



Members of the Handbells left on Wednesday afternoon, *October 29*, to attend the Bell Choir Clinic at Toledo, Ohio. Upon arriving at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the participants set up their equipment at the front of the church. After registration they found their way to the motel for rest after a full afternoon of travel and work.

We returned to the church early the next morning for practice and group rehearsals. There were 13 participating groups: Adelpian, Andrews, Atlanta, Blue Mountain, C. F. Richards from Virginia, Lansing, Indiana, Mount Pisgah, Mount Vernon, Shenandoah Valley, Spencerville, Toledo, and Wisconsin. The host, producer, and originator of the clinic nine years ago stated that there were three additional schools that did not attend because of the lack of room at the church.

There were about 180 students actively participating in the mass choir for the Friday evening concert and the church service on Sabbath. There were a number of visitors from the Berrien Springs area who drove over and were privileged to attend the concert on Friday evening. Some stayed for the Sabbath morning services. A special thank you goes to **Mr. Boward** for all of the work that he has done in making this event possible.

Simultaneous with the Bell Choir Clinic was the NAD Prayer Conference in Toronto where 6 students from the academy, **Richard Davisson, Chikondi Kamvazaana, Olivia Knott, Ben Weakley, Soojin Kang, and Mateja Plantak** made presentations on how to make prayer a living, vibrant tool on their campuses. They stayed at the Crown Plaza in Toronto and gathered on the Canada Christian College Campus along with several other high school students, some college-aged students from Kingsway College, and adult sponsors. **Pastor Mike Stevenson**, Youth Ministries Director for the Ohio Conference, was the keynote speaker for the event. A special thank you goes to **Ms. Tammie Lindsey** and **Ms. Darchelle Worley**.

I want to caution you to look carefully at the calendar and the *AA Weekly* for the most current information regarding programming on the Andrews Academy campus. For example, Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences caught some unawares. All should take into account the *Sourcebook/Calendar* since most activities are printed there. Please follow the calendar and if you should have any questions, please call the school (471-3138) during working hours or **Mr. White** after hours at 471-5553. We want to do everything possible to give you the necessary

information as we work together in the education of our youth.

The Penny Arcade was a smashing hit for about seventy eighth graders who are in the process of making final decisions regarding which school to attend for their high school years. A number of booths were set up for each of the classes as well as the NHS, the SA, the *Sanjo*, and the Kaleidoscope. Besides the booths in the gymnasium area, the various organizations and the PPI served refreshments in the commons. Students came from at least 7 different schools including Ruth Murdoch, Village, Berrien Springs Middle School, Niles, Eau Claire, South Bend and Portage, Indiana. All had a good time. The evening ended at 9:45 in the commons where prizes were distributed to the visitors.

As is so often the case, one event is hardly over when another begins. This past weekend was no exception. The preparation for the sophomore Spaghetti Dinner began as the clean up for Penny Arcade concluded. Tables were brought into the commons and set up so that when the evening was over much of the work of setting up for the dinner on Sunday evening was already completed.

For those who had the opportunity to attend the dinner, it was a bargain at \$5.00 per person or \$18.00 per family. The meal included salad, spaghetti, garlic bread and dessert along with punch. With more than 200 people participating, approximately \$1,000 was raised for the sophomore class. This is the class that will be planning the program, expending the monies, and providing the entertainment for the Junior/Senior Banquet scheduled for the fall of 2009.

This year, as in previous years, we have had several incidents of valuables that have been either lost or stolen. It is not pleasant to deal with this situation. However, as with everything else in life, these issues need our attention. The administration, faculty and staff are doing all that they can to care for these incidents as they occur. It is important to understand that we live in a world of sin and temptation. Because of that, we need to be vigilant about keeping close tabs on things in our possession. Please do not leave money or valuables in public places. It is not wise to leave money in an unlocked PE locker or in a school locker.

Let us encourage our sons and daughters to create a safe environment for all of us. Together we can work to help keep temptation at bay and incidents of stolen goods at a minimum. As we live through the final days on this Earth, these situations will increase and we may have less and less

control over them. The very demons are angry and it is their intent to turn everyone away from service to God. Let that not become a distraction for our plans of eternal life.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October, the students were informed that beginning on Monday, October 27, strong measures would be taken for those who were irreverent in the chapel setting as well as for those who persisted in not being in their seats when the last bell rings at 8:55. The morning devotions program occurs daily following the 8:00 class when students leave their studies for a 20-minute period of singing and listening to the written word. When students enter the chapel, there are specific guidelines of conduct including no talking and whispering in that venue during that time. For those who are in violation, warnings or citizenship irregularity notices will be written up with copies mailed home.

Another problem occurs when a student is not in the assigned chapel seat when the last bell rings. Students, being the social creatures that they are, consistently wait until the last possible opportunity to arrive at their chapel location. While waiting, they are talking to friends in the commons. They are counted absent when they are not in their seats when the final bell rings. This absence will account for a loss of 2 points from the 21 points issued to every student at the beginning of the semester. To lose very many of these will not only lower the attendance score and grade, it will also place a student in severe jeopardy of a citizenship probationary status. It is the goal of the academy to train students to become timely, responsible and respectful individuals as they prepare for a place in society. It is with this concept in mind that we have placed such emphasis, spoken of in these two paragraphs, on conduct and timeliness.

The current week, November 3-7, is NHS Cause Week, which has been designed and produced by the National Honor Society. Each day of the week is dedicated to a different "cause" or a different idea which if taken seriously will help to make a positive difference in our lives on Earth. Monday was dedicated to ending hunger and poverty; Tuesday was focused on children; Wednesday's delivery was in reference to disease; Thursday is focused on ending Domestic Violence and Friday is directed to the management of the Environment. **Mrs. Sari Butler** has spent endless hours along with her NHS officers in preparing a full week for our careful consideration of major world problems. For that we thank the NHS officers and their sponsor.

This year the Andrews University Preview Days for academy juniors will occur at on Sunday and Monday, *November 9 and 10*. The concept of this college preview is to expose the high school student to quality education close to home. There are a wide variety of activities planned to captivate their attention and promote various options for career choices. It is a wise decision for students at this age to begin determining their future plans. The cost of a college education is far too expensive to change majors too many times. The benefit is that it does produce a student with abilities to do a variety of different skills as well as one who is well rounded.

Running concurrently with the College Preview Days is a very important program planned and presented by the Alumni Leaders on Leadership Committee. This group has been responsible for bringing a large number of programs on to the academy campus. This time the international photographer and story teller, **Dick Duerksen** will be on our campus on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday to highlight places and images that he has captured through the years. He will be presenting the daily morning devotions to the entire student body as well as making individual class presentations throughout the day. He will also speak at the assembly program on *Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November*. It is a time especially planned and prepared for youth and an occasion that no one will want to miss.

On Monday evening, *November 10<sup>th</sup>*, there will be the second annual community dinner in the academy commons. This dinner will be followed with a presentation by **Mr. Duerksen** to those in attendance. If you have received an invitation to this dinner, you really owe it to yourself to be a part of this event. This annual event is fast becoming an identifying feature of the Andrews Academy program. For more information or to reserve your place, please call the Alumni department at 471-6140

This year Andrews Academy students are headed to Chile for their SOW Safari mission trip experience. There is a group of 27 students that will be off campus from *November 17-December 1*. **Mrs. Butler** is the director of the trip and she will be accompanied by several adults including **Mr. and Mrs. Cleon White**. While they away on the trip, **Ms. Tammie Lindsey**, Assistant to the Principal, will be in charge of the academy campus and all questions should be directed to her in the absence of the principal.