What’s in a name?
History of The Sanjo

David VanDenburgh
Sponsor

Every four years or so the question arises: What does Sanjo mean, anyway? Guesses have ranged from an instrument related to the banjo to a style of traditional Korean music (thanks to Google).

The real meaning, however, is much more significant and has its history in the early days of exploration and trading in Berrien County. Here’s what former editor and alumna Samantha Snively discovered in her search to uncover the meaning. Her article originally appeared in the August 2007 issue of The Sanjo and is reprinted here:

The thought occurred to me late one night that some people, myself included, might not know why our illustrious newspaper has the name it does. When asked, even the teachers were mystified. Senora Sanchez thought the word sounded like “a Japanese warrior.” Ms. Chao originally thought it sounded like a Spanish word.

Because I believe knowing is better than not knowing, I set out on a mission to investigate the origins of the name “Sanjo.” I turned to a trusted and honored reference first – Google. Using the help of online translators, I found out this information: “Word cannot be found,” which led me to believe that it was not a word in Spanish, German, Dutch, Japanese, or Swahili. So I finally typed the word “sanjo” into Google and immediately found the definition, “Sanjo” is a style of Korean folk music that revolves around variations on a theme.

Thinking over this information, I came up with the idea that, long ago when the newspaper was young and unnamed, the editors had a fit of profundity and decided that the student body was the ‘theme’ and their different experiences and stories were the ‘variations.’

But then someone suggested to me that the name “Sanjo” might be an acronym. We as SDAs here at AA and AU love acronyms – hence the reason why almost everything is turned into one. So maybe “Sanjo” means “Seventh-day Adventist New Journalism Organization.” But all of these ideas seemed just a tad too bizarre, so I finally turned to Mr. VanDenburgh, who, being the sponsor, would probably know. He explained to me that the newspaper was named for AA’s proximity to the Saint Joseph River. The name “Saint Joe” was shortened to “Sanjo,” apparently to give the newspaper some sort of French flair. In French, Saint Joseph would be pronounced something like “SAN zho-SEF.” This was most likely the origin of our arcane name. Perhaps the original editors thought that, like a river, the stories, experiences, articles, and comics in our paper came from one source and spread out across the student body, nourishing and watering all who read it. Perhaps that is the raison d’etre for the Sanjo.

Did I mention Sanjo is also a city in Japan? So much for the French flair.

Somewhere deep in The Sanjo archives there is a handwritten note indicating that the name change took place in the 1960s and was intended to pay homage to the history of the Saint Joseph River as a vehicle of early exploration and information. The hope was that The Sanjo would likewise convey information and be an important source of knowledge and exploration.
Scholar Ships
Staff Writer

Scholar Ships, a new tuition-assistant program launched at Andrews Academy, raised $2,900 this summer through the sale of a donated powerboat.

The boat, an 18-ft Sylvan Barritt, was the first donation to the Scholar Ships program and its sale marks a good start to a program that has the potential to ease tuition costs for worthy students.

Scholar Ships began a year ago when English teacher Mr. David VanDenburgh presented the idea to Principal Cleon White.

“I wanted to do something to help students attend AA, so I naturally went with something I know a bit about—the boats,” VanDenburgh said.

The program solicits donations of boats of all kinds—canoes, sailboats, powerboats—and in virtually any condition. Donated boats are cleaned and repaired by AA students prior to being sold.

“One of the things that’s so cool about the program is that it serves two purposes,” VanDenburgh said. “Not only does it raise money, but it gives students a chance to learn some new skills as they perform minor repairs to ready the boats for sale.” VanDenburgh is eager to see the program grow as donations increase.

“I’m sure there are plenty of boats taking up precious space in driveways and yards around Berrien County. If we can collect some of them, we’ll be turning neglected boats into much-needed tuition dollars,” he said. “Not only that, but donations are tax deductible.”

Potential donors are encouraged to contact Mr. VanDenburgh or the Andrews Academy office.

Introducing
Micheal Goetz

Cody Wales
Guest Writer

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?
“I was born in a North Carolina at a Marines military base. While I was very young, my family moved to Oregon.”

WHERE DID YOU GO TO SCHOOL?
“I was homeschooled all through grade school. After that I went to Country Haven Academy in Washington. After that I went to Andrews to get my Master of Divinity.”

WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE AS A PASTOR?
“I was an intern pastor in Mississippi, and then moved to Pennsylvania where I was also an intern pastor, this time for two small churches. I also became the local police chaplain. After finishing school, I became a senior pastor for a few years, and now I’m here.”

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE YOUTH?
“We must live by the motto, “If not now, when? If not me, who?”

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUTH?
“I chose youth because it was the most influential time in my life.”

WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO CALL YOU?
“Pastor Mikey.”

WHO IS YOUR NAMED SPLENDID E.A.?
“My dad wanted it to be different. One of his legal documents was spelled wrong, so he used that spelling for my name.”

NHS Vespers
Staff Writer

At 6:00pm on August 27, 2010, about 60 members of the AA family met for worship. Sponsored by the National Honors Society, the program included physical food, as well as spiritual food and games. After consuming almost life-sized “hay”stacks, everyone participated in short ice-breakers, including untangling themselves from a large circle, and figuring out each other’s birthdays.

Song service by the NHS Members was followed by a brief speech from Pastor Micheal Goetz. The speaker, Dillon Zimmerman, shared an enlightening message about fear in all its aspects and the peace that God offers to replace our fear.

He challenged attendees to give their fears to God and become involved in the service ministries that Pastor Goetz introduced to us.

Junior Melody Collins found the vespers to be very organized and decided to be involved in service ministries. Freshman Chelcie Coleman thought the vespers interesting and wanted to be involved in the song service the next time around. Freshman George Jeong said, “It was not bad!” And so the night proved a success, and students and their families are able to participate.

How can you help?
1. Sign up to participate in various projects.
2. Sign up to be a driver-PARENTS WE NEED YOU!!!
3. Help coordinate and organize activities.
4. Donate money and items as needed for various projects.
5. PRAY for the individuals the program reaches out to.

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Maintenance Supervisor Engaged
Livvy Knott
Editor

Lynette Hillmon, Andrews Academy custodian, became engaged to be married on July 4, 2010 in a most unusual venue. On the evening of Independence Day, Theodore (Ted) Quinty—Hillmon’s boyfriend of two years—persuaded her to join him on the roof of the Academy, ostensibly to watch the fireworks display. Once atop the building, Quinty pointed below to the lawn of the school where he said, “Lynette Will U Marry Me,” inside a giant heart, had been mown into the grass. Hillmon said yes, which was mowed into the grass the following Tuesday. According to Principal Cleon White, this is the first time in the history of the school that anyone has become engaged on the roof. Hillmon and Quinty have been dating since two summers ago, but they met a year or so prior to that. “[Ted] was working down at the welding shop at Plant service, and I was hired as the HVAC technician,” reports Hillman. For the first few months as she was “church shopping”, Quinty kept mentioning the young adult group at his church: “just a bunch of good old-fashioned single people out having a good time in the Lord.” After enjoying a camping trip with this group, Hillmon began attending the Fairplain Seventh-day Adventist Church with Quinty. Of course, it was more convenient for the two of them to carpool, which led to carpooling to get groceries, which led to carpooling for this and carpooling for that, says Hillman. “Word of advice: don’t ever start carpooling with anybody you don’t like,” she adds. They began eating lunches together and hanging out more seriously, and after months of discussion—and months of being confused for a couple anyway—they decided to officially begin dating on June 19, 2008. After this most recent, happy development, the wedding is scheduled for Sunday, September 19. The reception will be held at Andrews Academy at 3:30 in the afternoon, and the wedding ceremony will follow at 7:30 in the evening at One Lake Terrace north of Benton Harbor. All Andrews Academy students are welcome to attend.

40 Days of Prayer
Esther Knott
Guest Writer

The words of the quote still stun me with their clarity of truth and relevance to my life: “As long as we are content to live without revival, we will.” (Leonard Ravenhill)

If you, like me, sometimes feel a bit too greedy. It is always best to do the right thing, even if it is not the easy thing.

For instance, one day the driver began to search for the owner of the purse. When he was able to locate the owner, he returned the purse because it was the right thing to do. When asked why he returned the purse he said, “I am poor, but not greedy. It is always best to do the right thing.”

4. The new you: you will be amazed at the revival that will take place in your own life as you begin to live intentionally to grow God’s kingdom. This brings joy to God’s heart. If you are still not sure, I challenge you to participate anyway. What do you have to lose? You can always go back to the way you were—content to live without revival. So choose a partner and begin the journey—Wednesday, September 1. You can pick up a book at the Academy Office for $1. Don’t be content without it.

Dedication Ceremony Emphasizes Integrity
Jessica Snively
Guest Writer

On Saturday August 28, 2010, the family and friends of both new and returning students gathered in the Richard T. Orrison Chapel for the annual Dedication/Convocation. The Convocation ceremony is a time when the school family renews their dedication to serve God throughout the year. This year the theme was “Strive for Integrity,” and speaker Glenn Russell turned to the Bible for examples of this ethical principle at work. One of the examples was the story found in 1 Samuel 24. In the story, David is pursued by King Saul. At one point, David had the opportunity to kill Saul in his sleep. But David, being an upright and God-fearing man, only removes the corner of Saul’s robe. David could have taken advantage of King Saul’s situation and done away with him, but David does not raise his hand against the Lord’s anointed. After providing Biblical examples, Pastor Russell told the story of a New York City cab driver who showed a strong sense of integrity. A tourist left a purse in the back seat of his cab. The purse contained $21,000 cash, jewelry, and passports. The driver began to search for the owner of the purse. When he was able to locate the tourist, he told him of his New Jersey to return her lost property. The cabbie could have taken the contents of the purse and used them to pay his bills. Instead, he chose to return the purse because it was the right thing to do. When asked why he returned the purse he said, “I am poor, but not greedy. It is always best to do the right thing.”

We too are faced with situations that put our morals and integrity to the test. Pastor Russell provided a few examples that students may face: “What if you didn’t finish your homework and a friend offers to let you copy their work, do you ‘borrow’ their answers and hope that no one notices or do you turn the paper in as it is and get the grade you deserve?”

It is in situations like these that students must strive for integrity. As Russell emphasized, doing the right thing is not the norm. People choose to do whatever they have to do to get ahead. Christians are called to live in the way of integrity. Pastor Russell urged the congregation, with God’s help, to be people of integrity, even if it is not popular or convenient.
Leadership is defined as the ability to lead, to go before or with to show the way. However, here at Andrews Academy, leadership can be defined by a simple list of names. Talk to these people. Shake hands with these people. And by all means, blatantly support these people. But if you really want to help—to do the most good—remember throughout the year to pray for these people. Who knows—maybe something astonishing will happen. Student leadership of the 2010-2011 school year, here’s to you.

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