaytan  
From: Kimberly Park

I smuff you.

To: Rachellynne Brantley

I love you!!!  
You + me forever.

For more Valentine's Day notes, see page 2 and back page.

## Adventist group wins singing competition

Lifase Bilima // Newswriter

### Exclusive interview with *Committed* member

The television show *The Sing Off*, aired on NBC, captured the attention of Adventists around the nation last year when a Puerto Rican a cappella Adventist group, *Nota*, edged out their competitors to win first place. This year, another Adventist group dominated the competition.

*Committed*, comprised of six young men from Alabama, quickly became a vocal sensation with their first performance of the competition. Their smooth tones and unique harmony won over the audience and the show's judges.

The group was recommended to the show by Dr. Cedric Dent, a member of the Grammy award winning group *Take 6*, a musical group from Oakwood dating back to the late 80s and early 90s. Dr. Dent recommended *Committed* after he had heard them sing at the United Christian Artist Association's Music Legends Ball in 2008.

*The Sanjo* arranged an exclusive interview with Geston Pierre, a member of *Committed* and an Andrews University student in 2009. According to Pierre, *Committed* has been singing together since 2003, beginning in Forest Lake Academy in Orlando, Florida. The group has been most influenced by other musical artists such as *Take 6*, *Commissioned*, *Smokie Norful*, *Boys II Men*, their fami-

lies, and mostly the Adventist Church, says Pierre. When *Committed* is not on stage, they have fun hanging out, and since music is so much a part of their lives, they enjoy playing instruments together. Once *Committed* received the news of being on *The Sing Off*, Geston said that family and friends we all very supportive.

When asked if *Committed* would recommend to other Christian groups to go into the "Hollywood" scene such as they did, Pierre responded: "We wouldn't recommend per se. This opportunity was presented to us, so we decided to go forward with it. . . . If the opportunity comes, then I would take it. It's really funny how last season a

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# The worth of \$7,700

Livvy Knott // Editor

As of 2010, the national average ACT score is 21, and Michigan's average is 19.7.

Andrews Academy's average ACT score is 21.7.

These numbers cause basically one of two reactions. The first is to see that, indeed, our score is higher, and to pat ourselves on the back and leave it at that. The second is to wonder: for all the money we pour into this Adventist education, shouldn't that third number be a little higher?

Really, we have reason to do more than merely pat ourselves on the back. The Cognitive Genesis study, conducted by La Sierra University (with team members from our own Andrews University), is an assessment of Adventist education on the elementary and secondary level country-wide, based on the results of standardized tests such as the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test. The purpose of this study was to: 1) determine how students in Adventist schools are doing academically when compared against national norms, and 2) find out what factors could be related to achievement levels.

More specific, detailed, graphed, charted, and fully explained results of this study are

available, but the bottom line is this: students in Seventh-day Adventist schools score significantly higher than the national average and achieve above their personal predicted achievement at every ability level.

In simpler terms, this means that students in Adventist schools score higher, not because they come from wealthier, more intelligence-prone families; individual students do better than they were individually expected to do, background considered. And these results are the same no matter the size of school or number of students in the classroom. Students in Seventh-day Adventist schools score higher in all of the following subjects: reading, math, language arts, science, and sources of information. Did I miss anything?

Sari Butler, Guidance Counselor and test administrator at Andrews Academy, does not care so much about how we compare to other schools, but how we are progressing. However, if you do want to look at the numbers, "we do stack up well," she says. "Do we have room for improvement? Certainly, but I'm not at all discouraged about our scores."

But why say all this? So that

we can be comfortable in our current position? As Elissa Kido, Cognitive Genesis Project Director put it, "Our purpose is not to defend the educational system as it is but to find out how well we are doing and what we can do to improve the educational experience." We ought to be proud of our system, yes, but then to take that pride and run with it to higher and higher standards of academic excellence.

Cognitive Genesis attributed our success to Adventism's holistic approach to education. *Holism* is the theory that whole entities, as fundamental components of reality, have an existence other than as the mere sum of their parts; thus Adventist schools seek to educate the individual as a whole—mind, body and spirit. It is because of this philosophy that our educational programs extend beyond book learning and into the chapel, even into Mexico for mission trips. This brings us to the point: Adventist education is more than private schooling with a high standard of academics. Those who pay huge sums of money to send their children to such a place can rest in the fact that they are making an *eternal investment*. The sacrifice made today will give back infinitely. It is worth it.

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## AA group to visit auto show

Cooper Hodges // Newswriter

**"That's right, it's that time of year again."**

The Chicago Auto Show is home to over 1,000 vehicles on display, and the third largest auto show in the world. Started in 1901, the show attracts nearly 1 million visitors every year. This year, a group of students who have taken technical classes from Mr. Anderson will be traveling to the show on February 15th.

Among the many companies in attendance, some introduce concept vehicles that are in the experimental phase. From touchscreen controls to greener fuels, each year those in attendance are awed by the

concept vehicles. Among the concept vehicles announced for this year are the Acura TL, Mercedes-Benz SLK-Class, and the Nissan NV.

Those not introducing new concept vehicles have huge areas showcasing their finest cars and trucks. Most companies even have free giveaways to visitors who ask; Scion has been known to hand out beanie caps, and Firestone has given away free carrying packs as well. Most of the vehicles are even unlocked, so you are able to enter the vehicle, take pictures, and test out the features. With over so many vehicles showcased, this can be an arduous but rewarding task.

One of the only drawbacks is the overpriced food. Makeshift restaurants are set up in the middle of the show, where pizza, po-boys,

and other refreshments are sold for those less fortunate who have left behind their sack lunches.

One of the more unique attractions at the 2009 Auto Show was the showcasing of the vehicles and one of the transformers used in the popular movie trilogy, Transformers. Standing more than 20 feet tall, Bumblebee, the yellow 2010 Chevy Camero, one of the main characters of the movie, was showcased for photographs. The rest of the vehicles were also shown. The visitors were impressed with this particular display.

Companies like Lamborghini, Ferrari, and others have also been known to showcase some of their proudest achievements. To the delight of the visitors, some are even allowed to sit and pose inside the vehicles.

To: Chelcie Coleman

Your smile makes my day! Have a happy and lovely Valentine's.

To: Mr. Baker  
From: Bacchi

My dearest Leroy,  
There is not a day that passes in which I do not ponder our days of sun-worship and death threats.

To: Sarah B.  
From: Hannah B.

You make me smile when I'm sad, and laugh when I'm mad. I love you more than words can say, you're the only sister who makes me feel that way.

To: Daniella St. Phard  
From: Tim

There is nothing I can say to describe you, but at least I can say Happy Valentine's. <3

To: Sarah Baxter

Will you be my valentine?

To: Brooklyn Embry  
From: Nicole Anzures

I LOVE YOU AND YOU'RE TURTLES!  
(:

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**SING**

SDA group also won." Laughing, Pierre added, "So who knows, maybe next Season another SDA group will win."

When asked about his favorite song that *Committed* performed, Pierre said, "I really loved the song we performed by Al Greene, 'Let's Stay Together'. The last question posed to Pierre asked if they every felt like they had to compromise their Christian values. "We never felt like we had compromise our Christian values," said Pierre, "although at one point we felt like we shouldn't have done this one song that we performed. But we thought it was a great experience because

we found the other groups and staff members asked us about our faith. It gave us an opportunity to give them a new picture of Christians because they think that we are stuck up. So it was like a ministry for us."

After winning the second season of *The Sing Off*, *Committed* would really like to make an inspirational album, Theorn "Therry" Thomas said to Billboard.com. "It doesn't necessarily have to be gospel, but more on the positive side. We believe that's what the world needs now. We don't want to go too far into the secular sex and drinking and that kind of thing." Judge Ben Folds also said to Billboard.com "I think they should make the album that they really want to



make," Folds said. "They're total stars. They make people happy, and it's uplifting. Even when it's somber, it's inspiring. I think that combined with a healthy dose of a lot of the . . . conventions you hear in modern, main-

stream R&B, all that combined is very powerful. If they follow their heart, they're going to kill it." They believe that the album will be released during the spring time of 2011.

# The Great Sofa Race

John Henri Rorabeck // Newswriter

## Sick of sitting on the couch doing nothing?

Imagine sitting on your couch, munching chips, watching TV... and speeding down the road? That's what is happening in Andrews Academy's new class, the Great Sofa Race, taught by Alan Anderson. The class has been split up into two teams, and the goal for each team is to build and race a pedal-powered couch. "Adequate planning is the key," says Anderson.

This class is somewhat similar, but not quite identical to, the go-cart class that was taught last semester. Both involve designing and building a racing vehicle, but this class is using less orthodox

materials. A couch may seem a very difficult thing to move, being bulky and heavy. Each couch will weigh about 700 to 800 pounds when the students are done and look slightly different than they did at the beginning. Final designs have not yet been made, but the basic idea is to reinforce the couches with steel bars, then provide a source of power--student sweat. All the team members will sit on the couch and move it along by pedaling.

This class may seem very original, but it's not the first. Anderson got the idea from an article in *Adventure Cyclist Magazine*. He read that two men pedaled a couch across Nova Scotia, and thought that it would be a great idea for the classroom. While they won't be traveling across

the state, they will be racing.

Speaking of racing, when and what will the race be? Hopefully, the couches will be done by early March, and the races will be held soon after.

Two races will take place: a drag race and a road race.

Racing seems to be a popular theme, and may be on the rise. "This is going to replace the Cardinals [AU junior basketball team] in time," quipped Mr. Baker. That may or may not be true,



but one thing is for sure: playing basketball off a couch would be very hard. But who knows? They just might do it.

# Have you been in the bin?

Emilie Pichot // Staff Writer

## So, what's in those things, anyway?

At 1:30 AM, Mr. Anderson received a telephone call that someone had set a car on fire at Andrews Academy. It was the summer of 2001, and only fourteen days before the school library had been vandalized, the shelves knocked over and the walls spray-painted. The car fire eventually spread to five other vehicles, a bit of the roof, and one of the wooden garage doors to Anderson's workshop. The walls were smoke stained. The art room across the hall was affected as well, due to the common air vent shared between the workshop and itself.

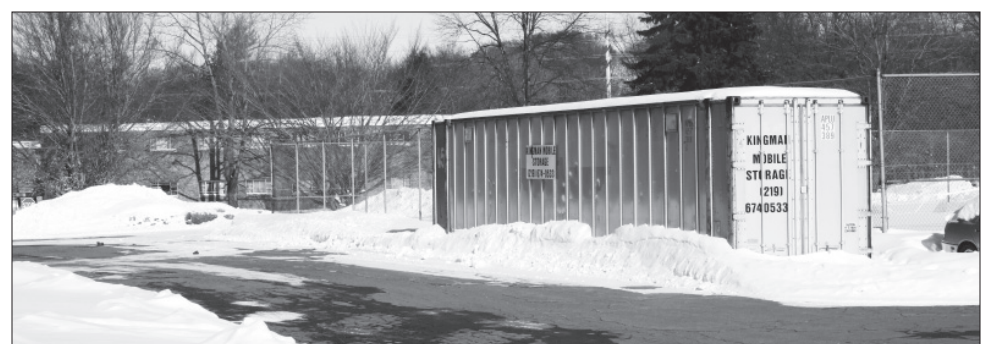
The cost of the damages was \$300,000. Most was spent on labor to repaint the walls, put in a new garage door, fix the small part of the roof that was burnt, and to remove what insurance companies would call "unsafe" materials from the workshop (materials that reek of oil and grease--in other words, materials expected in a workshop like Anderson's). Nevertheless, the insurance company wanted those things out, so out they went. That is how three trailer-size storage units were planted in the parking lot.

All three were donated: one an actual storage "mobile", the other two, trailers that had their undercarriages and wheels removed. The storage mobile is packed with tires, bicycles, car engines, lawn mowers, bike frames and parts, and several empty computer boxes

piled far in the back. Apparently Anderson just hasn't had the time to fold them up and trash them. But considering the tight space and their location, it isn't surprising. The old trailers are filled up with boxed stuff from his office, supplies, computer parts, new tools, and an old cooking range amongst other things. The one to the left is packed with seven layers of stuff and

the other is probably the most vacant.

Anderson has no inventory or blueprints to help rummage through the units, so he relies on memory. To organize and relocate everything would most likely take two to three months. With a smile he says, "I'll probably have time when I retire."




SOW Safari  
Mexico  
2010-2011

Saturday, January 1

"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us."

Boca del Cielo  
waves brush against the shore, palm trees sway in the breeze, God is here forever more, creator of unending seas



♥ All week the kids have been telling us about Boca del Cielo and their faces just light up when we say we'll visit so today we finally got to!

♥ During the vesper and church services I've gotten to meet a couple of really sweet people. Last night I was handed two babies to hold (not at the same time) and they just amazed me that the parents trust so easily.


♥ My spanish isn't so good but the people here are so eager to be friends that they don't mind it.

~you can see that God is here~  
Alyson

Sunday, January 2

I guess... being Asian is a cool thing. Since yesterday, all of us, the Asians, were taking tons of pictures with "Mexicanos." :) Probably, those Mexicanos have not met any of those "pure" or "real" Asian. Taking pictures with people was little weird and awkward. However, I think it was nice to communicate with each other with broken Spanish and English. Although we do not speak the same language and we do not look the same, we all are God's beloved creatures and we all are one within His presence."

Meanwhile... the church looks like



-Rachel Lee-  
Romy  
HEY! I tried!

Monday, January 3

Today actually turned out to be a lazy day. Although I did have to go to the job site after 30 minutes or so, some friends and I went canoeing on the lagoon with some natives. It was so sunny and relaxing, and our canoe "driver", Paqual, was nice and funny. After going back to camp and resting for a bit, a group of us headed out to a turtle reserve right on the Pacific Ocean, the ocean was awesome and it reminded us how small we really are, when we came back, we got dressed and immediately went to dedicate the church and say goodbye to the natives. At the end, all the natives lined up and the SOW group went through and shook all of the natives' hands. There's no doubt God was with us the whole time and I hope we left the natives as blessed as I was.

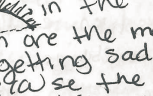
- Zach Burkert

Tuesday, January 4

It was a rough day. I started out with a headache and I didn't sleep well. I was a little bit nervous about the trip, but I was excited to see the natives. We went to a place called Boca del Cielo and it was really nice. The natives were really friendly and we had a great time. I was a little bit tired when we got back, but I was happy to see everyone. I was a little bit nervous about the trip, but I was excited to see the natives. We went to a place called Boca del Cielo and it was really nice. The natives were really friendly and we had a great time. I was a little bit tired when we got back, but I was happy to see everyone.

Wednesday, January 5

I came on this trip searching for something but then I realized what I was searching for was God and he was right in front of me. Today we saw the Mayan ruins and it's so amazing to see how people lived, and what they accomplished. Then we drove for 7 hours to our hotel, but while we were at the Mayan ruin it's interesting to see what lengths people will go to just so they can get a peso. But it's interesting because Mayan makes the world a crazy, the interesting thing is that a simple life is the best life. When we reached our destination we ate at this really good restaurant and the food was simple and great (get me drunk). I found God today in the sunset.



simple things which are the most pleasurable. I am getting sad to leave in 2 days but see the people are great and I kinda really love them, and God is surely here - Elaine -

Thursday, January 6

~~After our historical experience at the majestic ruins of Palenque we continued our journey.~~

Sunday, December 26

- plane
- long, boring
- Customs
- somewhat scary
- long bus ride - too many speed bumps!
- Sun
- April

Monday, December 27

- hot
- Beautiful morning, beautiful scenery
- Started the day with an objective
- Hard work.
- Met objective with God's efforts through us.
- Delicious dinner!
- Fun games with friends
- Another of God's miracles expressed during worship.

This is only the beginning -  
! am so excited. - Alex

Laura Miller // Newswriter

# Building In

## A mission to build a church

On December 26, 2010, 32 Andrews Academy students and 12 adults boarded an airplane headed to Tuxtla Gutierrez in the state of Chiapas, Mexico. From there, a bus would be taken to the small village of La Barra. Sari Butler, a long time advocate for missions was the sponsor and leader of SOW. The mission? To build a church for a small group of growing Seventh-Day Adventists. The name? SOW Safari. The acronym SOW stands for Service, Outreach, Witness. A pile of weary travelers walked off that bus, not knowing what to expect.

There, the girls set up a blanket and showered away in bathing suits. The boys had fun showering together in the athletic field behind the school. The experience was unique.

Simone Weithers, a senior at Andrews Academy said, "My initial reaction when we arrived in La Barra was, 'What have I gotten myself into?' No running water which meant no showers and flushing with a bucket of water, no glass over the windows to shield us from malarial mosquitoes, sleeping on a floor crawling with fire ants, the list goes on. This was really third world. But despite all these things I was excited. Two weeks surviving in an environment that was totally new to me, and it was worth every second."

Every day the schedule was the same. The students rose to the rooster's call and a beautiful sunrise that rose up from behind the distant mountains. After a hearty breakfast, cooked wonderfully for the students by Mrs. Habenicht and Mrs. Sandra White (with the help of kitchen crew and Mrs. Graciela Gaytan), the students worked hard until lunch time. Work continued for a couple hours until sunset. Drs. Larry and Debbie Habenicht were the mission trip doctors as well as translators. They had been on six mission trips with Sari Butler and were good at keeping things running smoothly. "It was hard work, but I had so much fun," shared junior April Habenicht. "You really had to pay attention to the little details and it was annoying to lay the same block like five times! It was so cool to see the church and remember laying certain blocks and seeing your work."


The participants were housed in classrooms in one of the local schools. The bathrooms had no running water and all had to bring their own toilet paper. One very interesting part was showering. Four stalls were set up for showering purposes, however, the girls found themselves "bucketing" instead. "Bucketing" consisted of dragging a bucket to the basin in the eating area and then back to the designated showering area behind the stalls.

Jim Oliver, previously having been on four mission trips with Sari Butler, was the work site coordinator. He oversaw the construction and loved to help the students get the job done right. Marantha workers Jose and Jaziel, both of whom were from the area, made the work extra fun by attempting to speak English to the group. When the group arrived, the cement slab was already there, it had been poured by the Marantha workers working with the students.

Tuesday, December 28  
 Coconut trees are common here, at least ten stand in our encampment. Today some natives offered us some. They climbed the trees and chopped the coconuts open with machetes. In my opinion, coconut juice is disgusting! It is kind of sour and plain. Cody, on the other hand, loved them and drank them like a thirsty man in the desert. My favorite part of the day is when we take showers! After working all day in the scorching Mexico sun, the showers are refreshing and cool.

But the funniest thing happened tonight, shortly after the PBS & Evangelistic meetings. I was sitting with play and Kevin when a giant bug landed on her foot. She screamed and Kevin screamed the loudest, brightest, most emphatic scream I've ever heard. Like the ones in the movies! His drift here, but like it. God is here. -Kimberly

Wednesday, December 29  
 The green pamelos Rubiel hands me every morning melt his sparkly eyes. He knows how much I love these native fruits I told him I eat them in America but that his are better - now his smile gets toothy and big. This evening, our favorite jobsite workers, Jaziel and Jose, came to our evangelism meeting. They like to take pictures with us girls and they love to learn English. Jose calls me his teacher. Every morning, "Hello teacher!" I like looking out across the field at the walls surrounding the school. Tiny pieces of colored broken glass line the walls. When the Sun shines, they shimmer. Today, I can feel God's Presence. -Laura



Thursday, December 30  
 After a full day of work, Jose, one of the maranatha workers, wanted to take a few of us on his canoe out on the lagoon. Phil, Ray, and I jumped in and paddled out with him and a few of the local guys. It was so much fun. As soon as we launched Ray started paddling the boat in circles. One of the guys was using a shovel as a paddle and the head dropped into the mucky water, so he dove in after it. He never found it. When I look back on this trip, it will be the little things that I will remember most. -Michael V.

Friday, December 31  
 This was honestly one of my lay days. It was just the right temperature and there wasn't that much to do. After work today, we had a footwashing thing going on (I don't exactly remember why) and then we went to the evening meetings. This one was pretty cool because members of the Spanish community sang for special music. So that was cool. Elaine preached really well. Then we had this awesome Spanish milk with cinnamon in it. Then there was communion. Then we had to hide ourselves because we were afraid of drunk people (I wasn't, though). Finally, we sat outside under the beautiful night sky looking forward to the new year. -Reginald Desrosiers

# La Barra: lead to more than expected

Groups of block-laying teams were made, and the process was started. After laying block, then grouting, and the rebar (reinforcement bar) process, there was more block-laying. The team put a lot of effort and hard work into the church; by the time it was finished, they all had learned something important, whether it was something related to construction or something deeper than that inside.

Alejandro Gaytan, a senior, remarked, "In La Barra people do not like Seventh-day Adventists. They do not accept literature or anything related to our beliefs. Seventh-day Adventists are looked at carefully like under a radar to pinpoint any faults etc. We were being watched and studied carefully. We were true witnesses of our beliefs and principles. One of the biggest lessons I learned is that the best way to have people know Jesus is by example. I believe that we were instruments of God to open doors for the SDA community to reach out to the non-SDA community."

There was little doubt that this area was the mission field. The La Barra community was mainly Catholic and some days the students could feel the almost hostile barrier between them. However, many of the faithful SDA church members in La Barra had sacrificed so that they could have a place to worship. The little village of La Barra is a small fishing village, the main source of income comes from fishing. Every week, at least one days worth of money was set aside to put towards materials for the church. The trip theme was

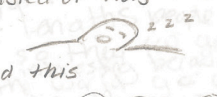
"Gone Fishin'." Truly, as many of the students would agree, our mission was to be fishers of men.

The SDA villagers were warm and always welcoming, and the little children were shy at first but were sad when the students left. A senior at AA, Elaine Kamvazaana commented, "Looking back on this trip, I found out that Mexico really opened my eyes to the simplicity of life. I find God in the simplest of ways and I am closer to Him because of that."

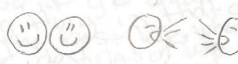
From the beach in Boca de Cielo to the Capitalist Church in San Juan Chamula, from the touristy San Cristóbal de las Casas to the Palenque Mayan Ruins, the team always traveled in groups; safety was first. When asked how she felt about the safety of her group, Sari Butler commented, "As director of the program, I do not take safety issues lightly, and when specific issues are raised, I seek to take appropriate action and I seek council from people who have lead trips before and also talk with people on location. However, all trips have an element of risk and that is why the most important thing I do is bathe the trip in prayer." And bathed in prayer it was!

The SOW safari team returned home safe and sound on January 7, 2011, after spending quality time with each other and God. In the words of junior Amante Gonzalez, "I would definitely go back to La Barra; because for the money I paid, I think it was a good bonding experience with God and friends. I believe our mission went well."

Friday, January 7  
 This was the day everyone dreaded. It made us taste the bittersweet of saying goodbye to Mexico and to the trip and saying hello to Michigan and our AA routine. Bodies were moving by 3 AM and stuffed along with their luggage 30 minutes later. The rest of the voyage consisted of this



and this



and the only downers were that Mr. Faehner and HuiSun didn't get their carry-on luggage from the beginning of the trip and that a small group (including me) arrived home with small purple bruises on their hands after playing a violent game of ABC on the lost bus ride. -Emilie

of motion sickness. We finally arrived at the hotel and to our joy there was not only beds and a pool, but A/C as well. This allowed for the best nights sleep in a long time...  
 Cody

San Juan Chamula

A day after our historical excursion to the ruins of Palenque we continued to embrace the native culture both past and present. We began our day in the ancient town of San Juan Chamula, a self-governed community notorious for the persecution of non-Catholics. Friendly to us tourists many of the women and children immediately displayed homemade trinkets for us to purchase. This was a common theme through our excursion and a proud display of the natives persistence. After leaving the town which offered Coca-Cola and dead chickens to "the gods" in their incredible church we proceeded to the more modern town of San Cristóbal where many of us purchased the majority of our souvenirs at the local market. Bartering

with the natives we were able to knock down the price substantially. For instance, Cody + I managed to purchase a hammock for 200 pesos after the original price had been 450 pesos. Returning to our hotel we were allowed to explore the area (I'm sure you'll see pictures on Facebook). We then had our final worship and went to bed preparing for our flight home.

-Ray & Cody

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-Ray & Cody

# Baker's Board

John Henri Rorabeck //  
Newswriter

## No more chalk dust for 'The Bake'

Some things, such as birthday presents, come as a surprise. Other things, such as a good grade on a test you studied really hard for, are expected. But some things, such as Mr. Baker's brand new white board, are long-anticipated surprises.

Thomas Baker, teacher of German and English classes at Andrews Academy, finally received a dry erase white board after waiting what has seemed like eons. "I guess I just didn't press hard enough," he said. Baker has wanted a whiteboard for about 20 years, but started asking for one about five years ago. Finally he has it, thanks to the school, which covered the cost.

Now that he has a better-than-chalk board, there's no going back. There are so many great things about a whiteboard,



such as no chalk dust--which makes cleaning a breeze--and the useful tool of "using different colors for different ideas." When asked if there was anything he didn't like, Baker's answer was a simple: "No."

That doesn't come as a surprise, as many other teachers here at AA also have whiteboards. Richard Wright, Math and Physics teacher, even has a SMART

Board, an interactive feature that makes teaching easier. A special sensor picks up signals from a pen-like remote, which are sent directly to the projector. Images on the screen can then be edited on the spot. Mr. Baker was hoping to get one, and just might yet.

Baker has been using his new board to its full extent, but the he hasn't been the only one. His students love it too. "It's eas-

ier to read," says Alex Swensen, a second year German student. Many students have been expressing themselves in a fun, colorful way with the many dry erase markers all over Baker's board. This presents barely any problem at all, for he can erase it all with one wipe. Even though it has taken a long time to get here, Baker seems truly thankful for his new whiteboard.

# Recreation Nights

Carissa Paquette // Newswriter

## Low attendance could end Rec

A long-standing tradition at Andrews Academy may be in jeopardy, and it could be due to something as simple as inadequate advertising. Recreation Night (or Rec Night, as it is more commonly called) takes place on Tuesday and (formerly) Thursday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Andrews Academy gymnasium. It offers AA students the use of the gym and its equipment for fitness, organized games, and socialization.

Mr. White, when asked how long Recreation Night has been running, said, "I think it began 32 years ago when the [gym] facility was built." Unfortunately, dwindling attendance has prompted the administration to consider terminating or to at least limit this long-running program. Rec Night has already been cut from Tuesdays and Thursdays to

only Tuesdays.

Rec Night has provided students with a place to hang out with friends who enjoy playing sports and staying physically fit. It is also a program that allows community students who don't attend Andrews Academy access to the gym, a chance to interact and get to know AA students better, and to make new friends. Recently, a handful of students--including Scott Snowden and Simone Weithers--has been coming regularly to play badminton. "It's lots of fun," says Weithers, "If you like badminton, please come out." For those who favor other sports, the other half of the gym is open and usually used for basketball.

If this program to continue, students must let the administration know by showing up and participating in Recreation Night. The school calendar lists the dates and times that Rec Night is offered (with the exception of Thursdays).

## Restaurant Review

# Caitlan's Cafe

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Tucked away in a cozy corner of Berrien Springs is quite a unique place called Caitlan's Cafe. Newly renovated and family owned, the cafe satisfies all tastes. The first thing a customer notices while driving up is the look and feel of the building. The building seems more like a home than a business, which makes the experience all the more rich. From the first second through the front door, the atmosphere feels like home. The soft blues of the serving area and the colors of the menus give the sensation of an easy going ambience. The eating area is surrounded with red walls, adorned with numerous paintings from a local artist.

The choice of food is outstanding. On any given day customers can choose a plate

of food ranging from Thai curry to Sam's chicken and mashed potatoes. If the specials don't suit your tastes, Caitlan's also has a wide variety of sandwiches and other menu items. As if the food isn't good enough, the staff completes a very impressive package. The owner, Mindy Smith, makes guests feel very welcomed and that their business is very much appreciated.

I frequent Caitlan's at least once every week, and each time I go somehow the food and overall experience seems to get better. I could not be more content with the quality of food, service, and atmosphere. If you haven't visited Caitlan's Cafe yet, I urge you to make it your next meal. I would give the Cafe five out of five stars.

# Jobs and your future

Hayley Lofthouse // Newswriter

## What do you want to be when you grow up?

A student's life is spent working toward a career, a career studied and trained for in college. Jobs are everywhere and the possibilities are endless, though some careers require more effort to obtain than others.

After surveying 39 Andrews Academy students, the discovery was made that 75% of these students said what matters most in a job is satisfaction. More than half of the students are somewhat sure of their future careers, while about 15% are still unsure. Though AA is a church-sponsored school, nobody chose religion as an interest. According to the poll, the most popular field of interest is medical.

After interviewing a few students, here is a more in-depth look at what several AA students are interested in pursuing.

Jeremy Faehner, a junior, is planning to major in history and become a teacher. He became interested in this career within the last

year. His interests have changed somewhat from his little boy dreams of becoming an astronaut. Faehner appreciates history's unique ability to "connect many other areas of life together."

Faehner's parents careers have had an impact on his choice, and his parents support it. "Both [my parents] went into education. They think education is important." When asked if Mr. Sherman or any of his past history teachers have made an impact on his interest he said, "Sherman has shown you can be a teacher and still have a very large sense of humor."

For at least two years now, Brooklyn Embry has wanted to become a dental assistant. When asked what attracts her to this job, she said, "The clean environment and the money." Embry, a sophomore, finds it unique that the schooling is short. This is a big change from her dream job of being a ballerina or her childhood hopes of being a singer.

This past summer, Raymond Ulrich decided he wanted to study psychology in college and become a psychologist. He is attracted to the field because "you can never stop learning about the mind." Ul-

rich is a senior and says that his parents careers haven't impacted his choice, but they "respect my independence." Something unique about being a psychologist is "every person works differently. You will never have the same thing twice," Ulrich said. Ulrich's new path is leagues away from the days of wanting to be a baseball player for the New York Yankees, a police officer, a paramedic, or a fireman.

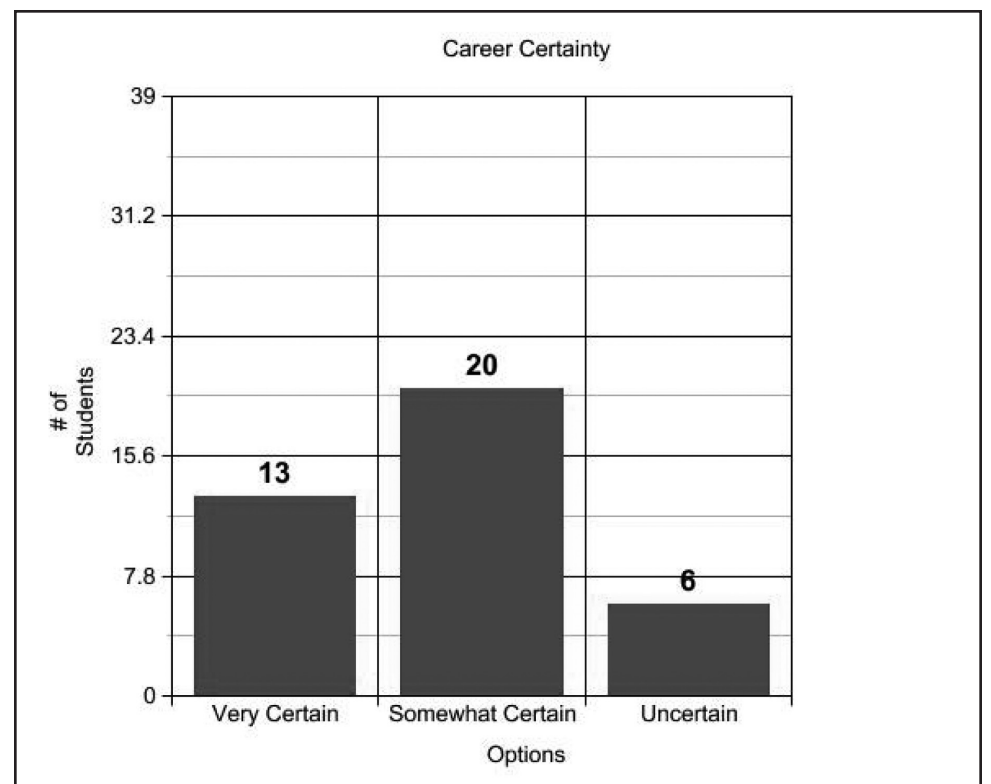
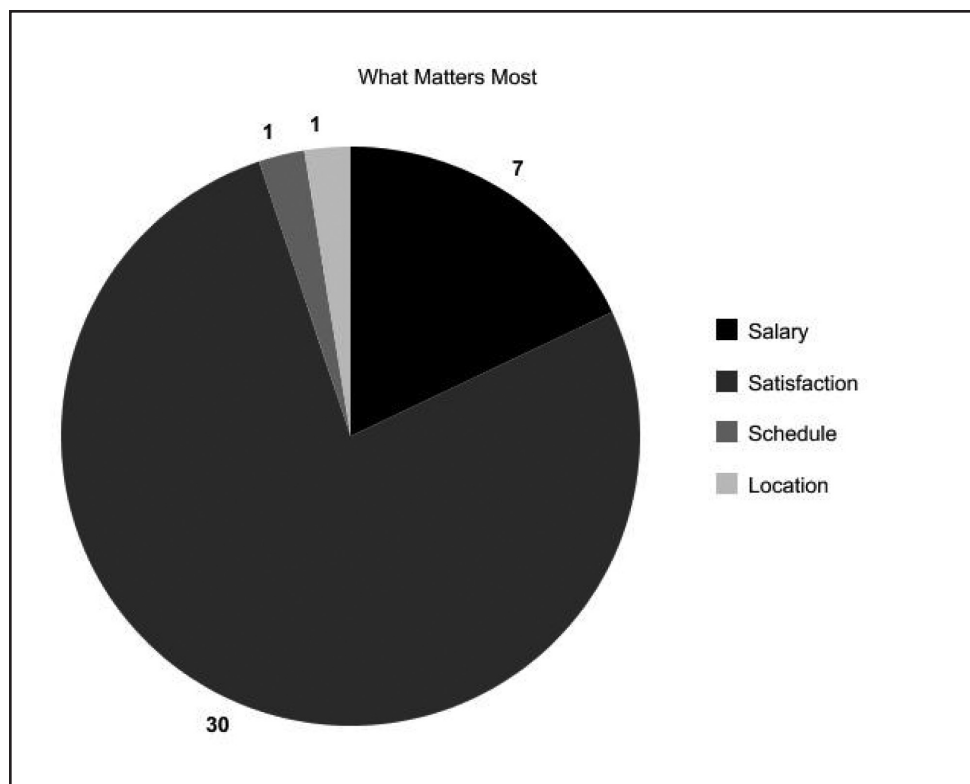
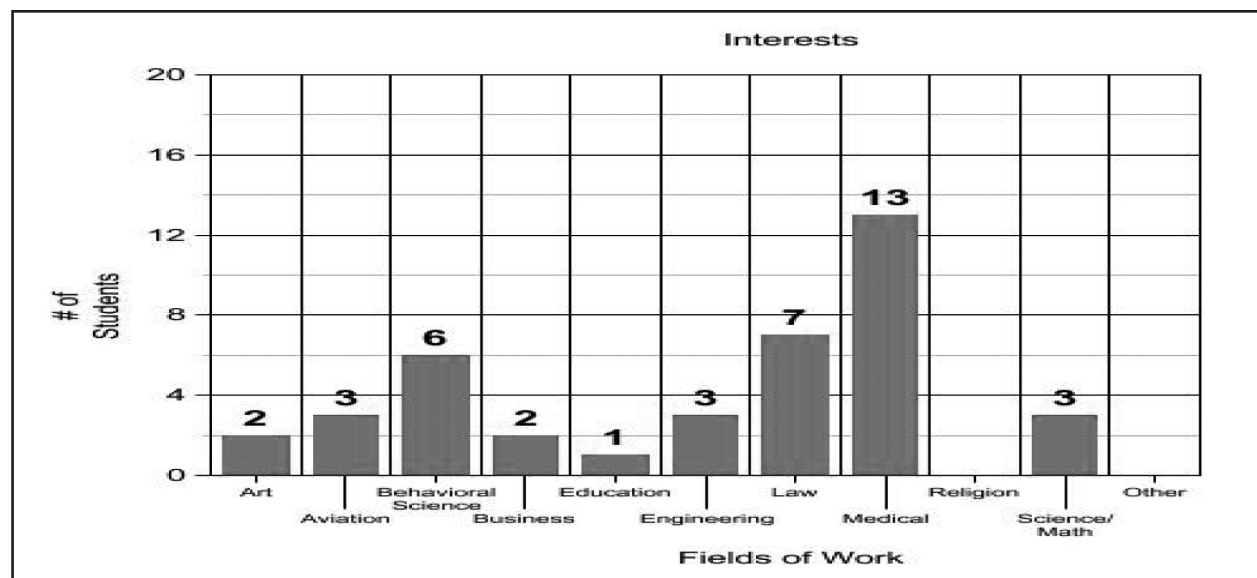
April Habenicht is certain about her future career. When asked what specifically she wants to study in college, "veterinary school" came out almost as fast as the question. She wants to be an Equine Specialty Vet, though, she says, she could never turn an animal away. Habenicht, a junior, has wanted to be a vet since the fifth grade. She said that her parents have had no effect on her career choice, but they do support her in it. "I love animals," says Habenicht, "I'm not good with people, so by working with animals I learn to work with people, too."

While Habenicht has a passion for healing animals, Alyson Drew has a passion for healing people. Drew, a junior, plans to become an internal surgeon. Drew says she likes the "idea of altering someone's

body and making it work better." Both of her parents are also in the medical field, so they have had an impact on her choice, and they support her. Something unique about being an internal surgeon is that "the brain work is more intensive; you have to know what you're going to do before [the surgery]," she said.

Some career choices are not as conventional. Chelcie Coleman, a freshman, wants to be missionary pilot. "I've been a missionary kid and there are not a lot of pilots," she said. Just recently Coleman discovered this job and became interested. Since her parents are missionaries, they have definitely influenced her decision and they encourage her to pursue this career. She likes the idea of being a pilot because they are "always on the go."

AA is filled with all different kinds of people. As students, the careers they are interested in are as diverse as their backgrounds. For some, a career might seem to far away to even begin thinking about, while for others, the path is clear. Whichever position you find yourself, dream big, set the bar high, and reach for it.



To: Alex Gaytan  
From: Will Tee

You are amazing.

To: Annissa M.  
From: Grace C.

I love you sooo much!  
Thanks for bein' my  
bestie!

To: Hobo  
From: Dork

Du bist vonderbar!  
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To: Shane Glassford

Hey, I just want to let you  
know that I think you're  
one of the most amazing  
guys ever.

To: Gracie  
From: Keila Sanchez

Eres una amiga muy  
especial! Dios te ben-  
diga!

To: Zach Randolph

You're pretty cool.  
Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Faith Read  
From: Nicole Anzures

Thanks for being the  
only one that under-  
stands me. Ily!

To: Daniel Rishaug  
From: Aaron Taylor

I LOVE YOU

To: Lauren Dalton

Heyyy Laurennn  
guess what  
I love you lol

To: Emilie Pichot

Hello. I would just like  
to inform you that I find  
you very attractive.  
Thank you and have a  
nice day.

To: Kyler  
From: Annissa

"Like the sun misses  
the flower in the  
dead of winter."

To: Camille Nixon  
From: Scott Snowden

I love you so much, my  
precious valentine.  
xoxo

To: Ms. Wright  
From: Bacchi

There once was a teacher named  
Wright  
Who had trouble sleeping at night.  
She missed her old student  
of whom's presence was prudent  
And who could forget his great  
height.

To: Alex Gaytan  
From: Mom

"Have I ever told you  
you are everything I  
ever wanted?"

To: Yewon Kim

Be my valentine?

To: Givan Hinds!  
From: Noel Harris

Givan! Thank you for  
being an awesome  
friend! :) I love you!  
Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Taryn  
From: Annissa

I love you so much chica.  
(Best other half.)

To: Camille Nixon  
From: Biebs

Dear Camille,  
Happy Valentine's Day.

To: Nicole Anzures  
From: Patrick Grzybowski

I LOVE YOU!

To: Brenden Mutz

You're an awesome  
friend. Thanks for being  
my texting buddy. (:

To: Cavan Reid Miller  
From: David Joshua Church

I love you man.

To: Kim Park

I SMUFF YOU.

To: Patrick Grzybowski  
From: Nicole Anzures

Uhhh . . . you're the  
bestest? Thanks for be-  
ing awesome!  
Shoogadoo!

To: Lauren Bacchi!  
From: Grace C.

I love you!!! (More)  
Yeah. That's right.

To: The Reicherts  
(Zach & Ashley)  
From: Jeremy Faehner

You guys are nice people.  
:)

To: Serena Wineland  
From: Nicole Anzures

You're the cutest thing  
you cowgirl, you. (:  
I love you!

To: Livvy Knott

You are awesome.  
That is all there is to it.

To: Brandon VonDorpowski

You are my one true love of  
my life, just wanted to let  
you know that I love you.