Dear James,

If the old idiom of March coming in as a lion, going out like a lamb is true, we should be in for more peaceful days soon. I can't help but feel heartsick for our friends in the South, who are cleaning up after last weekend's ferocious storms. We accumulated more than four inches of snow overnight on Sunday in Berrien Springs. Huge snowflakes were still coming down on campus Monday morning, but as you can see students were still blazing their way to class. I've learned the umbrella is an ingenious Michigan accessory, good year-round—it will shade you from the sun in summer, the rain in spring and the snow in winter!

Unfortunately, we have more sad news to share this month, beloved professor Elly Economou has passed away. For those interested, we've included information on her upcoming memorial service. Our campus has suffered some hard blows this year, yet there are many good things happening as well. For one, Envision, our student-produced magazine, just released its third issue and we are very proud of it. Click here to read more about this and other Andrews News.
Nominations. We appreciate you serving as our eyes and ears to share the names of those alumni who are making a difference in the world. Be sure and mark your calendars for **Homecoming 2012** and plan to join us on **September 27–30**. We will honor the Reunion Classes of **1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 2002**. If you are a member of one of these special classes and are interested in serving as a Reunion Leader, please [click here to submit your contact info](#).

God be with you,

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Tami J. Condon (BS ’91)

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**Memorial Service for Elly Economou**

Elly Helen Economou, 83, died Thursday, Feb. 9, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Mich. A private burial service was held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, Mich. A memorial service in celebration of her life is scheduled for **Saturday, March 24, at 4 p.m.**, in Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service in the PMC Commons.

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**myXperience 2012 Video Contest**

We are looking for creative video representations of your Andrews Experience (current or past). How did the Andrews academic experience impact your life while you were here or how is it

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Our alumni around the world are engaged in wonderful and meaningful activities. If you are aware of someone we should know about, please take a moment to nominate him or her now.

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Recent Grad/Grad's Parent or graduating this spring?

Official graduation photos from all recent Andrews University graduation ceremonies are now available. Click below for more info and how to access. Additionally visit our graduation resources page for information on how to obtain parking permits while on campus, where to look for your official graduation portraits and more.

Miss out on Homecoming?

An Andrews University Homecoming App is available for iPhone and iPad with the most recent photos from Homecoming Weekend 2011. Additionally, use this app to view information about Homecoming 2012 once it becomes available.

Upcoming Events:

- March 8
  Trinidad and Tobago Area Regional Event

- March 18
  Colorado Andrews Event - Loveland

- March 20
  Colorado Andrews Event - Denver

For more info and a complete list of upcoming events, click here to view the Alumni Events Calendar.
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In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to:
Andrews University
Elly Economou Endowed Scholarship Fund
Office of Development
8903 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs MI 49104-0660

Obituary for Elly Helen Economou

Elly was fluent in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish as well as modern Greek. She also had knowledge of 10 other modern and ancient languages. She began her teaching duties at Andrews as an instructor in the University’s modern languages department and joined the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages in 1976.

As a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of her native Thessalonica, Elly served as an interpreter, youth leader, secretary, treasurer and writer. During her lifetime, Elly translated into Greek several religious books, including the Conflict of the Ages Series, and a number of other publications. She also wrote Beloved Enemy, her life story, published in 1968.

Elly was known for her exemplary generosity, evidenced by her legendary hospitality to thousands of students, community members and international guests over the years. She was an inspiring combination of the biblical Mary and Martha, known for both her love of learning and her joy of feeding guests in her home. She traveled extensively around the world, visiting 80 countries; observing and studying the cultural and historical backgrounds of other peoples, as well as their languages. She also enjoyed reading, writing, embroidery, photography and music.

Elly was predeceased by both of her parents. Her father George was an officer of the Greek Army and her mother Helen lived with her for many years at their home in Berrien Springs until her death in April 1994. Her brother Andreas, who still resided in Greece, died in October 2011. She is survived by her cousin Vasileios Papageorgiou, his wife Charikleia (Stergiou), and their son Dan Paris and daughter Evdoxia. A large host of former students, faculty and staff colleagues, and friends will miss her. “Rest well, until the resurrection morning.”

When leaving a comment, please include your name.
In 2003 till 2005, I worked in her house and I remember her kindness, and her will to help student. I am sure that all of them miss her. See you in heaven Elly.

I took a class at Andrews from Dr. Economou few years ago. She was one of the most inspiring person to me at Andrews University. She will be missed! May God bless her family!

Elly will be greatly missed.

I took some Greek and also "Life And Teachings Of Jesus" from Dr. Elly Economou. At the beginning of the latter class, she excused herself, saying that she was a language teacher, not a theologian, and she seemed to think that Dr. Augsburger would be better suited to teach it. But I believe she was just being modest because she was a theologian in her own right, and I learned a lot in that class. In fact, it was one of the best theology classes I ever took. She was also extremely kind to the students and loved to have us over to her home for an authentic Greek meal. Clearly, she will be missed by the Andrews community and many others as well.

I well remember a summer course in New Testament in 1990, when Professor Elly taught me so much. I remember her talking about the book of John and how the Greek was very simplistic and yet the ideas so profound. I still use things I learned from her with my upper elementary students. And I remember a feast we had at her house at the end of our one month course in which she and her mother served us fabulous Greek food. She was then in the process of translating some of the Spirit of Prophecy into Greek in order to win some of her Greek compatriots. She was a lovely lady.

Dr. Economou holds a very special place in my heart. I took a religion class from her back in the early eighties (I believe it was Harmony of the Gospels). She was a great professor, cook and hostess. I loved going to her house for Friday night vespers and a delicious meal. It was her love, dedication and caring attitude for all her students that made her a very distinguished, admired and loved lady! With fondest memories,

Liesbeth Verastegui Fernandez, MS, RD

In the summer of ’72, a sheltered southern boy joined a group of four Andrews students, with Miss Economou, with her mother, as faculty sponsor, chaperone, and guide to travel Europe and study French. She taught us the art of travel, amazing us with her ability to plan and replan on the fly. Of necessity we were inseparable, and it was a wild and transformational experience. I knew her for only eight weeks, but they were some of the greatest moments of my college life. Warren Ruf, Pastor, New Haven, CT
A true and gracious example of Christian virtue. She always expressed her love and concern for her students, even when some of them gave her a headache and tried the other students patience by their misbehavior. She will always hold a dear place in my heart and I look forward to meeting her on Resurrection morning! Jim Anderson, Pastor, East Wenatchee, WA

Nancy Neuharth Troyer - wrote the previous post "I knew Elly when we were both students at Pacific Union College......" AU 1970

I knew Elly when we were both students at Pacific Union College - she was in the Masters program and I a lowly Bachelor agenda. I remember her coming up to me and saying, "You look so much better since you gained weight." That made me laugh, especially since no one anywhere had ever said that to me! Later, Elly was my French teacher at Andrews University where I was valiantly trying to conquer the language, for academic purposes, that is. I remember singing a lot of French songs in her class. As time went on, I came back to Andrews as a seminarian's spouse and worked as a secretary at the seminary, too. It wasn't long before she invited us and a crowd of friends to her home "for a light Sabbath lunch." There was plenty of food to go around as Elly and her mother had a feast ready, baked by the two of them. It's been many years since I last saw Elly but I know she would remember my name as she cared that much for all her students and friends. I think it's time to read her book "Beloved Enemy" one more time. See you in Heaven, Elly!

We miss you Mummy. See you in the resurrection morning.

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