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A NEW FRONT DOOR FOR ANDREWS
DINING SERVICES GETS A NEW LOOK
THE FIRST ENTRANCE
The look of progress

“Whoa!”
“Is this the same place?” [at the Dining Services Open House]
“Oh my goodness, this is the new entrance?! I’ve gone one year and the whole world changes.”
“It looks so beautiful, especially at night!”
“It really does look fantastic and makes an impression driving in.”
“The new entrance is really impressive!”
“People will really know where we are now.”

These are just some of the expressions of excitement and enthusiasm from new students and family members, returning students, alumni, staff and community that have filled the air for the past two weeks.

There’s something in that “new-smell” we all love: new car, new carpet, new babies, newly mown grass…the list could go on and on. Andrews University is riding a wave of “new.” The impressive entrance to campus has given all of us a renewed sense of pride in the place where we serve. Inviting and comfortable areas to eat and fellowship together at Dining Services have the potential to help build the community and family feeling we aim for. Advanced technology provided by the new milking parlor is allowing the Dairy to operate at optimal levels, increasing profitability and efficiency.

It’s hard to believe that all these projects took place within the past year! That’s part of what makes this particular progress so amazing. Whenever I drive around the campus these days, I see evidence of construction and change. The changes I’ve described have all been physical ones. Now we need to become the personal change agents God has called us to be—continuing to offer the highest quality education possible, exceptional service to all our constituents and additional opportunities for spiritual growth. We owe it to our students, our generous donors, our visionary administration and ourselves.

Many of you are probably following the current political process in the United States. With a momentous election only two months away, there is a renewed sense of urgency that whoever ends up in the White House gets back on track with what’s important to the electorate. Though I’m a “transplanted” American, having been born and raised in Canada, I’ve lived here long enough to develop some strong feelings on how America is viewed by the rest of the world and, of course, I’d prefer that image to be positive.

I also care about how Andrews University is perceived—by our surrounding communities, fellow Christians, Adventist church members and the world at large. Beneath the Andrews University lettering on the new sign are the words “Seventh-day Adventist Higher Education.” We’re boldly proclaiming who we represent and what we offer as an institution.

Along with the changes on campus, our office has undergone a transformation in the past few months. The production of Focus magazine is now accomplished in the Office of Integrated Marketing and Communication (more on that in the next issue). Having worked in one capacity or another with Focus for more than a decade, it’s a privilege to now serve as the editor. We plan to continue to portray Andrews University with quality, candor and insightful articles that keep you connected with your alma mater.
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A bird’s eye view of the official opening of J.N. Andrews Boulevard, June 2, 2008, was provided from 60 feet in the air on a Genie lift operated by Werner Pressnitz, Plant Service. Photo by Sarah Lee (BT ’02)
Study Bible challenge

I have learned from “Focus” about an “Andrews Study Bible Project.” I would recommend an excellent study Bible already available. It is the Harper Collins Study Bible, NRSV, copyright 1993. I would suggest the group spend this time working on the “faith vs. history” problem.

Really dig into known history, science and current archaeology. How do we reconcile this knowledge with the stories in Genesis and Exodus? I remember very clearly Dr. Thiele remarking in class that there was a problem with the Biblical record and the historical record. That was in 1951. I haven’t heard anything since on this subject.

Robert C. Fox (BA ’51)

Stellar role models

The photo of Dr. Ogden on a recent Focus was so typical and brought such fond remembrances that I saved it for my files. I was on the 1966 European tour (I think the second one she organized), which took in the whole summer and included Great Britain, Ireland, N. Ireland, Scandinavia, and most of Central Europe—all for around $1250, which included study tour graduate tuition! The experience greatly enhanced my academy teaching and exhibited a stellar role model for how to be simultaneously professional and personable. Many hugs to this incredible lady!

Jean Schmidt Kingry (MA ’67)

It was 59 years ago this month (June 2008) that I graduated from EMC, and receipt of the latest Focus encourages me to write to my alma mater for the first time ever.

My reason: seeing many laudatory remarks of past standout professors/staff members, compels me to add to memory’s list the name of Earl Beaty, treasurer and accounting instructor supreme. When I worked in the Business Office for him, there was no person on campus more highly respected, yet there seems to be a dearth of plaudits for this “prince among men,” the likes of which I have seldom seen or heard of since graduating from my alma mater in the “Golden Years” class.

Earl Beaty was a quiet, self-effacing, godly man, and in my more than 85 years of life, no one holds as high status as he in memory’s hallowed halls. He was the epitome of integrity.

The examples that he—and my wife of just under 60 years (now deceased)—set for me, determined my personal direction to a life in God’s eternal kingdom, and it is my hope and prayer that all of the “Golden Year” graduates will have a superb reunion “over there” soon.

Earl Seaman (BBA ’49)
2008 summer commencement

On Sunday, Aug. 3, 430 men and women joined 34,000 others as alumni of Andrews University. As the graduates marched into the sanctuary of Pioneer Memorial Church for the final time as students, friends and family of the graduates, who come from all over the world, watched on.

President Niels-Erik Andreasen introduced Provost Heather Knight, who presented citations for the recipients of the J.N. Andrews Medallion. This award recognizes significant achievement in the advancement of knowledge and education by Seventh-day Adventist teachers, scholars and writers. Roger L. Dudley, professor emeritus in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and Cleon White, principal of Andrews Academy, were each awarded the J.N. Andrews Medallion for their commitment to Adventist education.

Andreasen then awarded a medal not often given out at graduation: the President’s Medallion. The medallion was designed to recognize individuals who have distinguished themselves in causes that the university views as congruent with its own idealism, mission and Christian outreach. The award was given to Shri. Krishnaswamy Thulasiah Vandyayar, chairman of A. Veeriya Vandyayar Memorial Sri Pushpam College in India. Andreasen referred to him as a “disciple of Gandhi and a believer that education should be available to all classes.” The medallion includes the inscription, “Live today to touch tomorrow.”

Ganoune Diop (PhD ’95), director of the Global Mission Study Center for the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, delivered the commencement address. Born into a Muslim family, he later became an Adventist while studying music in Paris. Diop is known for his commitment to share God’s knowledge through his teaching, preaching, motivational speaking, books, articles and music. His presentation, “Remembering the Future,” posed a thought-provoking question for the new graduates: “What is the logic of life?” They didn’t have to wait long for the answer. “God has secured your future,” he said.

Michael Lawson (BBA ’87), president of the Alumni Board, welcomed the class of 2008 and challenged them to “get involved and give your time.”

University Board of Trustees update

The Andrews University Board of Trustees met for the second of three yearly board meetings on June 2, 2008.

Heather Knight, provost, introduced the action plan for implementing the strategic plan for 2007–2012.

Larry Schalk, vice president for financial administration, reported on the university’s finances for the past 10 months. At the end of April, comparative to last year, unrestricted operations fund was running approximately three-quarters of a million dollars ahead of last year. Schalk predicts the university will end the year with a gain of approximately $3 million or 4% of total operations, which meets the goal set for this year’s operations.

A report on campus safety, crisis communication and leadership training opportunities for students was given by Frances Faehner, vice president for student life.

Stephen Payne, vice president for Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication, reported admissions are up by 112 students over last year and there are 146 more incoming freshman for fall 2008 compared to fall 2007.

Gerry D. Karst, chair, commented on the newly established Board Governance Committee, which is charged, according to the bylaws, to recommend and screen names for trustees. Seven names were approved to be invited to join the Board of Trustees, with three alternates.

Among the action items approved were two capital expense requests: $421,000 for the expansion of the architecture building and $181,000 for a Class 850 Forest Forage Harvester, a piece of machinery for the Andrews Farm and Dairy. The formation of a new investment advisory subcommittee, to assist in planning for the University’s financial future, was also approved by the board.

The board also voted and approved a new remuneration policy, moving from a rank-specific model to a discipline-sensitive model of faculty remuneration. This new compensation plan became effective July 1, 2008.
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Degrees in K–12 Educational Administration and Higher Education Administration—both at the MA and PhD levels—will be available completely online. Leadership & Educational Administration will offer certificate, MA, EdS, EdD and PhD programs on-campus as well.

AU graduate receives Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship

Laurel Jean Teller, a BS speech-language pathology and audiology graduate (summa cum laude, May 2008), was one of 60 students throughout the United States to receive a $5,000 fellowship from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Eligibility for this fellowship is based on membership in Phi Kappa Phi and rigid competition with other applicants. When informed of this decision, Teller’s response was, “I am awed and humbled to receive such an honor.” Teller will apply this fellowship toward her graduate studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, which is one of the four universities that have accepted her. Besides being a Phi Kappa Phi member, she was a J.N. Andrews Scholar and is a current member of the Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society (International Languages). She received the Myrtle Rice Scholarship for speech-language pathology and audiology majors and has consistently been on the Dean’s List.

Her honors research paper was about the Lindamood Phoneme Sequencing Program for children with Central Auditory Processing Disorders, a special technique she learned by attending a conference. The research was accepted for poster presentations at the American Academy of Audiology Conference and the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association Conference.

Teller has also been involved in leadership roles as pastor of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Club and co-administrative assistant for Andrews University Outreach. She spent one year as a student missionary to Honduras from 2005–2006 and went on a ten-day mission trip there in January 2007. She also volunteered in a drug rehabilitation program at Kettering Hospital Youth Services and served as a sign language teacher for the Pathfinder Club.

Phi Kappa Phi is an interdisciplinary honor society with nearly 300 chapters throughout the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.” The Andrews University Chapter has been active since its installation in 1989.

Pastor Dwight hits the 25-year mark

A day-long celebration of Pastor Dwight & Karen Nelson’s 25 years of ministry to the Pioneer Memorial Church family took place on Sabbath, April 26, 2008. The scope of the event was a well-guarded secret and began at PMC with original lyrics by Ken Logan set to a familiar hymn and congratulatory messages from friends and church members. That afternoon a two-hour hymn fest took place in the Howard Performing Arts Center, followed by a reception with Pastor Dwight’s favorite food—potato salad.

Cynthia Helm (left), president of the Andrews University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, congratulates Laurel Teller honor society with nearly 300 chapters throughout the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is “to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.” The Andrews University Chapter has been active since its installation in 1989.

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In a world of constant change, the business arena is greatly impacted by mergers, takeovers, financial and ethical scandals, and volatile markets. The 6th Seventh-day Adventist Business Conference brought together Adventist teachers from around the world to discuss those issues and more from June 26–28, 2008, in Chan Shun Hall. Business thinkers had the opportunity to discuss issues surrounding business education as well as hear analysis by distinguished professionals in the field.

“Attendees at the conference had the opportunity to interact with fellow Seventh-day Adventist business teachers collaboratively in seeking to be proactive, to initiate more than respond, to the future challenges in business teaching,” says Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration. “The focus of this year’s conference was ‘Business Education: The Future’ or how to teach real world skills business graduates need in order to be successful in today’s complex, dynamic marketplace.”

Plenary speakers included, among others, Rick Lytle, dean and professor of marketing at Abilene Christian University; Carl Voigt, associate professor of clinical management and organization in the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California; Chris Klivnex, cofounder and vice president of Select International, Inc.; Robert Roller, president of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education and former president of the Christian Business Teachers Association.

On Thursday and Friday, the speakers gave morning, afternoon and evening presentations. Topics included “Thinking Outside the Box: Innovation in Global Business Education,” “The Future of Graduate Business Education” and “Business Ethics and Responsibility to the Community.”

In late August, Andrews University received the exciting news that its new Engineering program has been accredited by ABET (Accrediting Board for Engineering & Technology).

A full report will appear in the next issue of Focus or you can check out the program’s website for further info:

www.andrews.edu/cot/ecs/

Business teachers meet at Andrews

School of Business Administration students gathered at the “Big Buddha” on Lantau Island, Hong Kong. Sam Chuah, professor of economics, organized the first SBA tour to Hong Kong this summer for his BSAD475 Operations Management class of 17 students. Included in the photo are five students from Hong Kong Adventist College who also took the class. The class was held May 29–June 23, 2008.

First SBA tour to Hong Kong
Architecture graduate wins national design competition

Monique Reid, a May 2008 School of Architecture graduate, was the first place winner in the “House of Freedom” National Student Design Competition sponsored by AARP and the American Institute of Architecture Students. In developing their submissions, students participating in the competition researched and responded to the unique aspects of designing a home that is usable by all people, regardless of age or ability. Reid was awarded $2,500 for her winning home design.

“I had so much fun designing this home!” Reid said. “For me, entering this competition was a learning experience as well as a challenge. I wanted to learn more about universal design and challenge myself to create a home that would be appealing to all regardless of their age, height and/or physical abilities so I could apply the principles in my future practice.”

AARP and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) sponsored this new student design competition for the first time during the 2007–08 academic year. The Ethel Percy Andrus “House of Freedom” design competition challenged students to learn about universal design while creating an attractive design for a single-family home that is safe, comfortable and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

“As a Christian who has been entrusted to be a good steward of the earth’s resources, it is important that I design a home that is adaptable,” Reid said. “I have watched my aunts and grand-aunts struggle to get into their homes and their baths. It is necessary for me to design a home that they and others can comfortably use through their lifetime.”

Universal design is the design of products and environments that are usable by all people regardless of age or ability. It includes home design features and products that make a home safer and more comfortable for all residents, even when their needs and abilities change.

“I hope that more architecture schools teach the principles of universal design,” Reid said. “I find myself explaining what Universal Design is to many of my peers. Eventually I would like to see it become second nature to all architects, maybe even become a part of the building code.”

The competition is named after Freedom Home in Washington D.C., a home created under the supervision of Ethel Percy Andrus, founder of AARP.

The winning projects will be published in the fall 2008 issue of *Crit, Journal of the AIAS*.

School Psychology program receives NASP accreditation

The School of Education’s school psychology program has received the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Full Approval (National Recognition) for five years beginning January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013. In celebration of this achievement, the School of Education is offering a 50% reduction in tuition for students entering the EdS program for the 2008–09 school year.

The accreditation confirmation letter from the NASP stated, “On behalf of the Program Approval Board and the National Association of School Psychologists, I wish to congratulate you and your colleagues on your efforts to develop a strong program.” Andrews received initial two-year NASP accreditation approval status in 2003 following a lengthy written submission and peer site visit. Since then the department has worked hard to achieve this current full five-year approval status.

Jim Jeffery, dean of the School of Education, commended the professors and support staff in the Department of Education & Counseling Psychology who “worked tirelessly on the report that was submitted to NASP.”

The Andrews University school psychology program is one of only four NASP fully-accredited programs in Michigan. There are nearly 40 students in this three-year EdS professional degree program.

The tuition reduction will cover the span of the EdS program or three years. Once accepted, the requirements to continue the 50% reduction are the following: full-time enrollment (9–12 credits per semester) in the EdS school psychology program; a 3.2 GPA in the program; and maintaining the status of a student in good and regular standing.

According to the NASP, a graduate of a NASP-approved program is automatically eligible to become a Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) pending documentation of an internship consistent with NASP standards and attainment of a passing score on the national school psychology examination.

School psychologists help children and youth succeed academically, socially and emotionally. They collaborate with educators, parents and other professionals to create safe, healthy and supportive learning environments for all students that strengthen connections between home and school.
Inauguration of John & Millie Youngberg award at Family Celebration Sabbath

Family was the central theme of the aptly named Family Celebration Sabbath, held July 18-19, 2008, at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. The weekend’s worships and workshops featured Mike and Gayle Tucker of the Faith for Today television ministry and culminated with an award ceremony and reception highlighting accomplishments of individuals who have dedicated their lives to family life ministry.

Family Celebration Sabbath began Friday evening with a resource reception sponsored by AdventSource followed by a worship experience with the Tuckers that focused on the value of spiritual habits and the need for spiritual disciplines. A spiritual discipline, said Mike Tucker, is “anything you devise to solve a spiritual problem.” Sabbath offered more opportunities for family celebrants to experience the Tuckers’ ministry. Gayle Tucker focused on prayer as a spiritual habit. “Every relationship requires communication,” she said, including our relationship with Christ.

Nelson Silvia, an MDiv student, said this was the first time he has attended a Family Celebration Sabbath. “I was curious and wanted to check it out because I believe family is the foundation of ministry.”

Sabbath concluded with a commendation ceremony. The Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals (AAFLP) inaugurated the John & Millie Youngberg Award, with both John and Millie Youngberg on hand to be honored and to congratulate the first recipient, Yerusi Fajardo.

The Youngbergs, prolific authors of family life education materials, are well-known for directing the Family Life Workshop and Family Life International program at Andrews University from 1975–1998.

Karen and Ron Flowers, codirectors of the General Conference Family Ministries Department, said of the Youngbergs, “It is fitting that this award be named in your honor. You have given a life of dedicated service to prepare young people for service in the church.”

Fajardo is a Master’s of Religious Education student with an emphasis in Family Life Education. Her academic excellence and pursuit to enrich family life education in the Hispanic community made her a worthy recipient of the award. The award included monetary support for her education.

The featured weekend speakers, Mike & Gayle Tucker, were honored with the Ministries Distinguished Service Award. It is the highest honor bestowed by the North American Division on an individual or individuals who have made sustained and far-reaching contributions to stronger and healthier marriages and families across North America.

Recipients of the Campus Spiritual Leadership Certificate and the Family Life Education Certificate, along with the award recipients, were honored at a reception following the ceremony.

Over the past two years, Family Celebration Sabbath has attracted hundreds of people from across the North American Division and around the world, with the simple goal of taking time to enjoy God and each other. The event is sponsored by the Seminary’s Religious Education Program, AdventSource, Adventist Association of Family Life Professionals, and the Family Ministries Departments of the GC and the NAD.

Equine Science offered as a new emphasis

After months of surveys, curriculum research and interviews, the Department of Agriculture will begin offering specialized courses starting fall semester 2008 in equine science, a new emphasis in the animal science degree program.

This new degree emphasis program will include courses in nutrition, physiology, behavior, genetics, reproduction, judging, health/disease, hippotherapy, massage, dentistry and more. Andrews University will partner with the many stables and veterinary clinics around the area for the hands-on instruction aspect of students’ studies.

Students who are interested in studying equine science may contact program coordinator Katherine Koudele at koudelej@andrews.edu or 269-471-6299.
First Colson Endowed Chair named

After a hiatus of nearly 20 years, Bruce Wrenn returned as a professor of marketing in the School of Business Administration on July 1, 2008. His return marks the initiation of the first Colson Endowed Chair of Marketing, an endowment made possible by a large donation from Bonnie and the late William Colson.

William Colson gave instructions for part of the donation to be set aside for endowed chairs in the School of Business Administration with annual interest paid to the chair(s) in addition to a full-professor salary. The endowment also provides the chair(s) with extra funds to travel and hold seminars as well as a book and equipment account.

Wrenn first came to Andrews University in 1978 where he taught in the School of Business Administration until 1989. He then spent a year teaching at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., before returning to Michiana as a professor of marketing at Indiana University South Bend from 1989–2008.

“Andrews University seeks to attract and retain a committed, high-quality faculty of teacher-scholars who impact and inspire students,” says Chris LeBrun, director of development. “Endowed chairs help energize those faculty who have demonstrated best practices in teaching and research.”

“It is very humbling to have been blessed as the first recipient of the Colson endowed chair of marketing. I am indebted to the Colson family for their generous endowment that makes it possible for me to serve the university and its constituents in this capacity. I hope to honor that choice by advancing my scholarship into the use of marketing practice by religious organizations and by teaching marketing courses in my areas of expertise. Andrews’ School of Business Administration has a well-deserved reputation as a center for excellence in business education and I’m honored to once again be part of that tradition,” says Wrenn.

Wrenn brings a wealth of educational and real-world experience to Andrews. He holds a BS in business administration from Auburn University and a Master of Management degree from J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in Chicago where he studied under Philip Kotler, one of the most influential thinkers in marketing. Wrenn earned his Ph.D. in marketing from Northwestern University.

During his time at IUSB, Wrenn published numerous scholarly articles and made many academic presentations. He received the IUSB School of Business Excellence in Research Award each year since it was initiated in 1998, through 2007.

Wrenn currently serves or has served on a number of professional journal boards including the Journal of Business Research and the Journal of Ministry Marketing and Management, among others. Often a professional resource for media, Wrenn has been interviewed and/or quoted by a number of regional and national media including WNDU-TV, Baltimore Sun, Talk of the Nation and Christian Management Review.

“Dr. Wrenn’s extensive teaching and research in the field of marketing, with particular emphasis in the field of not-for-profit marketing, will be invaluable to our business students and seminary students alike,” says Allen Stembridge, dean.

Wakefield joins faculty

Andrews University is pleased to welcome faculty member Dominique Wakefield as the new director of fitness and exercise studies and assistant professor of physical education. She begins teaching classes fall semester.

Wakefield was born and raised in Germany. She moved to the United States as a teenager and attended California State University at Chico where she received her Bachelor of Arts in physical education. She then continued on at Cal State where she earned a master’s degree in teaching international languages.

As an undergraduate, Wakefield competed in collegiate tennis. She brings this passion to Andrews and plans to introduce tennis intramurals. Wakefield will teach tennis, volleyball, badminton, cardio kick, personal fitness plan, weight training for women and walking for fitness. In her role as director of the fitness program, Wakefield also hopes to reintroduce degrees in physical education. By 2009 she aims to implement a minor. “The eventual goal of the program,” she says, “is to produce professionals in fitness.”

Wakefield comes to Andrews from Munich where she spent the last year as a German and English language trainer.
Former Dateline NBC producer joins Department of Communication

On the frontlines of some of the biggest news stories of the decade including the capture of Saddam Hussein and the D.C. sniper shootings, Debbie Michel is taking the knowledge of media and communications that she acquired working as a news producer for Dateline NBC and applying it to the classroom for students at Andrews University. Michel, a new associate professor of communication, will begin teaching journalism courses this fall semester.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Michel migrated to the United States in 1985. Her parents are both retired from their civil servant jobs; her dad was an electrical engineer with the New York City Transit Authority and her mom was an assistant librarian with the Brooklyn Public Library. Michel is joining a family tradition of higher education: her two sisters are also college professors and teach English in New York City colleges.

Debbie Michel earned her BS in journalism at Brooklyn College at the City University of New York. She then continued her studies in journalism at the master’s level with an emphasis in broadcast communication at Columbia University.

Michel comes to Andrews University from New York City where she worked in a top-tier news market. Starting in 1995, Michel began what would become an eleven-year tenure at NBC, working for NBC News, Nightly News with Tom Brokaw, Dateline NBC and NBC Productions, where she produced documentaries and news segments for a client list that ranged from Discovery Channel to National Geographic to Good Housekeeping magazine.

Michel received an Emmy nomination for her role as coproducer of Dateline’s “Saddam Hussein’s Capture”; a National Headliner Award for Dateline’s coverage of the Washington D.C. sniper story; and the NBC “Ovation Award” for “Above and Beyond Effort” on the sniper story.

Following the birth of her daughter, Christiana, in 2004, Debbie and her husband, Jean-Ires, decided it was time for a change. After spending a period of time focused on motherhood, Michel was approached by Andrews University to consider teaching. “I came here and saw the media ministry: that got me excited. I was excited about the prospect of teaching students journalism in a Christian environment. God said to me, ‘This is where I want you to be’.”

Michel’s husband, Jean-Ires, worked as a school teacher in New York City, but is now studying photography and digital media at Andrews University.

Oliver Davis honored for local community involvement

Oliver J. Davis, Jr., assistant professor of social work, was honored on May 23, 2008, as a member of the Michiana Region Forty-Under-40 class of 2008. The honoree luncheon, held at Bethel College, honored forty individuals who professionally and personally strive to make Michiana a better place to live. For Davis, it is an acknowledgement of his years working to integrate his faith with politics, something he has been doing since he won his fourth grade election for class chaplain.

Davis was nominated by TRANSPO (South Bend Public Transportation Corporation), where he serves as chair of the Board of Directors. Davis is also very active in the political network in the South Bend, Ind., area. He took a leading role in campaigning locally for democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama during a handful of northwest Indiana campaign stops and was interviewed in The Washington Post about local efforts for Obama’s campaign. Davis is the vice-president of the South Bend Common (City) Council, elected to the council’s 6th District seat in November of 2007.

Serving as the BSW Program Director at Andrews University since 2004, Davis is also a poet who integrates his work within course content and lectures. For the past three years, Davis has chaired the Arts Festival at the annual CSWE APM, in which social work educators’ present ways in which they integrate the arts within their dissemination of social work education.

He is also serving a second one-year term as chair of the Andrews University Senate and is an ordained elder in the Berean Adventist Church in South Bend, Ind.

The Michiana Region Forty-Under-40 concept is a collaborative project involving the regional Chambers of Commerce, The Truth in Elkhart, the South Bend Tribune, Bethel College and a number of major employers intended to recognize and honor forty young professionals within this region for their contribution and accomplishments in both their workplace and community. This year, the selection committee received nearly 100 nominations.
Two faculty receive the J.N. Andrews Medallion

Cleon White, Andrews Academy principal, and Roger Dudley, emeritus professor of Christian ministry, were the recipients of the John Nevins Andrews Medallion at the summer 2008 commencement ceremony.

White was recognized for his commitment to Adventist education, his sincere dedication to students at Andrews Academy and the positive impact his students have had on the quality of academics at the university.

In the classroom, White has earned a reputation for asking thought-provoking questions, not just about math and science but about life and God. He continually exhibits genuine, compassionate interest in the students and is committed to their success.

A product of Seventh-day Adventist schools, White has taught in Adventist academies since 1976 and retired in May 2007 with a total of 28½ years at Andrews Academy. Despite his retirement, White agreed to serve as interim principal and in March 2008 accepted the role of principal of Andrews Academy.

Dudley was honored for his dedication to academic excellence and his contributions to the academic community. During his career, Dudley authored, co-authored or edited 15 books, published more than 170 articles in scholarly, professional or general readership journals, directed the preparation of more than 75 unpublished research studies, and presented 55 papers at professional meetings. He has served as a teacher, school principal, youth ministries director and superintendent of education.

A member of the faculty of the Seventh-Day Adventist Theological Seminary since 1980, he officially retired and became emeritus professor of Christian ministry in 2000 and continues to direct the Institute of Church Ministry.

Despite his rigorous publishing and teaching duties, Dudley and his wife, Peggy, have conducted numerous marriage enrichment seminars and workshops on areas of family living and interpersonal relationships. His research and publishing have earned the couple numerous awards.

Dronen returns to School of Architecture

Paula Dronen, a 1993 graduate with a bachelor of science in architectural studies and a 1999 bachelor of science in interiors, both from Andrews University, has returned to her alma mater as associate professor and assistant dean of the School of Architecture.

“While I loved studying architecture, I was unsure if I wanted to be a formal architect and opted to graduate with a degree in architectural studies,” says Dronen. After graduation, Dronen worked in an architecture firm before returning to Andrews to assist with developing the architecture program while teaching contract classes.

Dronen’s career took a turn in 2005 when she headed for Michigan State University Law School to pursue a Juris Doctor. In 2006, Dronen got firsthand experience in criminal law at the Berrien County Prosecutor’s Office. She will be sitting for the bar this summer.

“I am excited to be returning so many years later and hope to contribute to the curriculum by challenging students to critically analyze the role that legal issues have played in the development of our built environment,” she says.

Carey Carscallen, dean of the School of Architecture, confirms the importance of integrating a legal component into the architecture program. “The legal issues in the architecture class Paula taught were very well received by the students and we feel that it has had a positive impact on our program. Architects, in order to be successful, need to have a working knowledge of many areas of law, as well as the public policy aspects of an architecture practice.”
WHEN DID YOU START RIDING A MOTORCYCLE?
I started riding my younger brother’s Honda CB100 when I was about 18 years old, but didn’t get serious about it until 2004 when my brother bought a Suzuki 1400 Intruder. He persuaded me to take it for a spin, and I was hooked.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE?
Finding a lonely country road on a warm summer day, with the wind in my face, so to speak (I wear a full-face helmet), the sound of the engine, and maybe a few curves in the road. Riding is even more enjoyable when some friends or family can go along. Frequently I get up early in the morning and go for a ride while the sun comes up. It gives me time to talk to God while enjoying the early morning before heading in to work.

IS OWNING A MOTORCYCLE ONE OF THE “EXPECTED CRITERIA” WHEN HIRING A NEW EMPLOYEE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION?
No, but it seems like it’s becoming that way.

HAVE YOU EVER GONE ON A ROAD TRIP TOGETHER AS A GROUP OF FELLOW EMPLOYEES?
Several day trips, such as to a former student employee’s wedding at Great Lakes Adventist Academy in Cedar Lake, Mich. We frequently ride somewhere for lunch.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO TRAVEL?
I have traveled about 300 miles on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia, as well as U.S. route 129, known by bikers as “The Tail of the Dragon.” Last summer my son, my brother and some friends of his, my nephew and I rode around Lake Superior, a total of 2250 miles roundtrip from my house. Both trips were great rides—I can’t really pick a favorite.

ARE YOU SAVING MONEY BY USING THIS MODE OF TRANSPORTATION?
I guess that depends on how you figure it. Maybe if I lived 15 miles from work, instead of two miles. Not really when I figure in the cost of keeping the bike maintained, insurance, etc. Fuel economy isn’t a whole lot better than an economy car, 38 to 45 mpg depending on how fast I ride. I tend to take many rides just for pleasure that I wouldn’t take in a car.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY?
30 years.
"This is the day." The day Andrews University officially rolled out the welcome mat and invited the community to step in, said President Niels-Erik Andreasen. The grand opening of the new entrance to campus marked nearly 30 years of planning and culminated with faculty, staff, students, community friends and local officials taking part in the celebration on Monday, June 2, 2008.

Up until the early morning hours of June 2, crews were busy with the finishing touches on the new J.N. Andrews Boulevard and its gateway off of M-139 in Berrien Springs. Draped in blue and gold ribbon, the new entrance stood ready and waiting to be officially opened as a crowd of more than 700 gathered to witness the momentous occasion.

Andreasen began the ceremony by sharing a personal reflection. "This new entrance represents the fulfillment of a personal dream for me. Ever since I first
arrived here, I cringed at the cumbersome, unattractive, unsafe way this university welcomed its faculty, staff, students and guests through the back door, or the kitchen door as it were. But no more. We have a proper front door and you are invited to come in.”

Thanking the donors who made the dream of a new entrance become a reality, David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement, took a moment to focus on three families in a special way. David Cromwell (BA ’63), and two families who aren’t Andrews alumni, yet strong believers of Seventh-day Adventist education: John and Dede Howard, and the late William Colson and his wife, Bonnie, who provided the lead gift for the new entrance. Faehner shared the series of events leading to the Colson family making the largest personal gift in school history, ending with a quote by William Colson, “God has given me so much. How can I refuse any worthy project?”
Richard Scott, director of facilities management, thanked the many individuals who were involved in the planning, design and construction of the new entrance. A special thank you was given to Wightman Associates Inc. of Benton Harbor, Mich., the lead contractor and project manager of the project, for bringing together the vast array of contractor resources in Southwest Michigan.

Berrien Springs Village President Bill Dustin said he was glad to have Andrews University in his community and offered congratulations on the new entrance. “For your donor, who gave to this project, you have done him right.”

Al Pscholka, district representative for Congressman Fred Upton, said the new entrance is a great front door. “Twenty years ago, when I came out here, I drove right past this place. I didn’t know all the great stuff that was happening right here.”

Ernest Hildebrand, supervisor of Oronoko Charter Township, said, “I can remember many years ago [getting updates on the project.] I kept thinking, ‘I hope it happens in my lifetime yet.’” He added, “It certainly adds a lot of beauty to your campus.”

Heather Knight, provost for Andrews University, shared why the new boulevard was named in honor of J.N. Andrews, for whom Andrews University is named. A noted scholar and early church leader, J.N. Andrews also has the distinction of being the first missionary to go overseas on behalf of the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1874, the same year Andrews University (then Battle Creek College) was born.

Knight also pointed out the new globe photo opportunity feature complete with adequate parking, a much-needed asset for a university with a global mission and vision. “This is the place to take pictures to say, ‘I was at Andrews. I have arrived.’”

A prayer of blessing was offered by Gerry Karst, chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees and vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, followed by James North, professor of pastoral care and chaplaincy, who led the crowd in singing the school song, “Our Dear A.U.”

Following the ribbon-cutting, the crowd spilled out onto J.N. Andrews Boulevard and began putting the new globe photo-op to use. The Andrews University bus, carrying university administration and local officials, was the first vehicle to drive on the newly open boulevard. A historical parade of classic cars, including a horse and wagon, circled the boulevard representing the vast timeline of Andrews University.
Above: The parade of historical cars drove through the pull-out photo-op and information area, which includes a brass globe signifying the international component of Andrews. The globe’s base highlights part of the university’s mission statement: “Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World.”

Right: Transportation crews didn’t waste any time taking down the previous university entrance sign located at the end of University Blvd. It currently resides in the backyard of the former University Relations building, which now houses the Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication.
Their all-vegetarian menu may not be new, but Dining Services is celebrating the complete renovation of their kitchen, servery and dining rooms. The major milestone was celebrated with an open house held Sunday, Aug. 17. Hundreds of guests toured the new facilities and enjoyed hors d’oeuvres. A ceremonial sautéing of the first stir-fry was held in the new World Market at 4 p.m.

The old facility was officially closed in March of 2008 to begin renovations. During construction, all food preparation and serving for Andrews University, Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School moved into a 2,000-sq. ft. area previously used by the Gazebo, the campus snack shop. Much of the food prep and cooking was done in a rented mobile kitchen trailer parked next to the Gazebo entrance.

The new Dining Services menu is true to a longstanding all-vegetarian tradition and will feature familiar favorites combined with new, exotic dining options scattered across several new food stations. The all-new “World Market” brings food prep out of the kitchen and into the servery with a chef preparing customized omelets and stir-fries. New pizza ovens are sure to make made-to-order whole grain crust pizzas a popular choice.

The “Campus Grill” will serve hot pancakes and waffles in the morning and hot sandwiches during the lunch and dinner hours. Customers can make their own paninis at the “Harbor Deli” and the “Breakfast Zone” will feature, among other new choices, bulk cereal—just one way Dining Services is striving to become more environmentally friendly. Classic menu options, like the campus favorite Sam’s Chicken (vegetarian, of course), will be central at the “Andrews Classics” and “Andrews Classics Too” food stations. The new “Salad Bar” will have a wide variety of fresh salad ingredients, fruits, veggies and cold salads.

From the kitchen to the servery to the dining rooms, everything is new, including four new dining rooms. Named with Midwest pride in mind, the new rooms are aptly known as the Lincoln Room (Illinois), the Badger Room (Wisconsin), the Hoosier Room (Indiana) and the Great Lakes Room (Michigan).

The transition toward bulk food options—a way to reduce packaging...
Students and guests who attended the open house for the new Dining Services expressed their enthusiasm and delight at the extreme makeover of the Campus Center’s top floor. This transformation begins with a contemporary stairwell leading into the modern servery which includes several specialized food stations and an after-hours pizza window. Updated seating offers booths, tables and spacious banquet halls.

Above: The sparkling new areas were shown off in an open house held on Sunday, Aug. 17. Hundreds of guests came to tour the facilities and enjoy hors d’oeuvres.

Left: An architectural overview of the floor plan for Dining Services.

Waste—is just one way Dining Services hopes to become, over time, more environmentally friendly. Dining Services also hopes the new facility will encourage more dine-in traffic and less carry-outs, reducing Styrofoam waste. “Carry-out containers will still be available, but we want to encourage eating in our new dining rooms on our new dinnerware. We not only want to be environmentally friendly; we also want to promote our campus culture in a social atmosphere,” says Dianne Wilson, assistant director of Dining Services.

Dining Services will be fully operational within the first month of the 2008–2009 school year.
The Dairy's new milking parlor allows the university to milk 40 cows at a time (20 per side) so the time spent milking has been reduced by one-third. It also contains the "bells and whistles" necessary to help facilitate research for the herd management program. Each cow wears an "ankle bracelet" containing her electronic identification. When she enters the milking parlor, the ID is read and information about that cow at that milking is sent electronically to the herdsmen's office.

Data collected includes the quantity of milk produced as well as the temperature and electric conductivity. The combination of this information helps the herdsmen decide if this cow is in the early stages of sickness in which case she can be treated promptly. The Dairy plans to use this data to compare milk production among groups of cows on a future research trial with the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine Dairy Group.

Interactive educational displays will soon be available in the spacious Visitor’s Center.

Above: Milking began in the new parlor on Wednesday, May 21, 2008.

Right top: Larger milk storage tanks each hold 6,500 gallons of milk.

Right bottom: Improvements in the new facility include offices, employee locker rooms, larger milk storage tanks, detailed data on each cow, and the space for an educational Visitor’s Center.
OTHER CURRENT PROJECTS

NEW PT LABORATORY
The Department of Physical Therapy has a new hospital style Inpatient Laboratory, adding approximately 1600 sq. feet to the current space. The ceiling height is 11 feet to accommodate an overhead unweighting harness system which allows students to train patients to walk while preventing them from falling. Main features include four hospital beds, four large mat tables, a portable stairway and a built-in set of parallel bars. This lab will be utilized to teach basic patient handling skills along with specialized techniques such as pediatrics, neurology, acute care and geriatrics. Physical Therapy students learn how to do patient-related activities such as bed mobility activities, transfers, gait improvement, balance and motor control techniques. The lab will be an essential component of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program and will compliment the Outpatient Orthopedic lab already in existence.

AD BUILDING PARKING LOT
The Administration Building parking lot expanded 20 feet south towards James White Library in order to accommodate two green islands that will hold trees, grass and new lighting. Irrigation for the green areas has been installed and eight lamp posts similar to the ones used at the new university entrance will be in place shortly. Parking spaces have been increased in size by 3–6 inches. Trees will be planted near the beginning of October to complete the project.

ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
Because of the growth in the School of Architecture the temporary architecture building and temporary modular classroom trailers were no longer adequate to house the architecture studios. A 4,600 square foot addition is being constructed on the north end of the architecture building. In 1998, the program had 68 students, and in 2008, with registration still in progress, there are 156 students. The temporary modular unit on the north end of the building was demolished and the addition, double in size, will now house all but one of the architecture studios under one roof. The School of Architecture continues to seek funding for a new building.

LANDSCAPING IN FRONT OF CAMPUS CENTER
Restricted fund donations allowed re-landscaping to take place in front of the Campus Center. Pavers, flower beds, Dogwood trees and a bicycle rack were installed. Additional seating will also be provided.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
Upcoming projects include the long-anticipated Buller Hall, which will house the Departments of Behavioral Sciences, Religion & Biblical Languages and History & Political Science, plus seven new classrooms.

Preliminary work is also taking place on conceptual plans for a new women’s residence hall and the renovation of Meier Hall.
“I remember visiting the farm sometime that summer. You had to walk out [from Berrien Springs] then, there being no such thing as a bus line, nor a paved road, nor to our knowledge an automobile, and the interurban electric railroad was not yet put through. So we walked the dusty two miles,” wrote Arthur W. Spalding of the summer of 1901, when he visited the new campus of Emmanuel Missionary College.1

A sandy track led into the Garland farm, the same track that Percy Magan and Edward Sutherland had pedaled along on their trusty bicycles only months earlier as they looked for suitable land for a school in the country. The lane connected the fledgling school to the main road, often called the St. Joe road and sometimes, after it was paved, the stone road. From there the modest road, which became the primary entrance to EMC, carried straight on through campus to the college farm at the other end. Dr. Mary McReynolds remembered how it was bordered on one side “by those gorgeous old soft maple trees.”2 But very early in the school’s history the pioneers planted a line of Norway spruce along both sides of the road, further emphasizing its status as the main entrance. Later the central college building, which became South Hall, faced the chapel building, or West Hall, across the College Road. Further on, Birch Hall, the women’s dormitory (1902), looked toward Maple Hall, the men’s residence (1919), which would later be named Burman Hall. The old farm lane had become the main artery through the heart of campus life.

Out on the St. Joe road, however, there was little to suggest what exactly lay at the end of the College Road. E.K. Vande Vere reports a story about two South Bend businessmen who drove onto campus early in the 20s and met John Sampson, “Mechanical Superintendent,” and Fred Green, “Financial Secretary”:

‘What have you got here?’ one of them asked.

‘This is a small denominational college,’ I [Green] replied.

‘Well, we have driven by on the road many times; always wondered what was back in here.’

The visitors went on to place an order for 2,000 screen doors from the college woodshop.3

EMC’s main entrance did not always prove easy to navigate. In 1921, business manager Fred Green began working toward paving the entrance. The local newspaper, the Journal Era, reported, “During the past winter the road has been nearly impassable and its improvement is greatly needed.” (No wonder the official speed limit for automobiles on campus was 15 mph!) The problem was, the first quarter mile of the road was considered a “public highway” and Green was trying to secure local funding to help with the project. The college would pay half and the residents along the road would contribute, but who would pay the balance? The county couldn’t, according to their policies, and Green needed to approach the township.5

Then fate (or the March rains) stepped in. Emmanuel Missionary College, laying the groundwork for a fund-raising drive, invited 75 local businessmen to an “elaborate banquet” at the college. In the after dinner speeches, reported the Journal Era, “Village President C. R. Sparks was asked to speak on ‘good roads’, a subject suggested by the fact that his machine was nearly stalled in the mud on the College road.” The main point of Sparks’ speech was that the college was “a great asset” to Berrien Springs and “he believed the community should join with them in building their road.” Fred Green had won his point intellectually at least, although no record has been found that the road was paved until 1933, more than ten years later.7

Although College Avenue, as it later came to be called, provided the main entrance to EMC for many years, the little neighborhood that sprang up along the street between the main road and the campus, was hardly ostentatious. It came to be known, in fact, as “Stringtown,” in spite of official attempts to rename it “Campus View.”8 Still, the school kept trying to improve its entrance. In 1940, reported the local paper, the avenue had been “illuminated with eight street lights” from the “Midget” store, a fixture of the small community just off campus and a boon to snack-hungry students, and the chapel building, “thereby affording greater convenience to pedestrians from the college community to the campus.”9
Lest anyone believe that a road is just a road and not a topic laden with emotion, one has only to take note of the controversy set off in the school year of 1939–40 when the administration decided to close College Avenue from the new Administration Building on and turn it into green campus, thus cutting off the direct route from the main road to the farm. Two of the three men involved in the decision remembered vividly the uproar caused by President Henry J. Klooster (1937–1943) and his colleagues.

Lewis N. Holm, then business manager, was willing to take responsibility for the decision. He had taken landscaping classes as part of his master’s program at Michigan State College and felt that the change would reduce the dangers of having cars drive through the middle of campus. Holm felt it would also open up the campus to appear more spacious, allow for more beautiful landscaping, keep parking lots to the edges of campus and create better opportunities for expansion.

But his ideas met with “considerable voiced opposition,” especially when some of the precious pioneer spruces were removed. From Holm’s point of view, “Really they [the trees] were removed not as a part of re-routing the drive-ways, but because they were dying and it would improve the appearance of the campus to open it up more and get away from the line effects of these trees in the center of the campus.”

Jay J. Nethery, then president of the Lake Union and chair of the college board, who backed Klooster and Holm in their plans, reminisced about the upheaval in much salter terms. A certain contingent in the community resisted any change; Nethery characterized them as those who “worshipped at the shrine of Professor Sutherland & Magan” and felt that “‘What was good enough for them should be good enough for us.’” Everyone connected to the school, Nethery pointed out tersely, “revered” Sutherland and Magan; the new plans were not intended to dishonor them. The local “counselors,” however, “... held neighborhood prayer meetings and expressed the conviction that the ‘latter day’ depredations would be halted.” For the opponents, the fact that the “manure spreader” could no longer make “direct trips on the college avenue between buildings to the hungry fields” was an explicit repudiation of the ideals on which EMC has been founded. Now the expansive lawns are taken for granted, but it certainly would not be the last “furor” about a road.


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ALUMNI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information visit us online at www.andrews.edu/alumni/or contact the Alumni office at 269-471-3591 or alumni@andrews.edu.

SEPTEMBER

25–28 Alumni Homecoming Weekend
See ad on p. 28 for more details.

NOVEMBER

10 Maryland/DC area Alumni Gathering
6:00 pm
Eggspectations, Silver Spring, Md
Plan now to join us! It’s always a real treat to network with this amazing group of professionals. With the way we’re growing, we’ll take over the whole restaurant this time. Invite your friends to join us after work for a relaxing atmosphere to enjoy fellowship and hear news from campus.

16 Bermuda Alumni Gathering
11:00 am
Devonshire SDA Church, Devonshire
Calling all alums on the island—yes, you pastors, too! Plan to bring your family and join us for brunch. We’ve had a great time reconnecting and hope to bring out even more this year.

DECEMBER

14–21 Cruise with a Mission
Holland America cruise ship
A Caribbean cruise, mission trip and spiritual retreat all wrapped up in one meaningful adventure for young adults. There is a growing list of service projects awaiting in Key West, Belize City, Cozumel and Santo Thomas De Castilla. For more information, visit www.cruisewithamission.org.

JANUARY

8 Florida Alumni Gathering
Orlando area
Rumor has it our favorite spot is no longer open in the Apopka area. We’d love to hear from local alums as to your favorite venues and we’ll plan to get together Thursday night, along with President Niels-Erik Andreasen, for dinner in your area. Stay tuned for more specifics.

FEBRUARY

8–12 California Tour of Alumni Gatherings
8 Riverside
9 Glendale
10 San Diego
11 Sacramento
12 Napa
We’ll be hosting events from Riverside to Napa and would love to hear from you as we look for locations and venues in these areas. If you have a great spot to share, please contact the Alumni Office with your suggestions.

MARCH

29–31 Southern Tour of Alumni Gatherings
29 Chattanooga, Tenn.
30 Atlanta, Ga.
31 Asheville, NC
Mark your calendars now and we’ll update you in the next issue with specific times and locations. Feel free to contact the Alumni Office with any venue ideas or suggestions.

Please Note: Locations and times are subject to change. As the date of the event you’re interested in gets closer, be sure to double-check the alumni website or call the office for updates.

RSVP

RSVP for the above gatherings online at AU&ME, our new alumni community: www.andrews.edu/alumni.

VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to get involved with or even sponsor a special alumni project? Or maybe you’re available to meet monthly and would be interested in serving on the Alumni Board of Directors.

We’d love to hear from you! Contact Tami Condon (BS ’91) in the Alumni Office at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591.

WHO’S CONSIDERED AN ALUM?

If you’ve attended, worked or taught at Andrews University we consider you alumni! If you’re a parent or know someone who may be considering Andrews, you’re invited to join us for any of the above alumni gatherings.

Would you like to share an idea? Recommend a venue for a gathering? Help host an event? We’d love to hear from you! Contact Tami Condon (BS ’91) in the Alumni Office at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591. Your generous support makes these events possible. Thank you!
Alumni Gatherings

Summer Camp Meetings
June 14, 21 & 28, 2008
Throughout the month of June, alumni were able to meet and greet each other and representatives from Andrews University during various alumni gatherings hosted at area camp meetings. At the Indiana, Wisconsin, Lake Region and Michigan (pictured below) camp meetings alumni were able to enjoy strawberry shortcake while catching up with old friends.

For the first time, Sharon Dudgeon (MMus ’86) hosted a gathering at the Southern New England camp meeting held in South Lancaster, Mass.

Picnic for August grads
Thursday, July 31, 2008
There was a great turnout from the summer class of 2008 at a festive Mexican-themed picnic, sponsored by the Alumni Association. Alumni Board members, President Andreasen and faculty members all came out behind the Alumni House to celebrate with the graduates. Each graduate left with a leather folio, embossed with the Andrews seal, to commemorate their Andrews experience as they begin their professional journey as new members of the Andrews University Alumni Association.

NAD Retirees’ Convention
Thursday, July 10, 2008
This year the NAD Retirees’ Convention was held on the campus of Andrews University. On Thursday the attendees were able to break for lunch sponsored by the Alumni Office. Approximately 100 retirees filled the lobby of Chan Shun Hall for a wonderful lunch and a presentation by President Niels-Erik Andreasen on the recent additions to campus.

ASI Convention
Thursday, August 7, 2008, Tampa, Fla.
Over 80 alumni enjoyed visiting with one another and listening to President Andreasen share news from campus. We even had some travel from the Orlando area—thank you for making the effort. A light supper was served in the Waterfront Room at Jackson’s Bistro, where it was a pleasure to be in an air conditioned room with a panoramic view of the bay—especially when we were told it was the summer’s hottest day. We can’t wait to see you next year in Phoenix.
In a standing-room-only courtroom crowded with colleagues, judges, friends, and family, Lamont (Monty) Christian Berecz (BA ’97) was sworn in as a judge of the fourth judicial district of Idaho. At age 34, Monty becomes the youngest sitting judge in the State of Idaho.

Honorable James Cawthon presided over the ceremony, and Justice Joel Horton of the Idaho Supreme Court administered the Oath of Office.

In his response, Monty recognized his mother, Victoria (George) Berecz (att.), for instilling in him a kindness and compassion for others, his father, John Berecz (att., retired faculty) for his boundless energy and intellectual inspiration, and his stepmom, Deborah Bennett Berecz (BS ’88), for her involvement in progressive legal concepts such as collaborative law. Additionally, he thanked his wife, Sophie, for her unflagging support and love.

Prior to taking the bench, Monty worked the last several years as a deputy prosecuting attorney in Boise, Idaho. Monty is currently assigned as a judge in the Juvenile Division. He was one of six finalists who were interviewed for the position. The commissioners who made the final selection were impressed not only with his legal experience and reputation working at the prosecutor’s office, but also with Monty’s extensive involvement with youth, including his ten years working at summer camps.

Monty credits his seventh and eighth grade English teacher at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, Virginia Nachreiner (BA ’68, MAT ’84, current staff), for stoking his interest in the field of law. He was also strongly influenced by Thomas Baker (MA ’81) at Andrews Academy, who pushed him to pursue excellence in writing, critical thinking, and who always had a passion for the Constitution. At Andrews University, where he majored in biology, Monty was influenced by various professors, especially James Hayward (MA ’75, current faculty), his advisor in the biology department.

Monty served as the 1996–1997 student association president during his senior year at Andrews. He earned his law degree at the University of Virginia School of Law, graduating in 2000, and is admitted to practice with the Bar of the State of Idaho and the United States Courts.
1950s

Marty Anderson (BA ’50) makes her home in Northbrook, Ill. Marty loves being able to serve as a “glove on God’s hand” as the electronic editor for the American Rhododendron Society. Marty got a new knee this year and is so thankful to have mobility to travel around the world.

Hsien-ming Meng (BA ’53) resides in Dayton, Ohio, with his wife Chiwah. Hsien-ming spent his career teaching and working as a pathologist. He has taught in four universities including Loma Linda University and Wright State University. He worked for 30 years at Kettering Medical Center in several capacities. Hsien-ming has been certified in pathology (anatomical and clinical) as well as dermato-pathology. The couple is blessed with three children.

1960s

Dean L. Hubbard (BA ’61, MA ’62) makes his home in Maryville, Mo., with his wife Aleta. Dean is the ninth president of Northwest Missouri State University and will retire next summer. He assumed the presidency on July 1, 1984, and will have served as the institution’s top administrator for 25 years, the longest term ever by a Northwest president. Under Hubbard’s leadership, Northwest has gained national recognition for its “Culture of Quality,” an initiative designed to foster continuous improvement in all aspects of university operations. Besides his work as president Dean has written many articles and papers including his most recent work, “The Hubbard Cycle: Seven Steps to Improved Quality and Reduced Costs.” He and his wife have three children.

Edwin Buck (BA ’67) and his wife Elsie (Landon) (BA ’43, MMus ’67) celebrated 65 years of marriage on June 22, 2008. They credited reaching this achievement to “love, similar commitments and necessary compromises.” Their wedding 65 years ago was held in the chapel on what was then the Emmanuel Missionary College campus. The couple has spent time as missionaries in India and eventually settled in Berrien Springs, which has been their home for the past four decades. Both Ed and Elsie are thankful for friends and family and for “God’s loving care and guidance.” The couple remains actively involved in their local church and Andrews University events.

1970s

After 40 years of ministry and most recently as director-speaker of the Voice of Prophecy radio broadcast for the last 17 years, Lonnie Melashenko (MDiv ’70), and his wife Jeannie (former staff), officially notified the North American Division they will be accepting the invitation of the Kettering Health Network (seven hospitals) to join their executive team as Vice President of Spiritual Services and Missions. In this position Lonnie will be responsible for providing leadership, direction and coordination of spiritual services and mission development outreach for all of the network entities as well as serve as a liaison between the network, the church and other organizations.

Lavern Opp (MA ’75) along with his wife, Doris, resides in Nampa, Idaho. Lavern writes, “God is good. He has blest us with health, friends and the privilege of service.” The couple has gone to Peru three times to assist in the People of Peru Project. Currently this project is building a dormitory for abused girls and their babies.
1980s

Daniel Krause (AAT ’82, BArch ’87) just became vice president for Canon Design, a North American architectural, engineering and planning firm located in Arlington, Va. Daniel has nearly 20 years of experience in interior design and project management for corporate, commercial, healthcare, government and institutional projects throughout the mid-Atlantic. In addition to his duties at Canon Design, Daniel is also a member of the U.S. Green Building Council.

Orland Johnson (BA ’84) resides in Washington, D.C., with his wife and three children. Orland works as a partner in Saul Ewing LLP firm's business department. This spring Orland was officially named to the Board of Directors for the National Aquarium in Baltimore where he will serve a three-year term. In addition to these duties he also serves as an adjunct professor of law at Howard University of Law and currently serves as vice-chairman for the Board of Regents for the university system of Maryland.

Brad (att.) and Nelda McAllister (att.) make their home in Fort Wayne, Ind. Brad is the CEO and president for The Production Studio, which he co-owns with his two brothers. The couple has two children, Samantha and Calvin.

1990s

Donald Sibblies (BBA ’93) is a current member of the Sharon Adventist Church, Bronx, NY, where he participates in Pathfinders, AYS and choir. He says, “[I’m] striving to stay on the Christian path.” Sibblies has been a member of Metallic Lathers and Reinforcing Ironworkers Local 46, New York, NY for the past 12 years, starting in August 1996. A recent hobby is riding motorcycles which he began in the summer of 2003. He loves to travel and enjoys music. A photo of him working on a concrete and steel wall adjacent to the Freedom Tower construction site at the World Trade Center was taken on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 in New York, and can be viewed at http://news.yahoo.com/nphotos/Ground-Zero-Freedom-Tower-construction-New-York-World-Trade-Center/ss/events/ts/091102groundzero/im:/080729/480/d8f85c4014a54da9f502a7af1f649d7/.

Henry Seo (MDiv ’95) makes his home in Berrien Springs with his wife, Young. The Korean War Veterans of Southwest Michigan honored Henry this past Memorial Day. Henry received a plaque from the Korean War Vets organization and a plaque presented on behalf of the State of Michigan. He is a Korean language and culture teacher at Buchanan schools and Andrews University, and has been active in Korean War veterans’ matters. Henry writes, “Without Andrews University’s education I would not receive these awards. Thank you.”

Jennifer (Trepper) (BA ’97) and Mark Cook (BFA ’99) welcomed the arrival of baby #2 on Sept. 30, 2007. Baby Girl (as she was referred to during her two-day stay at the hospital) left the hospital as Emma Lorraine. During the car ride home from the hospital, mom and dad didn’t think she look like an Emma and decided to change her name to Anna, in order to celebrate the fact she was born on their sixth wedding anniversary. Big brother Owen, 2, welcomed his sister with hugs and kisses! The Cook family resides in Niles, Mich., where Jen is currently a stay-at-home mom and Mark is principal owner of Thesis Design, Inc., in Three Oaks, Mich.

Luc (MDiv ’99) and Anita (BSELED ’99) Sabot have been living in Dakar, Senegal (West Africa) for the past three years, where they are serving as missionaries. Luc is the president
of the Senegal/Mauritania Adventist Mission. They have a new baby daughter, Sophie Marie-Claude, who was born April 7, 2008, in Dakar. You can visit their blog for photos and details at http://blog.sabot.ca.

Vialo Weis, Jr. (MAPM ’93) graduated in absentia from Oklahoma City University School of Law on Dec. 27, 2006, with the degree Juris Doctor. He did not attend his graduation as it was held on Sabbath. After taking the Oklahoma Bar Exam in July 2007, Weis was sworn in and admitted to practice law in Oklahoma on Sept. 27, 2007. On Nov. 1, 2007, he was admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. Weis serves the church in Oklahoma as Planned Giving and Trust Services Director, Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Director, and General Counsel. He also serves as secretary of the Oklahoma Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

2000s

In February 2008, Adam D. Kiš (BA ’00) was appointed as country director for ADRA in São Tomé e Príncipe. Adam has been serving this past year with his wife, Kristin (Doss) (BS ’00) and son, Zachary, in this Central African island nation as the director of a health project funded by USAID. After undergoing further training in the United States this summer, they will be returning to São Tomé e Príncipe with their newborn daughter, Julie, born March 29, 2008.

Jennifer Perez (BS ’00) makes her home in Dayton, Ohio. While working as an RN at Kettering Hospital, Jennifer met her husband, Gary, almost three years ago. The couple has a four-month-old, Sidney Jane.


Roger Schrader (BSW ’07) originally planned to attend graduate school for a master’s in international affairs, but realized that he needed some more international experience. A trusted professor, Jane Sabes, who was recently appointed president of Newbold College, recommended that he join the Peace Corps. He is currently serving in Karlovo, Bulgaria, where he has been for just over 11 months. He says, “It has been tough at times, but it has turned out to be the greatest experience I have had and I highly recommend it to everyone.”

Kristelle (Alvarez) (BA ’07) and Ian Richardson (BA ’00, BBA ’02) welcomed a baby girl, Inari Kristelle, on May 15, 2008. Ian writes, “It is amazing how fast the years go by now that I am here trying to remember when I left. I graduated in 2000 with a BA in history and again in 2002 with a BBA in information technology. My wife graduated in 2007 with a BA in international trade.” He now works at AIG (American International Group) as a senior technical analyst in the computer department. Kristelle works at Colonial Insurance Company as a customer service representative and is studying for her CPCU designation.
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Lester Halvorsen (BA ’51, MA ’60), 83, passed away on Aug. 16, 2008, in Zephyrhills, Fla. Lester was born in Rapid City, Mich., Sept. 13, 1924, to Dan and Lucille Halvorsen, and graduated from Andrews Academy in 1943.

On Nov. 30, 1946, he married Reva Jean Denslow. They were married 62 years. Lester was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the South Pacific. After receiving his master's degree in business administration, Halvorsen worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church as an accountant at several places, including West Pakistan, until he retired in 1988.

He also worked at Indiana Academy, Sunnydale Academy, Review & Herald, Dakota Conference, Kettering Hospital and Community Services in Orlando.

Lester is survived by his wife, Reva; a son, Ken Halvorsen; a daughter, Karen Gimbel; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also has two surviving sisters, Ruby Roosenberg and Thelma Woolever. He was predeceased by a daughter, Kathy Salters.

Max Jay Church (BA ’49), died on August 12, 2008, in Berrien Springs, Mich. Born March 14, 1922 in Detroit, Mich., Max was the second son of George Grant and Leona Valerious Sinclair Church. His family became Seventh-day Adventists when he was seven years old.

Max attended Adelphian Academy and graduated in 1941. He hitchhiked to California for training as an x-ray technologist, and used that skill in the military.

Max was called up for the draft in 1942, one of thousands of soldiers shipped to England to wait for the secret invasion of Normandy. He fought in the D-Day assault and the Battle of the Bulge.

When Max returned from World War II, he attended Sorbonne University in France and then enrolled at Emmanuel Missionary College.

Max married Irma Pearl Wrate, a nurse, on August 6, 1950 in Battle Creek, Mich., at the Urbandale Seventh-day Adventist Church where Irma's family had attended for generations. He then decided to pursue a master's degree in French at Michigan State University, graduating in 1951. That same year, they welcomed their first child, Jan.

The Church family served in the mission field at Helderberg College in Somerset West, South Africa, where Max taught geography, French, English and anything else assigned. While serving in South Africa, three children, Lowell Grant, Leona Pearl and Max Henry, were born.

Max's passion was clearly in the mission field. There are dozens of children named Max in honor of his work in Rwanda, Burundi, Congo and Haiti. In 1958, Max and Irma took their first return visit home, a nine-month furlough, which culminated in the birth of their fifth and sixth children, twin sons Rodrick and Rene.

Max and Irma moved to Bujumbura, Burundi, in 1961, where he became education secretary for the Union. Burundi also suffered from civil strife, but Max was still able to contribute to the education of thousands of students and help some individually. Irma also taught English and served as the U.S. embassy nurse.

The family's last mission assignment was in Northern Congo, where Max was mission president. In 1971, Max and Irma decided it was time to go back to the United States. Max found a home at WAUS, the public radio station at Andrews University, as development director.

But the mission field still beckoned. Max learned about Haiti and arranged a visit. He soon opened Eden Orphanage and started raising funds. For the next ten years, he was, the family quips, a "philanthropist with no money."

Deteriorating health led to Max's return to the U.S. for good where Irma was a dedicated, personal nurse to him for his remaining years. He often told his children how he had "the best wife in the world."

During his last days, many family members joined Max and Irma in Berrien Springs. His last Sabbath was spent mourning the words and smiling as the whole family sang.

Max is survived by his wife, Irma Pearl Church; daughters Jan McAlpine and Leona Bakewell; and sons Lowell, Max, Rodrick and Rene Church. Max had 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: seven are adopted, three are from Africa and the rest are a joyous mix of nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

Kenneth Mulzac (MDiv ’88, PhD ’95), died on Wednesday, July 23, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich., following a long illness. He was 45 years old.

Mulzac was associate professor of Christian ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and pastor of the Highland Adventist Church in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Before joining the seminary faculty in 2006, Mulzac served as associate professor of biblical studies at the Adventist

“Ken Mulzac came to Andrews University to teach preaching, but sadly, he barely had a chance to share his many gifts with our seminary students. We will greatly miss Ken and all he had to offer the students, staff and faculty at Andrews University,” said Niels-Erik Andersen, president of Andrews University.

During his career, Mulzac published a number of scholarly books and articles on Old Testament prophets and other biblical themes. He also authored several articles in Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible, published in 2000. Mulzac was a well-known speaker and preacher, and was often invited to speak at international conferences, congresses and churches.

Students loved his teaching style and the insights into Scripture he shared with them. Students appreciated him for his “passionate teaching and personal care for us as your students. You challenge, inspire and hold us accountable to preach powerful sermons for God’s glory.”

Mulzac leaves behind his wife, Belynda, and their daughters, Breanda and Karla.

Lester Rasmussen (MA ’51) died on July 15, 2008, in College Place, Wash. He was born on March 3, 1923, in Spangle, Wash.

Lester received his degree from the Theological Seminary in Washington D.C. in absentia while he and his family were on board the Queen Mary en route to Ethiopia. During their first five-year term in Ethiopia, Lester was superintendent of the Arussi Mission and taught in the Training School. He began the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in southern Ethiopia where there had been no church. God performed miracles to make it possible for Rasmussen, a translator, and another missionary or two to drive over roads infested with deep and clenching chuck holes, over deteriorated bridges and through a river to get permission to work where they weren’t allowed to because God had a people that needed to hear about His love.

During his second five-year term Rasmussen was Ethiopian Union Evangelist and pastor of the Addis Ababa Church. After returning home in 1962 so the children could get their education, Rasmussen pastored in different churches in the Washington and Oregon Conferences.

In 1978, Lester and Alice went to Egypt where Rasmussen was president of the Egypt Field for the next 7½ years. Following retirement, Lester worked for his son, Paul, in his autobody shop in Walla Walla, Wash.

Lester is survived by his wife, Alice; daughters June Christensen, Patsy Hixon and Linda Kolar; sons John and Paul; a brother, George; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donald Cedric Mann (BA ’51), of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., died July 15, 2008, at Door County Memorial Hospital at the age of 86.

Don graduated from Sturgeon Bay High School in 1939. After graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College, Don served as pharmacist mate with the U.S. Navy. On August 30, 1943, he married Jeannette Bertha Wilke. He was employed with the U.S. Navy office in Sturgeon Bay for 30 years as purchasing agent.

He was a member of the Sturgeon Bay Adventist Church and served as head elder and treasurer for many years, as well as serving on the Wisconsin Conference Executive committee. Don was the bookkeeper for Bayside Cemetery for many years; the clerk and assessor for the Town of Sevastopol; and held a real estate license. He maintained his fruit orchard until 2007.

Don is survived by his wife, Jeannette of Sturgeon Bay; two sons, Jerome (Shirley) of Sturgeon Bay, James (CERT ’72, BET ’78) and Karen (BS ’71, MAT ’79) Mann; one daughter, Claudia (Daniel, BS ’74, MAT ’75) Lindow; eight grandchildren, including Loren (BS ’91) and Dawn (BS ’90) Mann; Eunita (BA ’94) and Gary (BS ’94) Collins, Lowell Mann (BT ’05) and Larissa Mann (BS ’06).

Marilynn Marie Youngblood (MDiv ’05), of Hammond, La., died July 1, 2008, at Our Lady of The Lake Medical Center in Baton Rouge, La., at the age of 55.

Marilynn graduated from Greensville Park High School. She earned a bachelor’s degree in music and a master’s degree in music theory from Southeastern Louisiana University. She studied at the Sorbonne and the Catholic Institute in Paris, France.

Marilynn was recognized by Outstanding Young Women of America, and held membership in Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Omicron, the German Club and Phi Kappa Phi.

She is survived by two brothers, Manley Alvin and Ian Marvyn. She was preceded in death by her parents, Manley and Queenie Youngblood.

David Paul Mummert (BA ’64), of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., passed away at his home on June 30, 2008, following a lengthy illness.

David was born May 25, 1934, in Hettick, Ill. He graduated from high school in 1952 from Sunnydale Academy in Centralia, Miss. He was drafted into the Navy and served on the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga from 1955–57. In 1964 he graduated with a BA in education with an emphasis in mathematics and with minors in physical education and religion from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. It was there he met his wife, Pat Frost of Pittsville, Wis. They were married on June 3, 1963. David received his master’s degree in mathematics from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., in 1969.

David and Pat moved to Washington where he taught at Auburn Academy from 1964–1970. While living there they adopted their first two daughters, Amy and Sara. The couple then moved their family to Caldwell, Idaho, where David taught at Gem State Academy from 1970–71. He completed his teaching career at Wisconsin Academy where he taught mathematics and physics from 1972–1999. During this time they had another daughter, Victoria.

David enjoyed working with his hands which led him to his hobby of refurbishing old houses. He remodeled houses in...
both Columbus and Sturgeon Bay. He also enjoyed gardening and had a love of sailing. He cherished time spent with his grandchildren—always willing to get on the floor with them and play. He will be best remembered for his dry sense of humor, his quiet ways and his love for God.

David is survived by his wife, Pat; his three daughters, Amy Donato, Sara Lively and Victoria Emde (BS ’95); three siblings, Robert, Rose Mary Talone and Donald; and his six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Rose Mummert; and three siblings, Thomas, Gordon and Richard.

Esther Marion (Roth) Runge (att.) was born on January 28, 1929, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and passed away July 3, 2008, at her home in Laurel, Md.

She was the youngest of six children born to Daniel F. and Matilda Gatz Roth. Esther graduated from Greater New York Academy in 1946 and then accompanied her parents to Milwaukee, Wis., where her father pastored the German church. It was during an evangelistic series that she first became acquainted with her future husband, Ernest Leonard Runge of Watertown, Wis.

In 1947, Marion went to Emmanuel Missionary College in Michigan. She took classes toward a degree in home economics and secretarial science; however, her higher education came to a close when Ernie proposed marriage.

Marion and Ernie were married on Sept. 4, 1949. They established residence in Berrien Springs, Mich., where Ernie was first a student and then a full-time employee of Emmanuel Missionary College.

In 1959, they returned to the U.S. in 1976 and Ernie was employed by the Columbia Union Conference.

For a period of 18 years, Marion worked at the Home Study International offices, located in Takoma Park, and the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Md. In 2002, both Marion and Ernie retired from active service. For over 20 years she also fulfilled the role of “pastor’s wife” at Seventh-day Adventist churches in Berkeley Springs, Williamsport, Reisterstown, Westminster and Triadelphia.

She is survived by Ernie, her husband of 58 years, and her three daughters: Kathy Runge, Pamela Runge and Vicki Rosette; her older brother, Don A. Roth; and three grandchildren.

Hazel D. (Johnson) Lashier (BA ’59), 97, passed away in Redlands, Calif., on March 28, 2008, after a brief illness.

She attended Walla Walla College during the height of the Great Depression. There she met her husband, Harvey M. Lashier, Sr. (former faculty), whom she married on Sept. 8, 1931. She accompanied him as he spent many years teaching mathematics and physics in Adventist institutions, including Avondale College, Pacific Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College. Harvey taught physics at EMC from 1947–1959.

In the 1940s and 50s she was well known in the southwestern Michigan area as a frequent winner in creative writing contests, with her most significant win being a new 1949 Ford sedan. She worked as a medical receptionist and secretary in Niles, Mich., and while still working, resumed her college education at EMC. She graduated with her oldest son, Harvey M. Lashier, Jr. (BA ’59), when both received their bachelor’s degrees on May 31, 1959.

Shortly thereafter the family relocated to Glendale, Calif., where she continued to work as a medical receptionist and secretary until her retirement in 1987. During her retirement years she made many items of children’s clothing which she donated to orphanages and missions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey, Sr., in 1976. Surviving family members include her daughter, Pat Horsman; her sons, Harvey, Robert and Donald; several nephews and nieces, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred McConnell (att.) passed away in November 2007. She was 85 years old. A devoted member of the Adventist church, she looked forward to the resurrection morning when she would see Jesus.

Mildred worked as an executive secretary to William Loveless in the Southern California Conference Office when she was barely out of college. After her marriage to John W. McConnell, they spent 23 years in Modesto, Calif., where she worked for Dr. Archie Toinge and then as medical transcriptionist at the Modesto City Hospital.

She spent five years in Hawaii where she did transcribing at Castle Hospital, then moved to City Heights, a suburb of Sacramento, Calif., where she was a medical transcriptionist for a number of years at the Roseville Community Hospital.

She was active in the Dorcas Society of the Carmichael Church and made many quilts for the needy. Although she had liver cancer, she had no pain, which was a blessing. She is mourned by her many friends, some of whom were her college friends at Emmanuel Missionary College.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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<td>$30 per rider, $20 per student rider, $10 per passenger. To include a commemorative t-shirt and catered lunch.</td>
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You probably had not heard—before reading this Campus Cache entry—that Andrews University has a new entrance. What?! You knew?

You can't step left or right without seeing or hearing about the new J. N. Andrews Boulevard. It’s everywhere, including this magazine. After the campus took sides over a philosophical “curved” or “straight” debate, what ultimately was built is an entrance that virtually everyone describes as beautiful and tasteful. And, of course, the globe at the front of the entrance is a constant reminder of the unique, international component of this University’s mission.

Roads are important. And it is not just a matter of “function.” We encourage our young people, and ourselves, to take the road less traveled. We seek to be on the narrow way. Moments of importance are described as forks in the road. We amuse ourselves by asking why a domestic fowl will cross a road. When the CC was young, it wondered whether it was supposed to have good intentions or not, lest an unwary CC help pave a road to H-E-double hockey sticks. And if all roads lead to Rome, the young CC wondered if that meant that everyone was going to end up converting to Catholicism? But the CC digresses….

The point is that roads are important. And a second point is that we should enjoy our roads before they experience frost heaves and develop potholes. Can the CC get an “Amen”?

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### CAMPUS CRAZE

#### ROADS EDITION

The new entrance has opened up the campus to the eyes and understanding of a community which had no idea an important institution was in its midst. That’s way cool.

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<td>J.N. Andrews Blvd</td>
<td>It’s beautiful. What’s not to like?</td>
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<td>Seminary Drive</td>
<td>Now that the new entrance feeds everyone onto Seminary Drive, the road is too crowded.</td>
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<td>Old U.S. 31</td>
<td>Back in the day. “Pray for me, I drive U.S. 31” stickers could be seen on faculty and staff bumpers. With the bypass taking away many of the trucks, it is a little safer, but accidents still happen too frequently.</td>
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<td>Rodeo Drive</td>
<td>Image and materialism is, or ought to be, anti-Adventist. See also, Madison Avenue.</td>
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<td>Champs Elysees</td>
<td>It’s very, very wide. And—pardon our French—it’s also very, very boring.</td>
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<td>Garland Avenue</td>
<td>There’s always a kid riding a bike along the side. It’s Americana with an international boost.</td>
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<td>The Silk Road</td>
<td>It laid the foundation for the modern world. Plus, silk is smooth!</td>
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<td>Broadway</td>
<td>The CC isn’t so sure about the asphalt itself, but the word connotes excellent theatre and the music … oh, the music!</td>
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<td>Autobahn</td>
<td>The CC is not a big fan of speeding….</td>
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<td>Westwood Drive</td>
<td>Nobody seems to know the name of this little road, but might it be the future site of the toniest homes on the AU campus?</td>
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<td>Lombard Street</td>
<td>The CC’s first trip down the San Francisco landmark left an indelible impression on its young mind; it remains at the top of any list.</td>
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<td>The Road to the White House</td>
<td>The CC doesn’t mean to complain (too much). It’s important, to be sure. But isn’t this the longest road of all? Sigh.</td>
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Speaking of...

“I cringed at the unattractive, unwelcome way we greeted our guests. It was like we asked people to come through a back door or a kitchen door. Now we can welcome people in through the front door.”

**President Niels-Erik Andreasen**, at the grand opening of J.N. Andrews Boulevard, June 2, 2008

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**Fun-da-mental facts**

The new entrance cost Andrews University (or, more accurately, its donors) $2.5 million. For some perspective, that is equivalent to the value of the education of three undergraduate students. Four-year college graduates typically earn approximately $800,000 more than high school graduates over their lifetime.

The globe prominently featured in the new entrance weighs approximately 600 pounds. The CC was going to make some crack about Atlas not even being able to carry that off, but the CC’s research (yes, we do research—are you surprised?) revealed that the well-traveled idea about Atlas carrying the earth on his back is inconsistent with the original myth. Zeus punished Atlas by being made to bear the weight of the heavens (not the earth). You’re welcome.

The new entrance added approximately 75 acres to the irrigated and groomed portion of the University’s campus. That would take between three and four days to mow using an environmentally-friendly reel mower (assuming that the mower operator could keep up the pace and didn’t need to eat or sleep).

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**From the July–August 1970 issue**

In his article, “Andrews Capital-Gifts Drive Goes Over the Top,” Don Prior described the institution’s first fundraising campaign targeting the “non-Seventh-day Adventist community of Southwestern Michigan.” Fundraisers hoped $1 million of the $3 million goal for the new science complex construction project would come from the local community. Interestingly, buried in the article sidebar was this speculative (and appropriately “over the top”) claim: “The county may one day be principally known throughout the nation and world as the home of Andrews University.” Well, either that or the annual International Cherry Pit & Spit competition in nearby Eau Claire….

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DREAM ENDING

By Arlyn Drew

It was the result of a nightmare my dad had during my freshman year of college. I arrived on the lush green campus of Andrews University during the summer of 1984 with mixed feelings. The previous year I had been at Yale University. I had been accepted into Yale from Garden State Academy and became somewhat of a celebrity among the East Coast Korean Adventists. I enjoyed being living proof of how academically sound our secondary school system was.

My dad was proud of my achievements; my mother was worried about my soul. We made a solemn contract that if we felt my Adventist value system was in jeopardy, either I would initiate a transfer or they would cut my tuition support. About halfway through the year I started to feel that being Adventist didn’t seem so important. Surrounded by morally ethical intellectuals who didn’t need the Bible or a particular God to be kind or good, religion seemed more like a favorite hobby and less like a calling. My parents didn’t notice any changes in my behavior. But then my dad felt God sent him a message.

He dreamed he had taken me by the hand into an elevator. The elevator was crowded with many brilliant and powerful people who all looked very distinguished. However, as it ascended the faces of the company started to change into grotesque and devilish expressions, alarming him. When we reached our destination, he was anxious to grip my hand and get out of there. We exited the elevator with relief onto a rolling green landscape dotted by plain school buildings.

So, the decision was made as a family. I applied for a sabbatical year and enrolled at Andrews University as a sophomore.

Even though it felt like a letdown to walk around on a quiet pastoral campus, I was determined to maximize what I could get from this quaint Midwestern school. Since it contained the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and faith issues were at the heart of my transfer, I chose to take the pre-seminary degree along with pre-med prerequisites. It turned out to be a busy and wonderful three years.

Here, I made close friends with professors on both ends of the campus. From the religion department, Douglas Waterhouse, Samuele Bacchiocchi and Joe Greig had a huge impact on my educational experience. Waterhouse wove fantastic webs of mythical creatures that made the Old Testament come alive. Bacchiocchi offered me a free signed book of his text on women’s ordination and was incredibly organized and energizing on old church fathers. Greig, whose class I slipped into incognito and immediately derailed by arguing, mightily knocked down my false foundations of faith and made room for more rational and sound ones. I later developed a long-lasting mentor friendship with Greig. From the science complex, Hare was absolutely infectious in his excitement for his topic; patient Asa Thoresen in histology waved his red coral to demonstrate neural dendrites—regardless of how many times we pretended to need it; and gracious Dwain Ford stayed as long as the last student had any questions in pre-test preparation study halls—regardless of the time.

These Christian scholars and mentors turned college from a gauntlet of education into a transformational journey of Christian growth with intellectual integrity. God came even closer to me through all the worship and service opportunities on campus. Even though I never completed a college degree—due to taking advanced classes for interest instead of requirements once med school called—Andrews had become my “home” in more ways than one. It was at Andrews where I met my husband.

It felt like a homecoming to return to Andrews after medical residency to pursue my MDiv at the Seminary in 1994. We found the surrounding community was a good place for our medical practices so we have settled in. Now, we have six wonderful children who are studying their way through the Andrews University system. I feel content that they aren’t missing out on the best.

Arlyn S. Drew, (MDiv ’97) resides in Niles, Mich., with Kevin Drew (att.) and their rollicking horde of kids and is starting on her PhD in the Seminary this fall.
The welcome globe feature is part of the new university entrance, J.N. Andrews Boulevard. It has already proven to be a popular photo spot for visitors, staff and students alike. *Photo by Vaughan Nelson (BS '98)*