At Andrews, AAA does not indicate a very good grade students can earn, nor is it an automobile association or a bond rating earned by a very successful business. It stands for Adventist Accrediting Association, the association that accredits Adventist schools, colleges and universities around the world. During the month of October, a group of educators representing AAA came to Berrien Springs to look us over. What is accreditation, why do we have to be accredited and what did we learn from this visit?

There are many types of educational accreditation. The best known is regional accreditation of the entire institution. Andrews belongs to the North Central Region, with headquarters in Chicago, known by the symbol NCA/HLC (North Central Accrediting Association/Higher Learning Commission) and we are accredited by it. Its inspection team visited us earlier this year. The most important advice we received from that visit was to carefully measure the outcome of our students’ learning while they are with us. Outcome assessment has become a national priority in higher education and it reminds us of this: It is not just how well we teach that matters but how well our students learn.

In addition to this type of accreditation, Andrews has earned professional (also called national) accreditation for many of its programs such as nursing, teacher education, social work, engineering, business, theology, music, architecture, clinical laboratory science, physical therapy, etc. This type of accreditation focuses on the student’s job readiness following graduation from each of these programs. It requires Andrews to offer designated courses needed for optimal professional preparation, to engage faculty and staff with unique qualifications, and in some cases to establish specific entrance requirements for students.

AAA represents a third kind of accreditation for Andrews, and the purpose of this is to check that Andrews fulfills its mission and provides valuable service to the Adventist Church. While we have not yet received a final report from the recent AAA inspection tour, the preliminary report indicates that indeed Andrews serves our Church well in at least three ways: First, it provides young Adventist adults with a large variety of educational opportunities from the two-year diploma to the PhD. No other Adventist university offers such broad and deep educational opportunities. Second, Andrews serves almost 4,500 students around the world, leading to Andrews diplomas and degrees. Of special importance are the advanced degrees in leadership and professional development in ministry, education and service professions. Third, Andrews offers its students a large variety of opportunity for personal and spiritual growth in a diverse and international community unequalled in the country, and with opportunities for practical outreach in ministry to others.

It is good to see ourselves as others see us, and the recent accreditation visit gives us that opportunity. It has been affirming, encouraging and enlightening for us all. To the readers of FOCUS, let me say: Andrews is a very good small Christian university in Berrien Springs. You can be proud of it. And if you have suggestions for us to do even better, let us know. We welcome your ideas.
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Thank you so much for your informative ten-page article on “Hands-on, Life-changing Learning” in Tanzania (summer 2009). It was particularly interesting to me since some of the places the team visited were very familiar—the Usa River ADRA office is one mile away from our farm/home and the University of Arusha is about six miles. I must admit that even though I was born and raised in Tanzania, and visited Serengeti several times, I was not aware that Serengeti meant “endless plain” or “where the land runs on forever.”Thanks, Herb, for this information.

I was intrigued by the comments of some of the team participants on the cultural aspects which I take for granted, such as two men holding hands and a husband having more than one wife (by the way, currently this practice is restricted to those who belong to the Muslim faith). I guess we all have something new to learn from time to time.

Mishael Muze (BA ’64)

A “funeral” in context

Could I add a little context to the “good prominent funeral” joke?

Floyd O. Rittenhouse (FOR) was not joking! A few hours earlier he had been fired. He was not happy!

It was customary for FOR to have a reporting session for the Student Senate after EMC College Board meetings. This one was different. Only Student Senate members. No faculty allowed. After reporting that he would no longer be in charge, he told us that the college would probably lose its accreditation and that our degrees would probably be worthless. He strongly implied that to save our futures, we as student leaders needed to demonstrate (it was the 60s) in support of his reinstatement as president!

This was not his finest hour. Sometimes big organizational changes, even good and important ones, require leaders with large egos. Those egos sometimes collide. The stress of all of the politics and manipulation that went into moving the Seminary, specifically FOR’s campus expansion plans that the board didn’t have in the budget and his tendency to sign contracts before informing them, put FOR at odds with the college board and its chairman. I don’t think any of us who were there took the “good prominent funeral” statement as a good example of the famed FOR wit.

Now, at his regular early-in-each-term chapel (all students required to attend), one of the famed FOR jokes was repeated in his singsong upper New England accent. “Those who can, do. Those who can’t, teach. Those that can’t teach, teach teachers.” Now that was funny, coming from the esteemed professor of education!

Wesley A Flory (BA ’63, MA ’64)

“Scribbleshanty” it is

On page 37 of the summer 2009 Focus I read the following: “Rittenhouse’s nickname was ‘Scribbleshack’.” I would like to take issue with that. He was called “Scribbleshanty.” How do I know? My mother told me!

On July 16, 1927 Grace Hall married Durward Wildman (the senior Durward Wildman) who, incidentally, attended EMC about 1923 or 1924. My mother’s best friend, Letah Scott, was her maid of honor. A young man by the name of Floyd Rittenhouse was “sweet” on Letah, so he came to the wedding. It was from that connection that I learned about Floyd Rittenhouse’s nickname.

My husband and I were students at EMC during the years of change from EMC to AU and had the privilege of knowing President Rittenhouse. We heard references to his nickname of “Scribbleshanty”, but never heard of him being called “Scribbleshack.”

Another item which may interest you is that Letah Scott ended up marrying Edward Banks who was a professor for many years in the Seminary.

Janet Schlunt (BS ’62)

I had the privilege of being a student during Rittenhouse’s presidency and was even his secretary...
Enrollment reaches a new high
A record number of students have chosen Andrews for their journey

A record-setting 2009–2010 school year is well underway at Andrews University with numbers at historic levels and rankings that would make any school proud. Once again, Andrews has been named one of the “Best National Universities” for 2009, as reported in U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges 2010” issue.

Andrews University as the eighth most racially diverse national university and seventh among national universities in its percentage of international students. Of the more than 4,500 institutions of higher education in the United States, only 262 are recognized as national universities. Just 98 private institutions meet these requirements. What’s more, Andrews is the only Seventh-day Adventist institution included as a national university and one of eight national universities in Michigan. Additionally, the report shows that retention rates, as measured by U.S. News & World Report, places Andrews in the top quarter of national universities in terms of first-year students remaining for ongoing study.

The final fall census reported 3,589 enrolled students, an increase of 170 students or five percent over the previous high-enrollment school year. Overall, headcount enrollment has increased by more than 30 percent over the last eight years. The undergraduate enrollment of 1,816 students—the highest undergraduate enrollment since 1984—and 377 FTIAC (First-Time-In-Any-College) students, and 483 freshmen overall (the highest in more than a decade) continues to flourish.

“It’s really great to see how God has continued to bless, especially as we began this decade with a low enrollment for Andrews University. We’ve been able to grow since then to new record levels, and to have that record beat each year over the last few years is a reflection of how hard this campus has worked to invite students to journey toward God’s plans for their lives here at Andrews,” says Stephen Payne, vice-president of Enrollment Management and Integrated Marketing & Communication.

FTEs (Full-Time Equivalent) are up 46 students, or 1.9 percent, and undergraduate enrollment has grown to 1,816 students, an increase of three percent from last year’s impressive statistics. First-time graduate numbers are at 255 students, up six percent, and overall graduate student enrollment is up six percent to 1,625 students, the highest graduate student enrollment in over 10 years.

The new freshmen population at Andrews University is especially interesting in its representation of high schools and academies from across the world. For the 2009–2010 school year, 190 Adventist high schools, other private schools, international schools, public schools and home school students are represented among the freshmen population. There are also 160 transfer students attending Andrews who come from 90 colleges around the world.

“I think our mission statement really crystallizes how several things work together for students who choose Andrews,” says Payne. “The Seek Knowledge part, of course, is obvious; that’s what most universities and colleges set out to do. But as an Adventist university, as a Christian university, the Affirm Faith component also works hand-in-hand with the learning process. In the end we seek to Change the World, not on our own necessarily, because that’s a tall order. But as students learn, as they have their faith deepened, all on a culturally diverse and spiritually active campus, they do leave here ready to be led by God to change the world for Him.”

during one summer. I enjoyed seeing the photo and tribute to him in the latest FOCUS. Just one comment—I remember his often being called Scribbleshanty, but I never heard anyone refer to him as Scribbleshack. Where did that come from?

Thanks for the great job you’re doing as editor.

Georgia (Lausten) Green Schellas (BA ’54)

Thank you for your kind comments about my father, Floyd Rittenhouse, in your summer 2009 issue.

I’d like to make one correction, please. On page 37 you say, “Rittenhouse’s nickname was ‘Scribbleshack.’” I have never heard this term before—it was always “Scribbleshanty.” And those who knew him best called him “FOR.”

Thanks for the memories.

Dana Carrington (BA ’63)

The CC’s source was a student leader during the time Rittenhouse was president. “This just goes to show how memories fade,” he says.
Teacher prep program top in state
International diversity a strong point of distinction

For the second year in a row, the Andrews University Teacher Preparation Program has been declared an exemplary program and achieved the distinction of being the only institution out of 32 in the state of Michigan to receive a perfect 70/70 score. This ranking is a result of evaluation based on a set of criteria from the Michigan Department of Education for the 2007–08 academic year.

Each year, the state of Michigan develops a report card for the 32 Teacher Preparation colleges and universities in Michigan. “We are thrilled to have such a high-quality program that it has scored above other larger, more well-known institutions,” says Lee Davidson, chair of the Andrews University Department of Teaching, Learning & Curriculum. “We believe this recognizes the excellent education our students receive. We will continue to strive to be in the exemplary category by adjusting the program as needed to meet the changing needs of education in America.”

“As a recent graduate in my first year of teaching, I've seen time and time again how well my education at Andrews University prepared me to, in turn, teach the next generation of students,” says Aaron Koleda, seventh-grade teacher at the Village Adventist Elementary School in Berrien Springs, Mich.

“I had no doubt that it was a quality program, yet it brings me a new level of confidence knowing I am a product of a top-notch institution.”

Using seven measures, or data points, the Office of Professional Preparation Services and the State Board of Education assess how each institution has performed in preparing elementary and secondary teachers to educate students. These conditions include the passing rate on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification; graduating teacher satisfaction level; employer satisfaction survey of graduates; number of education program completers; program review (percentage of programs approved by the state); diversity of graduating teachers population; and High Need Content—whether the institution has 35 percent or more students with a content specialty area, such as special education or mathematics, that are high-need subject areas.

“There are five points out of the 70 for recognition that our school, Andrews University, is very ethnically and racially diverse. There are some private colleges and universities in Michigan that have no minorities. This serves as a tribute to the international make-up of Andrews with students from over 90 countries represented in our student body,” says Jim Jeffery, dean of the Andrews University School of Education. “Interestingly enough, that is recognized as one of the seven data points, and makes us stand out from several higher-education peers who have little to no minority representation.”

Andrews University received 30 out of the total 70 points for the scores students received on the Michigan Test for Teacher Certification (MTTC), a test on the content of the major. “The success of the high marks for the MTTC is the result of a joint effort between the School of Education and the College of Arts & Sciences at Andrews,” says Jeffery.

Author of The Shack speaks for University Forum
Wm. Paul Young shares his journey of transformational healing and forgiveness

Wm. Paul Young, author of the best-selling book, The Shack, was the guest speaker for University Forum on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Young originally wrote The Shack to share his perspectives on God and inner healing with his six children. He had no intention to share it more widely, but friends urged him to do so. Finally accepted after being rejected by 26 publishers, The Shack quickly rose to #1 on the New York Times trade paperback fiction best-seller list for 2008.

The son of missionary parents to a primitive tribe in West Papua, New Guinea, the Dani tribe became Young’s family, despite fierce warring, the worship of spirits and even occasionally practicing ritualistic cannibalism. Yet, Young says, the tribe also provided a deep sense of identity that remains an indelible element of his character and person. Having also suffered from abuse as a child, The Shack is a testament to his journey out of pain and into God’s love.

On his blog, www.windrumor.com, he writes of his book, “The journey has been both incredible and unbearable, a desperate grasping after grace and wholeness....These few facts also do not speak to the potency of love and forgiveness, the arduous road of reconciliation, the surprises of grace and community, of transformational healing and the unexpected emergence of joy.”

Young paid his way through Bible College working as a disc jockey, lifeguard and even a stint in the oil fields of northern Alberta. Completing his undergraduate degree in religion, he graduated summa cum laude from Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore. It was at seminary where he met his wife, Kim. They have six children and two grandchildren.
Anders Partnership Scholarship to increase

Eligible freshmen may be awarded between $2,500 to $10,000 per year for four years

According to President Niels-Erik Andreasen, freshmen will be eligible to receive between $10,000–$40,000 in free scholarship money during their four years of undergraduate study beginning in the 2010–2011 school year.

The increase boosts the financial assistance available through the Andrews Partnership Scholarship (APS), a financial award package available to all undergraduates, including Canadian and international students. Previously, the APS capped at $8,000–$32,000 for four years of undergraduate study.

Eligibility for the Freshman APS includes a minimum 2.25 cumulative high school GPA and ACT composite score of 20 or SAT critical reading plus mathematics score of 940.

Incoming freshmen who qualify as National Merit Finalists and National Achievement Program Finalists receive a special APS that covers 100% tuition for four years.

Some students may be eligible for an additional $2,000 annually in special APS for one of the following:

1. ACT composite score of 32 or higher
2. SAT Critical Reading + Mathematics combined score of 1410 or higher (writing score not included)
3. A National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar

Undergraduate transfer students are also eligible for scholarships based on their cumulative college GPA of 25 or more previous college credits. The minimum scholarship is $1,500. A GPA of 2.5–2.99 receives $3,000 annually, 3.0–3.49 receives $5,000 annually and 3.5–4.0 receives $7,500 annually. Transfer students may receive this scholarship for up to eight semesters while pursuing their first undergraduate degree.

Lichtenwalter speaks on the book of Revelation

Last-minute speaker for the H.M.S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching

Larry Lichtenwalter, pastor of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, agreed to speak for the 2009 H.M.S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching, a three-lecture series held Oct. 11–12, 2009, when the scheduled presenter was unable to attend.

“It’s always a challenge to come in and not be what people expected, but I believe that the topic itself has enough to carry the energy because it’s God’s Word,” said Lichtenwalter.

Lichtenwalter, who has immersed himself in study of the book of Revelation for the past six years, drew heavily on the book in his messages as a source of structural, moral and spiritual examples for preaching. He reiterated throughout the series that, just like Revelation, preaching itself is God’s last word to a hurting world and God’s call to be like Him in the world.

The H.M.S. Richards Lectureship is named after the pioneering Seventh-day Adventist preacher and founder of the broadcast ministry, The Voice of Prophecy. The annual series, sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, seeks to advance the theory and practice of Bible-based preaching.

“I grew up listening to preachers that I can still remember to this day,” said Lichtenwalter. “C.D. Brooks, Charles Bradford, H.M.S. Richards—this [lectureship] offers an opportunity for a preacher to relate how he or she does things and for all of us to be stimulated to preach better.”
“Dickens” visits Andrews

“Charles Dickens” came to Andrews University for a public reading at the Howard Performing Arts Center. On the evening of Oct. 28, 2009, veteran British actor Roger Jerome impersonated the great Boz, bringing to life such characters as Mr. Gradgrind from Hard Times, Uriah Heep from David Copperfield, and Alfred Jingle from Pickwick Papers (pictured). Jerome was performing for the 2nd Annual John O. Waller Lectureship in the Arts, sponsored by the Department of English. As part of his performance, he demonstrated putting on stage makeup and mustache, beard, tailcoat and top hat in becoming Dickens, and meanwhile regaled the audience with stories about Dickens’ life. An enthusiastic audience of about 200 attended. Earlier in the afternoon, Jerome conducted a workshop in dramatic reading, leading the audience through some general voice exercises and coaching some students who gave prepared or spontaneous readings.

Get involved

Chris Blake encourages social awareness

Chris Blake’s Oct. 22 chapel presentation, “What We Need to Get Over,” was based on listening to ex-Adventists, looking at Jesus and our culture, and launching out to “swim against the current.” His message emphasized honest appraisal, healthy humor and humble assurance.

In 1993, Blake joined the faculty of Union College in Lincoln, Neb., where he currently serves as associate professor of English and communication, and as sponsor of the Union College chapter of Amnesty International.

In 2003, he started (with colleague Mark Robison) Union’s annual Squirreldance Film Festival. He is a former editor of Insight magazine and columnist for the Adventist Review, and has published numerous award-winning articles.

His best-selling book, Searching for a God to Love, has been translated into five languages. In 2001, with his wife, Yolanda, he wrote Reinvent Your Sabbath School. His latest book, Swimming Against the Current, was released by Pacific Press in 2007. His current and future writing projects are a feature-length film screenplay, a children’s book (with Yolanda), and a book for a New York publisher.

Blake also held a book-signing at the Office of Campus Ministries later that evening.

Rojas featured at Seminary Colloquium

Success in ministry depends on personal relationship and faith in Jesus

“First, you must believe,” said José Rojas as he began his series of talks as featured speaker for the monthly Seminary Colloquium. He repeated these words throughout the five meetings held from October 6–8, 2009, reminding his audience of mostly seminary students that success in their ministries depended on their own relationship and faith in Jesus.

Speaking on the topic of discipleship, Rojas, director of the Office of Volunteer Ministries for the North American Division, used both energetic humor and dramatic sincerity in relaying parables and personal stories to the packed Seminary Chapel.

“My role as I perceive it being here is to be a pastor’s pastor,” said Rojas. To give nuggets to future pastors that will be valuable for their personal enrichment. They’re already getting the theory, the theology, the skill-package training, all occurring here at one of the best centers in the world. But my role is to minister to their hearts, so that when they go to their congregations they can disciple them in Christ.”

Focus
Fall 2009 board report

Increase in Andrews Partnership Scholarships and approval to proceed with construction documents for undergraduate learning center

Building cash reserves and an affirmation to the position Andrews holds on the Adventist Church’s doctrine of Creation were just some of the topics of discussion at this year’s Board of Trustees Meeting, held Oct. 27, 2009. Following the board meeting, President Niels-Erik Andreasen held a faculty and staff briefing in the Seminary Chapel.

According to Andreasen, the board reviewed an increase in the Andrews Partnership Scholarships (APS), to take effect the 2010–2011 school year. The increase raises the total award amount for incoming freshmen to a maximum of $40,000 over four years.

Provost Bill Richardson briefed the board on the Office of the Provost’s plan of action in response to a requirement from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) following its accreditation visit this spring that Andrews expand its approach to outcome assessment. The provost’s plans include inviting a consultant to meet with faculty to expand work in this arena.

Andreasen shared a financial report on behalf of Larry Schalk, vice president for financial administration. With the expected increase in enrollment of five percent over budgeted enrollment levels, Schalk projects additional generated revenue of $1.8 million, though there are also some unexpected expenses in the budget, ranging from student account write-offs, personnel costs and, most significantly, reduced milk revenue due to market changes. The unexpected expenses, which work against the anticipated increase in tuition revenue, leave an anticipated overall revenue increase of approximately $850,000.

Schalk also described a four-year plan to build cash reserves by $9–$10 million. The plan comes in response to the board’s recommendation about the University’s limited cash reserve situation, which included a board action last June to dedicate 75 percent of any additional revenue to go toward building cash reserve; the other 25 percent will be used for supplementing existing budgets. The ultimate goal of focusing attention to the cash reserve is to fix the financial challenge the University faces each summer, which according to Andreasen, was more severe this past summer. After reviewing the challenge and Schalk’s proposal, the board approved this plan.

The Buller-Nethery Hall project was once again on the board’s agenda. The project, which would renovate and expand Nethery Hall and build Buller Hall into an undergraduate learning center, has been in discussion for several years. The board voted to proceed with construction documents, with drawings and bids to be reviewed and voted at the March Board of Trustees meeting. If approved, groundbreaking is tentatively scheduled to occur in April 2010.

The board also reviewed the document, “Response to an Affirmation of Creation,” (www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main_stat54.html) which was voted by the General Conference Executive Committee at the Annual Council of 2004. President Andreasen shared with the board that each new employee of Andrews University, upon hire, makes a commitment to the Biblical teachings and standards of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its educational mission. The board affirmed the statement as the position of Andrews University on the doctrine of Creation and requested University administration to circulate the statement and the board action to the faculty and staff.
The rebirth of AEE at Andrews
Adventist Engaged Encounter back for a new generation

In the spring of 1978, with lots of motivation but only a few years of personal experience as family life educators, Don and Sue Murray, associate dean of men and secretary for the vice president of academic administration at the time, along with three Seminary students and their wives launched an experiential relationship enrichment program for the engaged couples of Andrews University.

The couples had only six weeks to prepare for their first program and with all eight team members either working or in school full-time, it seemed a daunting task. But miraculously, it came together.

The first weekend-long program was in May 1978. That successful weekend led to the Murrays being asked to make a long-term commitment to the Office of Campus Ministries to offer AEE two to three times per year. “We agreed, but how could we know that ‘long-term’ would mean 26 years, 80 weekends and over 1,500 couples attending?” says Don Murray.

Engaged Encounter seemed to be a perfect moniker for the program. “Adventist” was later added to the title, and thus the beginning of Adventist Engaged Encounter (AEE) at Andrews University.

It was months later that the team discovered Engaged Encounter (EE) had been a viable program in another church denomination since 1969. Soon, the Murrays met with Jim and Betsy Carr, founders of EE, and attended one of their weekends. The Carrs gave permission for the Murrays to use the Engaged Encounter name, asking only that it remain open to couples of all faiths wanting to establish a Christian marriage—and it has.

The weekend is a guided relational and spiritual journey of couple enrichment and growth for engaged and recently married couples who desire a Christian marriage. It is not a lecture series, a sermon, a group sharing experience, a Bible study, or a weekend vacation. Each couple is given private time for personal reflection and couple sharing. A wide variety of subjects are presented, giving each couple the freedom to explore each important area.

“We live in a culture that is often obsessed with finding a ‘soul mate’ to marry,” says Murray. “Seeking to find someone we are totally compatible with has merit, but it is not a biblical picture of marriage. Commitment is more important than compatibility. Jesus loves us because He decided to, in spite of our incompatibility with Him. He loves us and gave His life for us because of that commitment. AEE builds on that important truth.”

Since March 1998, Union College in Lincoln, Neb., has also been conducting AEE weekends, following the model started at Andrews in 1978. Walla Walla University and Southern Adventist University have also hosted AEE weekends led by the Andrews team.

In 2004, Don Murray accepted the position of dean of men at Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University) and AEE was put on the shelf at Andrews. But the need and desire for AEE was still there. In August 2008, the Murrays were asked to mentor a new generation of AEE team leaders. After months of planning, the rebirth of AEE at Andrews occurred the weekend of Oct. 23–25, 2009, with 11 couples attending. One wife-to-be said, “We were impressed by all the special touches: the diversity of topics, the central focus of God’s role in our lives, the Love Feast, couple communion and our personal poster.”

AEE is Adventist in orientation, but open to any engaged couple who want to build a Christian marriage. Many couples in their first years of marriage have also participated, and come away greatly enriched by the experience. “We have even been privileged to have a number of second-generation attendees, such as a child or children of parents who attended AEE,” says Murray. An average of 20 couples attend.

“Good marriages don’t just happen!” says Murray. “They must be developed through a process. The AEE experience offers couples insights, tools and confidence to enrich their relationship and strengthen their love and commitment to one another.”

As with most things in life, a new generation is ready to take the lead. Murray says, “It is time for us to step away from active involvement during the AEE weekends. AEE was never just about Don and Sue Murray, it was always God’s program. We will continue to support and be a resource to the current team, but our role will change to reflect the recognition that the time has come for a new generation of AEE leadership.”

The next AEE is scheduled for March 26–28, 2010. Registration closes on March 19, 2010. The cost for couples is $35 if both are Andrews students, $50 if one is an Andrews student and $75 if neither is an Andrews student. Contact the Andrews University Office of Campus Ministries at 269-471-6251 or cm@andrews.edu.
Robert Moore  
Chair, Department of Mathematics

How did your interest in beekeeping begin?  
When I was a boy, there was an apple orchard across the field from my house. One spring day a friend and I were walking through the orchard and noticed a couple of honey bee hives. We watched the bees flying in and out for a while before daring each other to sit on a hive, which we then proceeded to do. Neither of us got stung, fortunately. The memory of that incident came back to me many years later when I was walking through a mall and came upon a beekeeping booth where I picked up a flyer about a free bee school. I attended the bee school, bought two hives from a neighbor, and have been a beekeeper ever since.

I started keep honey bees because I thought they would be interesting, and they have been absolutely fascinating and entertaining, though challenging at times. Beekeeping nicely complements my interest in growing fruits and vegetables.

How long have you been a beekeeper?  
About 25 years. I started beekeeping in 1982 but was without bees for a couple of years in the 90s. I must say, though, that I have never had more than two hives at a time, and I certainly don’t consider myself to be an expert.

Do you sell the honey produced?  
Yes, I have sold some honey through the years. In the 80s I sold enough to pay for my equipment. But in recent years I have sold very little, mainly because I have not been able to harvest much honey. I had a good honey crop this past summer, so I’ve sold some of it to recoup expenses.

Do you have a favorite use for the honey?  
Due to a mild allergy, I eat very little honey. Instead, my favorite use of honey by far is to package it nicely with my own label and give it to family and friends. A couple of weeks ago I bought a kit to make lip balm with bees wax, sweet almond oil, and shea butter, so that should be fun. My wife, Lois, likes to sweeten her tea with honey, and she loves to chew the wax when we extract honey from the combs.

What advice do you have for aspiring beekeepers?  
Attend a bee school, talk to experienced beekeepers, join a local beekeepers' club, and subscribe to Bee Culture magazine. Start small, say two hives. Honey bees suffer from diseases, pests and pesticides, so learn all you can and take good care of them. Have fun—it’s a honey of a hobby!

What do you enjoy about honey bees?  
I enjoy—  
The beauty of a worker bee on an apple blossom.  
The soothing hum of a contented colony on a summer evening.  
The dance of worker bees on the comb, telling the way to sweet nectar.  
The site of field bees returning to the hive with their colorful pellets of pollen.  
The tessellating geometry of honeycomb and its efficient design.  
The beauty of sunlight shining through pure white wax and golden honey.  
Spiritual parables about honey bees and the kingdom of heaven.  
The flavors of fresh fruits and vegetables, pollinated by my own bees.  
...And let’s not forget honey drizzled over warm biscuits!
Packed performances

The fall semester was exceptionally busy with return performances by the ever-engaging Vienna Boy’s Choir singing to a soldout house (with three encores!) and Christian recording powerhouse FFH. The season began with Opening Night 2009! featuring local musicians Lake Effect Jazz Big Band and Andrews’ students and alumni performing classical music favorites. The house was packed again for Christian artist Brandon Heath and we welcomed the phenomenal Storioni Trio from the Netherlands. Along the way, we were treated to performances by our own Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, Wind Symphony and Singers.

Christian Artist: Jaci Velasquez
Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Latin Christian music phenomenon and four-time Grammy-nominated performing artist Jaci Velasquez has been recording albums since the age of 14 and performing since childhood. Today, the 29-year old singer has 13 albums covering a variety of music including Spanish recordings, Christian contemporary pop, and some crossover songs for work in movie soundtracks.

Soweto Gospel Choir
Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m.
This 52-member choir formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African gospel music. Their talent in musical performance goes beyond gospel as they mix traditional hymns, Jamaican reggae, American pop and spiritually themed secular songs. Twenty-six of the choir members regularly tour together.

Chi Yong Yun, pianist
Saturday, March 6, 8 p.m.
Beginning her second year at Andrews University as director of piano studies and assistant professor, Chi Yong Yun has a vast list of accomplishments behind her. Her performances as a recitalist, collaborative musician, and lecturer have taken her throughout the U.S., Korea, Europe and the Philippines.
“Welcome to a festival of the life of Dr. Patricia Mutch, extraordinary scholar, teacher, administrator, colleague, community leader and friend.” And so began “Classic Pat,” the Oct. 4, 2009, retirement tribute concert for Patricia Mutch. Friends, colleagues, guest artists and University musical talent honored her contribution to the campus and community with an evening full of memories and music in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

The event was in honor of Pat, joined by her husband Bill, both long-time familiar faces at Andrews, having each dedicated 40 years of their careers to the service of Andrews University and the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The evening was full of narrative vignettes of Pat intertwined with musical selections reminiscent of various periods of her life. To the sounds of Carolina in the Morning, a narrator shared how Pat began her academic career as a student at Southern Missionary University. But when a favorite professor of nutrition accepted a position at Andrews, she persuaded Pat, along with several other students, to come along. At Andrews, Pat took part in a study on teenage girls’ dietary habits. A young chemistry major by the name of Bill Mutch was responsible for the chemical analyses. It was in the Department of Chemistry where Bill and Pat became better acquainted while packing vitamin capsules and the urinalysis reports. And their chemistry was just right. With a little Route 66 rhythm, the audience heard the story of their courtship followed by their West Coast engagement, marriage and honeymoon during the 60s.

After earning their PhDs on the West Coast, the Mutchs were asked to return to Andrews, this time as faculty members. Against the backdrop of Our Dear AU, the story continued with Pat beginning as an assistant professor in the Department of Home Economics. Loved for her keen interest in the wellbeing and success of her students both in and outside the classroom, students and faculty remember with pleasure the mountains of paper generated by her coursework along with the stimulating conversation and tasty meals at the Mutch home.

Setting the mood for her years in academia and administration were the tunes of Scarborough Fair and Ebony & Ivory. The audience learned about the multitude of campus roles Pat has held: director of the coordinated undergraduate program in dietetics, director of the Office of Scholarly Research, director of the Institute of Prevention of Addictions, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and vice president for Academic Administration. In the last three years Mutch returned to the classroom; worked around the world with the University’s Community & International Development master’s program; and updated and upgraded the University’s emergency preparedness plans. She is the recipient of several distinguished Andrews University awards including the John Nevins Andrews Medallion in 2008 for excellence in teaching.

Her story concluded with a little California Dreamin’: a hint of the Mutch’s retirement plans. Over the years, Pat and Bill turned their eyes to creatures of the skies when they needed time to refocus. In a fitting tribute to both her love of birding and tireless dedication to Andrews University, Mutch was presented with a stained glass window featuring two cardinals, the Andrews’ mascot, as a retirement gift.

In a proper conclusion to the night’s journey, President Niels-Erik ended with, “That’s it. That’s Classic Pat.”
Constantine publishes new children's book
“When Big Artists Were Little Kids”


“I actually had it finished over a year ago, but publishing has changed since I published my other books. Then I just went to a publisher and they snapped it up. But those were Cinderella stories. So I was really happy to get this publisher.”

Constantine’s new book is for middle readers (ages 7 – 12). It depicts 17 famous artists, from Leonardo to Warhol, as little kids. Constantine uses a combination of the artists’ real biographical incidents and his own imagination to tell the stories. On one side of the spread, the book depicts an incident from the artist’s childhood, and on the facing page it shows how that may have influenced their adult work.

“It’s good to be somewhat informed about what the artist ultimately achieved, and if not, you will learn even if you don’t realize it,” said Constantine. “So there’s a certain amount of education involved.” The book includes simple questions on each page for children to answer by looking at the pictures, promoting the learning experience.

Constantine crafted all of the watercolor illustrations in the 36-page book himself and then wrote the stories to go with them. He already has ideas for sequels to the new book, even envisioning how it might become a series. His publisher believes the book is a perfect kid’s item for museum and gallery shops around the world.

Constantine, research professor of art and artist-in-residence, emeritus, taught painting, drawing and art history at Andrews University for 46 years. He has published three books containing his drawings and paintings infused with sophisticated humor. Constantine exhibited this artwork in over 62 shows, many in New York, and some internationally. He earned his BA at Andrews and MFA at Michigan State University.

The book is Constantine’s attempt to recall his own childhood and journey as an artist. “When the idea struck me, I was like a faucet turned wide open and the artwork was just pouring out of me, he said. “That’s the way it happened with all my other books too.”

Constantine was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada to parents who emigrated from Romania. As a child, he remembers filling all his workbooks with more drawings than schoolwork. This became such a problem that pencils and paper were taken from him in order to focus his attention on the necessary academic subjects.

Eventually, however, art survived and prospered in his life as he boldly broke into gallery exhibiting in New York and beyond.

The 8.5” x 11” book can be previewed and purchased online from the publisher’s website: http://edgecliffpress.com/wba.html.

Hyveth Williams joins faculty at Seminary
As professor of Christian ministry

After spending 20 years as a senior pastor, including the past 13 years at the Campus Hill Church in Loma Linda, Calif., Hyveth Williams is transitioning from the pulpit to the podium. Her faculty appointment as professor of Christian ministry at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary begins January 2010. Williams is a minister first and foremost, but humbly brings a wealth of experience as an educator, author and public speaker to her new role.

“This appointment is an unexpected opportunity to exercise my two professional passions—preaching and teaching. I pray that God will use me to inspire students as I was by my homiletics professors,” says Williams.

Since 1996, Williams was the senior pastor at Campus Hill Church; prior to that, she served in the Southern New England Conference as both a senior pastor and campus chaplain. During that time, she developed campus ministries for Adventist students on college campuses in the Greater Boston area. In the late 80s, Williams was an associate pastor responsible for public evangelism at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, Md.

Denis Fortin, dean of the Seminary, says, “She brings to the Seminary many years of pastoral experience, a keen interest in communicating the gospel message with power and strength, and a desire to mentor young men and women for ministry.”

But Williams also has a variety of experience outside of ministry as a director of Human Resources, an executive assistant to the mayor of Hartford, Conn., and women’s editor/talk show host for a radio station. Add to that her 10 years of teaching experience as an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and as a field school supervisor for the Boston University School of Theology.
She is a sought-after public speaker, which has brought her before audiences small and large—as many as 25,000—in dozens of locations both in the United States and around the world. This past summer, she was the keynote speaker for the Women’s Ministry Congress on HIV/AIDS Self-worth and Relationship Building in Botswana. In 2008, Williams had the unique opportunity to serve as a counseling consultant for the National Football League (NFL) in New York. Her spiritual journey has been chronicled in the 2005 Damascus Road: Hyveth Williams’ Conversion Story which continues to be aired on the Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN).

Williams is the author of several books including Secrets of a Happy Heart: A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes and Will I Ever Learn? One Woman’s Life of Miracles and Ministry (both Review & Herald Publishing). She is a chapter contributor to numerous other books, including two devotional volumes. Her work has also appeared in many journals and magazines including her monthly column in the Adventist Review, Women of Spirit, African American Lectionary, Insight Magazine, Signs of the Times and Ministry: International Journal for Pastors.

Williams holds a DMin from Boston University School of Theology, Boston, Mass.; an MDiv from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; a BA in theology from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md.; and a General Certificate of Education from the London Polytechnic Institute, England.

Stefanovic moves to Seminary
As professor of New Testament Interpretation

Ranko Stefanovic has been a member of the faculty of the Department of Religion & Biblical Languages since 1999. In fall 2009 he was appointed to teach in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary as a professor of New Testament Interpretation.

Stefanovic holds a PhD in religion from Andrews University and has received numerous awards for his excellence in teaching. He has served as a pastor in the Yugoslav Conferences of Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia and has also worked in Turkey, Israel and at Canadian University College.

Hot off the press!

Leona Running, the first woman to hold a regular teaching position in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, and who taught there for 46 years, has written her autobiography.

A secretary and linguist who worked her way through a doctorate from Johns Hopkins University partly by typing dissertations, Running composed this manuscript at age 93 on her trusty portable manual typewriter, despite recovering from a broken wrist.

The book covers her early years in Michigan, later college graduation from EMC, academy language teaching in the West, her marriage and early widowhood, her work at the Voice of Prophecy in California and then at the GC Ministerial Association in Takoma Park, Md., where she helped produce Ministry magazine. Seminary teaching followed, intermingled with work for her former major professor, William Foxwell Albright, whose biography she later coauthored with renowned David Noel Freedman.

During her seminary years there were also numerous trips to Europe and the Middle East. And then there were the issues of salary inequities for women, and women’s ordination, both of which are part of her story but not recounted with rancor.

My Journey is now available at the Andrews University Bookstore and the ABC Christian Bookstore in Berrien Springs, Mich. It may also be ordered from the publisher, the General Conference Ministerial Association, for $10 (including postage) at the following address: GC Ministerial Resource Center, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring MD 20904.

Look for a feature article on Leona Running in the winter 2010 Focus.
When the General Conference Autumn Council convened in October 1958, perhaps no one fully knew how the discussions that ensued and the decisions the delegates made would affect people, institutions and the Church itself. The attendees were about to witness the birth of a new comprehensive university to serve the World Church. It would be a long process culminating in the naming of Andrews University in April 1960. Three institutions in particular would never be the same again: Emmanuel Missionary College, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and Potomac University.

**Emmanuel Missionary College**

In 1958, Emmanuel Missionary College (EMC) had been in Berrien Springs, Michigan, for 57 years. The school resided on about 400 acres, which included “rich farm land,” in what then-president Floyd O. Rittenhouse referred to as a “favored rural region.” Recent building achievements included a “modern, efficient milking parlor,” and plans were underway for a student center that would include new, updated dining services. It would be the first change in the cafeteria accommodations since the dining room was installed in the basement of the women’s dormitory in 1901. The campus was also abuzz with the near-completion of a brand-new college church, rising on the southern edge of campus. The library housed a collection of 60,000 books, but was quickly outgrowing its home in what is today known as Griggs Hall. Of the dedicated faculty, 16 had doctorate’s and 40 held master’s degrees.

In spite of its rural setting and the apparent slow pace of EMC’s campus life, Rittenhouse noted, “Our campus far more closely resembles an anthill than a calm and quiet retreat.”

In the fall of 1958, 929 students representing 23 countries were enrolled in the college. The student body reveled in the typical round of collegiate activities: the student paper, the yearbook, campus clubs, Ingathering, MV (missionary volunteer) bands, American Temperance Society orations, singing in the Collegians or playing in the EMC concert band, the SA (student association) banquet, the lyceum-concert series on Saturday nights and so on. In addition to pursuing a rich extracurricular life and their studies, the students worked all over campus—at the bindery, laundry, farm, college press and service station, to name just a few.

And the world crept into the peaceful setting, as it always had. Rittenhouse reminded the Lake Union constituency that the campus was not completely isolated: “Influences of the cold war, the struggle over integration, labor difficulties, the decline of public and private morality, the portents of radically differing patterns of society under the aegis of nuclear science and the space age, the competition for students on the part of well-financed, tax-supported colleges—all these things affect us.”

**The Seminary**

For the past 23 years, the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary had been near the hub of the nation in Takoma Park, Maryland. A new Seminary building had been built on a lot behind the General Conference (World Church headquarters) and dedicated in January 1941, but by 1957 the building was already overflowing. Designed for a maximum enrollment of 140, it often accommodated around 200 students from 13 countries. Classes were held in the chapel and the Takoma Park Church.

In 1958 there was an influx of “fifth-year” ministerial students completing their extra year of training after college (a new church-wide requirement), but a majority of the students were mature church workers, many of them ordained, who had already served in the field and had returned for graduate training. The Seminary owned 83 apartments where the students lived, many married with families. Students often struggled to make ends
meet, working at a wide variety of jobs throughout the urban area.

Jan Paulsen, current president of the General Conference, shared his personal experiences during an August 2009 visit to Andrews University. Paulsen holds degrees from EMC, the Theological Seminary in Takoma Park and Andrews University—uniquely positioning him to remember the times of decision and change that led to the creation and formation of Andrews University in 1959–60. Paulsen was just 22 years old when he began his education at the Seminary in Takoma Park. The actual location of the Seminary, adjacent to the General Conference, was of great importance to Paulsen’s experience: “We ate in the Review & Herald cafeteria if we wanted to. Many of the GC (General Conference) people were also there eating. We worshiped in the same churches. Some of the GC people would come and teach the classes. The aura of being close to the GC was impactful on me.”

**Potomac University**

In 1955, the General Conference had undertaken the issue of expanding advanced study in the denomination by forming the Committee on Graduate Work. The Church—both in North America and worldwide—desperately needed educators with advanced degrees in its secondary schools and colleges. The result of the Committee’s research and deliberations was a decision made at the 1956 Annual Council to establish a university that would consist of “an organic union of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and a new graduate school,” as well as an “affiliation with Washington Missionary College as the undergraduate institution.” E.D. Dick, then-president of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was asked to serve as acting president of the new entity, which would be called Potomac University. W.H. Beaven, the dean, began to develop graduate programs in religion, history and education, and made plans for degrees in English, music and biology as soon as finances permitted.

Then the wrangling over the location of the new university began. There was no extra room on the cramped campus of Washington Missionary College or at the Seminary. Would the University stay in Takoma Park with new facilities to be built on 18 acres next to Takoma Academy? Would the whole school move out of the city? There were disagreements among church leadership as to the next step.

In June 1958, the trustees decided to call a new president to Potomac University—Rittenhouse, president of EMC in Berrien Springs. Rittenhouse accepted and began a double life of serving as president to both EMC and Potomac University until a replacement could be found for his duties in Berrien Springs.

Rittenhouse liked to say that during that stressful period he commuted by night and worked by day. Known for having a frank sense of humor combined with a quick wit, Greg Constantine, research professor of art and artist-in-residence emeritus (and a student at EMC/Andrews University from 1955 to 1960), recalls one of the president’s memorable pieces of advice to the students: “One of the things he liked to say was, ‘The door that left no choice but to bow out of the picture. Thus, the post which I thought I was to have does not now exist nor does it appear likely to exist anytime in the near future. I do not feel that I would fit very well in the Seminary as such by itself. ... Under these circumstances I feel that I am left no choice but to bow out of the picture. ... I plan to be in Washington next week for a few days of the Autumn Council, but I cannot stay long.’”

Back in Berrien Springs, most at the EMC campus were very unhappy Rittenhouse was leaving. There was apparently a movement understanding that all three institutions—Washington Missionary College, the Seminary and the graduate school—would be integrated. R.R. Figuhr, General Conference president at that time, assured him that that would be the case. At that time, Rittenhouse had no other thought than that the new combined university would be located in the Washington, D.C., area.

Rittenhouse, along with the rest of the search committee, set his attention on finding a location to build this new university in the greater D.C. area. They found a parcel of property—not far from what is today the location of the General Conference headquarters—and paid down an option with intentions to build the new integrated school there.

“I worked night and day, early and late, trying to get a decision to build the new institution there,” said Rittenhouse. “But I soon discovered Columbia Union Conference was very hesitant to move Washington Missionary College.” Money was the culprit. Church leadership felt they did not have sufficient funds to build the new institution and soon politics set in. Eventually, according to Rittenhouse, the entire proposal—the bringing together of the graduate school, the Seminary and Washington Missionary College—fell apart over the issue of .25 percent interest on a loan.

**Autumn Council 1958**

Things came to a head in October 1958. Rittenhouse wrote to Figuhr just days before Autumn Council began. In that letter he wrote, “Now these developments clearly indicate that the university as outlined to me does not now seem to be either in the immediate or remote prospect. Thus, the post which I thought I was to have does not now exist nor does it appear likely to exist anytime in the near future. I do not feel that I would fit very well in the Seminary as such by itself. ... Under these circumstances I feel that I am left no choice but to bow out of the picture. ... I plan to be in Washington next week for a few days of the Autumn Council, but I cannot stay long.”

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afoot, starting almost immediately after he accepted the Potomac University position, to argue for the newly-combined university to be located in Berrien Springs.

Discussion about the university began on Thursday morning, October 23, 1958. Only about 200 in the Council had voting privileges, but the Takoma Park Church was packed with around 500 people. Figuhr made the first public announcement to the assembly that there was a proposal to move the university. So many people wanted to speak to the issue that the discussion continued all afternoon and resumed again on Friday morning.

Rittenhouse later recalled of the Autumn Council, “By that time, the Lake Union had decided maybe they should make a plea to have the graduate program moved to EMC. Not having really thought it through thoroughly, but with a hasty decision, Elder J.D. Smith, president of the Lake Union Conference, stood up and said, ‘We’d like to offer the graduate program 40 acres of free land if you’ll come to join [us with] EMC as the undergraduate part of the institution. You can bring the seminary and the graduate school here to Berrien Springs.’”

Over the course of Autumn Council, Rittenhouse made a number of speeches. At this point, he was clearly advocating for a move to Berrien Springs. Charles Weniger was emphatic about the advantages of being in a cultural center like D.C., with access to the Library of Congress, and at the center of the Seventh-day Adventist power structure.

Leona Running was then a faculty member at the Seminary in Takoma Park but also a Michigan native and alumna of EMC. She said, “Several of the people that made speeches in the debate ... talked about the need for a rural location and following Mrs. White’s advice. They were very much astonished afterward to find out they had been understood as supporting the move to Michigan. They had meant to support the move to the countryside [in D.C.].”

Some of the misunderstanding that day may have been caused by events that took place before the meetings in Takoma Park. A campaign had been mounted during the summer to bring the university to Michigan. An unsigned, anonymous memorandum circulated through the summer months arguing for the university to be moved out of the D.C. area. It didn’t name Berrien Springs specifically, but it collected a number of quotations from Ellen White about how denominational schools should be established in rural areas.

It also argued, with the late 1950s consciousness of the Cold War, that if there were to be atomic warfare, D.C. would be one of the first targets in the United States. It implied that a university located even within 25 to 30 miles of the capital city would not be safe enough.

It began to be clear that the idea of relocating to Berrien Springs was gaining ground.

Once the Columbia Union realized a move to Berrien Springs was quite possible, they also realized the impact that losing the tithe of seminary students, faculty and staff would have on their budget, according to Rittenhouse’s account. They went to Figuhr and asked for a decision to be postponed to give them time to reconsider. Rittenhouse remembered that Figuhr’s “dander was up,” and he said, “Absolutely not. You had your chance. Before we adjourn tonight, the decision is going to be made.”

Rittenhouse had a speaking appointment at EMC back in Berrien Springs, so he had to leave Takoma Park early, before a final decision was made.

“I didn’t know what the decision would be,” said Rittenhouse. “I only knew I was in terrible mental turmoil and perplexity because I was so disappointed that we couldn’t have gone out towards Columbia on that spot. That would have answered a lot of the objections and [it] would have been a new place to begin all over again, but [that didn’t happen] because of the lack of vision on behalf of the people in the Columbia Union and because the General Conference was not willing to give more time to consider it. I came home that night by plane, and when I reached home the telephone rang. It was a message that they had voted 3-1 to come to Berrien Springs. That was the beginning of tribulation as far as I was concerned.”

Running, professor emerita of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, was in the balcony of the Takoma Park Church during the Autumn Council. When
the decision was finally made, she was dumbstruck: “We were just numb. What about access to the Library of Congress and the other libraries in the area? What about all the jobs our students and their families had access to in that area?” says Running. “There were just all kinds of problems that we saw, not the least of which was three or four faculty members had just built lovely new homes out in the countryside in the area where they thought the school might move to.”

“The sentiments Dr. Running expressed were what the teachers felt, and filtered through into statements they made to the class,” says Paulsen. “There was a general sense of dismay and anger. They felt a coup had been made. They felt this was a day of real gloom that the church had made this decision.”

Andrews University

Nonetheless, the decision had been made. And now that this newly-combined institution was underway, a new name was needed. A Potomac University in Berrien Springs did not seem to make much sense. In April 1959, the Board voted the name Lake Michigan University, but the EMC campus rose up in protest. The name was all about location, one university? “I remember thinking, Is this ever going to be one full-time secretary for every two teachers. Boulevar or that faculty in the Seminary had EMC were not so happy about the newcom-ers living in fine brick houses on University Boulevard or that faculty in the Seminary had one full-time secretary for every two teachers. “I remember thinking, Is this ever going to be one university?”

Education as a Defining Factor

Two years before Andrews University was born, the book, Questions on Doctrine, was published. It was a response to the question asked of the Seventh-day Adventist church: Is it a Christian church or a religious sect? “That had been asked in the 1950s, I believe, and the book was written to answer those questions. The answer was: We are a church,” says Andreasen.

“One of the things that distinguishes a church from a religious sect is education. I’ve often wondered if a historian could figure out if there is a relationship between making that decision about our church by the administra-tion making a decision that the university should be built with an under-graduate, a graduate and a seminary faculty. So the intriguing question is: Does a Christian church that has defined itself that way also feel compelled to start a university, a real uni-versity? Which is what Andrews was intended to be. The more I hear the dialogue, the more I think the answer is ‘Yes,’” says Andreasen.

“These people thought a real Christian church that wants to get rid of the sectarian connotations wants to embrace a university where Christian faith and Christian thinking and theology are informed by theologians, seminary teachers and missionaries returning from the field,” says Andreasen. “Our mission is to see to it that our church is a strong Chris-tian church in the world, something we know cannot happen without a commitment to Seventh-day Adventist Christian education.”

Rittenhouse’s vision at the dawn of Andrews University placed the institution at the helm of Seventh-day Adventist education. “We have the benefit now of being able to look back on the period of several decades. We can clearly see the experience we’ve gained and look at the service that has been provided by the institution, how it has responded to the needs of the church and done so in a wonderful manner,” says Paulsen. “We have been blessed.”

The background information for this article was taken from primary documents—minutes, letters and transcripts of reports—in the General Conference Archives and the Center for Adventist Research.

Comments by Drs. Rittenhouse, Running and Giddings were made in a panel discussion entitled “The Birth of Andrews University,” held on May 14, 1988. It was recorded on videotape.

Remarks by Greg Constantine, Jan Paulsen and Niels-Erik Andreasen are taken from an interview conducted by Brent Geraty on August 14, 2009, for the vespers program of Fall Fellowship at Andrews University in celebration of 50 Years as Andrews University.

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You go through the serving line at Dining Services, picking up mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, and a drink. Oh, and you add a portion of Sam's Chicken, along with two tablespoons of tartar sauce. It’s pricey, at $3.79 a serving—and 25 cents for the tartar sauce—but it has been an irresistible favorite at Andrews University for 40 years. As you work through your five ounces of wheat gluten, soybean oil, soy flour, yeast extract, sea salt and top secret spices, you have no idea of the history of Sam's Chicken, or who Sam is, if indeed there is such a person. But as those 400 calories hurtle past your taste buds and into your bloodstream, sit back and maintain consciousness. I’m going to tell you.

Our story starts about 6,000 miles away from Berrien Springs, Mich., near the city of Obihiro, on the island of Hokkaido, in Japan. That is where Michihisa Yoshimura was born on March 4, 1915. His father, a well-to-do businessman, owned a coal mine and raced horses for fun. In some ways, Michihisa was a lot like your average American kid of the Post World War I era. He liked to snow ski, ice skate and play baseball (catcher and left field). As Michihisa got into his teens his mother, a Christian (his father was an atheist), wanted her son to attend a Christian school, so she sent him way down south to Saniku Gakuin, the Adventist college about 50 miles east of Tokyo on the other side of Tokyo Bay.

There Michihisa providentially—for purposes of our story...
and title product—worked in the food department, helping manufacture peanut butter, grape juice and bakery products. During summer vacations he worked with his grandfather’s flax company, further extending his knowledge of food production.

When Michihisa turned 18, in 1933, he was required by law to apply to join the federal army. However, he was rejected because of flat feet—Japan was not yet in a large-scale war and its military was selective. This rejection prepared the way for him to gain permission to leave Japan to attend Madison College, just outside Nashville, Tenn., where he began further studies in 1937. He had been encouraged to go to Madison by Perry Webber (Emmanuel Missionary College class of 1911), a PhD in chemistry who had a special interest in soyfoods, and had spent much time at Madison College as well as in Japan. As Michihisa set off for Madison, Webber suggested he adopt the name “Sam,” after the biblical Samuel. Thus Webber unwittingly saved us from 40 years of “Michihisa’s Chicken.” Incidentally, Sam’s younger brother Zenzaburo, who remained in Japan, trained as a kamikaze pilot, and had given away his clothes preparatory to his final mission—and then, mercifully, the war ended.

In entering Madison College, Sam had come to the school most suited to enhance his work as a food technologist with soy products. In 1904, E.A. Sutherland, having resigned as president of Emmanuel Missionary College, embarked with his collaborer Percy Magan to open a new school in the South. This institution, originally the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, became Madison College (in 1937), and Sutherland served as president there for over 50 years. This school, like Andrews and Saniku Gakuin, focused on the harmonious development of body, mind and spirit. As part of the plan, students were to work off half or more of their expenses each year. Among the industries which developed on campus was a food factory which, in 1918, became Madison Foods. By the time Sam arrived in 1937, Madison Foods was a leading—probably the leading—developer of soy-based products in the United States, including soymilk, soy meat substitutes and tofu products.

However, times were hard and wages were pennies per hour. Sam’s classmate Shirou Kunihira worked in the soymilk production plant, while Sam worked at the bakery, where his duties included running the bread loaves through the slicer. Shirou would get an allotment of soymilk at the end of his shift and Sam would collect the crumbs from the pan under the slicer. With these ingredients the friends would share a humble evening meal. For Japanese and Japanese-American students, there was the added challenge of the United States being at war with Japan. Despite these challenges, Sam graduated from Madison College in 1941 and worked an additional two years for Madison Foods, but now his passion for soy was balanced with a new passion for she.

Sumiko Yano, a.k.a. Sumi, was born in Japan, but grew up in Southern California. At the time the U.S. declared war on Japan, in December of 1941, her family was living in El Centro, Calif. Her father made his livelihood by arranging for cantaloupes and other valley produce to be shipped to market. In 1942, her family was given a one-month notice that they would be placed in a “War Relocation Camp” in Poston, Ariz. (After relocation started, Sam and the other Japanese or Japanese-Americans at Madison would hide in the cornfields whenever immigration officials came looking for Japanese persons.)

For approximately one year Sumi lived with her parents in an army barracks at the camp, eating in the communal dining area, using a latrine, and working every day in the agriculture department as a secretary, for $19 per month. One day, Sumi received a box of home-baked peanut-butter cookies from someone named Sam. Sam had sent the cookies as part of a thank you to Sumi’s family, who had helped Sam’s family with a financial transaction at a time when Japanese bank assets were frozen. Sumi wrote back asking for more cookies.

Sam, in turn, helped arrange for Sumi to get early release from camp, in order to attend Emmanuel Missionary College, through the auspices of A.N. Nelson, then dean at EMC, but formerly president of Saniku Gakuin when Sam was a student there. Sumi, in turn, decided to pass through Madison on her train trip to EMC, to meet Sam. They met and got acquainted in the home of Perry Webber, and that fall of 1943 found Sam as well as Sumi enrolled for classes at EMC. Sumi worked as a reader in

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the home economics area for Mrs. Holquist, while Sam worked at the farm and the greenhouse.

The young couple was married on June 12, 1944, at a friend’s house in Chicago, and lived in an apartment until Sam’s graduation on August 1, 1945, with a BS in agriculture. Their first child, Steve, was born in June of that year. Sumi remembers that a friend drove her to Watervliet, Mich., where the doctor, sympathizing with her state as a poor student, delivered her baby for free. Sam returned to Japan in 1947 (Sumi and infant Steve followed six months later), and spent ten years helping build up the food factory at Saniku Gakuin. The Yoshimuras returned to Tennessee in 1957, where Sam became production manager at Madison Foods.

Near the end of the time he worked there, he began developing Sam’s Chicken “1.0,” a canned product. In 1963, Sam resigned from Madison Foods and began work as an independent consultant for Madison Hospital. He also did independent research using the hospital’s facilities at night, working on, among other things, improving Sam’s Chicken. As far as Sam knows, it was the first product to mix wheat gluten with soy or tofu. Sam says the product was made “by blending tofu, wheat gluten, and other ingredients[; then] the mixture was whipped, shaped into a loaf, baked briefly to sterilize it, torn into chunks, dipped into batter, then deep-fried to yield a delectable ‘meatless chicken’” (soyinfo.com).

Sumi, who had gone on to get her BS in dietetics from Loma Linda University, was working as director of the Madison Hospital cafeteria, and used Sam’s Chicken in the cafeteria with great success. What couldn’t be consumed by the hospital was sent on to local self-supporting schools like Little Creek and Fountain Head.

Around 1966, Sam went to work at Harding Hospital for Worthington Foods. While there, he developed Sam's Chicken as a frozen product, and further tinkered with the

IT WAS SHORTLY AFTER THIS TIME WHEN THE ANDREWS CAFETERIA BEGAN USING SAM’S CHICKEN

Sam’s Chicken has gone through several permutations since its early days in the Andrews University café. It used to be made from nonvegan “Chic-ketts,” from Worthington. Its base is now a vegan “Quik-Chik” from the MGM brand, part of Cedar Lake Foods. It used to be marinated in buttermilk or a buttermilk-and-egg batter before being deep-fat fried. With increased interest in vegan foods, it is now prepared vegan style at Andrews Dining Services—although Caitlan’s Catering, across the street, still uses buttermilk in preparation.

Sam’s Chicken, according to Ben Chilson, former director of Dining Services, has always been very, very popular throughout the years, probably the most popular dish served at Andrews. On a single day when Sam’s Chicken is served, around 200 lbs of product is prepared, equivalent to approximately 700 servings.
Sam’s Chicken has always been labor intensive to prepare, due to the defrosting and “pulling” process, where the thawed rolls are hand torn into chicken-like pieces. MGM Foods is working with Dining Services to devise a machine-pulled process that will emulate hand-pulling without the intensive labor.

There are many variations on how to prepare Sam’s Chicken. When Ruth Roberts first tried it, while visiting Sam and Sumi in Madison, it was marinated in a teriyaki sauce. Roberts’s own “Apple Chicken” recipe is prepared as follows:

1. Pull apart a Chic-kett roll
2. Brown pieces in a skillet
3. Add a quart of apple juice and “cook them down”
4. Serve over brown rice with pine nuts, dried cranberries, and apple juice thickened with cornstarch

Recipe, which included soaking it in a buttermilk and egg batter overnight, prior to dipping it in a bread-crumb and spice mixture and deep-fat frying it. It was shortly after this time, probably 1969 or 1970, when the Andrews cafeteria, under the leadership of Clinton Wall, began using Sam’s Chicken, according to Ruth Roberts, who worked with Wall.

Of his many accomplishments in the food technology industry, however, Sam himself was especially pleased to be loaned by Worthington Foods to help the country of Uganda with improving its food supplies for school children and women. Over a six-month period in 1969, he and his team, along with workers from UNICEF, developed porridge, roasted soybeans, and soy-flour-enhanced bread for more nutritious school lunches.

Sam and Sumi, now long retired, live in a suburb of Sacramento, Calif. And it appears that the ever-popular Sam’s Chicken will tantalize the taste buds of new generations of Andrews students. As you wash down your last morsel with some grape juice, here are two last bits of the story to chew on. First, “Sam’s Chicken” has always been an unofficial name. The official Worthington product from which it is made is called “Chic-ketts.” Second, Sam depended heavily on Sumi to give him feedback on the “meaty” taste of his product. She ate real chicken, while the only meat occasionally eaten by Sam, the Sultan of Soy and illustrious innovator in a long line of meatless meat products, was fish.

Author Notes
Scott Moncrieff (MA ’84) is a professor of English at Andrews University. He received particular research assistance on the article from senior English major Tiffany McKain, and Midori Yoshimura (Sam’s granddaughter, and an English major at PUC), as well as generous help in gathering materials from the rest of the Yoshimura family and Kathleen Burnham. He used some helpful information about Madison College and Madison Foods from Soyinfocenter.com. The title of the article was borrowed from a colleague’s son, who uses it as an all-purpose expression.
homecoming banquet

Those who attended the elegantly prepared banquet were serenaded with dinner music by Cardinal Number and won Michigan and lighthouse-themed prizes by answering related trivia questions. Members of the class of 1959 were inducted into the Golden Hearts club and everyone received a professional photo to commemorate the event.

Tambunan’s pizza, pop and professionals

Andrews students had an opportunity to learn and network with professionals while enjoying lunch. The panel included Terri Dallas-Prunskis (BS ’77), Ernie Medina (BS ’89), Kester Nedd (BS ’79), Sy Saliba (BA ’67, MA ’69, MBA ’78) and Holly Shafer (att.)
Wes Christiansen memorial golf outing

Golfers were treated to a beautiful fall day on the fairways of the Hampshire Golf Club in Dowagiac, Mich. The winners of each scramble proudly display their prizes below after enjoying lunch following the tournament.
22nd annual homecoming parade
This year’s parade stepped it up a notch! Bleachers were provided for spectators and they were treated to engaging commentary by an MC as each entry went by. The Berrien County Sheriff’s Motorcycle Team wowed the crowd, as did the Andrews University Gymnics and FRESH Drum Corp. T-shirts and confetti (biodegradable) were launched and you could even enjoy a free funnel cake while you watched.
international flag-raising ceremony
International students, staff and faculty participated in this beautiful portrayal of our global family at Andrews University. Many also marched in the Alumni Homecoming Parade (see previous page).

missions café
Following a vespers celebrating 50 years of missions, attendees were invited to a missions café in the Howard Performing Arts Center lobby. Returning student missionaries shared their experiences through photos, posters while everyone enjoyed music and hot drinks.

the church at worship
Honored alumni presentations took place at both church services.
L–R: Sy Saliba, Kester Nedd, Ernie Medina and Tami Condon, director of Alumni Services

Held in the beautifully renovated Dining Services area of the Campus Center, alumni appreciated the time to reminisce with friends both old and new.

fireside fellowship reunion

The first-ever reunion of this meaningful weekly ministry run by Liz Beck for 28 years took place in the Fireside Fellowship building.

Black Student Christian Forum reunion service

Deliverance Mass Choir (above) and Benjamin Reaves (MA ’66, MDiv ’73) filled the Howard Center with praise and worship for the BSCF reunion service.

retirement reception honoring Derrick Proctor

Derrick Proctor, professor of psychology, retired after almost 40 years of teaching in the Andrews University Department of Behavioral Sciences. Through the years he has earned the respect of colleagues and students alike. They were happy to share the following comments:

“He is by far one of the most generous guys I have ever met.” Brandon Lubbert (BBA ’94)

“He is a very confident man, has a wonderful sense of humor, very calm, laidback, easygoing. He’s a gentle, Christian man, which is all to the plus professionally.” Brian Strayer, colleague

“He is very funny, even though he may come across as serious. He is extremely generous, and no one ever knows what he does...he is very anonymous. He always dresses sharp, and his office is meticulous.” Beverly Peck, colleague

“Dr. Proctor is very generous...he doesn’t want his works to be noticed...to be in the spotlight, that makes him so humble. He has clear expectations in the classroom, and his students know that. He has given a lifetime of teaching, a lifetime of service. What’s also interesting is how his grandkids, whenever they see him, they come in hugging and jumping all over him. That says a lot.” Glenn Russell, colleague

“I was in Proctor’s Intro to Psych class. He illustrated his points very well, and I still remember some of his stories. He was always willing to answer questions and be available for help. He was caring, but expected you to know the material.” Sherrie Davis (BS ’89)
harvest picnic
Hundreds of alumni turned out to sit around the crackling campfire (complete with fixings for s’mores) or under the big white tent in the Alumni House backyard. Hearty “haystacks,” fresh apples from local orchards and donuts were served by smiling staff. Many families also took a harvest wagon tour around the University orchards and farm, including a stop to see the baby calves at the dairy.
alumni homecoming gala
Guests were treated to a free concert by the Department of Music ensembles, including the University Singers, Symphony Orchestra and Wind Symphony.

alumni vs. students basketball
The men’s Cardinal basketball team made their season debut against the Alumni team before an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Final score: Cardinals 78, Alumni 76

cardinal 1k, 5K run/walk, 10K run
Happy grins of young participants in the Cardinal 1K for children ages 12 and under (above). Shelley Nash (right) forged through the fog to take a time of 48:37, sixth place overall in the 10K run.
disc golf course grand opening
The 18-hole (basket) course meanders for two miles across campus. Come try it out the next time you’re here for a visit.

ride for AU
An organized ride through beautiful Southwest Michigan included a stop at The Hayloft ice cream parlor in Decatur. Chris (att.) & Josi Borchardt (BS ’93) took a motorcycle road trip from San Antonio, Texas, to attend this year’s homecoming weekend.

join us next year!
September 30–October 3, 2010

Honor Classes:

If you are interested in serving as a reunion leader or getting involved, please contact the Office of Alumni Services.
In April, I sat at my father’s side and watched him take his last breath.

Eighteen months earlier, he had been diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as ALS or Lou Gherig’s disease. Several weeks after his diagnosis, I was sitting on my parents’ kitchen counter one afternoon watching him make a sandwich. As I watched him spreading the mustard on his bread, it occurred to me that it might not be very long before he could no longer hold a knife…or stand in the kitchen…or eat a sandwich.

“Dad, are you scared?” I blurted out. Almost as soon as the words were out, I wished I could take them back. ‘That was a dumb question!’ I thought, silently chastising myself. But without missing a beat, he looked up at me with confident determination and spoke six words that changed my life:

“Kelley, God knows what He’s doing.”

I have no idea what I said after that. My memory of that afternoon in the kitchen ends with his words. I’m not even sure I completely understood what he was saying that day, but the following twelve months brought the message home to me.

After his diagnosis in the fall of 2007, we urged my father to retire from teaching immediately. We knew it was likely that he would lose a great deal of his mobility within six months. And who, upon receiving a fatal diagnosis, wouldn’t want to take their remaining time to relax and enjoy life? But he was adamant. He only wanted to finish what he knew then would be his final year of teaching.

Teaching had always been my father’s passion. As a high school boy, he had planned a career in engineering. But then, in his senior year, he felt a strong call to become a high school Bible teacher. So, in the fall of 1961, he arrived at Andrews University to get a teaching degree.

Over the course of his nine years at Andrews University, he earned three degrees: a Bachelor of Arts in religion, a Master of Divinity, and a Master of New Testament studies. In those years, he developed a deep love for God and a deep love for studying Scripture which, added to his gift of teaching, became the foundation of his 37-year career. In the classroom and in the living room (with his home Bible study group), he spent the rest of his life teaching about God.

Thirty years after my father graduated from Andrews, I also became an Andrews alum. In 2000, I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English. I immediately left for a two-year missionary internship position with Adventist World Radio in England. During those two years, I committed myself to being a missionary and told God that I was willing to go anywhere in the world He chose. I was shocked and quite upset, then, when He led me back to Battle Creek (my hometown) in the fall of 2002.

I didn’t understand why God brought me back to Michigan until five years later, as I began to help my mother care for my father. Through a two-year series of events, God had weaned me away from full-time employment, and in early 2008, I found myself in a part-time job with the most flexible schedule known to mankind. So, I was in a perfect position to help my father finish his last year of teaching; as his motor skills decreased, the time we spent together greatly increased. I picked him up from school every day. Together, we ate lunch at home. (Often, I fed him so he could conserve energy.) Then, we spent the rest of the afternoon grading papers.

During the last part of the school year, as we were cleaning out his classroom (37 years of Bible notes!), I said, “Dad, you ought to write a book about God.” After all, he had lived and breathed God for nearly four decades. My father shook his head and laughed. Teaching was his thing, not writing.

But somehow, the idea took root. And when a reporter from the local newspaper interviewed him at graduation that year, he said he was going to write a book about God with his daughter. That article was reprinted in the Lake Union Herald…and then people started asking about “the book.”

A few weeks later, while we were home together one afternoon, he told me to get a piece of paper and a pencil. I did, and to my astonishment, he dictated a book outline to me right then and there. After he was done, I asked him when he wanted to get started on the details. He shrugged and smiled.

Not long after, he was rushed to the hospital with a raging MRSA infection. We thought he might not recover. Looking back...
on it now, I believe Satan tried to kill my father with the MRSA before he could write his book. I believe that because, after he did recover from the infection, he “lost his tongue” almost overnight. Suddenly, he was not able to swallow, and he was barely able to talk.

Still, in that condition, he somehow began to dictate notes for the book. He had planned that each chapter of his book would highlight a different characteristic of God. So, each day, he would meditate for a period of time on one of the themes. When he was ready, he would simply say, “Okay, I’m ready.” And then he would dictate all the material (Scripture, cross-references, Ellen White quotations) for the chapter right out of his head—from memory! It was an arduous process, as his speech was extremely slurred and very hard to understand. But eventually, he produced a thick stack of notes for his book.

Last fall, I took his notes and began writing. It was as if we were sewing a dress together. He gave me the fabric, and I stitched it up. When I was finished with a chapter, we placed it on his special reading stand (since he could no longer use his hands), and he would read it, grinning. Then, we worked together on revisions. Sometimes his speech was so slurred that we would have to go through the alphabet, spelling one letter at a time to understand what he was trying to say, or he would use his special, laser-driven computer to type words. And little by little, he wrote his book. Those were some of the best weeks of my life.

Freedom Fighter: How God Wins the Universal War on Terror was my father’s parting gift—a final tribute to his best Friend, the God he loved and served all his life. The experience of writing this book with him proved to me that what he had said about God in the kitchen that day was absolutely true.

God knew what He was doing when He gave my father the gift of teaching. God knew what He was doing when He gave me the gift of writing. And God knew what He was doing when He brought reluctant me back to Battle Creek. And in so doing, He turned what could have been one of life’s most devastating and discouraging circumstances into one of the most beautiful and inspiring experiences of my life.

My father died the day Freedom Fighter went to the publisher. I miss him so dearly, as he is one of the greatest men I’ve ever known. But since he’s been gone, whenever I am tempted to feel angry or sad, I hear him once again saying so clearly to me, “Kelley, God knows what He’s doing.” And I know he’s right.
Alumni calendar of events

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

November
8 Bermuda Alumni Gathering
6 p.m.
Bermuda Botanical Gardens — Visitors’ Centre
169 South Rd, Paget Parish
441-236-4201 (for directions)

10 Maryland Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
Mrs. K’s Tollhouse Restaurant
Terrace Dining Room
9201 Colesville Rd, Silver Spring, Md.
301-589-3500 (for directions)
www.mrsks.com

11 New York Alumni Gathering
7 p.m.
Nick’s Pizza
1814 2nd Ave, New York, N.Y.
212-987-5700 (for directions)
www.nicksnyc.com

December
15 Chicago Alumni Gathering
6:30 p.m.
Buca di Beppo
Magnificent Mile – 521 N. Rush St
312-396-0001 (for directions)
www.bucadibeppo.com

January
7 Florida Alumni Gathering
More information to come

27 Texas Alumni Gathering
More information to come

31 California Tour begins
More information to come

March
21 Hong Kong Alumni Gathering
More information to come

23 Taiwan Alumni Gathering
More information to come

25 Singapore Alumni Gathering
More information to come

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 for updates.

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

Am I 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 Office of Alumni Services at alumni@andrews.edu or 269-471-3591. Your generous support makes these events possible.
Honored alumni 2009

The Andrews University Alumni Association Medallion is presented to honored alumni who have been nominated by fellow alumni and approved by the Alumni Board of Directors to be recipients of this award. Honored alumni are selected on the basis of outstanding service to the university, unusual achievement in a profession or occupation, and contributions to the community or church. Congratulations to this year’s recipients.

Sy Saliba  
(BA ’67, MA ’69, MBA ’78)

Sy Saliba is a native of Trinidad and Tobago where he attended Queen’s Royal College, completing his first year of modern studies in the Cambridge University external program. He continued his studies at Caribbean Union College and later Andrews University, where he graduated in 1967 with a BA in religion and in 1969 with an MA in religion. He completed his Master of Business Administration at Andrews in 1978 and earned a PhD at Northwestern University in marketing management and organizational behavior.

Sy joined the faculty of the Andrews University School of Business Administration in 1982. During his tenure as dean, Chan Shun Hall was built and graduate management programs were established in Hong Kong, Mexico, Singapore and Taiwan. During this time a number of business school affiliations were also established in universities and colleges in Mexico, Trinidad, Zimbabwe, Kenya and India.

In 1993, Sy became senior vice president for academic administration at Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. As academic vice president, he directed the successful accrediting efforts for each of the college’s professional programs. Because of his relentless work, the entire college program was fully accredited by its regional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, in 1996. Due partially to this monumental achievement, approximately 2,400 students are currently enrolled in the college compared to the 242 students enrolled in 1992.

Sy was invited to lead the Marketing and Public Relations Department at Florida Hospital in 1997. He currently serves as senior vice president of marketing and planning for the Florida Hospital System and has also coauthored and published several articles and texts on strategic planning and marketing.

Ernesto Paul Sarno Medina Jr.  
(BS ’89)

Born in Easton, Penn., Ernesto “Ernie” Medina Jr. began his studies at Andrews University in 1983. After spending a year and a half as a student missionary in Japan and Singapore, he graduated as a member of the Andrews Scholars Honor Society with a BS in health sciences in 1989. Ernie then attended the Loma Linda University School of Public Health where he received a Master of Public Health and Doctor of Public Health in 1993.

Following graduation, Ernie began his career as a provider with Integrated Lifestyle Management, Inc. He also worked as an executive director for the American Preventive Care Association until 1996. Ernie began his current work in 1993 as a preventive care specialist working for Beaver Medical Group in Redlands, Calif.

Ernie is involved in several professional associations. Since 1993, he has been a member of the American College of Sports Medicine and holds a Health Fitness Specialist certification through this organization. In 2007, he joined the American Council on Exercise and the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. A year later, he joined the American Public Health Association.

Currently, Ernie is an adjunct clinical professor at Loma Linda University. In his work with the Beaver Medical Group, he helps patients of all ages overcome lifestyle-related diseases such as obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease through exercise, nutrition, behavior modification, stress management and smoking cessation. He is also the co-founder and chief executive officer of MedPlay Technologies, LLC, a company focused on researching and developing innovative ways to combine health and wellness interventions with modern video and digital game technology.

Ernie says, “Even after 20 years I find my academic, social and spiritual experiences at Andrews influencing all aspects of my current life. It confirms in my thinking the magnitude that a Christian education can have on our post-AU years!”

Ernesto Paul Sarno Medina Jr.
Kester J. Nedd was born in Grenada, West Indies. He began his studies at Andrews University in 1975 and graduated four years later with a BS in biology. He then attended the University of Health Sciences at the College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Mo., and graduated in 1983 with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. He immediately began an internship at Botsford General Hospital in Detroit and completed his residency in 1987 from Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fla.

Kester has been involved in clinical research in the area of neurologic trauma and neuropharmacology for many years. He has received numerous awards and distinctions for his work and serves on several boards and think tanks that address issues of health policy. He has also been published in dozens of professional journals, books and abstracts.

Health policy is another area of interest for Kester. He has spent many years working on models of delivering healthcare in the most cost-effective and efficient manner. For the past 20 years, Kester has pioneered the development of relationships between healthcare providers in the Caribbean, Latin America and South Florida. He also serves as the CEO of eHDL, an information service company that electronically links payers of healthcare with providers in an information-sharing healthcare community.

Currently, Kester serves as a board-certified neurologist with subspecialty training in neurological rehabilitation and neurotrauma. He is the director of neurological rehabilitation at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Jackson Memorial Hospital. Kester is also an associate professor in the departments of neurology and neurosurgery, serves as an associate medical director for Jackson Memorial International, and is head of the Caribbean Neuroscience Initiative.

He is married to Lauldi and has two daughters, Kesan and Kristen. His brother, Khan, also an Andrews’ graduate, is a practicing physician specializing in internal medicine. Their oldest brother, Kenneth, is a business partner and manager of the business Kester has created.

Alumni gatherings

During the month of November, the Alumni Association hosted three alumni gatherings, beginning in Bermuda, where local alums met at the historical Botanical Gardens, a beautiful new setting for our event.

In Maryland, we tried another new location, Mrs. K’s Tollhouse, where an estimated 110 alumni packed the room. Our trip ended with a “first-time event” in New York, where an enthusiastic group of about 40 alumni joined us at Nick’s Pizza in downtown New York City.

We may be coming to your area next, so be sure and check out the Calendar of Events in each issue!

Bermuda
Sunday
November 8, 2009

Maryland
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

New York
Wednesday, November 11, 2009
1960s

Carlos Schwantes (BA ’67) has recently published a book with the University of Missouri Press entitled, Just One Restless Rider: Reflections on Trains and Travel. A news release from the Missouri Book News describes the book as a “sweeping memoir [which] reflects a lifetime’s love of observing and riding trains.” Carlos is an author, or editor, of over 20 books and is currently employed at the University of Missouri as the St. Louis Mercantile Library Endowed Professor of Transportation and the West.

Janet and Dwayne (BD ’68, DMin ’87) Toppenberg share about their lives in 2009: “This has been the greatest year of our lives! We retired!” Dwayne and Janet ended their 40+ years of ministry this year and were able to visit their daughter, Deb, and her family, in Geneva, Switzerland. They spent time touring museums, galleries, the Alps and greatly enjoyed their granddaughter, Marie. When they returned home to Kentucky they took their motor home and joined their son David and his family in Detroit for three weeks. Grandsons Daniel and Markus loved spending time with them, listening to stories of their lives. On the way back they stopped by Andrews University for Alumni Homecoming, and were pleased to see some friends and have the chance to camp at Beaver Point.

Robert G. Wearner (MA ’61, MDiv ’68, MTh ’72) writes, “A 1940 graduate of Pacific Union College, I took all my graduate work at Andrews. As a pastor-teacher I spent nearly two decades teaching in Adventist schools in Uruguay, Peru and Brazil and studied at Andrews in the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary during three furloughs. My family and I arrived in Berrien Springs for the first time in January 1961 on a cold winter day. Coming from summertime in the Southern Hemisphere, we had to adjust to our new life. It was cold! No housing was available on campus, so we found a house to rent near the Lutheran church. The Seminary building was still under construction, so we studied with Drs. Running and Walher in classrooms over the print shop. I remember college president Floyd Rittenhouse’s inspiring chapel talks. Having previously studied at the Seminary when it was located in Takoma Park, Md., I had enough credits to graduate on June 4, 1961, with an MA in systematic theology. During my 1967 furlough I earned an MDiv in church history, followed by an MTh in missiology in 1972. After 40 years of denominational service I retired to live near family in Missouri and Tennessee. At present I live in Collegedale, near Southern Adventist University. I find many opportunities to serve the Lord in writing for publication, and serving as a docent in the Lynn Wood Archeological Museum.”

1970s

Loren Hamel (BS ’76, board member) has been appointed the new president and chief executive officer of Lakeland HealthCare. Hamel takes on the role following the retirement of Joseph Wasserman, who held the post for 25 years. Hamel graduated with honors from Andrews University before going on to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Loma Linda, Calif. He also holds a Master of Health Services Administration from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Hamel treated Southwest Michigan residents for 23 years at University Medical Specialties in Berrien Springs, Mich., and has served Andrews University in a number of roles. At Lakeland HealthCare, Hamel became president of the medical staff in 1997 and was named vice president of medical affairs two years later. In 2008, he was appointed executive vice president for the organization.

David West (MA ’73) retired in 2006 from almost 40 years of pastoral ministry and departmental service in Britain and Iceland and fulfilled a Via Ferrata climbing dream in August 2009, in the Dolomites, Italy. West is 66 years old and climbed the near-vertical 2,000 ft. Brigata Tridentina. The ascent took five hours and the descent by another route took three hours. West and his wife Lin live in Wellingborough, England and look forward to new climbing challenges next summer.
### 1980s

**Steve Case** (MDiv ’85, PhD ’87) noticed that few young people (and older ones as well) are reading the Ellen White classic *Steps to Christ*. The book was pivotal for his spiritual turnaround during his adolescence, so he rewrote it for today’s readers. Entitled *Connection*, the subtitle spells out its intention: “How to have a Relationship with God.” Pacific Press published the book and it’s available at ABCs or online at adventistbookcenter.com or amazon.com. Steve gave it away to Andrews Seminary students at the end of his sermon given during the weekly chapel service on Oct. 20, 2009.

**Greg Dunn** (BS ’85) has begun serving a one-year term as president of the Board of Directors of Rebuilding Together * Metro Chicago (RTMC), a nonprofit whose mission is to “improve the homes and neighborhoods of elderly, disabled and low-income residents so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety and comfort.” In his capacity as president, Dunn recently conducted visits to Capitol Hill to meet with the staffs of Illinois Senators Dick Durbin and Roland Burris and Representatives Danny Davis and Luis Gutierrez to introduce them to RTMC’s work, and discuss housing issues in the Chicago metropolitan area.

**Carole Rayburn** (MDiv ’80) is a fellow of 16 divisions of the American Psychological Association. She has completed research and published on the following topics including religion, spirituality, morality, religious occupations and stress, well-being, life choices, peacefulness, traumatic experiences and health, creative personality, and intuition. She proposed a new theory and discipline—theobiology: the interface of religion, spirituality and theology with biology and other sciences. Rayburn has just completed two years as president of the Montgomery County (Md.) National Organizational for Women, and is currently collaborating on a book entitled, *Killers of the Spirit, Restorers of the Soul*.

**Jerry A. Stevens** (MAT ’83, MA ’85), retired editor of *Christian Record Services for the Blind* and recent past editor of *Adventists Affirm*, has published a new book entitled *Vicarius Filii Dei: An Annotated Timeline; Connecting Links Between Revelation 13:16–18, the Infamous Number 666, and the Papal Headdress*. The book is a detailed study of the development of the historicist interpretation of 666. Visit www.AdventistsAffirm.org for more information.

### 1990s

**Ignacio and Karen (Holman) Cervera** (BA ’90) are happy to report the arrival of twin girls, Carla Maria and Paula Maria, on Independence Day, July 4, 2009 in Lansing, Mich. Carla weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and Paula weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Their brother Daniel, 8, and grandmother, Rae Holman (BA ’60, MA ’65, PhD ’85) of Berrien Springs, Mich., are very proud of the new additions to the family.

**Rhiannon Porter** (BSA ’04, MArch ’05) and Shaun Schroth were happily married before God, family and friends on May 1, 2009, at the Morris Farms Chapel in Berrien County, Mich. Since graduation, Shaun and Rhiannon have been living in Washington D.C. Rhiannon has been working at David M. Schwarz Architects, where her efforts have been focused on the Cook Children’s Medical Center expansion in Fort Worth, Texas, slated for completion in 2011. Rhiannon expects to finish her last Architectural Registration Exam in October, after which she will be on her way to becoming a licensed architect. After completing his associate degree in digital media production at the Art Institute of Washington, Shaun began classes this year at the University of the District of Columbia, with the intention of earning a bachelor’s degree and ultimately teaching photography.

**James Njine Theuri** (BIT ’91) and Pauline Monyangi Njine wish to share their joy at the birth of their daughter, Paola Moige, who was born on June 13, 2009. After graduating from Andrews, James worked as a high school teacher for two years and then worked as a manager in the automotive industry for eight years. Currently, he is an instructor of automotive technology.
at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, in Kenya. James is also studying for his MSA in international development through Andrews University.

**Ted Hunter** (BA ’91, MA ’94) is sharing his current college experience with his 22-year-old daughter, Kara. Both are attending Wayne State University’s School of Medicine, the first time in the school’s history that both a father and daughter are simultaneously enrolled in medical school. Ted says, “There is something special about having shared experiences facilitated by attending the same school at the same time. Being able to talk about our joys and sorrows, successes and failures, and dreams for the future within a familiar context I think is significant.” While they’re both doctors-to-be, Ted’s interest is in psychiatry but Kara plans to practice internal medicine.

**2000s**

**Pam (Zabudsky)** (MArch ’01) and **Barry Humphreys** (BSIT ’99) are proud to announce the birth of their third boy, Riley Owen, born in Elgin, Ill., on Aug. 17, 2009. Big brothers are Kaleb (4) and Zachary (21 mos.) Since graduation Pam has worked at a small firm in Arlington Heights, Ill. When her firstborn came along, she quit her job to be a stay-at-home mom. She is currently studying to take exams for licensure. Barry works for Patent Construction Systems/Harsco Corporation which is a worldwide company that specializes in scaffolding and concrete formwork. He has been working in the scaffolding industry in Chicago for nearly 10 years.

**Steven Peck** (BS ’07) and **Sarah (Myre)** (att.) are officers in the U.S. Navy, employed at Jacksonville Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. They both attended Loma Linda University where Sarah received her DPT and Steve got his MBA in healthcare administration.

**Doris Velazquez** (MBA ’06) married Harvey Alferez in Montemorelos, Mexico, on Aug. 2, 2009. They see God’s hand in their online meeting in spring 2008, and as Harvey had already met Doris’s family in Mexico, he was eager to meet her next. At the time, Doris was working as a financial analyst at Florida Hospital in Orlando. Most of their relationship was long-distance, which gave them opportunity to develop a strong emotional, mental and spiritual connection. After six months of dating, Harvey again visited Doris in Orlando, this time for her birthday, and romantically proposed. Doris was enthusiastic to accept. Their wedding was a joyous occasion, family and friends gathering from near and far to celebrate their happy beginning. Currently, the couple resides in Mexico where Harvey is a professor in the department of engineering and technology at Montemorelos University. Doris is busy being a cheerful and doting wife, while considering her career options.

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Harold M. Moll (BS '37), 95, of Midland, Mich., passed to his rest peacefully at his home on Sept. 7, 2009.

Harold was born April 2, 1914 in Wayne County, Mich. Harold graduated from Kent City High School in 1932 and received a Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1937. Following graduation he was hired by the Dow Chemical Company as a research chemist working for E.C. Britton. He was a major contributor to the development of many products such as Styrofoam, synthetic rubber, agricultural chemicals, monomers, and polymers during his 42-year career at Dow. He was granted 23 U.S. patents.

Following his retirement in 1972, he served as adjunct professor of chemistry at Andrews University, and subsequently received an honorary Doctor of Science from the University. He was a lifelong member of the American Chemical Society and the Instrument Society of America.

A loved and respected spiritual leader of his family and extended church community, his concern for others and gentle ways provided a beacon of stability. His hundreds of encouraging personal letters had positive influences on many people.

He was an avid student of the Bible and Biblical archaeology who loved to teach and was frequently asked to present sermons. He was an active lay leader and member of the Midland Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1937. He served as a member of the executive committee of the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and led the rebuilding of Adelphian and Great Lakes Adventist Academies.

Della Mae Carson (DIP YR '50, BBA '83), 78, of Inverness, Fla., died June 12, 2009.

She was born Nov. 18, 1930, in Superior, Wis., daughter of the late Carl and Jeannette (Harris) Crom. Carson worked as a senior accountant for the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists in Washington, D.C. for many years and was a member of the Hernando Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Carson was preceded in death by her brother Alvin De Wolfe. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Lewis B. Carson (BS '50); a son, David Carson (BS '81) and his wife Janet; two daughters, Vivian Mae Carson (BBA '84) and Bobbi (John) Larson; three sisters, Verona Mueller (BS '69), Marcella Stilinovich and Carla Schoon; and two grandsons, Matt Larson and Gifford McIntyre.

Harold A. May (BA '40), died at the age of 90 on May 18, 2009. Born on Dec. 23, 1918 in Rome, N.Y., Harold completed his early education at Union Springs Academy. His family then moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., to be close to an Adventist college. He graduated from EMC in 1940 and then joined the U.S. Navy in 1944. After his deployment, Harold returned to earn a master’s in physics from Northwestern University. In 1949 he married Gaile and began working for Argonne National Laboratory as a radiological physicist, specializing in the long-term effects of low-level radiation on the human body. Harold served as elder, deacon, teacher and community service director at his local church. He loved to read, collect old phonograph records, and dabbled in electronics, photography and fine woodworking. Harold is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gaile Marie May of Hinsdale, Ill.; his son Paul, of Monterey, Calif.; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Kenneth Ronald Wilson (BA '66, BD '69, MA '70), husband, father, Bible teacher, ordained minister and lifelong friend of God, passed away April 14, 2009, at home. He was born May 12, 1943, to Lester and Goldie (Metcalf) Wilson in Akron, Ohio. He planned a career in engineering when God called him into the teaching ministry.

Ken attended Andrews University from 1961-1970, graduating in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts in religion, in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts in divinity, and in 1970 with a Master of Arts in New Testament studies. He taught high school Bible classes in Seventh-day Adventist schools for 37 years. Over the course of his
career, he taught at Collegeview Adventist Academy in Lincoln, Neb., Orangewood Adventist Academy in Garden Grove, Calif., and Battle Creek Academy in Battle Creek, Mich., where he spent his last 25 years.

His teaching mainly focused on helping people come to know the wonderful God as revealed in Jesus. He delighted in watching young people “grow up” in Christ after making their decisions for the Lord. In 1985, Ken was ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister and enjoyed performing weddings and baptisms—including those of his three children. He was also an avid small-group Bible-study teacher.

His beautiful outlook on life and his inner strength during his two-year struggle with ALS was an inspiration to all who knew him. Regardless of the difficult circumstances, Ken and his loving and devoted wife, Joyce, praised God and found joy in telling their personal story of God’s blessings.

His first book, *Freedom Fighter: How God Wins the Universal War on Terror,* was published in August. His wife, Joyce, and their three children, *Kelley Lorencin* (BA ’00), *Chris* (BS ’00), and Claire, along with son-in-law David and daughter-in-law Pepper, look forward to the resurrection morning.

**Clark M. Willison** (BS ’42, MA ’64), 96, passed away on March 30, 2009. He was born on the family dairy farm in Michigan on Nov. 12, 1912, the son of Millard and Delia Willison. In 1930, Clark graduated from Battle Creek Academy. He first attended college in LaGrange, Ill., at Broadview College where he met and began dating Anne Zaleha. On Oct. 13, 1935, Clark and Anne were married. She preceded him in death on Dec. 23, 1981. Clark went on to complete a Bachelor of Science in agriculture and a minor in biology at EMC in 1942. He graduated with a master’s in education administration and supervision from Andrews in 1964.

A long-time educator and administrator, Clark began his career in 1942 as the manager of the Indiana Academy Farm at Cicero, Ind. In the fall of 1946, the family moved to Lacombe, Alberta, Canada where he was business manager and assistant to the president of Canadian Union College for two years. In 1948, Clark returned to Indiana Academy as principal and business manager. After seven years he accepted the position of Education, Youth and Temperance Director for the Indiana Conference of SDA with responsibility for the Church’s school system in Indiana. Although he never pastored a local church, Clark was ordained in 1955 and often spoke at church services as well as occasionally performing baptisms and weddings. During his time in the Indiana Conference, he was instrumental in acquiring the land and developing Timber Ridge Camp, the youth camp still owned and operated by the Indiana Conference.

In 1963, Clark moved to the Chicago suburbs as the Education, Temperance and ASI Director for the Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In 1966, he made his final career move to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was the Education Superintendent, Youth and Temperance Director for the Northern Union Conference of SDA. He remained in this position for 15 years until his retirement.

On March 31, 1983 he married *Ada McElmurry Holley* (att.), Clark enjoyed outdoor activities including hiking, gardening and landscaping. He enjoyed visiting with and helping others. He also liked to travel and over the years made trips to Europe and Asia as well as throughout North America.

Willison is survived by his wife, Ada, a son *Robert* (BA ’67, MA ’71) of Auburn, Wash., two grandchildren, and two great-grands. He is also survived by a stepson, *Leighton Holley* (BA ’62, MA ’67) and his wife, *Betty Lynne* (DIP ’63) of Alvarado, Texas; two stepdaughters, *Jeannine Fuller* (BS ’64) of Orange Beach, Ala.; and Marguerite Ripley of Livingston, Texas; 10 step-grandchildren; and 19 step-great-grandchildren.

**Michael J. Pioth** (BA ’54), age 88, passed away on Feb. 24, 2009. Michael served as a medic and German interpreter in WWII. A friend wrote to us of his life, saying how he would tell stories of his time in the war, claiming “he didn’t know where he would have been without prayer, his Bible & God.” Michael loved the Lord, and will be missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his sister, Ruth Brown, of Collegedale, Tenn.

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**Correction:** Eric Zaddock’s wedding announcement in the spring 2009 issue stated that he received a BArch in 2005. He earned his Master of Architecture (MArch). Our apologies for the error.

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An education that opened up the world

by Wendell Gaa

I haven’t paid a visit to my alma mater, Andrews University, in more than a decade now, but the educational experience I gained as a student there will remain with me for life. It came at a time when I needed a school to nourish my mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing and prepare me for the challenges the real world would present.

It was the spring of 1994 and I would be graduating in June from Glendale Adventist Academy (GAA) in sunny Southern California. There I was, a senior high school student with no clear direction of which career path to choose or college to attend.

John Aitken, my religion and drama teacher (and himself an Andrews alumnus), strongly advised me to try out my luck at Andrews. My initial thoughts were a combination of excitement and anxiety. The main question hanging in the air was why would a happy-go-lucky Southern California kid like me want to try studying and living in an environment so different from what I was used to?

I was told I could look forward to frigid winters, icy roads and depressing snowstorms upon moving to Berrien Springs, a lonely rural town out in the middle of nowhere in Southwest Michigan.

Fortunately, none of the horror stories were enough to intimidate me. Maybe it was my innate urge to go on an adventure, but I also felt a calling from God that this was the school He had destined for me.

The years between 1994 and 1998 when I was an Andrews student were a turning point in my life. It took awhile for me to adjust. Sure enough, there were the harsh winters and the freezing cold, but to my surprise, that became the least of my worries. I soon realized my biggest challenges would not only come from my academic trials, but from the emotional pressure of attempting to fit in and be accepted by my collegiate peers.

Through the power and comfort of God, my prayers for help were soon answered in the form of a select group of professors and friends who helped me realize I wasn’t alone. My first goal at Andrews was to get an education and earn a degree, and secondly, to gain an international network of friends. Happily, I discovered both at Andrews.

This school offered me some of the best professors one could learn from, and teachers who actually cared for both my mental and emotional growth. I will always cherish the journalism classes taught by Morris Brown. He taught me the importance of hard work and determination in pursuing my goals; the value of pursuing the truth at all costs; maintaining objectivity, writing accurately and overcoming my fear of working with people of differing professions.

One of my first news reporting assignments was an interview with Øystein LaBianca, my cultural anthropology teacher, about a scholarship grant he had received from the National Geographic Society for an archaeological excavation in Jordan. He expressed amazement and interest in my personal travel stories to Arab nations. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk with a scholar who was also culturally informed about remote and ancient societies outside of the United States.

During my final year at Andrews, the Departments of Behavioral Sciences and Social Work provided two very intelligent and kind-hearted professors: Duane McBride and Curtis Vanderwaal. Their courses showed me that Andrews could help me learn in both theoretical and practical ways.

That year I was also privileged to reunite with my GAA English teacher, Cara Dalton, who visited the campus for the opening and dedication of the J.N. Andrews sculpture.

On the social side, I developed an international network of close friends. The cosmopolitan campus population brought me friends from such countries as Haiti, Kenya, Japan, Mexico and Romania. Some of them I have kept in touch with over the years as they have become notable alumni doing amazing work for God. One of my fellow alumni whom I am very proud to call a dear friend is Mark Sigue. He is now sharing the light of Christ’s ministry as the children’s pastor of the Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church on the campus of Washington Adventist University (formerly Columbia Union College) in Takoma Park, Md. He has also helped to spread the gospel to such beautiful destinations as Uganda and the Philippines, our mutual home country.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism and mass media with a minor in behavioral sciences in 1998. My love of writing, working with people from all professions and nationalities, and traveling the world while spreading the word of God was only possible with the quality Christian education I obtained at Andrews.

My love of travel and serving the Lord has taken me to places as culturally diverse as Malaysia and as enchantingly exotic as India. I will always be grateful to Andrews for helping open up the globe for me and showing me that God’s world is worth exploring and understanding.

Wendell Gaa (BS ’98) currently works as a diplomat for the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs in Manila.

What’s your story?
We’d love to hear your reflections on the time you spent at Andrews University. If you’re interested in contributing, please e-mail focus@andrews.edu.
The enrollment at Andrews grew by an additional 170 students in the fall 2009. Whether the economy is keeping students in college longer or urging them back to college while waiting for the job market to open up, the enrollment growth is welcome. Undoubtedly when it begins to recover in earnest, the economy will look for college graduates to fill vacancies. In fact the best way to look for a good job in the future is to seek a good education now.

How can Andrews University keep providing affordable education of high quality to our young adults? Recently, Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, referred to this challenge in an article, “Rethinking Higher Education: Moving beyond the Iron Triangle.” The three sides of that triangle are access, cost and quality. It is like an iron triangle because these three sides are welded together, as it were. If the cost goes up too much, access declines. But if costs go down and access improves, quality may decline due to inadequate resources.

Andrews seeks to respond to this iron grip in various ways. First we plan to increase financial aid especially for our most committed and able first-year students, and gradually for all qualified students. That will open the gate of access. However, it will place some stress on our ability to keep the quality up. So we must work smarter with the resources we have, and some good results have been reported this year. For example, the School of Education has been given highest marks in the state of Michigan for its teacher preparation program.

Our behavioral science and natural science programs keep producing students who participate in faculty-student research and place very well after graduation. Special learning opportunities off-campus are transforming the lives of undergraduate students. Our extension DMin program in Africa recently produced very good candidates for graduation, with a number of them well-qualified to pursue PhD studies that would prepare them for teaching positions in our sister institutions around the world.

Another way to reduce costs while maintaining quality is to help students move through their program rapidly without delays. This year our retention rate from freshmen to sophomore stood at nearly 80 percent, well above average for institutions like Andrews, and our graduation rate within a given number of semesters climbed to 60 percent, again ahead of national averages.

In order to maintain these initiatives, Andrews relies ever more upon its alumni and friends for counsel and encouragement, for sending us good students, and providing financial support. One of these generous supporters is our sponsoring Church, and I wish to express appreciation for its support, as well as the very generous support we continue to receive from our alumni and friends, many of whom are mentioned in this report.

On behalf of the entire University, I thank you.

Niels-Erik Andreasen

The night began with some inspiring words from Tari Popp, director of Planned Giving & Trust Services, “They say that real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present,” she said.

The 2009 Spirit of Philanthropy Awards presented on Friday, Sept. 25, at the annual donor recognition dinner held at Dining Services, honored those who were “giving all to the present.” The event recognized friends and supporters who have exhibited exceptional generosity and commitment to Andrews University. Honorees were Bill and Patricia Mutch, Steve and Ann Willsey, Dana and Dawn Wales, and Peter and Dixie Wong.

Popp was referring to Bill and Patricia Mutch, who were absent due to another commitment. The Mutchs have certainly poured their all into the years they have spent at Andrews University. Both graduates of Andrews, Bill and Pat each went on to earn their PhD’s and then return to their alma mater in 1972 to begin careers here that have spanned their professional lifetime.

During the decades they have spent at Andrews University, Bill and Pat have given generously of their time; working long hours for the benefit of their students and colleagues. They have given of their financial resources. And on many occasions they have given away their privacy by hosting dinners and parties in their home and allowing students to live with them from time to time. In other words, they have given their all to the present.

But they were not satisfied with “giving all” only in the present. Bill and Pat have also made arrangements through their estate plan to earmark a percentage of their assets to come to Andrews University. They truly exemplify the spirit of philanthropy.

Steve and Ann Willsey were also honored in absentia for their annual giving by Kristina Barroso Burrell, senior development officer. Burrell related how Steve’s commitment to Andrews began when he was president of the Student Association and senior-class president. The Willsays have maintained consistent and generous support to the University nearly every month. Donors who give monthly donations are rare and it is even more uncommon for monthly gifts to come from non-faculty or staff. They embody the theme of The Fund for Andrews: “Give every year. Make a difference every day.”

Dana and Dawn Wales have partnered with Andrews financially in significant ways: Beginning in September 1985, Dana made his first modest gift to Andrews University and over the next 24 years, 80 separate gifts have found their way into various programs and projects at Andrews. Dana was the first sponsor of The Howard Center Presents... series and continues to be a strong supporter/contributor every year. Additionally, he has spurred on the Legacy of Leadership Campaign with a significant pledge.

Dana has also supported Andrews through his participation on the Andrews Academy Board, the University Board of Trustees and as a President’s Council member. “His well-trained, keen business mind has been a huge asset to our committees as we have wrestled with financial strategies and how best to market and advance the mission of the university,” said presenter Audrey Castelbuono, campaign manager and senior development officer.

Jacqueline Spencer, annual giving coordinator, said in her tribute about Peter and Dixie Wong, “The gifts that I find most inspiring are not the multi-million dollar gifts that come our way every so often, but rather, the smaller, sacrificial gifts made on a regular basis that in their own quiet way make a tremendous impact over time.”

The Wongs are wonderful examples of how this type of philanthropy can make a difference. Peter made his first gift to Andrews University in 1970, the year following his first year of employment teaching chemistry. Dixie, a 1964 biology graduate, made her first gift in 1981. Over the years, Peter and Dixie have contributed more than 140 gifts to the University, helping to support various endowed scholarships, departments and programs on campus.

Much of Peter’s giving has come in the form of payroll deductions, which provide an easy method for faculty and staff to be consistent in their giving. When asked about his role in giving to the University, Peter said since he was on the staff, he felt it was reasonable to contribute as a good example to others. Peter especially enjoyed giving to scholarships, “I could see directly how the money was used—I had a chance to see people benefit,” he said. Realizing that impact, he has also started an endowed scholarship.

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Dale Twomley: A true investor in Adventist education

by Rebecca May

With a successful and varied career that spans nearly five decades, most of us would think it’s time to buy the motor home and a new set of golf clubs, take a volunteer position on the church finance committee that wouldn’t “tie me down,” and coast into retirement with a collection of recognition plaques, and a contented, satisfied grin on your face. After all, shouldn’t that earn you a reprieve from the endless committee meetings, personnel challenges, sleepless nights responding to volatile conditions in the marketplace and in society?

But Dale Twomley has chosen “the road less travelled.” His boyish looks belie the fact that he could retire his business suits for golf attire. Dale Twomley has chosen to reinvent himself rather than retire, dedicating his time, influence and expertise to the improvement of the Adventist educational system.

It’s not the first time Dale has reinvented himself. And perhaps it’s his nimbleness of mind and action that distinguishes his contribution.

After graduation from Adelphian Academy, Dale was working as assistant manager at a local grocery store and planned to continue working there. That was until a recruiter from Emmanuel Missionary College walked up the driveway, found Dale working on his car in his dad’s garage, and talked to him about going to college. By the end of the conversation Dale had decided to go to college—to be with his friends. The recruiter’s words of encouragement to think beyond the expected course of action changed his life—and surely the lives of countless young people Dale has, in turn, encouraged in word and deed to get a great education.

Taking the encouragement to heart, Dale was off to Emmanuel Missionary College where he completed a bachelor’s degree in business administration. His diploma was among the very first to come from the newly-reorganized Andrews University, in 1961. One can’t help but imagine what he observed during his college years, as his school morphed from a good Adventist college to a budding university with lofty goals for Adventist education. No doubt his experience provided seed for what became his philosophy and dreams for Adventist education.

His first job within the Adventist educational system was treasurer at Greater New York Academy. He toyed with the idea of medical school for a while, completing pre-med requirements at Southern Missionary College. But his resume reveals the conclusion was finally a different path in education, with administrative and teaching service at Apison Elementary, Takoma Academy, Columbia Union College, South Lancaster Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy, landing him back at Andrews University in 1978 as chair of the Department of Business Administration. During those busy years, Dale completed an MBA and, subsequently a PhD in administration.

Under Dale’s leadership the Department of Business Administration at Andrews was reorganized and became the School of Business Administration, with Dale serving as its first dean. Enrollment in the School of Business Administration increased from 180 to 260 under the five years of his leadership. In 1983, sensing that using his gifts of leadership and business prowess in the corporate sector could develop personal financial advantages for the education of his family and other Adventist families, Dale launched a successful career with Worthington Foods. Among the company’s successes during his 14 years as President/CEO, sales increased from $27 million to $185 million, and shareholders’ equity increased at 31 percent compounded annual growth rate for 14 years. The business theories he’d learned, taught and institutionalized at Andrews were brilliantly successful in the “real world.”
According to Andrews President Niels-Erik Andreasen, “After he left Andrews to join the Worthington Foods Company, Dale continued his association with the University as a trustee, serving on the finance and audit committees. While still a member of the board Dale joined the President’s Council for Institutional Development which helped identify priorities for the University’s capital campaign. With Paul Stokstad he served as cochair of that Council until recently, but still retains his membership. Dale has made a durable and positive imprint on Andrews University which owes him a debt of gratitude for his service. Andrews is grateful to Dale for these many years of dedicated service to the betterment of the university. It is a stronger institution because of him.”

Dale watched his school morph from EMC to Andrews University, the Department of Business Administration develop into a School, and transformed his own career as a successful educator into a successful CEO. So when the calendar indicated that retirement was just ahead, he was ready to change that paradigm also.

Following retirement from Worthington in 2001, Andrews has noted with pride that Dale has devoted much time and energy to assist four struggling Adventist academies, significantly improving their facilities, quality and enrollment.

During his first full year serving as principal of Mount Vernon Academy, their enrollment increased by 56 percent and capital improvements totalling $3.2 million were invested in the campus over the next three years.

Shenandoah Valley Academy enrollment increased 30 percent during his first year as principal and an additional 30 percent the second year. Capital improvements to the campus were $4.5 million.

Working as assistant to the president of Potomac Conference, Dale led the Takoma Academy board in working with consultants, evaluating the academics, personnel and physical plant. The work resulted in a refreshed administration and support for $800,000 in capital improvements.

Beginning fall 2009, Dale is now putting his laser focus on his responsibilities as president/CEO of Fletcher Academy, Inc., beginning the process of restoring financial health to the enterprises of FAI and improving the programs and physical plant.

According to Audrey Castelbuono, campaign manager and senior development officer for Andrews University, “Dale is level-headed, outcome-driven and passionate about education at all levels. His mantra is, ‘If we’re going to have Adventist education, let’s have it be the best.’ Every institution he’s worked with has solved financial issues, and become a thriving institution under his leadership.”

“I personally don’t know of anybody else in the church that has done, or could do, what Dale has done,” adds David Faehner, vice president for University Advancement. “He knows the Adventist educational system and its needs. Dale’s passion and commitment inspires philanthropy for the cause of Adventist education among his business peers and church members. Instead of retiring, he uses his business acumen to build the system he loves, to serve the kids he loves.”

Dale has played a key role in assisting Andreasen and Faehner with laying out the goals of a bold campaign—A New Andrews for a New Century. Faehner commented recently, “Seeing his enthusiasm for Andrews as an ‘insider,’ and an ‘outsider,’ for what might be accomplished, gave us all courage to think boldly. The goals of the campaign that Dale helped design, when accomplished, will make education at Andrews University the very best that Adventist education can produce, right here at his Alma Mater.”

Paul Stokstad has served side-by-side with Dale as a trustee of Andrews, and in front leadership roles for the campaign. “Dale has a history of making things happen in Adventist education. It has been a pleasure to work with him, to watch his organizational and leadership talents in operation. Through Dale’s efforts in founding and leading the President’s Council he has inspired an entire group of people share his vision for Andrews and commit to making the vision a reality,” says Stokstad.

Dale shared his dreams for Andrews University in a recent video production with the following words, “As you think about Andrews, and what it has done, and the opportunities it has in front of it, and the resources that are necessary to make that happen, I think that’s a good investment.”

These words sound strikingly similar to the words that may have been spoken to high-school graduate Dale Twomley at his father’s garage many years ago. Given the testimony of Dale’s lifelong commitment to the ministry of Adventist education, these words of encouragement are likely, with God’s continued guidance, to inspire the paradigm for the future of education at Andrews in bold new ways, and for His glory, for many years to come.

Rebecca May is director of campus relations & events at the Andrews University Office of Integrated Marketing & Communication.
It’s not just monetary donations that make the difference in the lives of students at Andrews University. Benefactors have impacted the university with other gifts as well.

During the past year, the Department of Aeronautics has benefited from two significant aircraft donations. These donations directly impact the students, allowing for additional training and mission opportunities.

A single-engine Cessna 210 aircraft was the first addition to the department’s flight program. The donation was made during the 2009 summer semester by Clyde Roggenkamp (BA ’63), professor of dentistry at Loma Linda University and retired Air Force Lt. Col. The airplane will be used to help train mission pilots and advanced flight students working on higher-level certificates and ratings. Jim Doran, chief flight instructor, said they also hope to have students fly the plane overseas for mission projects.

Roggenkamp had a long and interesting history with this airplane, including crossing the North Atlantic to England; and flying it back after two years of serving in Southern England in the U.S. Air Force. He personally flew his airplane from California to its new home base at Andrews.

The gift is very significant to the department, said Doran, because, after looking into Andrews’ aeronautics program and sitting in on some classes, Roggenkamp decided that Andrews was on the right track with aeronautics education and decided to donate an object that was such a huge piece of his life.

The second aircraft was donated by Hannu Halminen (BS ’71), who began his college education at Andrews University in the late 60s as a biology major, with visions of going on to medical school. Being an excellent student, and filled with lots of creative energy, Halminen took aviation flight courses at Andrews University’s Airpark so that he could fly as a hobby. Everything he did seemed to be done with personal zeal. Just a few months ago, Halminen raced in one stage of the Tour de France, one week before the international competition.

After graduating from Andrews, Halminen realized another dream and became very successful as a developer and commercial builder in Canada. But he never forgot his love for flying. He personally owns numerous planes and flies his personal “war bird,” a T-6, each year at the international Oshkosh fly-in. Halminen is a talented and experienced pilot with thousands of hours of flight time and rich flight memories. He has flown internationally and recently helped ferry a DC-3 to Antarctica.

For months, Halminen wanted to donate one of his personal aircraft, a classic Piper J-3 Cub. In October, he flew the Cub down from Canada and delivered it to the Department of Aeronautics.

“It is very significant to have received not one, but two donations of aircraft to our department this year,” said Dina Simmons, chair. “God is truly blessing us by impressing people to share their gifts. These gifts help with some of the real needs of our department.”
People in his community were living as if there was no tomorrow, but God had other plans for Clifmond Shameerudeen. The journey that God planned for him included a scholarship that allowed him to attend Andrews University, where he found both a chance to build on his faith and the fellowship of ministry to keep him from drifting away.

Clifmond was raised in an Adventist family in Guyana, among a community with very different values than his family. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of eight, but it was hard to stay true to his beliefs.

“Despite my efforts to become like the rest of my community, God seemed to always make sure I was in the right place,” he said.

“My parents never had the opportunity to receive formal education beyond third grade,” said Clifmond. “Attending school and going to church regularly was not an option in my family.”

Clifmond did graduate from public high school, but found that he had neither the grades to attend college, nor any good opportunities for employment. He asked God for help in trying to figure out what he should do with his life.

He tried taking business classes at a private school, then applied to a local university, but was denied. Finally, a friend sent him an application for an Adventist college in Trinidad. He applied and was accepted on provisional status. It turned out that Andrews University was the institution actually granting the degrees.

Clifmond wanted to complete the last two years of his degree at Andrews, so in 2002 he moved to Andrews and graduated with a BS in computer science two years later.

“When I thought I was done at Andrews University, God was not done with me,” said Clifmond. “I got married to Amy in 2007 and began planning our future. God was also planning my future. I obeyed His calling to ministry and enrolled in the Master of Divinity program in the Seminary.”

He applied for a scholarship through the Seminary and was surprised to receive a letter stating he had received two scholarships: The Richard L. Hammill Endowed Scholarship and The Myrtle Logan Seminary Student Scholarship.

“Getting the scholarship reminded me of how God takes care of His children. I am very thankful for the opportunity to study at this great institution that puts students first on its agenda,” says Clifmond.

Since beginning his studies at the seminary, he has learned tools that challenge him to do truly excellent work. The opportunities to participate in different ministries while at Andrews have also helped strengthen his faith. He says, “The chance to return to study at the Seminary has been a once-in-a-lifetime dream.”

Endowed scholarships play a large part in making dreams like Clifmond’s come true.

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The Fund for Andrews Phonathon is currently in full swing and is doing very well despite the present economy, according to Jackie Spencer, the annual giving coordinator for the Office of Development. “We are currently ahead of what we raised at this time in 2008 and 2007. God is certainly blessing us in spite of poor economic conditions.”

Every year The Fund for Andrews receives more donations than any other single project. While many of these gifts are modest amounts each one represents the heart-felt passion of the donor to make a difference in the lives of the students of Andrews University. Each gift, regardless of the size, is important to our young people and to the University.

Listed below are the names of individuals who have made gifts to The Fund for Andrews during the past fiscal year that qualify them for membership in one of our giving societies. Due to the transition in fiscal years at Andrews, figures are based on a ten-month period starting July 1, 2008 and ending April 30, 2009.

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While their parents were touring campus or attending a variety of other events, our future alumni were flexing their artistic muscles at FLAG Camp.