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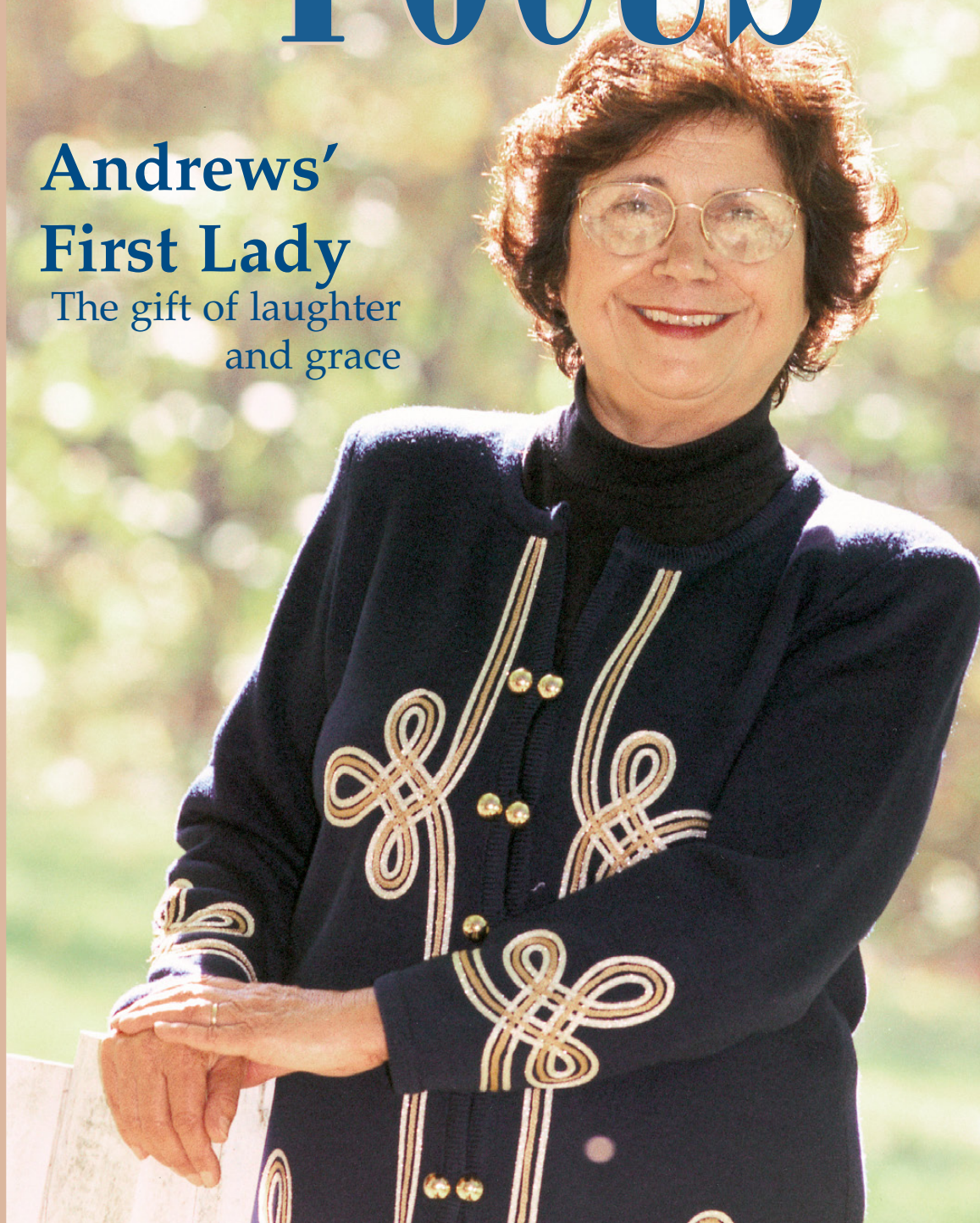
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# FOCUS

**Andrews'**  
**First Lady**  
The gift of laughter  
and grace





# An incomparable gift

Every once in a while, someone will ask me quietly what it's like to work with the president's wife when they hear that Mrs. Andreasen, coordinator for community relations, has her office in the university relations building. I'll look at the person quizzically, smile and say, "She's wonderful to work with!" Truly, one of the great blessings for me in my job is working closely with Demetra, a truly classy lady. And so I'm delighted that Beverly Matiko, associate professor of English and communication, agreed to write an article on our first lady. In her profile of Mrs. Andreasen, Bev introduces us to a woman who brings to campus the incomparable gift of grace and laughter, a dedicated woman who says she feels most comfortable behind the scenes, but who shines in the public spotlight her husband's position requires.

Tyson Thorne's cover and inside photos of Mrs. A capture our first lady's pleasing style and personality.

Scholarship for Service since 1874 has been Andrews' slogan for awhile, but this year it has special significance in that we are celebrating 125 years as an institution of Christian higher education. We share with FOCUS readers the fun we had—even though it poured—on August 24 at the Founders' Day Picnic. We had to move the food into the cafeteria and the line of party-goers wound down the staircase and into the Campus Center lobby—but we had enough food and birthday cake to celebrate the occasion in grand style. And then, once the rain cleared a bit, we moved the party to a makeshift diamond behind the Alumni House on Seminary Drive and watched the Centennial Sluggers go toe-to-toe with the local Berrien County Cranberry Boppers in a match of vintage baseball. One-hundred-and-twenty-five years is a long time, and at Andrews we're making the most of the occasion to celebrate our roots and heritage.

At the risk of jumping on the Y2K bandwagon and, thus, adding more hype to the cliché the end of this year has already become, we're running a story by Chris Carey about how the campus intends to cope with potential glitches attending the upcoming cosmic rollover to Y2K. He explores campus preparations and concerns, and more significantly he discusses Seminary professor Jon Paulien's timely book *The Millennium Bug*.

Not many people know that Andrews is practically next door to a site important to American hymnology. In the little town of Pokagon—hardly even a wide spot in the road any more—you'll find the old, wooden church where "The Old Rugged Cross" was first performed in public. Madeline Johnston's two photos offer a glimpse of this historic landmark that's being saved by a local foundation.

In this issue we introduce a new department—Faculty & Staff will follow Campus Update from now on. In this section we intend to feature Andrews personnel, their teaching, their research their achievements. Over and over again, it's the staff and faculty at Andrews that receive rave reviews, and we're happy to give them special recognition in FOCUS.

And to round out this issue, in "At Random" we print Professor Elly Economou's comments upon her receiving the J. N. Andrews Medallion in September. I guess this issue of FOCUS could be called our "Greek goddess" issue since we feature two women of Greek heritage who make a great difference at Andrews University.

—Douglas A. Jones (MA '80)  
FOCUS editor



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# CALENDAR

**Christmas Concert.** Friday Festival of Faith, University Choirs, under the direction of Stephen Zork. Dec. 10, 7:30 pm in PMC.

**Fall finals.** Exams are slated for Dec. 13 to 15. Autumn quarter ends Dec. 15.

**Christmas holidays** begin Dec. 16 and continue through Jan. 9.

**Registration 2000.** Register for winter term is slated for Sunday, Jan. 9 from 8 am to 5 pm. Or, register on the web and avoid long lines. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 10, for most programs.

**Laying claim to clay.** "The Clay Up There: Current Ceramics from Anderson Ranch." An art gallery exhibit featuring 13 ceramicists. Jan. 11 to Feb. 11. Opening reception, Jan. 11, 7-9 pm. Art Building.

**Architecture lectures.** The Division of Architecture Lecture Series. **Jan. 13:** Robert Foulkes, "You Can Build With a Tree" **Jan. 20:** Jimmy New, "Crapper's Heirs: Some

*Environmental and Aesthetic Possibilities of Constructed Wetlands Wastewater Treatment"* **Feb. 10:** Gregory Wolfe, "Art, Faith, and the Stewardship of Culture" **Feb. 24:** Patrick Pinnell, "Shadow Play: Typology and the Secret Life of Yale." **All lectures are at 4 pm in the Division of Architecture Amphitheater and are free and open to the public.**

**Dream King.** Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday observed. Classes cancelled Monday, Jan. 17.

**Brrrr . . . bring on the beach.** AUSA/SA Winter Beach Party, Jan. 22, 7 pm, Johnson Gym.

**Health Careers Fair.** Jan. 31, 10 am to 2 pm, Campus Center.

**Beethoven's Fifth Symphony** and more. Andrews University Orchestra Concert, conducted by Carla Trynchuk. Feb. 5, 8 pm at PMC.

**"Let There Be No Division Among You."** Black History Weekend. Feb. 11-13. Friday evening: Eurydice Osterman, professor of music at Oakwood College, 7:30 in PMC. Sabbath morning: Alvin Kibble, president of Allegheny East

Conference, 11 am in PMC. Saturday evening: Wintley Phipps in concert, 8:30 in PMC. For information, call Dr. Joseph Warren at 616-471-3168.

**Celebrate Creativity.** Sixth annual Creative Arts Festival. Gallery openings, lectures, concerts. Feb. 22-26.



**UP FRONT:** Week of Prayer speaker Jon Henderson in Pioneer Memorial Church.

**Friday Festival of Faith.** Wind Symphony, conducted by Alan Mitchell. Feb. 25, 7:30 pm in PMC.

*The Wind Symphony has released a CD entitled "Celebration of Winds." Funds generated from its sale will help raise money for a Wind Symphony*

*performance tour of Europe in March. Contact Alan Mitchell for more information: 616-471-6340.*

**Going, going . . .** Esprit 2000, the third annual benefit dinner and auction hosted by Andrews Academy. Feb. 27, 4-8 pm. For more information about Esprit 2000, contact Rebecca Becker at 616-471-6140 or <acadealum@andrews.edu>.

**F**or more information about these and other events at Andrews University, please call 1-800-253-2874 or visit us on the Web at [www.andrews.edu](http://www.andrews.edu). Click on news and events.

# LETTERS

## INSIDE SCOOP, PERFECT CIRCLES

Thanks for keeping us far-flung alumni up-to-date with happenings at Andrews. While all of my siblings (KIM—BS, MSPT '87; CHRIS—att.; LESLEY—RMES, AA) were just there this summer, it's nice to get the inside scoop.

Dr. Economou's retirement caught my eye. While she'll always be remembered for her theological acumen and her regular house dinners overflowing with delicious Greek food (and the best baklava!), many of us alumni always seem to bring up how she would draw those perfect circles on the chalkboard with one big circular swing of her arm.

Glad to read that one class per quarter will still get to witness this unforgettable sight.

Ernie Medina, Jr. (BS '89)  
EMedinaJr@aol.com

*Editor's note: Thanks for the memories, Ernie. You'll be interested in our coverage of Dr. Economou's retirement reception and her receiving the J.N. Andrews Medallion in September. Actually, this could be called the "Elly Economou" issue of FOCUS. She's written the "At Random" at the back of the magazine. What would/ will we do without Elly?!*

## THE GREENING OF AU

Thank you for publishing "It's Not Easy Being Green" in the spring issue.

As urban sprawl creeps over our farmlands, and fresh water in the Great Lakes region is threatened, AU has an increasingly important responsibility to investigate ways to improve profitability while enhancing

the long term health of the campus.

Andrews also has an extraordinarily unique opportunity to impact environmental sustainability around the world. As Christian students learn to preserve and protect their environment through mandatory and volunteer activities, they will take these "best practices" with them when they return home.

Keep up the good work!

Margaret Poole (att. '65-'66)  
Berrien Springs, Michigan

## NOT EXACTLY SUPERWOMAN

When I read about myself in the Class Notes section of the last issue of FOCUS, I didn't realize that I had so much energy! Honestly, the paragraphs that I sent you were either not clear or something was lost in translation.

It is correct that I am in private practice in psychiatry in Cookeville, Tenn. The teaching part should be in the past tense (part of what I have done in the past since graduating from AU).

I did both hospital and office-based psychiatric medicine in Grand Rapids and in Johnson City, Tenn. (Again, both in the past). I am currently active in community education. The other statements about Wisam and me are correct.

If that sounds less than ambitious, well, we might as well be correct. Managing the only full-time psychiatric practice in several counties keeps me as busy as this old body can stand.

I noticed that in some of the other class notes, more was mentioned about spouses. I'm very proud of my husband, not to mention exquisitely in love for 20 years of marriage. He also is a psychiatrist and the medical director of the Mental Health Center which serves about 15 counties in Tennessee. On top of that, he is angelic in putting up with me and my schedule.

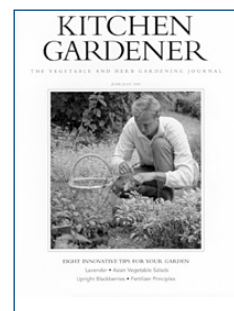
Some church members have asked how I have the time to do all that travelling. I'd love to say "superwoman"—but the commandment says not to lie!

Carol Fisk-Owais (BS '74)  
Cookeville, Tenn.

You'll be interested to know that ED AND VERA STREETER, whose shade garden was featured last summer in FOCUS were highlighted in this summer's issue of *Taunton's Kitchen Gardener*, a first-class gardening publication. The 5-page article, "Versatile Lattice," offers the Streeters' tips on building simple wooden lattice walls, partitions and trellises for kitchen gardens.

AND

Andrews alum RUSSELL STAFFORD (MA '80) is the author of a special issue of *Horticulture*. The magazine (due out this winter) is filled with Russell's articles on perennial gardening. Now a freelance garden writer, Russell has most recently served as head of horticulture at Fernwood Botanic Gardens in Niles, Mich.





# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Andrews' ranking improves among nation's best

For the tenth consecutive year, Andrews University has placed among the best colleges in the United States, according to *U.S. News and World Report*.

The university's standing improved from being among the top 228 national universities last year to a ranking among the top 176 national universities this year.

Andrews has been listed every year since 1989, when the annual "Best Colleges" issue was first published by the Washington, D.C.-based news magazine. The 1999 rankings were published

in the magazine's Aug. 23 edition.

"The rating verifies that Andrews



University sets its course and pursues it over the long haul," said Dr. Gary Ross, assistant to Andrews University president Niels-Erik Andreasen. "We are not trendy and ephemeral in what

we do, but we definitely attend to the trends in American higher education and shape our course with them in mind, even as we honor our tradition and especially our traditional mission," Ross said.

## Tech buildings erected

The Andrews University Airpark celebrated the completion of a new airplane hangar this fall.

The hangar, which measures 90 feet by 175 feet, enables the aeronautical technology department to house all nine planes operated by Andrews securely. It also provides rental space for eight other planes.

An additional structure on campus is a solar barn, a unique greenhouse-style structure manufactured exclusively for animal housing at the farm.

Designed to let in sunlight and fresh air, the barn will allow the agriculture department to conduct long-term studies on livestock environments.

## Students register online for fall term

For the first time in its 125-year history, Andrews University students were able to register for fall quarter classes via the World Wide Web.

"A total of 2,968 students were registered," said Emilio Garcia-Marenko, university registrar and chair of the quality improvement team which oversaw integration of the new system.

"Web registration was the method used totally or partially by 881 students. This is 29.5 percent of the total."

Katie Widner, a senior English major, gave the new process two thumbs up. "Web registration was really efficient and easy. It's much smoother than before, and there are no long lines to stand in. Plus, now you can order your textbooks online which makes the whole process much faster."

According to the Office of Academic

Records, the total 2,968 students registered for 35,572.5 academic credits, which makes for a total of 2400.9 FTEs, or full-time equivalents.

Garcia-Marenko notes that Andrews has enrolled 67 more students this fall than last fall quarter, but that the FTE total was higher last year by 61.69. However, he says that this year's number of first-time college students is higher than that of the last three years.

To ensure another healthy enrollment next fall—when the university changes over to semesters—the Office of Enrollment Services has launched an aggressive recruitment campaign.

On Oct. 17 and 18, approximately 360 secondary school seniors from the upper Midwest visited campus to get acquainted with potential teachers and deans—and to renew friendships with former classmates who now attend Andrews University.



**32 YEARS OF SERVICE:** President Andreasen presents the J. N. Andrews medallion to Elly Economou, professor of biblical languages, upon her retirement from teaching at Andrews University. Vice president Patricia Mutch looks on during the Sept. 20 event in the Seminary Chapel. Read Dr. Economou's acceptance speech on page 30 of this issue.

# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Discipleship the theme of fall Week of prayer

Traveling and preaching since the age of 15, Jonathan F. Henderson, outreach ministries at Pacific Union College in California, spiritually inspired students and faculty members during fall quarter's Week of Prayer Oct. 11-16.

Speaking on the theme "Discipleship: Synergy, not Cynicism," Henderson adeptly illustrated the triumphs and trials of such noted Biblical figures as



**SYNERGISTIC:** Jon Henderson addresses students in PMC.

David, Gideon, Elisha and Naaman.

Henderson's personable and engaging approach to spiritual values was "attractive to the undergraduates at Andrews," said Kelly Schmitt, coordinator of convention services in the Office of University Relations.

Students commented on Henderson's approach, as well. "His original approach kept my attention," said Trisha Ramel, sophomore public relations major from Hinsdale, Ill.

**PRESIDENTIAL PAINTING:** President Andreassen presented the official portrait of J. Grady Smoot, president of Andrews University from 1976 to 1983, to a small gathering of friends, family and former colleagues Monday morning, Oct. 18, in the reference room of the James White Library.



Dr. Smoot, who recently retired from Pittsburg State University in Kansas (shown at left with his son Christopher), joined the group that included the portrait's painter Harry Ahn and immediate past Andrews president Richard Leshner.

## Holocaust remembered

It was 1972 at a train station in Riga, Latvia, when eight-year-old Anna Gerasimova said a tearful goodbye to her grandfather. He had told her it would be the last time they would ever see each other.

He was wrong.

Twenty-seven years later, Anna and her grandfather again came face-to-face. . . at the James White Library at Andrews.

"I went to the library to check out a book," said the now-married Anna Galeniece, a doctoral student in the Seminary. "I stopped to look at the Rescuers Holocaust exhibit and the second picture I saw was of my grandfather. My heart was trembling. I didn't think I would see Grandpa in America!"

Anna's grandfather, Amfian Gerasimov, is one of 49 rescuers whose picture and story comprise "Rescuers: Moral Courage in the Holocaust," a fall quarter photo exhibit at Andrews. The exhibition is currently touring the U.S. and Europe; it has been housed at the New York Museum of

Modern Art, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and the U.S. embassy in Switzerland.

Amfian would frequently say to his grandchildren, "Do not live for yourselves, but live for others." With great pride, peppered with heartfelt emotion, Anna recalls, "There was a hole in the wall of the living room that was covered by a shelf. My grandparents hid a Jewish person in there. No one knew he was there—not even their six children. If they were caught, they would have met the same fate as the Jews."

Other courageous deeds would follow, such as hiding other Jews and feeding Jews on the street by dropping breadcrumbs on the sidewalk through a hole in his pocket.

Amfian's most self-sacrificing act is the one Anna remembers the most. In 1972, with the blessing of his wife and family, he boarded a train and moved to Jerusalem where he served as a missionary to the Jews until his

death in 1986. The law in Communist countries then prohibited Amfian from ever returning to his homeland of Latvia.

"He was a very generous Christian," Anna says.

In her eight short years with him, Anna remembers well her grandfather's words. But she cherishes most what he did.



**RESCUER REMEMBERED:** Andrews student Anna Galeniece stands by a portrait of her grandfather in the photo exhibit of Holocaust rescuers in the James White Library.



# CAMPUS UPDATE

## Summer graduation: degrees and awards

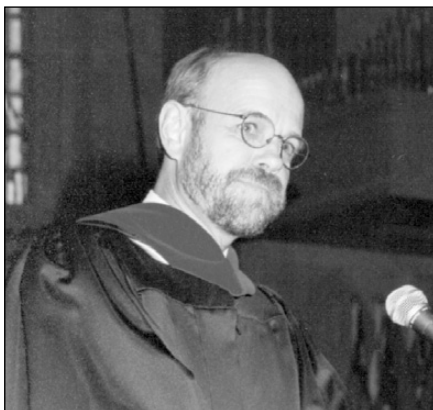
More than 250 students celebrated the completion of their studies at Andrews at the university's summer 1999 graduation.

The combined commencement service for both undergraduate and graduate students was held Aug. 8 in Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews campus. Charles Sandefur, president of the Mid-America Union of Seventh-day Adventists, provided the commencement address entitled, "Pilgrims Forever."

The honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, was presented to Marion Corwell-Shertzer who is best known for using her broad university training in music, communication arts, finance and human relations for social reform.

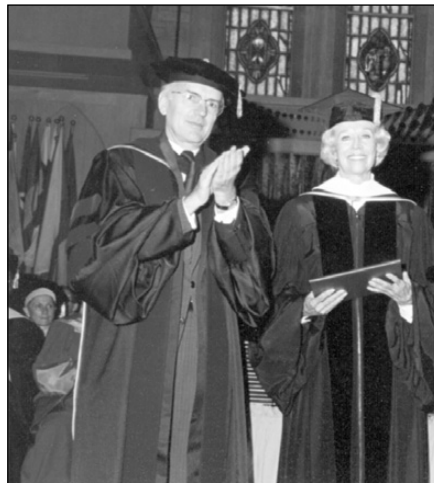
The J. N. Andrews Medallion, presented to SDA teachers, scholars and writers who have distinguished themselves in the advancement of knowledge and education, was presented to Atilio R. Dupertuis, Andrews professor of theology and director of the Institute of Hispanic Ministry.

Friday evening's consecration service



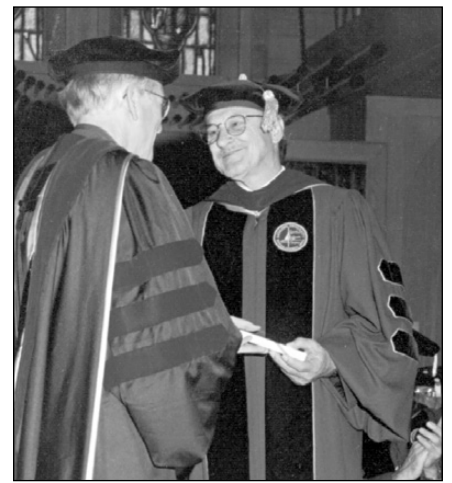
**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER:** Charles Sandefur addresses summer graduates.

featured School of Education dean Karen Graham's presentation "Create in Me..." and Sabbath morning's baccalaureate sermon was delivered by asso-



**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** President Andreasen applauds Marion Corwell-Shertzer's honorary degree. Seminary professor Atilio Dupertuis accepts the J. N. Andrews Medallion during summer graduation ceremonies.

ciate dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary John McVay.



## Fall fellowship features noted author

"Worldview Formation" was the topic of discussion during the annual Fall Fellowship held at Andrews University for faculty and staff, Sept. 17 and 18.

Noted Christian author James W. Sire was the featured speaker for the weekend's sessions held in the Lamson Hall Chapel.

Until his recent retirement, Sire served as senior editor and campus lecturer for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

His book *The Universe Next Door*, now in its third edition, is required reading in over 200 schools, and his book *Habits of the*

*Mind* is scheduled to be published in 2000.

Fall Fellowship, which was coordinated by executive committee of the Center for College Faith, featured music by the music department.



**WORLDVIEW FORMATION:** James W. Sire's presentation to the staff and faculty at Fall Fellowship dealt with how Christians see the world.

# FACULTY & STAFF

## AU artist hangs in ambassadors' homes

"Art is one of our most productive ambassadors," said artist Helen Frankenthaler, and Professor **Greg Constantine**, chair of the art department, has taken this statement to heart.

Within the last year, he has shared his unique art with the government through the Art in Embassies Program. Constantine was encouraged by the curator of the program to submit slides of his work to be viewed by U.S. ambassadors, who then choose paintings to furnish their residences abroad. Four of Constantine's paintings now hang in three locations.

Ambassador Cynthia Schneider of the Netherlands, Ambassador Paul Cejas of Belgium and Ambassador Rudolf Perina of Moldavia, chose Constantine's paintings in January of this year, and the paintings now occupy prominent places in their overseas residences.

This summer, Constantine visited two of the ambassadors' homes. After completing his fifteenth architecture tour in Europe with Andrews University students, he spent a day in the Netherlands with Ambassador Schneider and the following day in Belgium with Ambassador Cejas. "I was very much impressed by the graciousness of the ambassadors," said Constantine. "They took time out of their busy schedules to meet with me and talk to me about my paintings." Constantine was also the guest of Paul Cejas and his wife for lunch the day he visited.

The Art in Embassies Program is valuable for both the ambassadors and the artists. "The Program provides the ambassadors with paintings for their homes that showcase American talent," Constantine reflected, "but it also provides new venues for recognition that

the artists wouldn't normally be able to obtain." Many officials from the ambassadors' host countries are entertained at their houses and are exposed to the American works on display.

The artwork is not purchased by the ambassadors, but is lent to them for their three-year term, after which the pieces are returned to the artist's private collections. However, the ambassadors are given the chance to purchase the paintings if they wish.



**ART AMBASSADOR:** Constantine in Belgium with U.S. Ambassador Paul Cejas. His painting of the artist Rene Magritte hangs in the background.

## New faculty appointed

According to the office of Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration, eighteen new faculty began teaching appointments on campus this fall:

**Stephen Framil**, assistant professor of music; **Barry Gane**, professor of youth ministry; **Betty Gibson**, assistant professor of computer science; **Mark Haddad**, instructor in accounting; **Ben Maguad**, associate professor of management.

**Robert Mason**, instructor of art; **Josip Mocnik**, instructor in library science; **Jiri Moskala**, associate professor of Old Testament exegesis and theology; **Peggie Ncube**, assistant professor of communication; **John Norton**, instructor in aeronautical technology.

**Monique Pittman**, assistant professor of English; **Terry Robertson**, assistant professor of library science; **Jane Sabes**, associate professor of political science; **James Sprow**, assistant professor of finance; **Ranko**

**Stefanovic**, associate professor of religion; **Stephen Thorman**, professor of computer science; **Ralph Wood**, assistant professor agriculture; and **Michael Wright**, assistant professor of social work.

## Philanthropy awards

During this summer's eighth triennial Conference on Philanthropy in Colorado Springs, Colo., The Milton Murray Foundation for Philanthropy honored **Regina Bernet**, coordinator of donor accounts; **Rebecca May**, director of alumni services; and **David Faehner**, vice president for university advancement.



**PHILANTHROPY PAYS OFF:** David Faehner presents the award to Regina Bernet.

# Andrews University's First Lady

*From Lighthouse to White (or, in this case, red brick) House*

## Demetra Andreassen's gift of grace and laughter

by Beverly Matiko



**H**er compact office nestles into the back of the University Relations red brick house on the campus's southwest corner. Seated behind a dainty cherry desk, Demetra Andreassen looks out over a lush late summer landscape.

It is a different scene than the one Andrews University's First Lady is fond of recalling this time of year. The picture window frames a jungle of green—a closely cropped lawn ending abruptly in thick, valley foliage. "The summer scenes I remember most," Mrs. Andreassen recalls, "all contain water. And a lighthouse."

"From the time I was four," she explains, "my family spent our summers on a Greek

island. Its lighthouse was our home. My father was in the navy, and through his position we had access to this wonderful place. We would swim, fish, crush grapes during harvest season, drink warm goats' milk," Mrs. Andreassen recounts. "Some nights were so clear we would read our newspaper by the full moon."

She speaks matter-of-factly and with only a hint of nostalgia as she recalls the road, water, and airways that led from her home in the Athens port of Piraeus to language study in England, and then to college in the United States, her home for the past three decades. She claims that her travels have taught her a great deal and have introduced her to some fine and colorful teachers as well. She happily shares these experiences and encounters.

A particularly memorable lesson in adaptability came from her first work assignment at Newbold College. She traveled to England to learn another language, but soon found herself on her

hands and knees, armed with a knife. "In those days floors were coated with heavy wax," she remembers, "and my job was to scrape off the excess from the classroom floors. I remember tearfully wondering why on earth I had left my job as a secretary in a prestigious Athens law firm for such a task."

Despite encountering pronounced differences in work, religion, and culture, the young student from Greece enjoyed a successful school year. She learned English. And she made many new friends in the process. Among them was a young Danish student, Niels-Erik Andreassen. He was enrolled in the religion program and maintained a particularly strong interest in the sciences.

After a summer of work at a Greek restaurant and at the Greek embassy in London, Demetra Lougani enrolled at Newbold College for a second year, thanks to an American sponsor. She converted to Adventism during that school year and returned to Greece and employment as a Bible worker.

Her next move would take her even

farther from home. This time she journeyed to the United States where she studied home economics at Andrews University.

While Newbold College's waxy floors had taught her a few things about cultural differences and the student's lot, Andrews offered a few surprises as well. "I remember one of my food science labs," Mrs. Andreasen smiles. "My teacher docked me for not using the garbage disposal. I had no idea what it was or how to use it." She hastens to add, "I think we've become more sensitive to the needs and experiences of our foreign students since then."

One of the Andrews courses she remembers most fondly was Art in Everyday Living. She credits her professor, Dr. Martha Lorenz, with awakening her interests and talents in the arts and humanities. "Dr. Lorenz gave me an A in a project," Mrs. Andreasen recalls. "That grade still surprises me. I was so unsure about what was expected of me, but my teacher encouraged me and gave me extra time for examinations. I've never forgotten that kindness and consideration."

Demetra Lougani was not alone in adjusting to life as a foreign student in the U.S. Her Danish friend from Newbold had also traveled to the U.S. to further his studies, and more than just academic interests accompanied this international couple. In September 1965, Demetra Lougani and Niels-Erik Andreasen were married in Portland, Oregon. They returned to Andrews University where Niels-Erik continued his studies in the Seminary.

**W**inters form one of Mrs. Andreasen's strongest memories of those early Michigan days. She recalls being totally unprepared for the snow and blizzards. The clear winter days tricked her repeatedly. She would look outside, see the bright sun, and conclude that this must be a warm day. She was caught off guard one sunny Friday, she recalls, and nearly froze her feet walking to vespers. "My feet were so

painful, I felt like giving up," she recalls. "But my husband just kept saying, 'You have to keep going. You can't quit.'" She hastens to add, "Of course, he was right. And the winters seem much milder to me now."

The winters weren't the only challenges facing the Andreasens during their student days.

"Like so many students we didn't have much money," Mrs. Andreasen recalls.

"Whenever we received a Sabbath dinner invitation, we happily accepted. We knew we'd be able to make up for some of the rather lean eating during the week. Those sorts of kindnesses from teachers and church members are not forgotten," Mrs. Andreasen acknowledges.

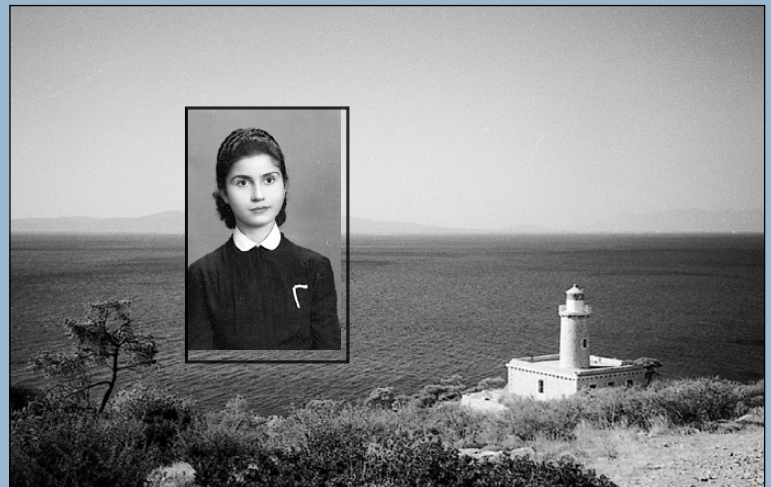
Following their years at Andrews, the Andreasens moved to Tennessee where Niels-Erik pursued further graduate work at Vanderbilt University, and Demetra completed her own studies, graduating with a BSc in social work from Belmont University. She worked as a medical social worker during that time and also gave birth to their son Michael. (Michael is now associate director of university development at the University of California at Santa Barbara, and his wife Marie is a junior high teacher.)

Educational appointments to Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University in California and Avondale College in Australia kept the Andreasens on the move.

Following four years at Walla Walla College where Dr. Andreasen served as president, the Andreasens once again moved back to Andrews University. "We

were overwhelmed by the 'Say Yes to Andrews' campaign that greeted us," Mrs. Andreasen recalls. "We had never seen anything like it."

Dr. Andreasen accepted the position of president of the university, and Mrs. Andreasen began her work as Community Relations Coordinator.



*Mrs. Andreasen's childhood holidays were spent at a lighthouse on a Greek island. Inset: Demetra Lougani in 1955.*

Mrs. Andreasen describes her current role at Andrews as providing a liaison between the university and the community. "I see myself as someone who can help to break down barriers and build bridges," she says.

She serves on a number of boards, including the United Way, Southwestern Michigan Volunteer Center, Women in Renewal, and Lakeland Regional Health Systems Community Benefits Committee. "I assess the needs of the community," she explains, "and then try to match those needs with the resources of this university."

The fund-raising and community service activities she has been involved with include the Parade of New Homes in St. Joseph and the United Way Day of Caring. Speaking of her work with the Antiquarian and Historical Society, she says, "It was a pleasure to bring a women's group to campus to visit the Horn Museum. They liked it so much they



asked us to schedule a second tour so they could come back and bring their husbands."

Landscaping the area around Ox Creek in Benton Harbor is one of the recent projects that Mrs. Andreasen found particularly rewarding. She worked together with Mr. Stanley Beikmann, instructor in agriculture, who enlisted one of his classes for project planning. Students from Andrews Academy and Benton Harbor provided the labor, planting bulbs near the creek. "It was the first time some of these students had done any sort of planting or landscaping," Mrs. Andreasen recalls. "When they first handled the daffodil bulbs, some of them remarked, 'Why are we planting these? They're dead!' A brief, elementary botany lesson later, the students became convinced that their efforts would not be in vain.

"The Points of Light Foundation recognized the value of this project, and the Southwest Michigan Volunteer Center received an award from them," Mrs. Andreasen gratefully acknowledges. "We were glad Andrews had a part in that project."

Mrs. Andreasen also devotes considerable time to campus organizations, including the Arboretum Council, the European Club, the Newbold Alumni Association, and the Women's Scholarship Committee. Those who have worked closely with Mrs. Andreasen on her various projects both on and off campus are quick to praise her many talents. One of her friends observes, "She doesn't take herself too seriously. She has the gift of laughter, and can even laugh at herself."

Mrs. Andreasen traces at least part of this quality to her heritage. "I'm a Greek, and we believe in fun," she explains. "Being is more important than doing. Sometimes I worry that in this country and culture we can get so caught up with busy-ness, that we lose our sense of self. If

we're not careful, we can find ourselves tossed around like little ships on a big ocean."

To help preserve that sense of self and celebration that is so vital, Mrs. Andreasen often entertains, both at home and at larger university functions. "Entertaining energizes me," she claims. "My mother was widowed at an early age," Mrs. Andreasen recounts. "Much of my family life consisted of my mother, my sisters, and myself. Perhaps this is why I find myself so drawn to the company of women—and, in particular, to single, divorced and widowed women. I enjoy providing an opportunity to get together with groups of women, particularly when my husband is out of town."

Those who have enjoyed the comforts of her home and the delicacies of her kitchen are quick to acknowledge her talents in interior decorating and cooking.

"Everything she does is done with simplicity, grace, and elegance," one friend observes. "She places quality above quantity."

"Much of the redecorating and improvements you'll find in and around the University Relations building are due directly to

Mrs. Andreasen's creativity and ingenuity," remarks Dr. Douglas Jones,

director of university relations at Andrews. A quick glance around convinces visitors of the First Lady's fondness for burgundy, rose, and pink.

Two display plates with classical Greek scenes adorn one of Mrs. Andreasen's office walls. Together with a set of

etchings of British cathedrals on the opposite wall, they remind visitors of some of the places that Mrs. Andreasen has called home. But perhaps no item is more telling than the little memento on a side table. Sitting next to a carefully preserved rose is a small lighthouse. While it may not be an exact replica of her childhood summer home on a Greek island, it reminds Mrs. Andreasen of the important links between childhood memory and grown up mission. Hers is a mission that can perhaps best be summed up in this New Testament beacon: "walk as children of light . . . for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true" (Ephesians 5:8-9, RSV).



Mrs. Andreasen met former presidential adviser George Stephanopolous last spring at an event of The Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan. "He was pretty distracted signing autographs," she recalls.

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Beverly Matiko is an associate professor of English and communication. She has taught at Canadian University College and Newbold College.

# Y2K@andrews

## Andrews looks to the not-so-distant future

by Chris Carey

**T**echnology and theology have long walked side by side at Andrews University, but the path has become rockier with the approach of the year 2000.

Will the lights go out? Will the buildings freeze? Will Christ reappear and the world as we know it come to an end?

Some of the best minds at Andrews believe the answer to each question is no. But they are not taking chances. A team of

technologists has been working since mid-1998 to make sure all the university's machinery keeps functioning when the calendar turns over to the new millennium. And a seminary theologian has written a book offering a commonsense spiritual approach to what some predict is a year fraught with peril.

"We think we'll be ready," said David Wilber, AU's director of plant administration. Just in case, though, he has asked his staff to remain in Berrien Springs over the New Year's holiday.

"I don't believe there are going to be any problems," said Patricia Mutch, vice president for academic administration. But registration for winter term is being delayed a week, until January 9, to allow time to fix any glitches that develop on January 1.

"Yes, we'll have it licked," said David Heise, director of information technology, who is overseeing the campaign to make sure all computers and computer-controlled machinery are ready for 2000.

Jon Paulien, the seminary professor whose new book counsels a calm caution, expects 2000 to look a lot like 1999. Nevertheless, he has postponed a West Coast speaking engagement by a week so he can be home with his family over New Year's weekend. The Paulien household will stock up on extra food and make sure the camp stove is working before

Christ will return to earth with the coming of the new millennium.

Paulien, a specialist in the Book of Revelation, wrote his book, *The Millennium Bug*, at the request of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference. "The book is specifically concerned about a tendency of many Adventists to be constantly reading the tea leaves of current events,

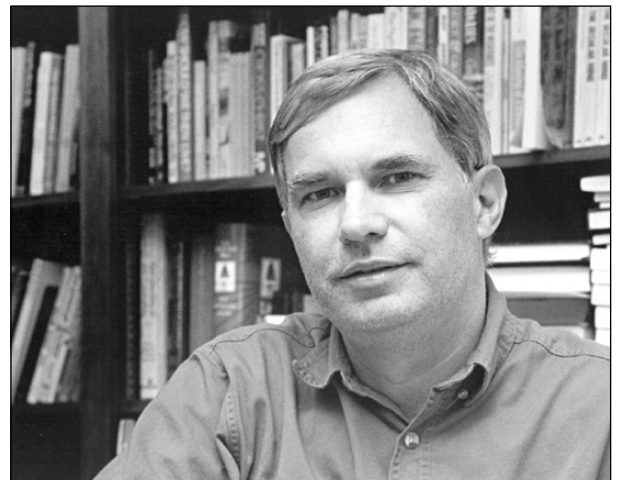
**"...you've got to be balanced in the way you approach these things"**

the calendar turns over, in case the electricity goes off.

The "Y2K problem," as computer users call it, arises from the use of just two digits to indicate the year in computer applications. "99" means 1999. But, if no changes were made, "00" would mean 1900, not 2000. The problem goes far beyond computers. It affects anything with electronic chips that are time-sensitive, such as valves that control heating systems and the recorders in fire alarms. If these systems were left unrepaired, the timing could be off by hours or weeks or a century, or the machinery could fail altogether as soon as the calendar turns over.

Adding to this huge technical problem is a spiritual one: Some preachers are predicting that

looking for some signal of what God is doing in the world," he said. "Too many are too sure of what they've seen.

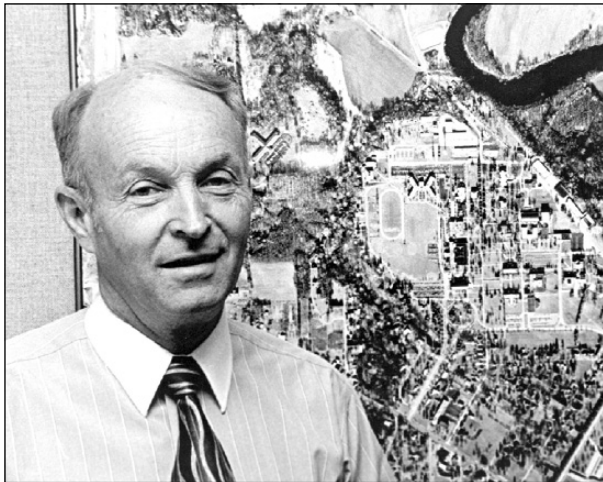


Jon Paulien, a specialist in the Book of Revelation and author of *The Millennium Bug*.

"I don't see anything that makes it absolutely certain that God is acting decisively in the next year or two to bring an end to the whole thing. I'm just trying to help people see that you've got to be balanced in the way you approach these things. The church asked me to write the book to make sure that as the year 2000 approaches we maintain as much sanity as possible."



*Bill Wolfer (left) and David Heise, leaders of the team making Andrews computers and other electronic equipment ready for year 2000.*



*David Wilber, the man in charge of keeping the campus running on January 1 (and every other day).*

In mid-1998 President Niels-Erik Andreasen turned over Andrews' toughest Y2K problem—computers and chip-controlled machinery—to Heise and his 25-member team in the Information Technology Service. Heise recruited William

Wolfer, a former professor of computer science, to help coordinate the effort. And Wolfer recruited about 150 people across campus, at least one from each office, to check every one of AU's more than 1,250 desktop personal computers, or PCs. "People made some heroic efforts to make sure their departments were

accounted for," Wolfer said.

Wolfer's army found about 900 PCs that already were Y2K compliant or could be made so with electronic updates from the manufacturers.

The other 350 computers were taken out of service this summer and replaced with 350 new ones, bought from Dell Computer Co. for about half a million dollars. "That was quite a historical event," Heise said. "I daresay we're not going to see it happen again here."

The computers would have been bought over the next few years in any case. With the bulk purchase, Andrews got a price break, a three-year on-site warranty, and some control. "Supporting them is going to be a whole lot easier," Heise said, because his staff knows where each one is and knows its characteristics.

All the PCs are linked to Andrews' local area network and through that to the Internet. The big computers at the center of the network, the servers and hubs, are Y2K compliant.

Heise and Wolfer also created a database listing all campus computers, computer software, and other devices controlled by electronic chips, such as elevators, fire alarms and heating valves. There are some 1,300 non-computer items in the database, with notations on whether each one is compliant or what steps remain to make it so.

A few items were still being discovered and added to the database in early autumn. "I think we have a pretty thorough approach," Wolfer said, "but I'm not sure we can say we'll catch them all before January 1."

If Andrews is as ready as it can be, what about the services the university relies upon?

Wilber, who oversees the physical operation of the campus, has been assured by the electric and gas companies that their service will

not be interrupted. But he is taking precautions anyway.

"We have bought a backup diesel generator

that will keep the heating plant going at a minimal level," he said. The 100-kilowatt generator will keep one boiler running.

Just in case the natural gas supply fails, Wilber has arranged for a new tank that holds enough propane to keep the heating plant going for three days in wintertime. It will be in place before the calendar turns to 2000.

He also has his eye on a two-megawatt generator that would keep the whole campus powered up. The big generator would cost about \$250,000, Wilber said, "but that's not much compared to what repairs would cost if some of our 40 buildings were to freeze up. We're spending about that much right now to replace heating coils in just the west half of Meier Hall." The big generator would also be used in case storms cut off power long after Y2K worries are forgotten.

Four smaller generators are available for critical functions. One is ready to supply power to the sewage treatment plant, and another is in place to keep the telephone system operating. The other two are portable and will be moved around as needed (to pump fuel into university vehicles, to pump water from wells into the water tower, to keep milking machines going in the dairy barn and for other purposes).

If all goes as Wilber, Heise and the others expect, students will notice only one change: The winter term will start a week later than usual, with registration on Jan. 9 and classes starting Jan. 10. This will be only the second time that registration is 100 percent web-based, with students signing up for classes in their advisers' offices rather than after standing in long lines. The first web-registration, in September, was carried out with only a few minor glitches. Those problems could be identified with the process itself, not with Y2K, and will be fixed in January.

Delaying winter registration by a week means that "if there's a problem, we've got the time margin that we need to deal with it," Vice President Mutch said. One holiday, President's Day, is being dropped from the winter calendar and exams are being pushed back a day to keep instructional time the same as in the past.

Preparing for 2000 has cost the university relatively little money. Most of the people doing the work would have been paid anyway. The computers would have been purchased eventually. The other equipment was needed in any case.

Globally, however, the Y2K cost has been enormous.

Paulien noted congressional testimony that nearly a trillion dollars has been spent worldwide on the problem.

"It was not a throwaway issue," he said. "But apparently that money has done its job, at least in North America and significant other places."

## **"...if there's a problem, we've got the time margin we need to deal with it"**

If there is a Y2K disaster, he expects it to be in some Third World country or in some developed country, such as Germany or Japan, that has been wrestling with other problems for the last few years. And because the world is so interconnected, he warns, problems overseas could have an impact here.

Using Internet links to gather information

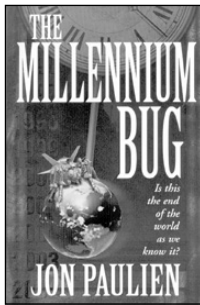


from public and private intelligence agencies, Paulien assembled masses of data from around the world on progress toward fixing the problem. "I think intelligent people looking at the issue are a lot more sanguine about it than they were a year ago," he said. "In the summer of '98 there was panic coming out of Senate hearings. They were saying it's worse than people think and it isn't going to get

fixed. Now the latest documents are saying it looks like, with the exception of a few government departments, everything is going to be ready, and those few departments will probably have their most critical systems on line.

"A lot has happened in the last year that is minimizing the general sense of panic. But you have to be aware of the possibility that the interactivity of the systems could still cause us a lot more trouble than we think."

Paulien's short book notes that the year 2000, with the three zeroes, has a certain



**Jon Paulien's book, *The Millennium Bug*, is published by Pacific Press Publishing Association of Nampa, Idaho, and Oshawa, Ont. It costs \$9.99 in the United States and \$14.99 in Canada. It's available at Adventist bookstores and from booksellers on the Internet.**

mythic quality that inspires doomsayers but has no historical meaning. If something tremendous were to happen 2,000 years after Christ's birth, it probably would have happened in 1996, because the best historical evidence is that He was born in what we call the year 4 B.C.

Still, the prophets of calamity are out there and have a following among "that segment of Adventism that has a tendency to go too far with this and to try to know everything in advance."

Paulien's book reviews some of the alarmists' purported evidence (the 1987 collapse of the stock market, the end of the Cold War, President Bush's declaration of a "new world order" after the Persian Gulf war, and other events). But to say that these and other world changes portend the end is to make an unwarranted "leap of logic," he writes.

Better, he says, to follow the advice of Jesus

in Acts 1:7: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority." Or the words of Ellen White (*Selected Messages*, Book I): "No one will be able to predict just when that time will come."

Paulien worries that if 2000 comes and goes with no unusual event, some Adventists will fall into a personal crisis of faith. He advises them to balance their expectation of Christ's return with the necessities of dealing with life here and now and, perhaps, for years to come. By preparing every day for Christ's return, he says, people will be ready whenever it comes.

He counsels focusing on Jesus and His message: "Those who are living in the experience of the 'kingdom' now by faith will be ready when the ultimate kingdom comes."

Studying the Bible and watching current events are both important, Paulien writes, and his final chapters offer tips on how to do both intelligently.

Paulien notes that the end of time is more about Jesus than about events or ideas, and he concludes by quoting from Jesus' message in the Book of Revelation to the last-day church at Laodicea: "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

## '99-'00 activities calendar features Y2K

That pucky guy carrying the computer monitor is all over the Andrews campus this fall. He's sprawled on the sidewalk as the crowd walks around him outside Pioneer Memorial Church. He's sitting on a pool table while players are shooting. He's in the swimming pool, in the laundry, in the classroom. He's watching a couple holding hands on a spring evening. And always, he's holding a computer screen.



*Tyson Thorne with one of the uncut sheets of the 1999-2000 student activities calendar.*

He's Monitor Boy, the recurring theme of the 1999-2000 AU student activities calendar.

"He represents some of the hysteria surrounding Y2K, the apprehension of facing the unexpected," said Tyson Thorne, the graphic design senior who put the calendar together for Andrews' Office of University Relations.

"Except for Monitor Boy, each photo is of everyday life at Andrews. But then he shows up in every picture, the unexpected."

And in each photo, the picture on the monitor screen is a fragment taken from another photo, another month of the calendar, so

that one season weaves into another.

"I would hope that people would come up with their own interpretations," Thorne said. "We're leaving it up to people who see this calendar to figure it out for themselves."

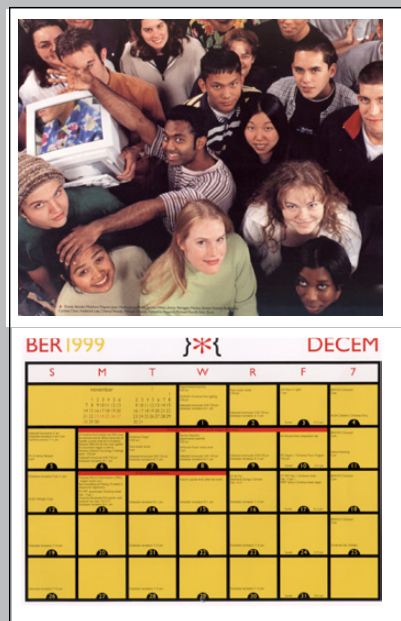
Indeed, anyone who takes the time will find all sorts of riddles in the calendar. Even the monthly headings look like computer glitches of one kind or another, from backwards spelling to topsy-turvy type.

In real life, Monitor Boy is Jesse Hibler, a senior studying architecture. "He's got an impish look, just right for the part," Thorne said.

The photos are the work of David Sherwin, an AU grad who teaches part time in the photography department and operates a studio nearby.

Sherwin's quirky work fulfills the calendar's theme. "With the approach of the millennium many people have many fears," Thorne said, "and those fears are often irrational. We're playing off some of that hysteria in a lighthearted way."

The calendar runs through next August. By then some of the levity may have worn thin. Or maybe, if millennium doomsayers turn out to be right, it won't matter a bit.





# 125

## years ago

on August 24, Battle Creek College held its first class. This year, Andrews University celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding with a picnic and vintage baseball—in the rain. Later, once classes started on campus, we gathered for a group photo right after the annual convocation and just before birthday cake!







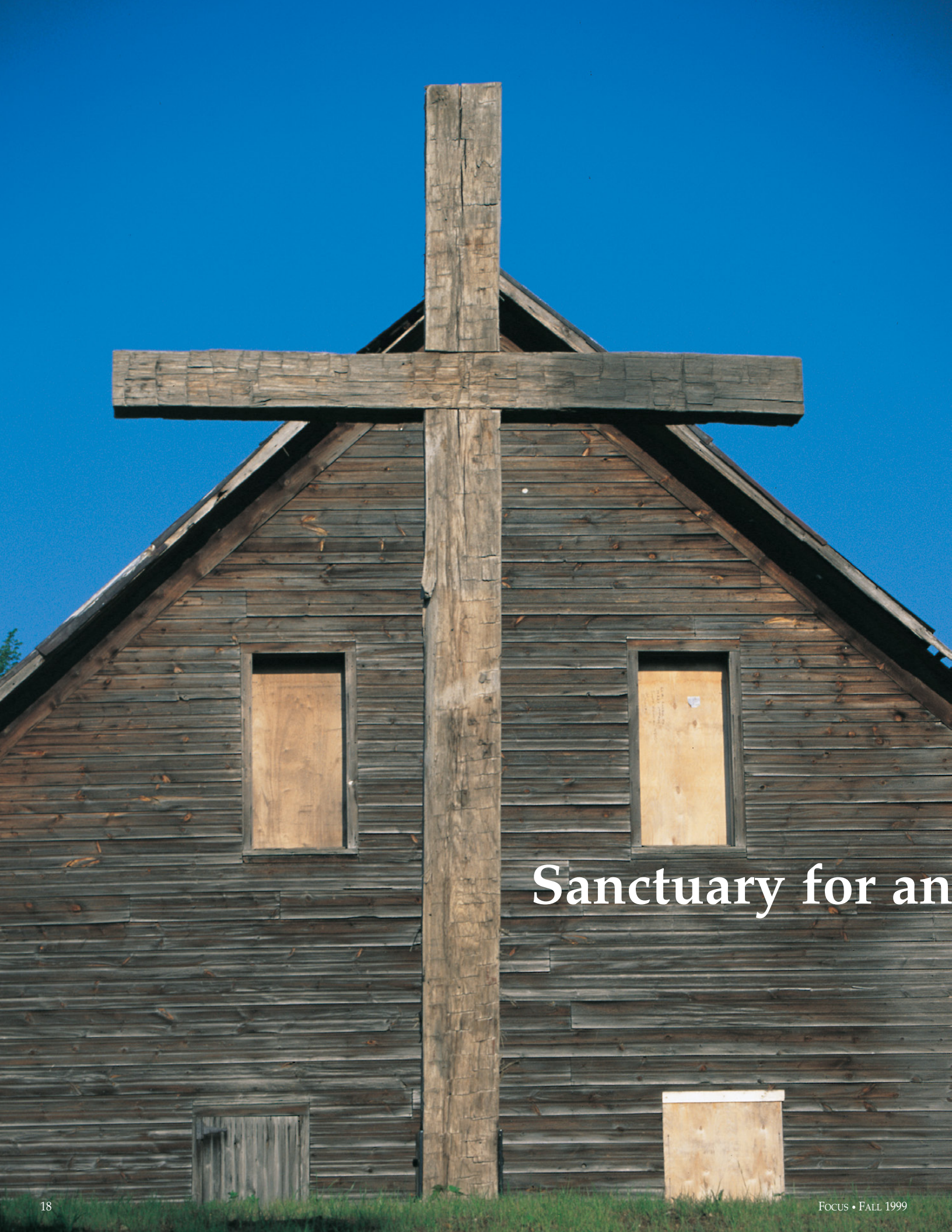
photo by Tyson Thorne, courtesy of The Cardinal



**PICNIC:** We moved the picnic inside to the cafeteria and served watermelon, hot dogs, lemonade and cake to over 400 alumni and friends of Andrews. The Berrien Springs Cranberry Boppers met their match when they went up against the Centennial Sluggers, the alumni team, in a soggy game of vintage baseball behind the Alumni House.

**CONVOCATION:** A brilliant autumn day provided just the right conditions for a group photo of the Andrews family after the annual opening convocation, Friday morning, Oct. 1, 1999.





# Sanctuary for an



Just 20 to 30 minutes east of the Andrews campus you'll find a run-down, dilapidated wooden church in the little settlement of Pokagon in Cass County. For years the church has been used for storing hay bales—wild sumac growing from its weakened foundations, cows rubbing their noses against the church's rough wooden corners and sides.

But now a group of people is dedicated to the building's preservation and renovation. The Pokagon Methodist Episcopal Church was built in 1862, and in 1913, it was where the Reverend George Bennard first sang the hymn he penned—"The Old Rugged Cross"—at a revival meeting.

The story goes that Bennard, a writer of several hymns, wrote the opening lines—"On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross" after he was heckled by young hooligans during a revival in Albion, Mich. However, the rest of the hymn was composed in Pokagon. And it was at the Pokagon church that Bennard introduced the beloved hymn.

The church fell into disuse after 1915 when the Pokagon Methodist Episcopal congregation moved across the street to the Baptist church. After nearly a century of neglect, the church has found support—sanctuary—in The Old Rugged Cross



*NARTHEX OF NEGLECT: The Old Rugged Cross Church entry once welcomed worshippers.*

Andrews alumnus Melchizedek Ponniah (MA '78, PhD '86), chair of The Old Rugged Cross Foundation board, explains that "with financial support and prayer support, the church will take on a rich spiritual legacy for years to come."

# Old Rugged Church

*by Douglas Jones*

*photographs by Madeline Johnston*

Foundation, a group dedicated to preserving the legacy of the beloved hymn.

Upon its restoration, The Old Rugged Cross Church will include a museum and space for weddings, funerals and other special services.

*Tax-deductible contributions can be sent to The Old Rugged Cross Foundation, P. O. Box 41, Niles, MI 49120. The church is located at 60041 Vermont Street in Pokagon, Mich., just off M-51 north of Niles.*



# ALUMNI NEWS

## Picnic fetes 125 years

August 24, 1999, was the 125th anniversary of the first day of classes at Battle Creek College.

In commemoration of the event, the Office of Alumni Services invited the campus and community to be a part of a Founders Day picnic.

Despite the 1.8 inches of rain that fell that day (the picnic had to be moved indoors) more than 400 spirited people came to participate in the celebration!

Volunteers served vege-hotdogs and watermelon. **CHUCK DOWELL** (BS '60, MMus '70) organized a double quartet

to sing barbershop-type songs. Candles were lit on a four-foot birthday cake, created by **MOSES PRIMERO** (BS '94).

The weather cleared enough for the vintage baseball game to go on as scheduled between the Berrien Springs Cranberry Boggers and our own Centennial Sluggers!



**LET THEM EAT CAKE:** Raelene Brower and Stacey Karpenko serve over 400 pieces of chocolate cake at the Founders Day picnic.

## Detroit alums tour village

Andrews history professor April Summitt offered a guided tour of Greenfield Village to Detroit-area alumni.

Approximately 20 alumni enjoyed spending the day together Aug. 29. Some of the ladies stopped by the Village millinery shop to try on hats!

The young-at-heart took a ride on the carousel, and the group also cheered on the Berrien Springs Cranberry Boggers at a vintage baseball game.

## Alumni host Class of 2003

Alumni Love Students! That was the message delivered to our freshman class when alumni volunteers organized and hosted a block party barbeque for them Sunday, Sept. 26.

Seminary Drive was blocked off to make room for the barbeque grills and the elephant ear concession and a street hockey game.

Volunteers grilled up more than 600 vegetable kabobs and served more than 500 cans of cold drinks to the hungry and thirsty freshmen.

Alumni also assisted in organizing the election of class officers for the class of 2003.

## General Conference visitors invited to campus

Andrews alumni attending the General Conference session in Toronto next summer may want to think about visiting campus.

A variety of events is being planned for GC visitors who travel to Berrien Springs.

The Office of Alumni Services recommends that alumni check the Andrews website ([www.andrews.edu](http://www.andrews.edu)) for special plans to welcome you back.

## Alumni Homecoming

April 27-30, 2000

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# CLASS NOTES

## GOLDEN HEARTS (50 years-plus after graduation)

**C. FRED CLARKE** (BA '29) and his wife, **HELEN MERRIAM DHIEM CLARKE** (BA '29, former staff) live in Loma Linda, Calif. They spent their professional lives in service to Adventist education around the world and in the United States. Career highlights for Fred include serving at Solusi Mission College and



*Fred and Helen Clarke*

Helderberg College in Africa. Helen's teaching career included years at Emmanuel Missionary College and Lower Gwello Secondary School in Zimbabwe, Africa. Fred was vice president of his graduating class of 1929 and has volunteered his time to correspond with his classmates all these years. Thanks, Dr. Clarke!

Our oldest living alum?  
**RUTH WHITFIELD** (BS '35) turned 101 years old on May

15. She lives in a nursing facility near Lincoln, Neb., and is in frail but stable condition. She still has **FOCUS** delivered to her every quarter!

## 1950s

**GEORGE ARZOO** (BA '51) and his wife Jean have sold their Grand Terrace, Calif., house of 29 years and have made their second home their permanent residence. Their new address, in the Palm Springs area, is 44-843 Oro Grande Circle, Desert Horizons Country Club, Indian Wells, CA 92210. Their telephone number is 760-779-0312.

George will practice two or three days a week

at his Riverside office of Mellon, Johnson, Reardon & Arzoo.

George, an avid boater, and Jean (not so avid) will continue to spend part of their summers at Shasta Lake in northern California, where they will take their children and grandchildren to waterski and play.

**JACK NAIL** (BA '52) retired in Tullahoma, Tenn., from a career as teacher, administrator and minister. Jack and his wife **ANNA** (DP '50) have

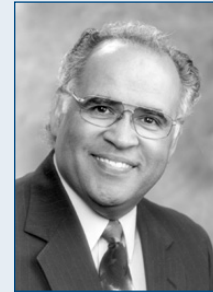
four children. He writes: "Enjoyed so much the latest issue of **FOCUS** on homecoming and the photo of the class of '49. It brought back so many memories of so many great people. I have always cherished my years at old EMC. College friends become your friends for life. . . . Serving the church is another maturing experience. The Lord takes us to a place and allows us to accomplish things we never dreamed of. What a blessing it has been to know HIM and to have served HIM."

## 1960s

**HAGOP "JIM" HAGOPIAN** (BA '64, MA '65) is assistant superintendent for the Gilmer County School System in Ellijay, Ga. In 1982 he received a doctorate in education from the University of Alabama.

**JAMES R. STEPHAN** (BS '64) and his wife Pat live in Lansing, Mich., after retiring from denominational work. Jim's last position with the church was superintendent of schools for the Kansas/Nebraska Conference. He spent 44 years of service to the church. He is helping the education department of the Michigan Conference as needed. The Stephans have three children and five grandchildren.

**CALEB ROSADO** (BD '69) has accepted an academic appointment for the Trans-European Division to serve



*Caleb Rosado*

as principal lecturer in sociology, and he has been asked to establish and head a department of behavioral sciences at

Newbold College in England. His wife, **RONNIE (RENTON)** (att.), has also relocated to Newbold. Prior to this appointment Caleb headed up his own consulting firm, Rosado Consulting for Change in Human Systems, and he was professor of sociology at Humboldt State University in California. He also founded the All Nations Church in Berrien Springs and is the author of four books, and working on three new books.

## 1970s

**RANDY SAUDER** (BA '79) is State Representative for the State of Georgia. He was recently selected by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as "One of the Top 20 Emerging Leaders from across the Southern United States." The selection was made on a nonpartisan basis by the Program in the

# CLASS NOTES



*Randy Sauder*

Humanities & Human Values at UNC. Also this year the City of Smyrna, Ga., named Randy

“1999 Smyrna Business Person of the Year.”

**PEDRITO U. MAYNARD-REID** (MA '73, ThD '81) has been appointed vice president for spiritual life and mission at Walla Walla College. He will continue to be a part of the School of Theology as professor of biblical studies and missiology. His most recent book,



*Pedrito Maynard-Redi Diverse Worship: African American, Caribbean, and Hispanic Perspective on Worship* will be published by InterVarsity in early 2000. His wife **VIOLET** (BS '81) is reference librarian at Walla Walla College and serves as secretary of the association of SDA Librarians. Their son, Pedrito II, is completing a PhD in computer science at Stanford University. Their daughter is completing an MA in psychology at Indiana University.

## 1980s

**FINN ECKHOFF** (MDiv '80) is currently pastoring in the East Norway Conference. Previously he worked in the West Norway Conference, serving as a pastor, the Conference secretary, and Conference president. He also served as president of the Iceland Conference. Finn's wife **SIGRUN** (MA '81) has been employed by the church schools in Bergen and now in Sadeffjord.

**GORDON BEARDWOOD** (AS '88, BS '88) is an anesthesiologist and does pain management. He graduated from medical school at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and did his residency and fellowship at Harvard. Gordon is now on the faculty of Boston University School of Medicine.

**ARLYN (KIM) DREW** (att.) is a family practice physician in Niles, Mich. Her husband **KEVIN** (att.) is a physician in South Bend, Ind., and president of Michiana Spine, Sports and Occupational Rehab. Arlyn writes: “I'm currently working and raising a small ‘congregation’ in my home with three kids and planning on more.”

**BERT R. SMIT** (MDiv '81) is Europe region director for Adventist World Radio (AWR), based at Newbold College in England. His wife **SIMONE** (att.), is secretary for AWR. The Smits have two

children—Marchien and Arlette.

**R. KENNETH VARGAS** (BA '88) is sales application engineer for Dictaphone Corp., in San Diego, Calif. Ken's wife Renee began law school in August. They've been married five years.



*Renee and Ken Vargas*

## 1990s

**FAWCETT BUXTON** (BA '92) is assistant professor of English at Baltimore City Community College in Baltimore, Md. Fawcett earned a master's in English education at Teachers College/Columbia University in 1994. As an active single, Fawcett is a member of the Liberty SDA Church in Baltimore, where she enjoys being assistant superintendent of Sabbath School. In addition to being an avid



*Fawcett Buxton*

# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

**ALICIA WORLEY DE PALACIOS** (BS '87, MSPT '88, MDiv '99) and her husband **RICARDO** (MDiv '99) graduated together with master of divinity degrees this summer, bringing a total of 12



*The Worley family*

Andrews degrees held by the Worley family: Dad **RICHARD WORLEY** (MA '81, EdS '93), Mom **DONNA** (PhD '95), and Alicia's sisters, **CLARISSA** (BA '92, MDiv '98), **CELINA** (BS '94) and **DARCHELLE** (BA '92, MA '95). Alicia writes: “Christian education is an investment that yields what's most important!”



# CLASS NOTES

jogger, she enjoys gardening (on her apartment balcony), reading the classics in literature, and attending sacred and classical concerts. She writes: "I credit God, Dr. Scott Moncrieff, and Dr. Luanne Bauer for having the insight to encourage me to seek a career in higher education."

**MARIANNE DYRUD** (BA '93) was married to Jeffrey Allan Kolkmann on July 4, 1999, and now lives at Royse, Norway. Both work at the Adventist academy there.



*Marianne and Jeffrey Kolkmann*

**MICHELLE MASSIAH-BERESFORD** (BS '94) is a teacher living on the island of St. Croix. She and her husband Giddel were married June 29, 1997.



*Michelle and Giddel Beresford*

**SUSAN (GALLE) DONALDSON** (MS '97) is assistant professor of teaching at Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Fla. Susan was awarded a NISOD Teaching Excellence Award in May 1999. She married Harold Donaldson in June 1999. She has a son, Michael, and stepdaughter, Katie.

**NICOLA A. JOHNSON** (BS '95) is a speech-language pathologist in South Bend, Ind. She earned a master's degree at Western Michigan University in April 1999. Nicola makes her home in Berrien Springs.

**PAUL KLUSKOWSKI** (BA '96) is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He recently moved from Holland, Mich., to Washington, D.C. His wife Lisa is assistant to the vice president of Consumers Energy.

**CHRISTIAN BOKICH** (BBA '99) is a business strategy and development specialist, working for Volkswagen of America, Inc., in Auburn Hills, Mich.

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**t**his summer Dr. Merlene Ogden, long-time study tour director and dean of Andrews University affiliation and extension programs, will direct two tours of the Scandinavian countries.

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**The second tour—from July 21 to Aug. 2—will be a 12-day Norwegian Coastal Cruise from Bergen to the Russian border at Kirkenes and return. this cruise has been described as “the most beautiful cruise in the world.”**

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**You may contact Dr. Ogden at 616-471-3338 or at <[ogden@andrews.edu](mailto:ogden@andrews.edu)> for more information.**

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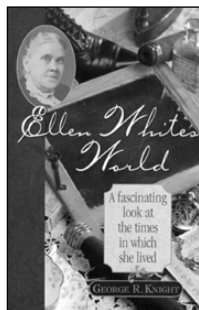
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## All about Ellen



**Ellen White's World: A Fascinating Look at the Times in Which She Lived.** By George R. Knight, MA '66, BD '66, professor of church history. Review and Herald Publishing Assoc., 1998, 144 pages.

As a Seventh-day Adventist student who seeks to find relevance and new insight for today in the writings of Ellen G. White, George Knight provides a fascinating perspective into her life and times.

Covering every topic from dress to temperance to technological changes, this book aids the reader in understanding why Ellen White felt so strongly about the issues she addresses in her writing.

*Ellen White's World* answers questions like *Why did Protestant anti-Catholicism emerge in the United States? What prompted the health reform that even to this day holds such an important part of our identity as Adventists? Where did our tent revival tradition come from? and What was Ellen White's stand on the Women's Rights issue of the 1800s?*

*Ellen White's World* also sheds light on Ellen White as a person. One can almost imagine her as a woman passionate about the right and good, an independent thinker, and a radical stand-

ing up for what was best for human nature, health and life, battling the evils of her time.

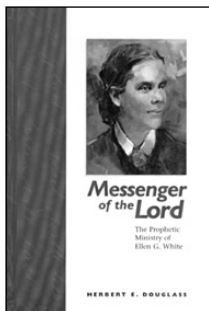
However, one also notes how closely she followed the Bible as the source of all truth and

compared any contemporary issue or trend against it.

George Knight weaves the different aspects of life in the 1800s together to create an informative view of Ellen G. White and then finally points the reader to the timeless applications of Ellen White's writings.

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Reviewed by Andrea Connell, a senior English major from Lincoln, Neb.

There has not been a com-



**Messenger of the Lord: The Prophetic Ministry of Ellen G. White.** By Herbert E. Douglass, MA '56, BD '57) Pacific Press Publishing Assoc., 1998, 586 pages.

prehensive study of Ellen White's prophetic ministry since the publication of T. Housel Jemison's *A Prophet Among You* in 1955.

Jemison's solid work was widely used as a textbook for Adventist college courses

dealing with the prophetic gift; but in recent years it has fallen into some benign neglect.

Sensing the need for an updated textbook in 1989, the Trustees of the Ellen G. White Estate authorized the production of a new textbook by theologian, educator, editor and administrator Herbert E. Douglass. With the strong editorial collaboration of Kenneth H. Wood (board chairman of the Ellen G. White Estate), *Messenger of the Lord* is the fruition of this nearly-decade-long effort.

Douglass writes with clarity and gives comprehensive coverage of the whole range of issues appropriate to the ministry of Ellen G. White. In fact, I would rate the coverage as bordering on magisterial. His command of

both the primary and secondary literature on Ellen White is impressive. On any given issue, if one is not satisfied with Douglass' treatment, the footnotes provide a wealth of references for further study and alternative perspective.

While the volume has a mildly polemical tone and can at times be a bit labored (especially in the treatment of the "Shut Door" controversy), one does not feel undue defensiveness. The author also has been quite

evenhanded in dealing with the central theological concerns of Ellen White. He, for instance, did not use this volume as a "bully pulpit" to proclaim his well known views on the "Final Generation" vindication of God—the so-called "Harvest Principle" explanation for the delayed Advent.

Although projected as the new college textbook on prophetic guidance, the book feels too cumbersome for such use. Despite its clarity and completeness, it is too daunting for the average college student to tackle (though it might work in the Seminary classroom). The daunting nature of the book is amplified by its double-column page format and numerous appendices.

For primary textbook selection, I would urge the use of George Knight's *Meeting Ellen White* (Hagerstown: Review and Herald, 1996) and *Reading Ellen White* (Hagerstown: Review and Herald, 1997) and employ Douglass' *Messenger* as an encyclopedic reference source for further research on specified topics.

Even though I have reservations about its suitability for the college classroom, this should not take away from the fact that this volume is a very important publishing milestone in the history of Ellen White studies. Thus, I would urge its

# BOOK SHELF

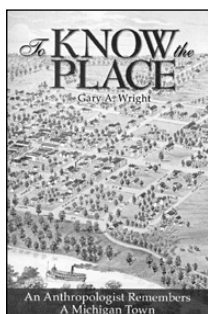
acquisition by Adventist college religion teachers, ministers, church school teachers, lay leaders, and local church libraries for ready reference

when questions arise about Ellen White.

Lastly, college and seminary libraries would do well to acquire numerous copies to be available as a ready,

reserve reference for classes dealing with the gift of prophecy.

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*Reviewed by Woodrow W. Whidden, professor of religion*



***To Know the Place.***  
**By Gary A. Wright,**  
**professor of anthropology at SUNY,**  
**Albany. Andrews**  
**University Press,**  
**1999. 152 pages.**

Black and white television was beginning to penetrate its isolation, but the past seemed buried and irrelevant to him and his teenage peers.

"In the Edgware Road" sketches the early history of "Wolf (or Wolf's) Prairie" and its setting, also the coming of his maternal great-grandfather to this settlement which eventually became Berrien Springs, a name change he explains in the third chapter, "The Assurance of Recorded History."

"Across the Field" and "A People Without History" further describe the environment and Native Americans and early French missions, along with boyhood exploits. "The Dialect of the Tribe" includes more Potawatomi lore. "A Strong Brown God" tells about the St. Joseph River and the interurban line that ended in bankruptcy in 1934 (I had one ride into town and back on it, that spring of my freshman year!).

In "The Directory of Directors," it is enlightening

to read of people whose names we now know as street names.

"Eating and Drinking" and "Children in the Foliage" describe the town's usual meals and the history and subculture of the Adventists who had come with the move of Emmanuel Missionary College in 1901. "Directly across the street from me lived my frequent playmate Eddie Lugenbeal [BD '64]. His mother was my piano teacher. He was a Seventh-day Adventist."

"When my friend Eddie Lugenbeal's mother started frying choplets, I always fled—as if the Devil were hot on my tail—across the street to my home and the sweet smell of boiling potatoes. Until I went away to the University of Michigan, I knew no other vegetarians." He also describes the House of David people.

"An Antique Drum" discusses clothing; "On the Field of Battle" concerns baseball and football; "Words Move" tells of Wright's early reading and discovery in Sparks Library that Berrien Springs "actually might have had its own unique past." "Distant

Panorama" describes the early history of the area, the rural cemetery movement (often including the name *Rose*), the orchards, and Lot 138 at South Main and Julius Streets—his home.

In "We Shall Not Cease From Exploration," the final chapter, he writes: "As I sit here, I find myself frustrated by a question: What can I accurately know about the past, even about the one I have lived? After all, I am an archaeologist by training, and I am charged with thinking clearly about what transpired long ago. . . . When I moved to Ann Arbor from Berrien Springs in 1958, I entered a university environment that was totally new to me. . . . It seems ironic to me now to realize that it was in that university setting that I first became actively aware of the past as an entity worth thinking about."

This is a book worth reading and thinking about.

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*Reviewed by Leona Running*  
*(BA '37, MA '55, professor of*  
*biblical languages emerita)*

This is not an ordinary, chronological autobiography, but, as the subtitle says, "An Anthropologist Remembers a Michigan Town."

Professor Wright, who graduated from Berrien Springs High School in 1958, dedicated this book "to my great grandmother, Mary Hoppingarner, and to my mother Margaret Miller (nee Hoopingarner) who alone can attest to its accuracy."

There is no table of contents; a remark at the beginning states that "Book and chapter titles are taken from *Four Quartets* by T. S. Eliot."

"Home Is Where One Starts From" discusses dialect differences and other cultural peculiarities of Midwesterners in the year 1956, when the author was 16 and the village of Berrien Springs celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding.

# LIFE STORIES

## Weddings

DEBORAH SIMPSON (BS '71) and RUSSELL ASHDON, JR. (BA '70) were married May 30, 1999, and reside in Vacaville, Calif.

Julie Anne Karmy and JASON BURGHART (BSIT '95) were married July 4, 1999, and reside in Florence, Kentucky.

TISSIANA KELLEY (BS '98) and TRAVIS BOWMAN (BBA '94) were married July 16, 1999, and reside in Berrien Springs.

Sophie Anderson and LAMONT BEREZCZ (BA '97) were married Aug. 8, 1999, and reside in Charlottesville, Va.

EDEN PARTLO (BS '99) and CARY KITTLESON (BT '99) were married Aug. 22, 1999, and reside in Berrien Springs.

JANELLE BURGHART (BA '98) and CHRISTOPHER RANDALL (BBA '94) were married Sept. 5, 1999, and reside in Lawton, Mich.

JENNIFER M. TREMPER (BS '95) and Nader Homayouni were married Sept. 5, 1999, and reside in Laurel, Md.

A. MONISE ROLLINS (MDiv '99) and ROY "KEITH" HAMILTON (MDiv '99) were

married Sept. 6, 1999, and reside in Berrien Springs.

KATHRYN GORDON (BS '91) and MICHAEL SANCHEZ (att.) were married Oct. 17, 1999, and reside in Santa Barbara, Calif.

## Births

To BARBARA (EDLER) COUNCELL (BS '96) and LARRY COUNCELL (BT '94), Bossier City, La., a boy, Jordan Christian, April 29, 1999.

To ERIKA (TOUCHARD) KISSINGER (BS '93, MSPT '94) and DONALD KISSINGER, (AT '93), Baroda, Mich., a boy, Phillip Donald, June 8, 1999.

To DOROTHY (PAN) RAMIREZ (BS '92) and Dale Ramirez, Annapolis, Md., a boy, Ryan Edward, June 11, 1999. *(Editor's note: Dorothy reports that their firstborn—also a son—Morgan Dean, was born in Sicily, Italy, April 24, 1998.)*

To SHARON STONE (BA '88) and GREG DUNN (BS '85), Chicago, Ill., a boy, Dallas McNeil, June 13, 1999.

To THERESA (BODI) YAROSHEVICH (BA '93) and Alexander Yaroshevich, Moscow, Russia, a boy, Yan Alexander, Aug. 6, 1999.

To SHIRLEY (BS '87) and DAVID ALONSO (BS '88, cur-

rent faculty), Berrien Springs, a girl, Kayley Marie, Oct. 12, 1999.

## Deaths

CHARLES A. RENTFRO (BA '27) was born March 18, 1904, in Sigourney, Iowa, and died June 22, 1999, in Grand Junction, Colo.

When he was very young, his parents embarked on mission service, and Charles lived in Portugal and Brazil while growing up.

In 1925 he graduated from Brazil College and then two years later from Emmanuel Missionary College.

He married Esther Allen, Nov. 25, 1929, in Brazil at her parents' mission station. In 1935 the Rentfros moved to the United States where Charles worked in various departments of the General Conference until 1951—except for a term of service in Cuba as treasurer from 1940 to 1941.

He lived in California from 1951 to 1989 when he married Sylvia Buckman and then subsequently lived in Virginia, Tennessee and Florida.

He is survived by two daughters, Elaine Davis of Valley Springs, Calif., and Arloene Goley of Grand Junction, Colo., four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ROBERT KIRK MCALLISTER (BA '31) was born Feb. 23, 1908, in Monterey, Mich., and died July 16, 1999, in Loma Linda, Calif.

Following his graduation from EMC, Kirk taught at Forest Lake Academy in Florida. He was to go on to teach and manage the presses at Glendale Union Academy as well as at Lynwood Academy and Lodi Academy, all in California.

He later served as secretary-treasurer of the East Cuba Conference and the Dominican Republic mission. He then was employed in hospital work at Porter Hospital in Denver and at Hinsdale Hospital in the Chicago area as purchasing director.

His wife, Ione, of nearly 66 years lives in Loma Linda, and he is also survived by two sons, Robert and Merwyn, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

HULDRICH H. "BOOTS" KUHLMAN (BS '40) was born Oct. 17, 1913, in Higgins, Texas, and died Oct. 5, 1999, in Collegedale, Tenn.

Kuhlman attended EMC for his undergraduate study. He completed a master's degree at George Peabody University and a doctorate at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

He was a biology professor and chair of the biology department at Southern



# LIFE STORIES

Adventist University in Tennessee from 1946 until he retired in 1980. After his retirement, he continued to teach part-time at Southern until 1987.

Survivors include his wife Marian L. Kuhlman of Collegedale; a son, Charles

of Chattanooga; a daughter, Beverly Kinney of Longwood, Fla.; a sister, Rose Brittain of Spring, Texas; and four grandchildren.

**JEAN M. CRIDER** (former faculty) was born April 3, 1914,

in Ingersoll, Ont., and died Oct. 14, 1999, in Mesa, Ariz.

Jean Howard graduated from Canadian Junior College with a two-year degree and then completed a nursing degree at Washington Missionary College in 1939. She married

Charles Crider, a ministerial student. Together they travelled to the Middle East as World War II ended, serving two terms as missionaries in Iran, Iraq and Lebanon.

Upon return to the United States, Mrs. Crider completed a master's degree in nursing, focusing on maternal/child care, at Loma Linda University in 1962. She continued her work in nursing in California and then in Michigan after her husband joined the faculty at Andrews. She worked in administrative positions at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor before joining the nursing faculty at Andrews.

After retirement, she and her husband made their home in Mesa, Ariz., where they continued as active members of their local Adventist church. Charles preceded her in death.

Mrs. Crider is survived by her daughters, Sharon Webb of Santa Clara, Utah; **DAWN MOSER** (att.) of Hartford, Mich.; **CAROL CRIDER** (BA '69) of Mesa, Ariz.; and her son **CHARLES CRIDER, JR.** (BA '70) of Battle Creek, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**C. MERVYN MAXWELL** (MA '51, *professor emeritus*) was born in Watford, England, Jan. 13, 1925, and died July 21, 1999, in St. Joseph, Mich., following an extended illness.

Dr. Maxwell was chairman of the church history department of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary from 1968 until his retirement in 1987. Before coming to Andrews, he pastored several churches in California and taught religion at Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

He held a bachelor's degree (1946) from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., a master's degree (1951) from the SDA Theological Seminary (then located in Takoma Park, Md.), and a doctoral degree from the University of Chicago (1966). He was a member of the American Historical Association, the American Society of Church History, and the Society of Biblical Literature. He was also co-founder of Adventist Historical Properties, a corporation for preserving and restoring Adventist historical sites.

An active writer, Maxwell authored many articles and was acting editor of *Adventist Affirm* at the time of his death. He also published several books, including *Man, What a God!* and *Tell It To The World*, a history of the SDA Church. His two-vol-

ume commentary on the books of Daniel and Revelation, titled *God Cares*, has been translated into several languages.



*C. Mervyn Maxwell*

His colleague Daniel Augsburger remembers that Maxwell "always had a cheerful word to say, even when he was sick."

Augsburger also recalls Maxwell's strong commitment to the church and his ability to stand for what he believed in.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Weitz Maxwell of Berrien Springs; a son, **STANLEY** (BA '81, MA '91) of Berrien Springs; his twin brother, S. Lawrence Maxwell of Maryland; two brothers, A. Graham Maxwell and **D. MALCOLM MAXWELL** (MA '58) both of California; one sister, Deidre Smith of California, and a granddaughter, Claudia "Roxy" Maxwell of Berrien Springs.

**Editor's note:** *Dr. Maxwell's son, Stanley, would like to know if former students of his father have tape recordings of Dr. Maxwell's classes. He writes: "I'm especially interested in any audio recordings of his Sabbath-Sunday class. I'm also interested in audio recordings of any of his classes, sermons, lectures, seminars, or tours. If no tapes are available of the classes, I'm interested in copies of notes from the classes. Please notify me at 4707 Kimber Lane, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Thank you in advance for any help you can give."*

Send birth, wedding and funeral announcements and day-time telephone number to *Life Stories, Focus, Andrews University*, Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1000. Or e-mail the information to [douglas@andrews.edu](mailto:douglas@andrews.edu).

# AT RANDOM

by Elly Economou

## Three basic necessities

At the beginning of fall term, President Niels-Erik Andreassen presented the J. N. Andrews Medallion to Professor of Biblical Languages Elly Economou on the occasion of her retirement from full-time teaching at Andrews University. The following is an edited manuscript of her acceptance comments.

It is with surprise, humility and appreciation that I accept this high honor of Andrews University. I accept the award not only for myself, but also for my colleagues, who share so much of the responsibility and the skills of imparting motivation, creativity, spirituality and character-modeling.

Searching deep in my heart, I promise to do something more to deserve the award, except to retire! Full retirement is still not a part of my work-till-you-drop mental spectrum, and I had hoped to teach until they bulldoze Griggs Hall! But perhaps the old building may be tired of seeing me day in and day out for 32 years during which I taught in the two departments sheltered under its roof—the modern languages and the religion departments (Gift of Languages downstairs, Spirit of Prophecy upstairs!). I am content I will be able to continue teaching less, and it's probably more than a happy coincidence that I am joyfully ushered out before the new millennium will be ushered in.

As I reflect on my early childhood in Greece, I am reminded of the happy days I shared in my close-knit family—I felt secure, sheltered and loved. From my hilltop home, on warm, moonlit nights, amidst jasmine and rose perfume, I could look out at the twinkling lights of Thessalonica below. On other nights my family entertained company, long after we children had been tucked into bed. But we found it hard to sleep while the music outside our open windows entertained our parents and their guests with Greek wine flowing abundantly into sparkling glasses around the merry, noisy pavilion.

On one such occasion I remember one of Father's friends saying that for a person to be happy, three things are basically needed—to be in the place he loves, to be with the people he loves and to do the work he loves.

This formula was deeply engraved in my mind, and in the innocence of childhood it almost became my daily prayer. I wished for things to remain forever the way they were, and I did not want anything or anybody to disturb my still waters. At that age I knew exactly—or so I thought—what I wanted to make me happy. I was holding the rainbow with both hands and the core of my prayer was *Do not ever take me away, dear Lord, from our Panorama home [the place I loved]; do not ever separate me from my parents and brother [the people I passionately loved]; nor change even a little or a jot of my self-appointed, multitudinous pleasant activities [the things I loved].*

Real life, though, is full of surprises, not all of which are pleasant. Little did I think that some years later Mother and I would be

forced to look at our house from a distance, not being permitted to set foot into it, when antagonism and persecution raised their ugly faces. We then had to run from hotel to hotel for dear life's sake. It soon became evident that not only the house, but also our country had become too tight for us. And while we planned to move to a small neighboring country, suddenly negotiations started across the ocean beginning my immigration to America. "Oh Lord," I prayed again, "Please let it be anywhere but America." This big country of milk and honey scared me with its immensity. Amidst its 200 million people, I did not know one single soul. And still more difficult, I had never before been separated from my family, "Anywhere but America," I found myself repeating. But America it was. As the 13-day voyage started, I felt that part of my heart was torn out and left behind with my homeless, widowed mother.



*Anywhere but  
America, I prayed.*

I completed my college education at Pacific Union College in California and then came to Andrews to work on my Master's degree at the Seminary. Was I ever scared that year! So much snow I had never seen. "Dear God," I prayed again. "You know I am willing to serve You. If you want me to work for you, please let it be anywhere but Michigan. I have left my home"—I thought I should remind God—"I have forsaken my country and family and friends. There are 50 states, Lord, please spare me from Michigan." But Michigan it was. By this time it became obvious that God's dictaphone did not work! The great school of Life still had great lessons for me to learn—and I was a slow learner.

As I look at the past three decades, I can honestly say that they are the most fruitful and rewarding years of my life. It has been a pleasure, a privilege and an honor to work here for 32 years. Andrews University has given me everything I love and ultimately galvanized my childhood prayer—I am indeed in a place I love (Michigan displays a great diversity of natural beauty), doing the work I love (outside the classroom I feel like a fish out of water), and being with the people I love (I have served under four presidents at Andrews, have had the best colleagues to work with, and the students occupy a special place in my thoughts and heart).

Finally, I want to answer a question related to retirement as it epitomizes and summarizes my philosophy the way I have adapted it: "Jesus died at 33. He took an early retirement so you and I will not be left without a job!" God bless you all.



# PHOTO ALBUM

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**I**n the 1950s College Avenue bisected the campus and EMC students could unload their belongings at the start of fall term on the east side of Lamson Hall.



**September 15** marked 125 years since the J. N. Andrews family left for Switzerland to serve as the first Seventh-day Adventist missionaries—a moment in history commemorated in Allan Collins' recently erected sculpture on campus.

To note the anniversary, Andrews University celebrated with an early-morning devotion and breakfast beside the J. N. Andrews family sculpture.

Later in the day, Atilio Dupertuis, a professor in the Seminary, stopped alumni services director Rebecca May, who had organized the morning event, to mention how much he appreciated being a part of the short worship service. He noted that his great-great-grandfather was the first Adventist in Argentina, having become an Adventist as a result of direct correspondence with J. N. Andrews.

In his youth, the elder Dupertuis was a farmer in Switzerland and, thus, spoke French. Some years later, after settling in South America, he had some questions about the Bible and remembered hearing about J.N. Andrews back in Switzerland. He wrote to him, and Andrews sent him a copy of *Les Signes des Temps*—and the rest is history!

