Largest gift in the history of Andrews University
While visiting relatives in New York City seven weeks after the September 11 terrorist attacks, my husband and I shuffled about in the subway to the last remaining stop near Ground Zero. Approaching the site, I realized that—despite the steady diet of media coverage I had devoured over the preceding weeks—nothing prepared me for the ebb and flow of the emotional, twisting pain that became my constant companion as we moved about the perimeter. The sight, seen hundreds of times on screen and in print, takes on an entirely different perspective with all five senses engaged. The heavy clank and whir of trucks and machinery punctuated by the annoying beep of industrial vehicles create an unlikely background for reverent murmur, muffled sniffles and the random, staccato click of a camera lens. The air is still quite heavy with a pestiferous odor—the smell of dust and smoldering materials that you can almost taste. And those who come to pay their respects . . . heads held steady, eyes transfixed at the smoldering skeletal remains with hands worrying deep into pockets and handbags to find something, anything, to dab at eyes bearing telltale signs of deep emotion. Standing there amidst the clutter, I marveled at how focused and determined these terrorists had been. And, although ingenious and effective, their was a devastating, evil plan culminating in several acts that ripped families apart, that sent the United States—and the world—reeling. An act focused on destruction. An act designed to tear down, rather than build up. Soon we’ll hear the heavy clank and whir of trucks and machinery here on our campus . . . but for an entirely different reason. We’ll be building a much-needed and long-awaited performing arts center. What a stark contrast to the end results of those whose focus was stayed on destruction! Our commitment—our focus, as Christians at Andrews University, is to make a positive difference in the lives of God’s children. At Andrews we are dedicated to and focused on building up, not tearing down. We are committed to influencing and encouraging one another to use our talents, education and experience to make a positive difference in the world around us.

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For over 60 years Dr. Augsburger has touched and influenced other people through his teaching and life example. The Howards, too, have dedicated their lives and resources to making a difference through their life work and their investments in worthy projects aimed at having a lasting, positive impact. What a testimony the lives of these individuals tell with regard to living a life focused on mission and service! This mission lives on in our Andrews students, faculty and staff who volunteered their time, talents and resources by going to New York to assist with the aftermath. We share some of their comments and experiences in a special section of this issue. We hope you are inspired by what you find within these pages. Even amidst the turmoil we’re experiencing as a nation and the day-to-day challenges we face as a University, we have much to be thankful for as evidenced by the uplifting news you’ll find throughout this issue and the Annual Report (which you will receive under separate cover).

Ultimately, I am thankful for our Christian faith that inspires us to utilize our talents and resources to mend and repair this world that is tattered and torn. Because, after all, when it’s all said and done, our mission is to make an eternal difference.

—Tami Martinez (BA ’93)
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Symphony Orchestra and Choral Christmas Concert. "Welcome Christmas," a free concert, will be performed in the Pioneer Memorial Church, December 7, at 7:30 pm.

Wind Symphony Christmas Concert. Celebrate with this free concert December 8 at 8 pm in Johnson Auditorium.

Feast of Lights. Join the Andrews Academy Christmas celebration December 14 at 7:30 pm in Pioneer Memorial Church.

Christmas Break. Rest and relax from December 14 to January 6.

International Student Christmas Banquet. December 23 at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria.

New international student orientation. January 2-3, 8 am-5 pm.

Winterfest. Celebrate Michigan weather with this Centennial event planned to include all members of the community and student body. Family activities will be from 3-5 pm, dinner from 5-6 pm, and student activities from 6-8 pm.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The University will be closed to observe this national holiday. January 21.

Collegiate Snow Weekend. February 15-18.

President’s Day. The University will be closed to observe this national holiday. February 18.

Choral and Orchestra Music Festival. Musical groups from all over the Lake Region will convene on campus to display their talent February 20-23, with a concert February 23 at 4 pm in Pioneer Memorial Church.

Symphony Orchestra Concert. Enjoy the concert titled “Friends” at 8 pm in Pioneer Memorial Church.


AUSA/SA Winter Beach Party. Get out of the cold and pretend it’s summer! January 26, 7 pm, Beaty Pool.

AUSA/SA Super Bowl Party. Cheer for your favorite team, January 27, 7 pm, Mutch Recreation Center.

Valentine’s Concert. The Chamber Players will give a concert titled "From the Heart," February 9 at 8 pm.

For more information about these and other events at Andrews University, please call 1-800-253-2874 or visit us on the Web at www.andrews.edu. Click on news and events.
The Partain sisters, ca 1944

I enjoyed seeing the pictures of the Beavons on this bench in a recent Focus. This pictures was taken in 1944 when we three Partain sisters were all at E.M.C. Evelyn, on the left, was a pre-nursing student then. (She later finished with a BS in nursing in 1951.) Sibyl graduated in 1945 with a BA in business. Hazel finished in 1942, and was on the staff at E.M.C. as assistant registrar and an E.M.C.A. academy teacher when this picture was taken.

Sibyl Richards
Worthington, Ohio

New institute opens

Andrews University is proud to announce the establishment of the Institute of Diversity and Multiculturalism (IDM) on our campus. Its official opening was celebrated October 15 with a luncheon and seminar titled, “Achieving Bottom Line Driven Diversity Goals,” by Dr. Samuel Betances. Nearly 300 campus and community individuals attended.

The inspiration for such an institute is twofold. First, Andrews is blessed with an exceptionally diverse campus. Approximately one-third of our students represent minorities in America and about one-fifth have international backgrounds, representing 95 countries. Such diversity requires dynamic creativity to ensure effective interaction among all members of its university family. The IDM will assist the university in fulfilling its goal of strengthening its programs, enhancing its services and facilitating its mission as a world-class institution of higher education.

Second, because Andrews University is located at the crossroads of an international community, it seeks to provide the communities it serves with an effective and forward-looking approach to diversity in education. The Institute will serve people from a wide range of backgrounds who are interested in discovering the value and benefits of diversity, and in gaining a competitive advantage in the work force and the community.

Dr. Walter Douglas serves as the director of this latest addition to our campus.

H.M.S. Richards Lectureship

This year’s guest speaker for the H.M.S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching was Henry Wright, pastor of the Community Praise Seventh-day Adventist Church, Alexandria, VA. Presented October 28–29, 2001, the Lectureship brought seminary students, faculty and alums in from near and far. Several alums traveled from as far away as Buffalo, New York, and Toronto, Canada.

Kenneth Stout, professor of preaching and coordinator of the lectureship series, said, “This seminary-sponsored program is provided annually to help seminary students, undergraduate religion majors and related faculty enhance their preaching knowledge and skills.”

Wright has taught homiletics for many years both at Oakwood College and Columbia Union College. He currently serves as the pastor of one of the fastest growing churches and is widely recognized as one of our denomination’s finest preachers.
New seminary building officially dedicated

“I’ve been waiting for seven years to welcome you to this program,” said Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University, to a crowd of more than 400 people at the dedication ceremony for the newly-renovated and expanded Seminary building. “When I started my tenure at Andrews, I was informed right off that the Seminary building needed to be remodeled, and since then it has been my agenda to accomplish that.”

Because renovations continue in the Seminary’s chapel, the October 6 dedication ceremony was held in Pioneer Memorial Church, followed by a tour and open house of the Seminary building itself.

Religion department receives a gift

The Doris Regazzi Micro-Computer Lab officially opened Wednesday, October 24, at 12:30 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. John Regazzi, father of Mark Regazzi, assistant professor of religion at Andrews University, donated $25,000 in memory of his late wife because, “she was so interested in religion and education,” the elder Regazzi stated.

The ceremony began with Keith Mattingly, chair of the Religion Department, explaining the gift and proceeded with an official statement of thanks from the Andrews Ministerial Association (AMA) president, Luis Beltre. The AMA social director, Renee Sims, gave a short speech about how the computer lab will serve to foster community in the department by bonding the students in class work, life experiences and prayer shared in the lab. Beltre and Regazzi then cut the ribbon.

“This gift will add a beautiful study area for the students,” Mattingly said. “It will also serve to advance the scholarship of the Religion Department.”

Mark Regazzi worked with his father on the details of the gift. An identical gift was given last year to a school that Regazzi’s brother works at, and another identical gift will be given next year to a Native American Indian school in South Dakota that Mrs. Regazzi was a long-time supporter of. “My father is truly an inspiration to me,” said Regazzi. “I see in him what it means to have material things and to give them up for the good of others.”

The Doris Regazzi Micro-Computer Lab in Griggs Hall has been equipped with five Dell GX110 computers with flat panel monitors.
The missionaries don’t know yet what roles between now and January 2002,” said James. “We’ll leave anytime and Ruth James don’t know exactly when they’re leaving. “We’ll leave anytime and Ruth, are going to help out in any way small group evangelism, and his wife, Donald James, assistant professor of religion, and his wife, Lydie, and behind, Mark Regazzi, assistant professors who have committed to serve in greater New York as missionaries. Leaving their classes and families behind, Mark Regazzi, assistant professor of religion, and his wife, Lydie, and Donald James, assistant professor of small group evangelism, and his wife, Ruth, are going to help out in any way that they can.

Mark and Lydie Regazzi flew to New York on Thursday, Oct. 25, while Don and Ruth James don’t know exactly when they’re leaving. “We’ll leave anytime between now and January 2002,” said James. The missionaries don’t know yet what roles they’ll play in New York. “I am just a willing servant, not knowing just how God is going to put this all together,” said Regazzi. Regazzi grew up in New York and his wife spent years in Manhattan taking piano lessons, making them perfect candidates for this mission field. He had been praying for a way to become more involved in personal ministries, and the prayer was answered at an Andrews Ministerial Association retreat September 29. His wife asked him, “Guess what I just volunteered us for?” She had been conversing with Gordon Retzer, president of the Lake Union Conference, who relayed his dream to carry on a ministry to New York.

Don James is also grateful for the support of his family, whose initial reaction was shock but later turned into support. James, upon deciding to go, did not want to oblige his wife. “I told Ruth I was going and I told her that there was no pressure for her to go,” recounts James. “One day she decided to give it to the Lord and after going on a long walk, she felt that the Lord impressed her to go. That’s when I realized, the Holy Spirit is very much in this.” His wife’s decision to accompany him was also a calming factor for their grown daughter who said, “If mom wants to go with you to be in New York, then this must be a God-thing!” Regazzi concluded, “This is an excellent opportunity to let those who are hurting know about Christ.” Please keep the Regazzi’s and the James’s in your prayers.

Andrews faculty leave for New York

If any of us could imagine leaving our family, friends, jobs and homes behind, it would probably be a frightening thought. Just the feeling of not knowing what the future holds is enough to keep us in our comfort zones, but in light of the September 11 terrorist attack, there are two bold Andrews University professors who have committed to serve in greater New York as missionaries. Leaving their classes and families behind, Mark Regazzi, assistant professor of religion, and his wife, Lydie, and Donald James, assistant professor of small group evangelism, and his wife, Ruth, are going to help out in any way that they can.

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Shandelle Henson published in Science

Andrews University professor of mathematics Shandelle Henson was the lead author of the study titled, “Lattice Effects Observed in Chaotic Dynamics of Experimental Populations.” It was published in the Oct. 19 issue of Science.

Six years of beetle population data was studied to improve the modeling tools widely used to explain fluctuations in animal numbers. The results should help those who rely on the tools for understanding or managing a variety of animal populations, including wildlife, commercial fisheries and agricultural pests. The “Beetle Team,” as the research group became known, consisted of Henson, leaders in the study of nonlinear population dynamics from several U.S. universities, and a collaborator from the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of California, Davis.

“A primary goal of ecology is understanding population fluctuations,” Henson explained. “Our study continues that effort by teasing out more of the underlying mechanisms that drive population patterns. We want our laboratory studies to lead to useful, working concepts that can be applied to real-world problems ranging from food production to the conservation of species diversity.

Most recently, she was an assistant professor of mathematics at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. Henson joined the Andrews family in August 2001 as an associate professor of mathematics.

New Student Financial Services director

Jerri Gifford has come on board as the new director for Student Financial Services. She is described as having “a passion for serving the students well” and “commitment to Christian education.” The philosophy behind her work ethic is that “each student comes with the inscription of Calvary. The supreme price has been paid for each of them, and we must treat them that way.”
“Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant”

Daniel Augsburger reflects on 60 years at Andrews University

by Katie Shaw

“If the Lord delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm” (Ps. 37:23, NIV). As Daniel Andre Augsburger stepped firmly onto the pavement of the Niles train station, August 15, 1942, he knew the Lord had guided him here, to teach at Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for one year. His ultimate goal was to advance his theological studies, not teach French to missionaries-in-training, but he agreed to serve temporarily on the faculty of EMC.

October 22, 2001, Dr. Daniel Augsburger’s steps guided him into a room full of 200 people, on their feet, applauding this kind, generous, loving patriarch for his years of service to EMC and Andrews University. Sixty years of service, teaching longer than anyone else in the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church has ever taught in one place. Augsburger decided after that first year that he belonged at EMC and dedicated his life to serving God through Christian education. “I have often felt it is necessary to stay in one place to make a mark in life,” he said. “I wanted to make my mark with Andrews University.”

Daniel Augsburger was born in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1920, and moved to Paris, France, with his family when he was three years old. His father was a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and served as president of the Leman, North and South France Conferences. At that point in France, children were expected to attend school all week long, but Augsburger’s father made a deal with the French government. In exchange for their cooperation in letting his children stay out of school on the Sabbath, he spent one day each week in jail.

When Augsburger was nineteen years old, a friend he had grown up with contacted him from Columbia Union College in Maryland to persuade him to study in America the following year. “I had never thought about going to America before,” Augsburger recalled. He got a job canvassing in Geneva, Switzerland, to earn money for his first year’s tuition and passage to the States. While canvassing, he met a man who showed interest in his wish to study abroad. The man asked him how much money he would need for the first year, and, after Augsburger gave him an estimate, was told to stop by again the following day, where a check would be waiting to cover his entire first year.

John Markovic, professor of history, congratulates Dr. Augsburger at the open house reception

His next step in getting to America was to obtain passage on a ship bound for the United States. The government officials assured him that his visa should have no problem coming through and to check back in several days to pick it up. With this assurance, he went to the docks and bought a modest passage on the
Daniel Augsburger, a scholar by nature, has earned five higher education degrees in the United States and France: a bachelor’s degree in history and religion from Columbia Union College, Takoma Park, Md.; a master’s degree in German from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; a master of divinity degree from Andrews University; and two doctorate degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Strasbourg, France, respectively. Niels-Erik Andreasen, president of Andrews University, commented that it is common to observe faith in God diminishing as one’s knowledge increases; however, “the more Dr. Augsburger learned, the stronger his faith became.” Augsburger’s major area of expertise is the Reformation and, more specifically, John Calvin.

Augsburger served as the Student Association (SA) sponsor from 1948-1960. The SA had been seen as more of a social entity on campus previous to 1948, but Augsburger made it his mission to rework the SA into a place where the students could go to voice their concerns. At one point, lights out in the dorms were set for 9:30 p.m. “It was not uncommon,” Augsburger remembered, “to see students in the dormitory hallways crouched on the floor, studying by the dim night lights.” He asked each of the students to talk to their favorite teacher on campus and get them behind their campaign for a later lights-out time. It worked and the Student Association gained recognition as a medium for change on campus. Dan, Jr., recalls his father saying repeatedly, “There is no limit to what you can do, as long as you don’t care who gets the credit.”

Augsburger received several awards while on the faculty of EMC and Andrews University. He was voted Teacher of the Year by the Student Association in 1970, was given the Andrews Faculty Award in 1979, and was the first recipient of the J. N. Andrews Medallion for Excellence in Teaching in 1979. At his reception on October 22, he was also awarded the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Award of Excellence by Dr. Garland Duland, associate director of the Department of Education for the General Conference.

Although Augsburger is a knowledgeable person, he is also very much interested in the lives of the students and professors around him. He prays for his pupils daily and enthusiastically stated, “I love the students!” Ann Gibson, dean of the School of Business at Andrews University, remembers a time she was having an unusually tough day. She met Augsburger on the sidewalk and put on a smile, but “he always knew how you were doing under the surface,” she said. She returned to her office several hours later to find three roses from Augsburger’s garden with a little note of encouragement.

While attending the University of Michigan, Augsburger taught several French classes, which is where he met his wife, Joyce Pammel, a native of Niles, Mich. “On the second story of the Romance Languages Building, second row from the left, second seat in, she was,” he recalled with love in his voice. “The Lord was good when He gave me a wife that complemented me so well.” Augsburger married Joyce in 1947 in Switzerland during a double wedding, his sister and brother-in-law being the other couple. They have three children, Lydie Augsburger Regazzi, and Daniel, Jr., both of Berrien Springs; and Michel, of Santa Rosa, Calif.

That October night was dedicated to celebrating Dr. Daniel Augsburger and the impact he has made on this campus. It was evident by the diversity of race and religion of those who attended that he has touched countless lives of students, faculty and community members over the years. Elaine Giddings, professor emerita of communication at Andrews University, related to the audience that she had been invited to share a Friday evening meal with Augsburger and his wife while they were living in Ann Arbor and going to school there. After the meal, they had worship together and then prayed. “When Dan prayed, I knew two things,” Giddings said. “First, there was Someone on the other end of the line, and second, they were good friends. Dan enjoys God’s friendship.” Augsburger continues to be amazed at how God leads in his life and is convinced that the Christian life can be a happy life, full of smiles and laughter. “I look at each day as a miracle, a gift from God,” he said. During the final sentences of his speech, Augsburger told his friends that he couldn’t wait to go home to Heaven. With tears of joy in his voice, he said, “I hope to hear, someday soon, the Lord say to me, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.’”
Scholarship recipients say “thank-you”

Forty student scholarship recipients met with 60 scholarship donors for the third annual Andrews University Endowment Appreciation Brunch. Held November 4, 2001, on the campus, the brunch provides a once-per-year opportunity for student recipients and endowment and scholarship donors to meet one another and for the students to show their appreciation to the donors. "In these uncertain times, this event helps to bring a sense of community by pairing the students with the donors who started or contribute to these endowments and scholarships," explained Sallie Alger, director of development of major gifts and coordinator of the brunch. "It helps begin a relationship that could last over time."

This year’s brunch included student speakers who shared what receiving their scholarships meant to them. "Several attendees commented on how sincere, how poised, and how articulate the student presenters were," said Mary Nell Rosenboom, development office administrative assistant. "At least one student speaker made the comment that when she gets to a point in her career where she can, she intends to help students as she has been helped." Alger added that by having testimonies from both recipients and donors, each group could understand philanthropy from a little different perspective and grow from that knowledge.

For more information about supporting Andrews University students by establishing an endowment, visit our website at www.andrews.edu/development, call 616.471.3592, or e-mail the following address: development@andrews.edu.
A Gift of Music

by Heidi Kilmer

At a February 22, 2001, press conference, Andrews University President Niels-Erik Andreasen announced a gift to the university that brings the dream of a campus performing-arts center very close to reality. The largest single contribution ever made to Andrews University includes funds for a substantial portion of construction costs, estimated at 10.5 million dollars, and a maintenance endowment.

"Thanks to a most generous gift from John and Dede Howard of St. Joseph, Michigan, Andrews University is happy to announce the projected development of a performing arts center on its Berrien Springs campus," Andreasen said in his opening statement. "We are delighted with this partnership between Andrews University and the Howard family. Andrews University has always been committed to musical presentations of the highest quality in keeping with the cultural, ethical and spiritual values of the university, and we are excited about the opportunity to further enrich the Southwest Michigan community by providing a venue for musical presentations consistent with these principles."

President Andreasen added, "Andrews University’s historic mission has been built on a long-standing commitment to excellence in music and the fine arts both on campus, in the community, and through WAUS, our classical radio station. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, identify with our values of quality music, the development of young musicians, and the many aesthetic benefits that music brings to our community. The Howards have been generous people and have helped many people through their time and monetary support. It is evident that this gift to Andrews falls within their pattern of philanthropic donations to both music and young people."

The proposed center seats 850 people and provides performance space for 230 musicians. It will stand at the front of Andrews’ 1,600-acre campus, across from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and adjacent to the Horn Archaeological Museum. A planned new campus entry, which has been contemplated for some time, will give the community easy access to the facility. The Howard Performing Arts Center, which will also house WAUS, may include an art gallery and recital hall. It is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2003.

Continuing a Tradition of Excellence

Listeners from the community and beyond exclaim over the music that Andrews University brings to their lives.

For this important role in the cultural life of Michiana, Andrews University’s Department of Music abounds with energy and talent. It offers 5 majors, 3 minors and 3 graduate degrees. Currently it enrolls 56 majors, 18 of whom are graduate students. Ten full-time and 18 adjunct professors provide the instruction. During spring semester of the present school year over 170 music lessons will be taught, 141 to AU students and 38 to community residents.

AU’s music department oversees seven performing groups: Andrews University Singers, Men’s and Women’s Chorus, Wind Symphony, Trombone Ensemble, Brass Quintet, and Choral and Symphony Orchestra. Numerous student-led music groups further enrich the music scene. In the 2001-2002 school year the department of music will feature over 60 performances with more than 200 student musicians.

Amy Jo Reese, a junior music major, describes her experience in the department: "Music has always been an important pillar in my spiritual and emotional health. In the several years before attending Andrews University, I participated in many musical church ensembles and conducted several..."
Performance.

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Future plans may include a Masters of Music in Violin Performance.

church choirs and instrumental ensembles. I have always hoped that the musical expressions and the camaraderie of these small groups would strengthen the faith and resolve of both the performers and the hearers. I am very grateful for the opportunity to enhance my own skill as a performer and conductor/teacher through formal music training at Andrews University. After graduating, it is my desire to continue music ministries in the church and to teach privately in fine arts schools.”

MORE THAN MEETS THE EAR

Since the late 1800’s music has been a vital part of the history of Andrews University.

From the original location of the music department on the third floor of EMC’s sole building, the sounds of instruments and voices filled the entire campus. But the school needed a music building! One day President Fredrick Griggs called senior class president Walter Murray to his office to tell him he had talked with John Sampson, a local builder, about a music building. Sampson provided plans and an estimate of $6,000. “I told Walter,” Griggs recalled, “that the students could raise the money in three months by soliciting friends from those whose names they could secure far and near. As I talked, I grew enthusiastic and told him I was sure they could raise the money in two months. I got more enthusiastic and told him I knew they could raise it in thirty days! Then I told him he should lead in the campaign . . . I suggested that the evening worship two days later could be taken by the faculty for a concert, and that he should give a speech on the necessity of the music building and propose that the students build it.”

Griggs continued, “All this made poor Walter groan. He strongly questioned the ability of the students to raise $6,000 in thirty days, and more seriously questioned his ability to lead in such a movement. Believe it or not, in twenty-eight days Walter Murray and I stood on the rostrum and had our picture taken while being handed a certified check for $6,000!”

Thanks to human exertions and God’s blessings, the original music building was erected in 1920. President Percy W. Christian oversaw completion of the current music building in 1953. But, alas, the department of music and the radio station have outgrown their small, structurally inferior, and technologically inadequate studio and performance spaces. Already in 1978 President Joseph G. Smoot was developing a campus master plan that included a new performance hall. "Andrews is taking seriously the counsel of Ellen White when she urged the college at Battle Creek to strive for ‘a higher standard of intellectual and moral culture than any other institution of the kind in our land.’ To ensure that AU musical entities continue to provide excellent programming and are prepared to meet the demands of the 21st century, the Alumni and friends of Andrews University have undertaken an ambitious campaign to establish a brand new performance hall. With the support and generosity of all, Andrews is confident that the goal will indeed be achievable.”

A DREAM FULFILLED

A church founder had also said something else: "We might receive far more favors than we do in many ways if we would approach men in wisdom, and acquaint them with our work . . . "

That is exactly what happened when accountant Glenn Poole (67), stepped out in faith. Glenn says, "We have known John and Dede Howard for many years and have great appreciation for their high moral values and sincere desire to support the institutions that reflect their principles. When John and Dede mentioned that they wished they could do something significant for the local community in the way of promoting fine arts, I asked them if they had ever considered a gift to Andrews University. I mentioned that Andrews had long-standing plans to build a performing arts center, but that, due to the lack of funds, it had never become a real possibility.”

Poole immediately detected an interest. "I offered to make arrangements for them.
to meet with President Andreasen. Within a few days Andreasen and David Faehner met with us to present the University’s master plan and initial concepts of the performing arts center. They came well-prepared and inspired John and Dede to begin making definite plans for a substantial gift to the University.”

The Howards have resided in St. Joseph for many years. Mr. Howard is widely known as the conductor of the St. Joseph Municipal Band and the St. Joseph High School Band. Mrs. Howard has focused volunteer efforts on behalf of battered women and children. Together they have endowed music scholarships through various local colleges and foundations. Both are members of the First Congregational Church in St. Joseph. They recall that “Years ago when musicians from Emmanuel Missionary College came to be a part of the St. Joseph Municipal band, sing in the choir and play the organ at our church, we became aware of the quality music the college provided. We have enjoyed attending concerts at the Johnson Gym, Burman Hall, and the church, but we feel both the school and the community need a performing-arts center.”

When asked how music became his passion John replied, “Since the seventh or eighth grade I have known I wanted to be a musician. I always listened to music and felt a part of it; I would pick up an instrument and have a propensity for it. How we think and what we read and listen to all affect our lives. I knew I wanted to give young people quality music.”

He continued, “Dede and I are pleased that we are in a position to support Andrews University with this contribution. We are both looking forward to working with the university in the development of this new facility and hope before long to invite music lovers in the community and at the university to attend the opening concert.”

TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A SOUND FUTURE

“The Andrews University Department of Music has been blessed with talented and committed musicians who excel at teaching and performing and who value representing our university to the community,” stated Peter Cooper, department chair. “This generous gift from the Howards will enable us to broaden our influence and share our talents with an even wider audience, and will provide our music students with a professional performance venue.” Cooper applauds the Howard Performing Arts Center’s potential for providing a world-class facility for music performance, strengthening the community’s appreciation for artistic expression, and at the same time preparing young musicians for careers in musical performance.

David Faehner shares the enthusiasm. “Many of our friends in the community and our alumni are very excited about the new performing-arts center, and we are optimistic that the remaining funds can be raised over the next two years.” A development council has been created to encourage contributions from civic leaders and philanthropic sources. A broad-based approach to alumni and friends of the university, and local as well as national foundations and corporations, is underway.

Friends and alumni of Andrews University who are deeply committed to continuing the University’s heritage of excellence can support the campaign with their gifts.

President Andreasen makes this appeal: “Nothing matters more than the human spirit. All else is temporal and fragile, whether our economy, our cities, our transportation system, our health, but the spirit conquers all. It represents God’s most precious gift to the human family. The Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University will be dedicated to that human spirit. Music and joy, beauty in sound and sight, will fill that splendid center and lift our spirit as individuals and as community. I invite you to join the Howards and Andrews University by helping us make this center a reality soon.”

Heidi Kilmer is the development officer for the Howard Performing Arts Center project.
Maybe you would like to support the Howard Performing Arts Campaign, but haven’t been solicited or can’t find the information already mailed to you. No problem!

Call Regina Bernet at the development office. Give her your name, address, phone number and, of course, the amount you wish to donate/pledge.

Regina will promptly enter your information on a donation/pledge form and mail it to you for your signature, confirming your generous support.

If you wish to enclose a check with your signed pledge form, Regina will mail you an acknowledgment upon receiving your gift. 1(800)253-2874, ext. 3124.

Or go to www.andrews.edu/PAC/ and make an online donation.

The Howard Performing Arts Center was designed by the award-winning architectural firm of HarleyEllis and internationally-known acousticians Kirkegaard and Associates. Shown here, the architects’ rendition of a birds-eye view.

Currently there are several naming opportunities available:

- Auditorium – $2,000,000
- Lobby – $500,000
- Rehearsal Room – $500,000
- Seats – $1,000
- Limestone Pavers – $2,500
- Pavers – $600
- Bricks – $300

Christine John, junior elementary education major/music and language arts minor from Toronto, Canada, sings soprano as a member of the University Singers.
The Black Students Christian Forum (BSCF) Alumni celebrated its 31st year of being a part of the Andrews University experience, October 5-7, 2001. The weekend marked the 21st annual alumni weekend on the campus of Andrews University.

More than 800 worshippers attended the Sabbath morning service held in Johnson Gymnasium. Pastor John Nixon, pastor of the Oakwood College Church in Hunstville, Ala., delivered the sermon, “Be Ready” based on Matt. 24:36-44. Just three weeks following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Nixon called the attacks a “wake-up call” and biblically challenged the congregation to be ready for Christ’s return and to help others be ready as well. A Saturday afternoon concert featuring Stay Tuned, an interchurch choir from Detroit, Chaplain Marshall Kelly and Andrews’ own Deliverance resulted in a standing-room only crowd of more than 400. An African Diaspora on black education also took place during the weekend.

BSCF Alumni collected and sent $700 to the Northeastern Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the New York City disaster relief fund to aid the victims of the September 11 attacks, $100 of which was raised by the student organization on campus.

BSCF has been a part of the Andrews University experience since 1972. In 1970, two years before BSCF was organized, students would meet every Friday night in the Meier Hall Gold Room for “sing-ins.” That tradition lives on today, as every Friday night at 8:30 p.m. hundreds of Andrews University and Andrews Academy students flock to the Burman Hall Auditorium for student-led worship through music, dynamic speakers, student testimonies and Christian fellowship.

To keep updated about BSCF, visit their website at www.andrews.edu/bscf.

Andrews University has teamed up with the General Conference Department of Education, Loma Linda University, and ADRA International to form Adventist Professional Network (APN), a global registry of Adventist professionals with at least a master’s degree or its equivalent. APN is rapidly growing. Alumni with a master’s degree or at least 5 years post-secondary education are now invited to register with APN. This database will not be released for commercial use or fund-raising. See the ad on pg. 23 for the electronic address to register with APN.

Two Andrews alums, KEVIN (BS ’89, MA ’93) and VICKI (EIGHME) (AS ’86, BA ’89) WILEY, have decided to give up the comforts of home and take up residence in Ireland as missionaries with Adventist Frontier Missions. The Wileys have a history of mission service; both Kevin and Vicki were involved in mission service in college, Kevin on a three-week mission trip to Mexico, and Vicki as a student missionary to Japan. Ten days after marrying in 1989, the couple flew to Korea to begin two years of teaching English and Bible at the SDA Language Institutes.

They then returned to Andrews for Kevin to complete his master’s in English, and settled into life in Berrien Springs. In March of 2000, the possibility of mission service once again was presented to them through the Adventist Review. The March 9 issue pictured the lush green hills of Ireland on the cover to illustrate the story, “The Greening of the Irish Church,” outlining the fact that only 200 Adventists are a part of Ireland’s population. Almost jokingly, Vicki suggested to Kevin that they go to Ireland as missionaries. But it soon became apparent that God wanted them there.

The Wileys will leave to begin their mission service in Cork, Ireland, with Pastor Mike Logan, the week after Thanksgiving, 2001. They will work with him for two years before branching out to begin church planting on their own. Please pray for Kevin and Vicki as they work for God in Ireland.

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL: On Tuesday, October 30, 2001, young alumni from the Washington, D.C. area gathered at Maggiano’s Restaurant for their annual evening of fun and food. More than 50 “kids” attended to hear news about their alma mater from Dr. Niels-Erik Andreasen, Dan Tilstra and Rebecca May. Their love and support of Andrews University and their former classmates was a joy to experience! Pictured above, l-r: Duane & Michelle (Wheeler) Culmore, Sabrina Jordyn Wooster, Caryn (Brion) Wooster, Dorothy (Pan) & Dale Ramirez, Gladys (Tortal) Griggs
1950s

**FLOYD (BA ’53) and BONNIE (DP ’51) COSTERISAN** of DeWitt, Mich., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on June 10 in the Lansing SDA Community Center. Floyd was a practicing CPA for 38 years and president of Maner, Costerisan and Ellis, PC., for 15 years, retiring in 1991. For the past 10 years he served as an associate trust officer for the Michigan Conference. He served on the Andrews University Board of Trustees for 17 years and as president of the Alumni Association for a term. Bonnie was a private secretary for many years before she retired to be a homemaker and mother. She served in the Michigan Conference for nine years. The Costerisans met while attending EMC and were married June 5, 1951. They have four children, Philip, Jeff, Marcia Greely, and Tim; and four grandchildren.

1960s

**ROBERT KISTLER** (MA ’60) and his wife Jean celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 1 with a family party in Blue Ridge, Ga., at the home of his sister and brother-in-law. They married on July 1, 1951, in the Fletcher Academy chapel, where Jean had just graduated from nurses training. Dr. Kistler taught at Andrews University for many years. They now reside at Fletcher Park Inn.

1970s

**WILLIAM COFFMAN** (MDiv ’71) is a family practice dentist in general dentistry, living in Redlands, Calif. He also serves as president of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry. This interest has taken him on travels from England to Egypt. This organization will celebrate its 50th anniversary in September 2002. In 2000 William took 84 medical, dental and other health sciences students to Fiji to work with Steve Arrington in the Vatu Vatu Clinic. While a student at Andrews, William served as president of the Seminary Student Forum and as president of the summer class of 1971. He also served a term on the University’s Board of Trustees in 1972-74 as the first recent graduate member of the board. William’s wife, Patricia McGhee, is a physician. They have five children, Brent, Amy, Jarrod, Travis and Ashley. He is active in his local church, serving as elder, on the family forum, and conference constituency.

**STANLEY E. HARRIS** (BA ’74) has been elected to Fellowship in the American Psychiatric Association to recognize outstanding achievement in at least five areas of professional endeavor. In addition, the Southern California Lambda Medical Association has conferred its Lifetime Achievement Award on him in recognition of his contributions as board member and president. Harris continues as University Psychiatrist and Clinical Professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where he has recently rescued a handsome stray wolf dog, Dawson.

**JOSÉ E. MCLAUGHLIN** (MDiv ’77) lives in Lake Elsinore, Calif., with his two sons, Scott and Keith. Jose was recently selected by the General Conference to serve as the Adventist Chaplaincy field representative for the West Coast. After leaving Andrews, Jose returned to the Greater New York Conference where he pastored until he entered the Navy as a chaplain. He concluded his successful Naval career as the Training and Operations chaplain for the 1st Marine Division. He was responsible for the training, nurture, development and supervision of 24 chaplains and 10 assistants. Jose also conducted and supervised inspections of standards, policies and effectiveness of the chaplains in his command. One of his last duties as a Navy chaplain was to coordinate worship services for 4000 service members during field exercises. Jose has also worked as a hospice chaplain where he developed and used pastoral care interventions, including pastoral counseling and skills in helping patients and families deal with the spiritual dynamics of illness, loss and death.

**JEFF BROWN** (BA ’79) finishes up a six-year term as principal of four schools in the Marshall Islands in June 2002. Going as a student missionary from Andrews to Korea led to mission trips to Mexico. Then he found
he was unable to refuse a call to serve as a regular missionary. His wife, Joy, a registered nurse, is called “Mama Brown” by the SMs. The Browns enjoy their oceanfront apartment, seeing the waves, rainbows, and dolphins. They would love to hear from friends at jeffandjoy@yahoo.com.

1980s ........................................

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Randall Roberts (MDiv ’85) became senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Church in September 2000. He has also pastored in Texas, served as a hospital chaplain, and has taught religion. Randall graduated with a DMin from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1996. He and his

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Physiology Department for several years. He also directed the Medical Research Department at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital for two years and then continued to work part-time for several years.

In the early 1970s, the Colliers answered a missionary call to Vellore, India, where Clarence taught at the Vellore Christian Medical College for two years. Dr. Collier also taught in Montemorelos, Mexico, for two school terms. He ended his teaching career with 11 years on the staff of the University of Southern California Medical School.

After his retirement, Dr. Collier and his wife moved to Placerville, Calif., where they could have a small piece of land to plant their dream garden and orchard. Both of them loved planting and harvesting the fruits of their trees and vines, and they had a yard full of beautiful flowers.

He is survived by his wife of almost 59 years, Helen; his children, Roberta Wilson, David Collier and Barbara Acquistapace; and four grandsons, Brian and Mike Acquistapace, and Luke and Cody Wilson.

Rodger Ratcliffe (BA '69, MDiv '73) died May 5, 2001, in San Marcos, Calif., following a long bout with cancer and its complications.

Ratcliffe moved to the Southeastern California Conference from the Minnesota Conference in 1985 to become pastor of the Paradise Valley Church for six years. In 1992, he became a conference evangelist.

Originally from New Zealand, Ratcliffe moved to the United States as a teenager. He returned to Australia to marry his childhood sweetheart, Pamela, and then studied at Andrews University for his BA and MDiv degrees. He was ordained in 1977 while working in Wisconsin.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his daughter Jennifer and her husband, Grant Swenson; his son, Michael; and two brothers, Errol and Ashley Ratcliffe.

Margaret Jane (Reavis) Button (att.) was born in Rosebush, Mich., Apr. 15, 1918, and died Aug. 24, 2001, in Grayling, Mich.

She married Malcolm Button in 1941 and stayed at home with her daughter and stepchild. She was an excellent musician and served as a Sabbath School pianist for 75 years.

She is survived by her daughter, Marjory Bodi; two sisters; four stepchildren; eleven grandchildren; twenty-three great-grandchildren; and twenty-one great-great-grandchildren.

Weddings Correction: Sebrena Morrison was married to Nathaniel Sawtell on August 12, 2001.

Send birth, wedding and funeral announcements and daytime telephone number to Life Stories, FOCUS, Andrews University, Berrien Springs, MI, 49104-1000. Or e-mail the information to: <ivan@andrews.edu>.

2002 Danube River Cruise

This coming summer from June 25-July 10, 2002, Dr. Merlene Ogden will be taking a group on a Danube River Cruise starting in Budapest, Hungary, passing through the Main-Danube Canal, and ending in Nuremberg, Germany. The cruise aboard the River Princess will include daily land tours along the way in Vienna, Linz, Melk, Passau and Regensburg. Prior to the cruise there will be a three-day visit in Budapest and afterwards a four-day post-cruise stay in Prague. Historical and cultural as well as Adventist sites will be visited along the way.

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LIFE STORIES

Births

To Leah (De Wind) (BS ‘97 and current staff) and Trent Bowen, Berrien Springs, Mich., a girl, Jessica Skye; March 2, 2001.

To Wendell (BA ‘96) and Lisa (Parry) (BA ‘93) Ward, Franklin, Georgia, a son, Nathan Daniel Ward; April 19, 2001.

To Melonie (Ranzinger) (BA ‘86) and Jim Patterson, Redondo Beach, Calif., a boy, Aidan James; July 7, 2001.

To Tinamarie (Swenson) and July 7, 2001.

To Tinamarie (Swenson) and John Punches, Roseburg, Oregon, a daughter, Jessica Skye; March 2, 2001.

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Deaths


He married Margaret Jolin, Aug. 29, 1941 and then worked for the Central California Conference in Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. He was called to be Home Missionary Secretary in Alberta in 1943. There he established a Bible study school and expanded the Voice of Prophecy radio outreach. He then spent three and a half years with the British Columbia Conference as pastor of the Victoria church.

In 1950, he was called to be dean of men at Canadian Union College, followed by fourteen years of teaching in the Bible department, thirteen of which he served as head of the department.

Mr. Campbell established and operated the pastoral care department at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan., from 1968-1977. He was a member of the American Hospital Association Clinical Pastoral Education program.

After retiring in 1977, he was associate pastor and interim pastor of the Denver South Church, Denver, Colo. He and his wife moved to College Place, Wash., in 1986 to be near family. He was active in church services, field speaking opportunities and with their grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Joylin Yukl and Voncille Flemmer; two sisters; five half sisters; two half brothers; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, a sister, a half brother and a half sister.

Clarence Robert Collier (BA ‘40) was born Mar. 25, 1919, in Freeport, Ill., and died July 14, 2001, in Sacramento, Calif.

He taught at Hylandel Academy for a year before taking a job at Wyenot Chemical Company in Detroit. Soon after, he was drafted into the Army Air Corps and was sent to Tucson, Ariz., where he met and married Helen Watson.

He was released from the Army in December 1944 to go to medical school at Loma Linda University. Dr. Collier dedicated his life to teaching and medical research in pulmonary physiology. He taught at Loma Linda Medical School and was head of the

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Reflections on New York

Andrea University reacted to the terror of September 11 with prayer and with the eyes, hands, ears and heart of Christ. Pictured above is a prayer service held in response to the General Conference worldwide call to prayer at 3:00 p.m., September 11.

Since then, three groups of faculty, staff and students have made the journey to the twisted wreckage of New York City to help them rebuild; not the fallen structures, but their fallen spirits.

I talked to a man named Fernando and asked him, “Where was God in all this?” He quickly replied, “God was busy.” I asked him to clarify and he said, “God was busy keeping people out of the buildings. If you stop to consider that 45,000 to 55,000 people work in the towers and only some 5,000 perished, you can’t help but see the mercy of God.”

Scott Manly, 1st-year seminarian

The trip to New York was an opportunity for me to give something back to the people of this country... I had heard so many times that the people in New York were very reserved, that they never hug others. I have never received so many hugs in my life as during these five days from the people on the streets of New York... I met God in New York, the God whose heart beats for the people there.

Ranko Stefanovic
associate professor of religion

Two phrases that continue to run through my mind are (1) God doesn’t call the qualified; He qualifies the called, and (2) It’s not my ability, but my availability.

I wish I could have done more, but I pray that God will bless the little that I was able to do. I continue to pray for the people in NY everyday, because a bit of my heart was left there with them.

Tunisia Peters, junior
clinical lab science/pre-med

...the whole experience was so successful because it was bathed in prayer... I will never forget the scene of five or six Andrews University students bowed in prayer at the edge of Ground Zero -- with their arms around the broad shoulders of NYPD officers. The students prayed passionately and the officers wept openly. The policemen hugged the students after the prayer and quietly went on their way back to their posts of duty at the barricades.

Glenn Russell
assistant professor of religion

We may not have left New York changing hundreds for Christ, but if our smiles and prayers keep passing along, who knows how it can change! And that was worth it to me.

Kelly Knowlton,
senior, history/political science

Just as the City has its firefighter and police heroes, Andrews University has its student and faculty heroes. Heroes who chose to go out on a limb for Christ, and “walk the talk.”

We learned that God had sent us there to walk alongside them in this time of pain and sadness, to listen to their stories (stories of fear, guilt, great loss and shock), to hug them, to wipe their tears, to pray with them, to reassure them that what they were feeling was normal and important, and then to listen some more. God wanted us to tell them, by our presence, that He was with them and that they were not alone.

Nancy Carbonell
associate professor of educational and counseling psychology

When I heard of those that lost their lives that day, all I could think was, ‘How many of them were ready to die?’

Dwight K. Nelson, senior pastor
Pioneer Memorial Church

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FALL 2001 • FOCUS
Fond Recollections

One encounter with Dan over half a century ago set the tone for our friendship.

Dan and I were both working on doctorates at the University of Michigan. It may have been his second, I don’t remember. What I do remember is that Dan and Joyce (known as “Josette” then) invited me to their apartment for a Friday evening supper. Afterwards, at worship, Dan prayed. I listened with a smile, for there was obviously someone on the other end of that line, and they were on good terms. When we rose, I wanted to shout (like Henry Higgins in the play “My Fair Lady”), “By George, he’s got it!”

Why get excited? For five years, I’d been studying oral communication, beginning at the University of Cape Town, then getting good grounding with William de Mille, in Southern California. He made sure that not individual performance, but the relationship developing among us on the stage, was what came across the theater footlights.

At the University of Michigan, Chairman Densmore and others were training politicians, preachers, business executives and graduate students in oral communication for the TV era. That meant knowing and responding to what listeners and viewers were saying in their minds, so that the twoway circuit was not only open, but humming with recognition, warmth, pleasure, respect, friendship—the attitudes the human voice reveals at the best moments of a lively relationship.

And Dan’s voice in prayer had peaked at a disclosure that was unmistakable for me as a professional: He and God were friends.

It’s been a pleasure, a privilege and a blessing to be associated for over half a century with a man who enjoys God’s friendship. Thank you, Dan.

Elaine Giddings
Professor Emerita of Communication

There are so many things I could say about Dr. Augsburger! I could talk about our first conversations when I was interviewing for a job at Andrews University and how, even then, we laid plans to do a book together on Christian business ethics. I could talk about being introduced to “raclette” at his house! I could talk about the inspiration I received when I sat in his Christian business ethics class the first year I was on the faculty at Andrews. I could talk about his ability to charm even the most unreachable students.

I thank God for the gifts He has given us through Dan and pray that I can in some way emulate my very good friend.

But I want to talk about the three dried roses in my office. The job of being a dean of a school on this campus is often a lonely one, and many times things occur which cannot be shared with anyone. Most of the time administrators are successful in keeping concerns under wrap, but sometimes the carefully crafted cover slips.

During one particularly difficult January, the cover was increasingly difficult to keep in place. One snowy day as I was walking across campus, I met Dr. Augsburger. He greeted me warmly—the way he greets everyone—and asked how things were going. Of course I told him all was well, but with his keen eye, he could see right through the talk. We each went our own way—and I forgot all about the conversation.

About three hours later three roses appeared on my desk! Roses in January! With them was an encouraging note, indicating that in the world that really counts, all was well.

I dried those roses—they still sit on my desk. They are a testimony to eyes that see through covers and a heart that responds to need wherever it is found. And a keen sense of action—even on a cold winter day when roses rarely bloom.

M y memories of Dan Augsburger begin with my college years here at Andrews. Two elements of Dr. Augsburger’s character have remained steadfastly in my mind: his attention to detail and his extremely warm personality. In class, I could always count on the fact that he knew his stuff and could communicate it well.

Attending his class was never an unpleasant chore, though studying for his tests was always a challenge. Perhaps my fondest memory is that of meeting Dr. Augsburger on the sidewalk. He always made me feel comfortable. The mere sight of his smile could change a so-so day into a great day. When I returned to Andrews as a faculty member, I wondered how new realities would alter old memories. Buildings seemed somehow different and college students seemed so much younger. Old memories had to be matured! But when I ran into Dan I discovered that the two elements of his character that had first impressed me had not changed. If anything, his smile was even more infectious. I could always count on being able to talk with him and receive his wisdom. For years I was assigned Dan’s old office, an assignment with double pleasure knowing that Dan once worked there. I thank God for the gifts He has given us through Dan and pray that I can in some way emulate my very good friend.

Keith Mattingly, Chair
Dept of Religion and Biblical Languages
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