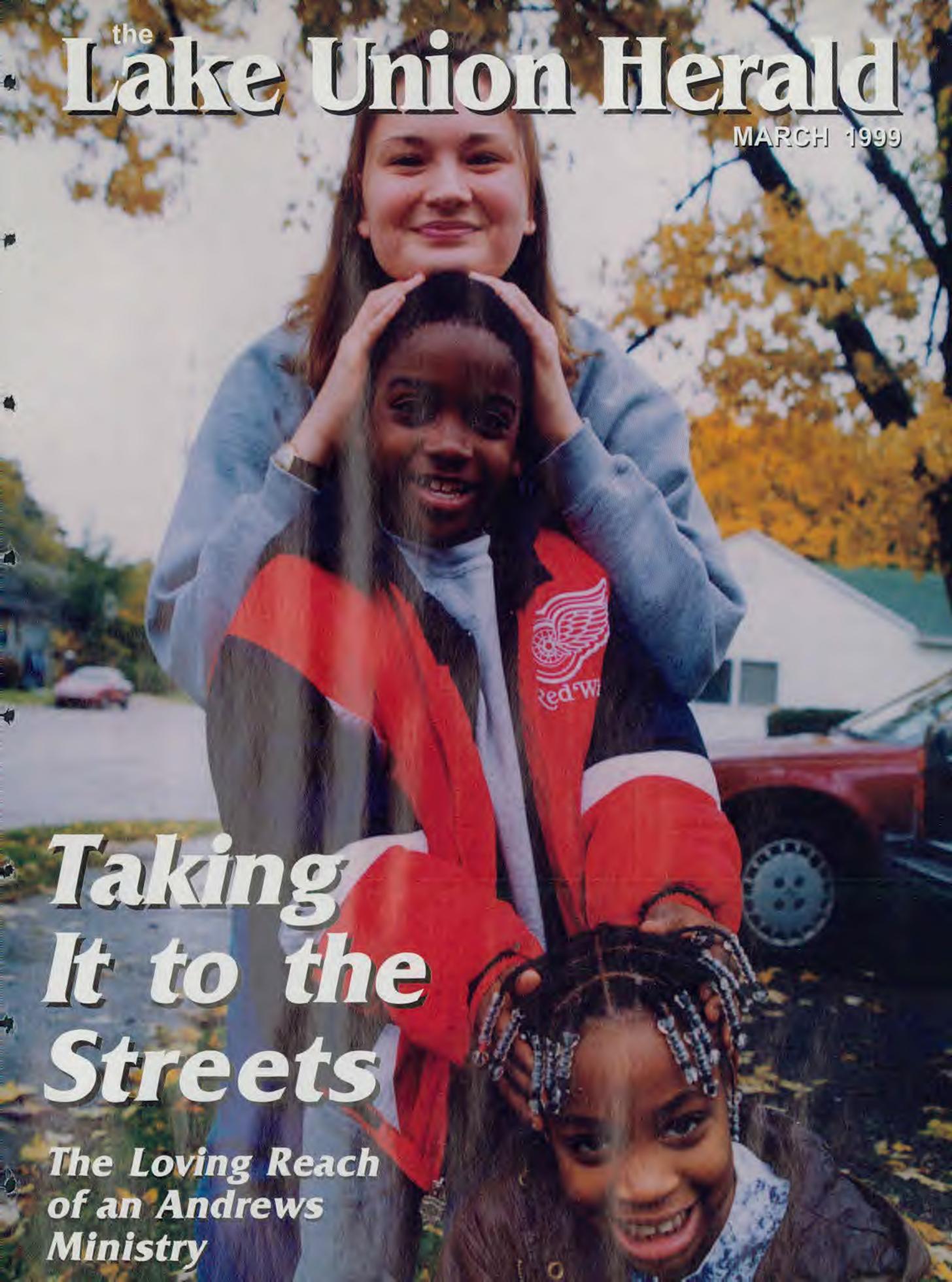


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Mary App, a junior English major from Grand Rapids, Mich., is a member of the Benton Harbor Street Ministries outreach team from Andrews University. She is shown here with two young friends. Tyson Thorne shot the photo in the fall using a Canon A2 with Fuji Super HG 800.

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E D I T O R I A L

Don't Criticize the Bride

BY DON SCHNEIDER, LAKE UNION
CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

The comment heard most often at a wedding is, "My, isn't she a beautiful bride!" Although brides come in a variety of sizes, shapes, and colors, we still hear the comment, "She really makes a beautiful bride." Criticizing the bride just *isn't* the thing to do.

Sometimes the bride arrives late for the wedding; yet the guests wait patiently and smile approvingly as she comes up the aisle. At times, after only the brief ceremony in the church, a bride can be seen slipping out of her brand new shoes and walking around in stocking feet at the reception, but no one makes a big deal out of it. And why do people stand in a long line? To offer criticism, constructive or otherwise? No! It is to kiss the smiling bride.

Just for a moment imagine with me a wedding guest saying, "I used to teach that girl in school. Back then she had a terrible problem with acne. I'm wondering if she has gotten over the problem yet. I'm sitting too far back to see well; but I've heard a rumor that she has a big red pimple on her neck that her dress does not cover when she moves in certain ways. Could someone up closer tell me if it is there? I have a right to know. After all, I was her teacher. She needs to be open about such things."

Now isn't that preposterous! We don't go to the wedding to look for flaws. No! We are all delighted that the girl who yesterday was in ragged jeans, dirty tennis shoes, and a faded school sweatshirt is now this beautiful bride.

Often the church is referred to as the bride of Jesus (Ephesians 5:25-27; Revelation 19:7, 8), and there is no object on earth that receives as much of His love as does His church. Jesus is in the business of taking people of all different sizes and shapes and colors, who have all kinds of scars and pimples, and making of them a beautiful church—His bride. Everybody doesn't look all that perfect just yet. In fact, some still seem to have a bad case of acne. But I don't want to criticize the bride; because I've never met a bridegroom that appreciated someone's finding defects in his bride. Neither have I read a Bible text about great joy in heaven when someone is first to spot something wrong with the church or one of its leaders. No credit is given to the one who is first to publish that on paper or on the Internet.

Knowing that Jesus is so madly in love with His bride encourages me to be bold in saying, I'm in love with His church too. At times she may seem to be a bit feeble or even to look like she may fall, but I'm planning to stay close to her. I believe God when He says that the church will be special to Him until the day that Jesus comes again.

Jesus, thank You for the great love You have for Your church. I am sorry for the times that I have talked bad about your chosen bride. And Jesus, because she is in love with You, isn't she a beautiful bride? . . . and growing lovelier by the day!

Senior Class Chooses Service over Pleasure for Senior Trip

BY SUE RAPPETTE

You're a senior in high school, and it's that magical time of the year—time for the senior class trip. Great America here we come! But wait, what's this? Your class wants to do a service trip? One where you will have to get tired, sweaty, and dirty? Why would a class ever want to do that?

We asked John Thomas, Wisconsin Academy principal, this question, since for the third year in a row, his school's seniors have chosen the "tired, sweaty, and dirty" experience over the usual fare of amusement parks, resort hotels, and fine dining.

"The Great America kind of trip is generally not a new experience, as most 12th graders have been to similar places many times," says Thomas. "Once there, they spend the day in small groups seeking thrills that last for the moment, and when all is done and spent, what's left is a fleeting memory of a "good" time. A service trip immerses the entire group (to-

gether for days) into an activity that builds eternal memories while helping others."

Students experience new foods, different cultures, new skills, exposure to others' great needs, appreciation for what they have, providential workings, joy in simplicity, and, yes, more days for the trip. If you think that a roller coaster ride at Six Flags is a thrill, just imagine what a week of roller coasting with God would be like. It's awesome versus "AWESOME." At the end of every service trip the most common comment is, "Wow, I have never had such a powerful experience and so much fun!"

Wisconsin Academy's seniors of 1997 took the first mission trip, traveling to Romania to build a church in the little town of Saramasu. The trip was life changing. Americans and Romanians formed bonds that transcended geographic boundaries, and young people learned the joy of giving themselves to others. The excitement of the returning seniors

ignited a desire in the whole student body. The truth was out—it was fun to help others! Influenced by their peers, the class of '98 decided that they also wanted to use their precious class trip time to serve others. Plans were made, and the group found themselves in Belize, Central America, in March of 1998, building a church for another community of believers.

This year's class of 1999 is eagerly awaiting spring break when they will have their chance to pound nails and lay block in Belize. "It's going to be a new experience for me," says senior class president Shea Dunn. He admits that it takes a lot of effort to raise the money for this kind of trip. "We not only pay for our airfare, but we pay for the building materials needed for the project."

In addition to their letter-writing campaign to raise funds, the seniors sold watches, ceramics, and calendars. They catered for special meals, laid sod for a local contractor, cleaned the Green Bay Packer stadium after games, and put on a senior class play.

Will all the hard work be worth it? "I think it will be a lot more fulfilling than just going on a pleasure trip," said Melissa Rogge, a senior who has never had the opportunity to go on a mission trip before. "Our class will have wonderful memories of doing something meaningful together."

Sue Rappette is Wisconsin Academy administrative assistant.



The Wisconsin Academy senior class of '98 traveled to Belize to build a church for Adventist believers there.



From left: Delcy Gillen, Jeremy Stencil, and sponsor Don Brassington lay cement block for the new church.

NEW MEMBERS

WISCONSIN

Michelle Kalina was working on a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, when she subscribed to an Amish newsletter to enhance her German language skills. She noticed an ad there for a Revelation Bible course being offered from St. Helena, California. Michelle was a Quaker then. Her interest in spiritual things led her to write and request the course. She took two of their courses before she realized the lessons were from the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After graduating, Michelle took a job in Oconto as a speech therapist. She and her husband, John, moved into town, and before long she began attending the Oconto Church and a Friday-evening Bible study with Mary Albright and John Knobloch.

Since making her decision to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Michelle has become involved with the local Adventurer club and has been a wonderful addition to the Oconto Church family.

Becki Knobloch, Oconto Church pastor's wife

MICHIGAN

Rick Dougherty had learned about Jesus and the Adventist Church through a good friend of his, Trina Ockendels, who was a member of the South Flint Church. Rick and Trina would take walks together in their neighborhood, and Trina would share with Rick what the Lord had done in her life. Rick wanted to know more about the Bible and "these Adventists" that Trina was telling him about, so he decided to bring his children to the South Flint Vacation Bible School (VBS).

Rick was pleasantly surprised at the friendliness and dedication of the

South Flint VBS team, and he began to sense the presence of Jesus in his life. Trina's faith was an encouragement to Rick because she kept assuring him that the Lord could help him deal with any situation.

Rick told Melvin Santos, South Flint Church pastor, that he wanted to learn more about Jesus and the Bible, so Pastor Santos arranged for him to have Bible studies with church member Todd Ervin. Rick completed the studies just prior to the NET '98 seminar, and so he attended those meetings also.

God used the VBS, Bible studies, NET '98, and the love for Jesus exemplified by the members of the South Flint Church to touch Rick's heart and lead him to fully surrender his heart to Jesus. November 7, 1998,



Rick Dougherty has found a new joy because Jesus is his personal savior.

was a memorable Sabbath for Rick because he was baptized in the presence of his brother, sister-in-law, and children.

*Todd Ervin,
S. Flint
communication
leader*

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Sixteen-year-old **Amy Jo Simsack** had given her heart to Jesus, and a date was set for her and six other people to be baptized. However, the devil tried to create circumstances that would force those plans to change.

The Friday afternoon before she was to be baptized, Amy Jo was involved in a serious automobile accident that destroyed her car. At the hospital her broken foot was placed in a cast, and she was sent home on

crutches. Meanwhile, **Stacey Rendell**, a college sophomore who was also scheduled to be baptized on that same Sabbath, had her car broadsided and totaled on that same Friday afternoon. Her body was sore and bruised from the impact of the crash, but there were no broken bones or internal injuries. When Dan Rachor, pastor of the Edenville Church, heard this distressing news, he prayerfully thanked God that these women's lives were spared, even though they had lost their cars. Would the devil win his anti-baptism battle?



Although they were both involved in separate car accidents the day before their baptism, Stacey Rendell (standing) and Amy Jo Simsack were both baptized, in spite of the plastic-wrapped cast on Amy Jo's freshly-broken leg.

Back home that Friday evening, Amy Jo and her cousin, Ashley (who was also to be a part of the Sabbath baptism) were talking about how Amy Jo's baptismal dreams seemed to have been rudely shattered. However, Amy Jo believed that Jesus would not allow the evil one to win, and she was determined to be baptized that Sabbath. With her family's encouragement, she and Ashley devised a plan for how her two uncles could carry Amy Jo into the church's baptismal tank.

On Sabbath morning Amy Jo was in tremendous pain and feeling very ill. Yet she was absolutely determined to be at the service. She arrived at church in a borrowed wheelchair, overwhelmed with joy at what was to take place.

Amy Jo's relatives and friends were grateful that she was alive and being baptized, in spite of the plastic-wrapped cast on her leg.

Dan Rachor, Edenville Church pastor

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Three years ago **Amy Powell** and **Bill Campbell** visited the Lansing Church where Amy had attended during her childhood and teenage years. For Bill, reared as a Baptist, it was a new but positive experience. For Amy, though her attendance had been infrequent since her teenage years, it still felt like home to be back in church. Some time later, Amy and Bill were married, and their lives became involved with Bill's pursuing his degree in engineering and their full-time employment.

In the spring of 1997, the Campbells received a letter of invitation from the pastor to come for a special visitors' Sabbath. While greeting Bill and Amy after the service, Dan Tower, pastor of the Lansing Church, asked whether he could come and visit them. Soon Bible studies with the pastor began, and then arrangements were made for Andy and Carol Mixter to study weekly with the Campbells, using the *Amazing Facts* study guides.

As the studies progressed, Amy and Bill began attending church each week with their baby daughter, Kirsten Nicole. Meanwhile, Andy and Carol led their young friends in a decision to be baptized. Amy wanted to recommit her life to the Adventist truths she had been taught as a girl, and Bill was thrilled to be able to be baptized again,



From left: Dan Tower, Lansing Church pastor, baptized Amy and Bill Campbell on September 12, 1998

only this time as a Seventh-day Adventist.

Following the Andrews University Field School of Evangelism conducted by Michigan Conference evangelist Robert Wagley, Bill and Amy Campbell were baptized at the Lansing Church. Nine others have been baptized, and three re-baptized as a result of the Revelation Now meetings held by Robert Wagley and the field school.

Dan Tower, Lansing Church pastor

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Asleep in my California seaside apartment, I suddenly heard my name, "Ron," in a clear, distinct whisper. Immediately I awoke and checked the small apartment and balcony, but there was no one there.

This experience was repeated again during my one-year extended business assignment in California, and then again when I was sent to Paris, France, for another extended assignment. Not sure if I was losing my mind or if it was simply another sign of advancing middle age, I mentioned it to no one.

My 18-year-old daughter, Brandi, joined me for three months in Paris. Because I left the Adventist Church to pursue my own way in the world almost thirty years ago, Brandi had been raised in a nominally Christian atmosphere without the benefit of a real church or religious experience. Before coming to Paris, she had been staying with Adventist friends where she met Travis, a fine Christian young man. Consequently, an interest in both Travis and God developed, and she studied the Bible and attended one of the Adventist churches while in Paris. When we celebrated my birthday, she gave me Max Lucado's book, *When God Whispers Your Name*. Though astonished by the book, I said nothing to her of my experiences with the whispered voice.

Shortly after Brandi went home, I

took another job in South Bend, Indiana, very close to my parents and my childhood home in Niles, Michigan. There I joyfully witnessed my daughter's baptism, but I was still not ready to listen to God's voice.

On a business trip in Tennessee, I returned to my hotel room in the early evening and lay down for a while in anticipation of going out with my associates to dinner. As I lay there, I could find no rest. I began to think of the experiences of my last 25 years: one divorce and another one on the way, the death by suicide of my 25-year-old son, one disaster after another. Suddenly, I realized that God was whispering my name!

I took the Gideon Bible from the night stand, looked in the subject index, and eagerly read texts about confession of sin, redemption, and divorce. I fell on my knees and tearfully begged for God's forgiveness and His intervention in my life. God didn't whisper to me that evening, He



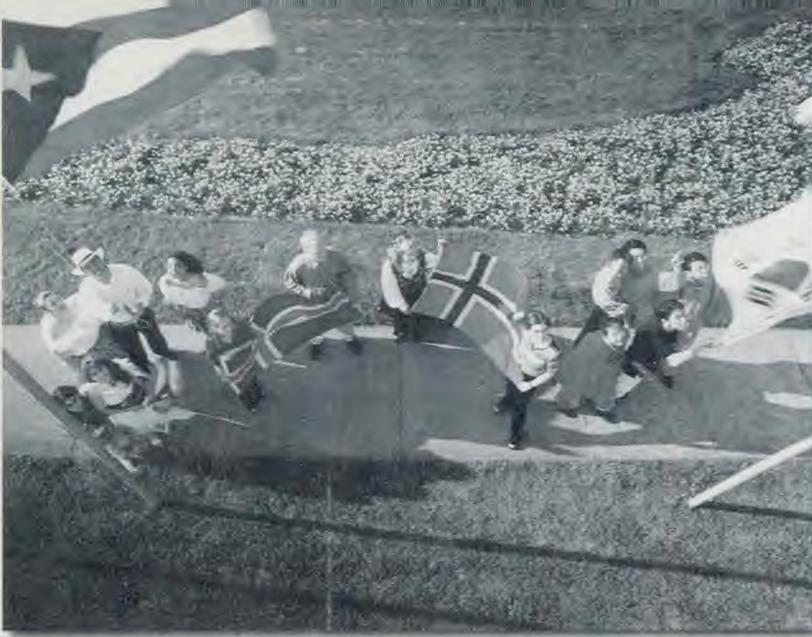
Ron Williams (center) rejoices with his parents, his daughter (fourth from left), and his niece after his baptism.

came and got me!

This past summer I was baptized and joined the Niles Westside Church. I praise God daily that He not only whispered my name, but that He came to snatch me from the downward spiral of my life. And I praise Him for a daughter who has learned to love Him, and who was not afraid to reach out to her earthly father with a message of hope and salvation.

Ron Williams

The Potential of Diversity at Andrews University



An important hallmark of Andrews University is the international diversity among its students. The flag mall, located between James White Library and Pioneer Memorial Church, features more than 60 flags from around the world.

BY NIELS-ERIK ANDREASEN

The membership of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is really quite similar to the world population. Of course, the concentration of church members varies a great deal by region—the highest in parts of Africa, Central and South America, and much lower in western Europe, India, and in parts of Asia.

Nevertheless, on balance, our church membership (like the membership in the United Nations) is very diverse, not only in color, culture, customs and language, but in *thinking*. We will no doubt observe that again at close range during the upcoming General Conference session in Toronto just over a year from now.

How should we think about such diversity? What's the responsibility of our schools to prepare us for the future? The Ford Foundation, in collaboration with the Association of American Colleges and Universities, has sponsored a poll on diversity in American higher education. I'd like to share some of their findings:

- Two-thirds of Americans say it is very important that colleges

and universities prepare people for a diverse society.

- One-half concur that graduation requirements should include the study of different cultures.
- Ninety-seven percent agree that in the next generation we will need to get along with people who are not like us.

The poll also found that:

- Ninety-four percent of Americans agree that the growing diversity in our population makes it more important than ever for all of us to understand people who are different from ourselves.
- Ninety-one percent concur that our society is multi-cultural and that the more we know about each other, the better we will get along.
- Ninety-one percent believe that the global economy requires us to understand people who are different from ourselves.

What do all these opinions have to do with college and university education? The same poll uncovered the following views about education:

- Seventy-one percent of those polled believe that diversity education brings society together, while 19 percent hold that such education drives society apart.
- Sixty-six percent believe that colleges and universities should be deliberate about seeking a diverse student body, while 75 percent feel that colleges and universities should ensure diversity among the faculty.

When the pollsters asked if diversity in college education is problematic in any way, one in three people indicated that diversity education is a form of political correctness, and more than half noted that it always seems to follow a liberal ideological agenda. Yet 75 percent of those polled felt that diversity programs raise, rather than lower, academic standards in schools.

Of course, polls and surveys can only tell us so much. We do not take our marching orders from them, but we ought to listen to them a little—maybe a lot. How do they all apply to our own university here in the upper Midwest?

Andrews University is diverse in many respects. Not only do we serve a diverse American population, but Andrews is the educational home of a large international student and faculty population. In short, our education, while North American in design and quality, nevertheless is also very diverse.

Such diversity brings challenges—in language, communication, and custom, as well as in other areas. But it

also brings great opportunities. For example, suppose you have just received a letter from a long-lost acquaintance who lives in some obscure corner of the world. Chances are very good that someone at Andrews can translate the letter for you. Or the evening news reports a disastrous flood in southern Asia; Andrews probably has a graduate student who can offer a perspective on the human impact of such a catastrophe. Or maybe you're looking for a mission story for next week's Sabbath school; Andrews people can give you a good one from just about anywhere—at the drop of a hat.

In fact, Andrews University is known statewide and nationwide as a diverse campus with students from many world cultures and from over 100 countries. Is this a good thing for educating students at Andrews?

According to the recent Ford Foundation poll, diversity may give us discomfort at first—mostly because of the many unknown and unfamiliar experiences it brings—but diversity is also the gateway leading into the future, both in our church and in society. From this, there is no going back to isolation. We simply have to learn to get along with those who are different from ourselves.

People who are different from us will visit our country, buy our products, impact our stock market, vote in the General Conference, and join us in worshiping God. We either prepare for this ever-emerging diversity, or we will be overtaken by it. And evidently public opinion holds that education has a role to play.

This leads me to conclude that few college students in our country, and perhaps in the entire world, are as exposed to the kind of diversity as are the ones who study here at Andrews. My prediction is that these students will become strong survivors in the brave new world of diversity—and successful leaders in our world church, as well.

Niels-Erik Andreasen is president of Andrews University.

Andrews Benton Harbor Street Ministry:

The Outreach Definitely Continues

BY JACK STENGER

WITH PHOTOS BY
TYSON THORNE

It started small but quickly grew.

Three years ago, a cadre of dedicated Andrews University students, who wanted a front-line ministry outreach, set their sites on Benton Harbor, a city 12 miles to the north of Berrien Springs. The city of 12,000 has seen its fair share of urban pathologies—drugs, crime, family fissures—but a rebound is in the works.

And Andrews students are helping to usher in the renaissance by preaching the undiluted Word of God. Since 1996, in every season and under all weather conditions, scores of students have sustained and expanded

the well-chronicled “Benton Harbor Street Ministry.”

Leaving behind Sabbath meals and naps, an average of 80 students (the number frequently exceeds 100) dedicate the Lord's Day to door-to-door Bible studies, health screening, a vibrant children's ministry, and nursing home visits.

“The objective is friend-making evangelism,” said Heidi Towar, a senior Spanish and social work major from Lansing. “There's a need in this community, and a lot of students say their Christianity comes alive by meeting this need.”

Jamie Crouse, a junior biology major from Berrien Springs, leads nursing home visits. He said his experiences fully illustrate that it is the givers who truly receive. “It brings a



A caravan of cars embarks from Andrews to Benton Harbor each Sabbath.



Student Matthew Carlson leads a group that will go door-to-door.



Eight-year-old Karissa Howard plays with her new friend, RoseMarie Parker, a seminary student from Battle Creek, who leads a clown ministry.



(Left) Robin Rawson, a sophomore biology major, visits with senior citizens in the Orchard Grove Extended Care Center.



(Right) Children receive the gospel in songs, hugs, and words.



Yoshi Abe, a junior religion major from Tokyo, Japan, leads a group in song at a foster care home.

lot of fulfillment knowing the people are happier because I came here today."

Fresh on the heels of NET '98, this year's ministry has resulted in students planting a new church in Benton Harbor. And other initiatives continue to expand. Visit the Benton Harbor Street Ministry web site at www.andrews.edu/~bhm for more information. Or, even better, join the outreach. Each Sabbath afternoon

students meet at Lamson Hall. They might get to Benton Harbor in different cars, but their goal is the same: "Our goal is simple," said Towar, "to spread Christ's love."

Jack Stenger is Andrews University's public information officer. Tyson Thorne is a junior graphic design major from Newcastle, Ontario, Canada.





Mary App, a junior English major from Grand Rapids, Michigan, enjoys interacting with her new friends at the Sabbath afternoon children's ministry session.



(Across the page) Nicole Peoples, a graduate social work major from Florida, and Brandon Koleda, a freshman psychology major from Metamora, Michigan, greet children during a door-to-door visit.

(Far left) Courtney Ray, a junior theology major from New York City, makes snow angels with two children.

(Left) Jamie Crouse, a junior biology major from Berrien Springs, reads The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey to senior citizens.



1. Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president, presented Paulino Puello, South Dominican Mission president, and Pablo Lidiano, treasurer, with \$1,000 sent by the Indiana Conference.

2. Miraculously, all of the portable chapels, donated to the Dominican Republic by the Illinois Conference, remained intact.

3. The church in Guayabo Dulce, the oldest church in the Dominican Republic, special for its historical value, was completely destroyed by Hurricane Georges.

4. The Central Dominican Conference youth camp in Najayo was badly damaged. Pictured here are the remains of the auditorium/church at the camp.

5. Pastor Cedeño, East Dominican Mission president, observes the damage at our school in Hato Mayor.

6. The neighborhood surrounding the Adventist school in Hato Mayor also experienced extensive damage.



After Georges

*The Lake Union's overwhelming response of love
to relief victims of Hurricane Georges*

BY LOUIS E. LEONOR

Hurricane Georges passed through the Dominican Republic leaving behind extensive damage throughout the country, but especially in the territory of the East and South Dominican Missions.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE HELPS EAST DOMINICAN

In the East Dominican Mission, 104 churches were seriously damaged, and in 39 of them the only thing left was the building site. The Illinois Conference, sister conference of the East Dominican Mission through Operation Amigo, sent about \$15,000 to the East Dominican Mission to help in the repairs of roofs and the homes of church members who had lost their houses and all their earthly possessions in the disaster.

INDIANA CONFERENCE HELPS SOUTH DOMINICAN

Clay Farwell, Indiana Conference president, and Luis Leonor, Lake Union vice president, traveled to see firsthand the hurricane damage.

Dismayed by the devastation he saw everywhere in the country, Elder Farwell returned to Indiana committed to appealing to all the Indiana Conference churches for a special offering to help our brothers and sisters who were left homeless. The churches in Indiana responded with a generous \$20,000 offering.

Altogether, the Indiana Conference sent \$21,000 to help the needy church members in their sister conference. The first \$1,000 were personally delivered by Elder Farwell, and the rest was taken by Elder Leonor on November 30, 1998, and presented personally in a meeting with the officers of the South Dominican Mission. It was touching to see the happiness and relief on the people's faces when they received the money sent as a love offering from their brothers and sisters in Indiana.

LAKE REGION CONFERENCE HELPS CENTRAL DOMINICAN

Norman Miles, Lake Region Conference president, told us that on Sabbath, December 12, all the churches in the Lake Region also collected an offering to help the Dominican Central Conference to rebuild their youth

camp, which was heavily damaged. We do not as yet have any figures for this offering, but whatever the amount is, it will undoubtedly be a blessing to our young people in the Dominican Central Conference.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE HELPS SOUTH DOMINICAN

The Michigan Conference also felt compelled to help and included an appeal in their conference newsletter. Several churches have sent donations.

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE HELPS NORTH DOMINICAN

Several churches in the Wisconsin Conference sent money for the North Dominican Conference, even though their sister conference was not so heavily damaged by Hurricane Georges. Funds are in hand to help as needed.

We feel encouraged by this response of love and these gestures of solidarity and Christian concern shown by our church members in the Lake Union.

*Luis E. Leonor is the Lake Union
Conference vice president.*



Robert S. Folkenberg

The following pages explain the events and the processes that the leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church have followed which led up to Elder Folkenberg's resignation. In the box below is the full text of his resignation statement which was given to G. Ralph Thompson, executive secretary of the General Conference, on February 7 and subsequently read by Elder Folkenberg to the General Conference staff on February 8. These stories originally appeared in the February 18, 1999, issue of the Adventist Review.

Adventist World President Resigns

By CARLOS MEDLEY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Ten days after top church officers voted to call a special meeting of the church's highest deliberative body to consider allegations against him, General Conference president Robert S. Folkenberg announced his resignation, effective immediately.

Folkenberg's decision averts a potential conflict between himself and the General Conference Executive Committee scheduled to meet at the church's world headquarters on March 1.

By provisions of the church's working policy, General Conference secretary G. Ralph Thompson became acting president. He will serve in that position until the 268-member committee elects a new president.

In an emotional statement to more than 600 employees at the denomination's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, on Monday, February 8, Folkenberg cited the distractions created by a lawsuit against him and the need for church unity as reasons for his decision.

Folkenberg, 58, was elected president of the 10-million member denomination in June 1990 at the church's international constituency meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, and reelected at the 1995 General Conference session in Utrecht, Holland.

In late December 1998, allegations of financial and ethical improprieties by Folkenberg surfaced in connection with a civil lawsuit filed by James Moore, a Sacramento, California, entrepreneur, against Folkenberg, attorney Walter Carson, and accountant Ben Kochenower, who had all at one time served on the board of two independent charitable organizations.

The General Conference Corporation and the church's Inter-American Division were also named in the suit, but are not expected to figure prominently in the litigation. No church entity had any funds invested with Moore, nor were any church funds at risk. The General Conference Corporation never had any dealings with him, and the Inter-American Division had cut off all contact with him 10 years ago.

"This is a day I never dreamed would come," Folkenberg told the headquarters employees as he explained his decision to resign. "There are things that are far more important than Robert Folkenberg and the position of president of the General Conference, and they are this move-

The full text of Elder Folkenberg's statement:

"From my early childhood as the son of missionary parents in Inter-America, to my ministry as General Conference president, my entire life has been tirelessly and single-mindedly devoted to advancing the message and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. However, over the last few weeks it has become apparent to me that the controversy surrounding the allegations of James E. Moore, made in the context of his lawsuit against the church and me, is detracting from God's work. While I have repeatedly and publicly acknowledged mistakes in my dealings with Mr Moore, I rejoice that the integrity of my motives has not been called into question. However, to avoid additional pain and conflict to my family and the church I love, I am removing myself from the controversy by tendering my resignation through you to the General Conference Executive Committee. I will continue to give my all to advancing the mission of the church, and I pray that through this action the church can maintain its focus on the task our Lord has entrusted to us."

—Robert S Folkenberg

ment that the Lord has raised up and the task that He has given us to do. And that transcends all personalities. It is bigger than any mistakes, and Lord knows, I've made my share of them. And I have confessed them, apologized, and wept and prayed about them. But above and beyond all of those is this end-time movement with a last-day message the Lord has given us."

A special *ad hoc* group appointed by the General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) met on January 25, 26 to hear presentations by Phil Hiroshima, a General Conference-retained attorney, and Folkenberg and his attorneys. Hiroshima had discovered evidence of possible ethical irregularities as he prepared to defend the General Conference Corporation and the Inter-American Division in the civil suit. The 19-member committee met for more than 25 hours and concluded by an overwhelming secret ballot vote that the allegations against Folkenberg were grave enough to warrant calling a special session of the General Conference Executive Committee, subsequently scheduled for March 1-7.

The special *ad hoc* group delivered its report on January 27 to an ADCOM meeting which included 10 of the denomination's 12 division presidents.

According to several persons at the ADCOM meeting, members were troubled by Elder Folkenberg's long business association with Moore, who had been convicted of felony grand theft in 1987. The president's failure to share information with the leadership circle about the lawsuit when it was still only being threatened seriously damaged his credibility.

There was also evidence that the office of the president had been misused, according to those at the meeting. Several financial schemes were attempted, invoking the influence and even the letterhead of the General Conference to introduce Moore to leaders of foreign countries as a way to raise money and pay off what Moore claimed Folkenberg owed him.

ADCOM members deemed that behavior unacceptable.

Church leaders reached for comment expressed their belief that Folkenberg had made the right decision even as they underscored their personal pain about the events of the last three weeks.

"All of us are saddened by this sudden rush of events that has necessitated Elder Folkenberg's resignation," said Thompson in a phone interview from Loma Linda, California. "A series of events has swamped and engulfed him, and for the good of the church and his family

it is important to let a time of healing begin. We admire him for his decision and look forward to his continued contributions to the church he so much loves.

"Elder Folkenberg reminded us when he was first elected nearly nine years ago that the real president of the General Conference is the Lord Jesus Christ," Thompson continued. "The church moves forward, and, as I always like to say, the future is as bright as the promises of God."

Carlos Medley is the Adventist Review news editor.

What Happens Next?

BY BILL KNOTT

The decision by General Conference President Robert Folkenberg to resign his office has set in motion a never-before-used policy for replacing the highest officer of the 10-million-member denomination.

G. Ralph Thompson, secretary of the General Conference and the second-ranking officer, became acting president upon Folkenberg's resignation and will serve until a new president is elected and assumes the responsibilities of the office.

Thompson, 69, has served 18 years as General Conference secretary, and was first elected at the church's international session in Dallas, Texas, in April 1980. He was subsequently reelected in 1985 and 1990, and most recently at the July 1995 General Conference session in Utrecht, Holland. Originally from Barbados, West Indies, Thompson is the first non-North American to serve as the church's second-ranking officer and becomes the first person in its 135-

year history to function as an acting president. He has served as a pastor, evangelist, theology teacher, union president, and general vice president of the General Conference during 48 years of denominational service.

The General Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) has scheduled a special meeting of the full Executive Committee for March 1-7 at the world church headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, to elect a new president. The Executive Committee is composed of 268 laypersons, pastors, and church administrators from around the world, and is charged with giving leadership to the worldwide church between the five-year international sessions.

At the March meeting, a nominating committee will be selected with representatives from each of the world church's 12 divisions and will meet to bring a recommendation to the Executive Committee. The person elected as president will serve until the next General Conference session in June 2000 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Man on the Move

By BILL KNOTT

Aggressive church planting, administrative downsizing, rapidly expanding use of communication technology, and unprecedented membership growth marked Robert Folkenberg's 8 1/2-year tenure as president of the General Conference.

Elected to his post in July 1990 at the church's fifty-fifth General Conference session, Folkenberg was the youngest General Conference president in nearly 90 years and the first to come to office directly from the conference level since the Seventh-day Adventist Church reorganized in 1901. The son of missionary parents and fluent in both Spanish and English, he spent more than 30 years in Inter-America, including 16 years as a pastor, departmental director, and church administrator, before assuming the church's highest elected office.

Folkenberg spearheaded major initiatives during his first five-year term to reduce both personnel and budgets at the church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, and to cap operating expenses for the denomination. With the enthusiastic support of Adventist laypersons in business and industry, he promoted the use of satellite and Internet communication to further evangelization. Three international satellite evangelistic efforts—commonly known as NET evangelism in 1995, 1996, and 1998—resulted in tens of thousands of baptisms and positioned the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a global leader in church-based satellite communication through AGCN, the Adventist Global Communication Network.

For the first time in its history, the Seventh-day Adventist Church

approved an official logo for the denomination, even as it contested trademark infringement with entities that inappropriately used the church's name.

World membership of the church increased by nearly 68 percent during Folkenberg's term, from approximately 6.3 million in 1990 to more than 10.3 million in early 1999. Contributions to the church increased by more than 57 percent, from a 1989 total of \$953,134,989 to \$1,500,521,546 in 1997, the last year for which a complete report is available. The church's Global Mission initiative planted nearly 12,000

"He never asked anyone to do what he himself was not willing to do."

—Lawrence Geraty, president,
La Sierra University

new Adventist congregations in previously unentered territories during Folkenberg's term.

Rapid growth for the church in the formerly Communist countries of Eastern Europe, in Africa, and in the South Pacific resulted in the creation of a new world division of the church since 1990, the Euro Asia, and the splitting of the Asia-Pacific region into the Northern Asia-Pacific and the Southern Asia-Pacific divisions. "On the road" an average of nearly 200 days each year, Folkenberg showed no hesitation in visiting politically sensitive and even dangerous regions, including Iran, Iraq, China, Cuba, and, most recently, war-ravaged Angola. In 1994 Folkenberg baptized the first convert in Mongolia. Adventists around the world could follow the

peripatetic president on his many travels via his personal web site, complete with day-by-day diaries and photographs. A weekly *From the GC President* fax newsletter kept hundreds of Adventist leaders and institutions updated on the president's travels and opinions.

Folkenberg also championed several initiatives that called for greater church scrutiny of Adventist institutions and more accountability to constituents. His "Total Commitment to God" initiative, voted by the church's 1996 Annual Council in Costa Rica, called for each Adventist pastor, congregation, school, health facility, communication enterprise, and administrative office to adopt mission statements, prepare specific and measurable objectives, and annually assess outcomes. A 1998 world church action to establish a Board of Ministerial and Theological Education in each division to give oversight to church-operated seminaries and theology departments has evoked significant criticism in some areas, including North America, and awaits implementation.

Twice during Folkenberg's tenure (at Indianapolis in 1990 and Utrecht, Holland, in 1995) delegates to General Conference sessions declined to approve the ordination of women to gospel ministry or to allow world divisions to pursue independent policies to do so. An Office of Women's Ministries was organized in 1990 and gained full departmental status in 1995, highlighting the increasingly public involvement of women around the world in the church's evangelism and nurture efforts.

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The Scoop on Soil

And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry [land] appear: and it was so. And God called the dry [land] Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that [it was] good. (Genesis 1: 9, 10)

According to the dictionary, the words “dirt” and “soil” can be used to describe something negative, unclean, and worthless (such as filth and corruption) as well as something positive, fertile, and valuable (such as one’s native country and the medium in which plants grow). The truth is, we have attached our own emotions to the two words. Nowadays soil is a good thing and dirt is not. Put another way, garden soil is valuable—until it is tracked into the house. Then it becomes dirt.

To be fair to God’s creation, let’s take an objective look at what in Genesis is called “land.” The solid part of Earth is land—a layer of rock covered by soil. Land forms the planet’s top layer, or crust. Most of Earth’s crust is covered by water, but what remains is where we humans live. And most of the exposed crust is covered by soil. We live on Earth’s earth!

Scientists categorize soil according to its content and texture: Sand is made up of bits of shell and rock. Sand forms deserts, beaches, and the bottoms of creeks, rivers, and oceans. Larger grains of sand are called gravel. Silt is very fine sandy soil.

Clay is fine soil.

Exploring God's World

WITH JAMES AND PRISCILLA TUCKER

Loam is a balanced mixture of sand and silt (to hold water), clay (to hold the sand and silt together) and bits of decayed plant and animal material called “humus” (to add nutrients).

In its natural state, soil doesn’t always form in a well-balanced way. If it has too much sand and silt, water intended to irrigate the plants may drain away from the roots. If it has too much clay, excess water may cause plant roots to rot. And if there is not enough humus, plants may be deprived of essential nutrients. Gardeners often add one or more of the essential elements to soil to make sure that it is a productive growing-medium.

When God created the world, He created soil—and He did so for a specific purpose: “And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, [and] the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed [is] in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, [and] herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed [was] in itself, after his kind: and God saw that [it was] good” (Genesis 1:11, 12).

Sedimentary, My Dear Watson

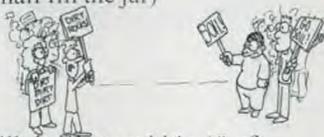
Soil is a mixture of elements. Separate those elements by following the easy directions below.

What you need

- ✓ tall glass jar (at least 1-qt. size) with cover
- ✓ soil sample (enough to half fill the jar)
- ✓ water

What to do

- 1 Put the soil in the jar.
- 2 Add enough water to fill the jar to within 1" of the brim.
- 3 Screw the lid on tightly and shake the jar to distribute the soil evenly.



- 4 Set the jar on a flat surface to let the contents settle.
- 5 Make the following observations: In what order did the separate elements in the mixture settle? About how long did it take for each element to settle out? Why do you think that the separate elements settled as they did?
- 6 Continue the experiment by using several jars with soil samples from different areas of your yard in each one. Label the jars according to the locations from which the samples were taken. Do the sediments appear to be different? Do different kinds of plants grow in the different areas? Sedimentary rock forms when layers of sediments are fused together under pressure. The Grand Canyon layers seen in the rock formations of the Grand Canyon were formed in this way.

The Tuckers have written three daily devotional books and publish *Natural Learning*, a newsletter to help parents, teachers, and youth leaders use the motivating forces of nature to integrate faith and learning. For further information, write to the Institute of Outdoor Ministry, P. O. Box 670, Niles, MI 49120.

Human Cloning the Topic for April Ethics Weekend at Andrews

"The Ethics of Human Cloning" is the topic of the annual McElmurry Ethics and Society Lectureship to be held at Andrews University, April 8-10, 1999, in University Towers Auditorium.

Speakers will include John Brunt, vice president for academic administration and professor of biblical studies at Walla Walla College; Jeffrey Kahn, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Minnesota; Laurie Dorfman, associate professor of social ethics and director of the program in Jewish studies at San Francisco State University; Lawrence Gostin, professor of law at Georgetown University; and Don Wolf, senior scientist at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the Oregon Health Sciences University.

The lectureship will sponsor a research paper competition for Andrews students, with prizes ranging from \$500 to \$2500. Winning research papers will be read over the course of the weekend.

The McElmurry Ethics and Society weekend is funded by the McElmurry Endowed Lectureship established at Andrews University by Dr. Leland McElmurry of Eaton Rapids, Mich. It was coordinated by a faculty committee headed by Timothy Standish, associate professor of biology, and Gary Ross, administrative assistant to the president. For more information, call (616) 471-3444.

Douglas A. Jones, University Relations director

Andrews Faculty and Students Lead "Virtual Tour"

Students, faculty, and alumni from Andrews University were part of a cross-disciplinary study tour to Ecuador from Dec. 3-20, 1998, where they negotiated cultural explorations and scenic excursions into the Andes Mountains, swam with seals in the Galapagos Islands, and paddled a dug-out canoe to a biology station set deep in the jungles of Ecuador's Amazon Basin.

Thanks to digital cameras, on-site technology, and support personnel at Andrews, students from more than 40 elementary schools were able to travel along to South American for a "virtual ride" through "Intel-ebriation Expedition," a web-based curriculum delivery system sponsored by Andrews University.

Led by Donald May, assistant professor of photography, expedition team members coordinated a web site that tracked the group through Ecuador, posted photos of each day's

activities, recorded events in journals, and provided links to further details about the region. School children were able to log onto the web site every day to interact with the travelers in Ecuador, send e-mail messages back and forth, and view the day's photo shoots. Andrews photography students were

offered academic credit for participation in the tour.

It used to be that only eco-travelers and National Geographic photographers could enjoy South American exploits. Now the web and "Intel-ebriation Expedition" are bringing the experience into the classroom. Interested schools can call (616) 471-6674 or visit the "Intel-ebriation Expedition" web site: www.inex.andrews.edu/e3.

Rebecca May, Andrews alumni director



While touring Ecuador during fall quarter, Andrews University photography students had many close encounters with wildlife. Among the group's favorite animals were sea lions on San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands.

Andrews Honors Piano Composer on Her 100th Birthday

Andrews University celebrated the life and music of Blythe Owen on Saturday, Dec. 12, in Pioneer Memorial Church on the Andrews campus. The "Gala Centennial Celebration" featured



Blythe Owen, professor emerita of music, along with approximately 400 admirers, celebrated her 100th birthday at a piano concert in her honor at Pioneer Memorial Church on December 12, 1998.

performances of Owen's works by Andrews music faculty and students, along with testimonials from her former students. A composer of national renown and just three weeks shy of her 100th birthday, Owen was in attendance for the event.

A piano professor at Andrews from 1961 to 1981, Owen won numerous national and international awards during her 80-year musical career. "Dr. Owen was a trailblazer in the truest sense of the word," said Peter Cooper, chair of the Andrews Department of Music. "There are few musicians of whom it can be said: 'Their music deserves to be heard.' Blythe Owen is one of them."

Jack Stenger, Andrews University public information officer

Youth for Better Living



Nathan Henson, GLAA sophomore, prints out a health evaluation form for a fair goer. Each contact is an opportunity to help an individual make a difference in his or her life.

medical attention as soon as possible. Hopefully, we made a difference in his life." Young children were not forgotten as they had the opportunity to see a puppet show about the effects of smoking.

The following day the AYBL club sponsored the first annual 5K Spud Run/Walk. This type of event is not unfamiliar to the club, as they have sponsored a 5K run/walk in the spring for the past four years. The number of participants has tripled since it first began in 1995. There were 176 runners and walkers who completed the 5K route this year, 46 of whom were from the community at large.

The Spud Run attracted a variety of runners/walkers, young and old. A group of Army reserve men tested their physical fitness, and Mickey Mallory, Cedar Lake Church pastor, pushed his two children in a stroller as he ran behind them. "The growing attraction to the 5K runs is due to the increased number of local businesses that financially support them," said Cindy Peterson, GLAA teacher and AYBL sponsor. "The local police and ambulance service are also on hand to maintain safety."

The AYBL organization is prominent on the campus as well as in the local community. The elected student officers are committed to a healthful lifestyle and encourage their peers through example and special programming. The club has re-

Michigan—What does the Michigan Potato Festival have to do with Great Lakes Adventist Academy (GLAA) students? A lot. The Adventist Youth for Better Living club (AYBL) sponsored two health events at the September 1998 festival. GLAA students set up a booth at the downtown fair in Edmore, Mich. Blood pressure checks and computerized health evaluations were given to fair goers. Jenny Micheff, GLAA sophomore, said "One older man had his blood pressure taken, and it was very high. We advised him to seek medi-

cal nearly \$2,000 from the Meijer store for obtaining pledges to be alcohol free on graduation night and homecoming weekend from 100% of the student body. During AYBL week, skits, posters, speeches, and guest speakers emphasize the need for healthful living. Citizens from the community serve as judges for these events.

Charlotte Henderson, GLAA development director

The Great American Smokeout

Michigan — Advanced media publicity set a positive stage for poll-taking students from Northview Junior Academy in Cadillac, Mich., to take part in the Great American Smokeout at Carter's Food Market. For eight hours the teenage students, working one- to two-hour shifts with two students each shift, conducted a smoke-free survey for the American Cancer Society on behalf of clean air legislation.

Pam Allen, a Northview parent and a member of the Tobacco Reduction Coalition, coordinated the all-day event, along with the help of other coalition members. Allen also arranged for the students to receive Bible Lab credit as a part of their community service.

The public response to the students included one woman who said, "I read that the students would be here, and I want to take part in the survey."

At one point, there was a logjam of shoppers waiting to fill out the opinion sheets. Even smokers were cooperative. Several of them signed up to quit for the day, others said they wanted to quit. Most smokers indicated they were tired of being controlled by tobacco.

Carter's store manager, Nick Onon, said, "I was listening. The kids were like pros. We like having this sort of event at our store."

Pre-publicity included two television interviews by directors of the coalition and a front-page story in the *Cadillac Evening News*. A letter to the editor commending the work of the students also appeared.

Betty Kossick, Cadillac Church communication leader



From left: Kim Starlin, a Northview Junior Academy student, interviewed a Carter's Market customer, Katherine Schwenke, and her son Benjamin during the Great American Smokeout in Cadillac, Mich.

Youth to Impact Streets of Toronto

Jesus said, "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields ready for harvest now" (John 4:35). Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has a population of 2.5 million people, and it is more than ready to be harvested. This is what Impact Toronto 2000 is about: youth proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Toronto.

Sponsored by the North American Youth Ministries Department, Impact Toronto 2000 is a youth evangelism event running concurrently with the General Conference session June 29–July 8, 2000, in Toronto. More than 350 youth, aged 18–30, from North America and around the world will be trained and actively involved in street ministry opportunities.

There are more than 20 ministry opportunities for youth to be involved with including: mime, drama, puppets, prayer conference leadership, door to door, magabooks, clowning, Vacation Bible School, Pathfinders, music, youth congress planning, gymnastics, public campus ministry, street ministry technical crew, compassion, creative movement, video, nighttime revival meetings, and many more.

Youth will be trained in the various ministries in the morning, and in the afternoon they will be actively involved in their chosen ministry. Each evening, youth will be responsible for running evangelistic meetings at several locations throughout Toronto.

Each conference in the North American Division will select one delegate from among its youth, as well as one alternate. Each delegate will fund-raise \$150. Each conference, union, and the division will contribute \$250 per delegate. **Application deadline is February 14, 2000.** For applications submitted after this deadline, delegates will pay \$250.

Impact Toronto 2000 will be held on the campus of Kingsway College in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Delegates and participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Toronto.

As a climatic conclusion to Impact Toronto, delegates and participants will organize and conduct an "Impact the World" Youth Congress to be held, July 7–8 in Toronto for all youth that attend the General Conference session.

Youth from each conference are encouraged to contact their conference youth directors. Or call the NAD Center for Youth Evangelism at (800) YOUTH-2-U or (616) 471-9881, or e-mail cye@andrews.edu. Write to us at Impact Toronto 2000, Center for Youth Evangelism, Box C, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Check out the Impact Toronto 2000 web site at www.andrews.edu/CYE/IT2000.

Marklynn Bazy

Sabbath School Class Supports Missions

Michigan—Twenty, mostly-retired, Lansing Church Sabbath school members were thrilled when they collected \$362 last year to assist the Buchempeta, India, congregation with building a children's room for their new church. Then when two of their members, Henry and Susan Wuerfel, heard about the needs of the Adventist school in Yap, which is an island near Guam, the same class members started a new project to raise funds.

The project was especially meaningful to the class because the Wuerfel's grandson, Aaron Knowlton, was a student missionary teacher at the Yap school. Aaron later had an opportunity to visit the Lansing Sabbath school class to describe the 150-student school and its needs.

The year-long project ended December 13, 1998, when Penny Ancel, class coordinator, and Stephen Dick, teacher, invited the class to a combination "counting and Christmas party" at a class member's home. When they counted the coins and dollars that had been donated to their year-long



Members of the Lansing Sabbath school class count the coins and bills that were donated to their class mission project.

mission project, they discovered their funds amounted to \$542, which was an increase of \$180 over last year's class mission project.

"It is so nice to be associated with this Sabbath school class," remarked Penny Ancel. "They are a caring and sharing group who enjoy Christian fellowship all year long and can celebrate God's blessings with extra mission projects."

Penny Ancel, Sabbath school class secretary

Michigan Welcomes New Director of Secular Campus Ministries

Michigan — Campuses of secular universities in Michigan are now targeted for evangelism. Michigan Conference officers, pastors, and many lay members have long realized the need to provide spiritual and emotional support for our Adventist students attending secular universities. These young people need resources to help them grow in their own relationship



Rebecca and Samuel Koranteng-Pipim have joined the Michigan Conference team where Pipim will be leading out in secular campus ministries..

with Jesus and training to become effective witnesses to their college peers. To fill this need, the Michigan Conference Executive Committee voted to hire Samuel Koranteng-Pipim, Ph.D., to be the director of a new campus ministries program for secular universities.

“Despite its many potentials, the secular university campus is still an unentered territory in the western world,” said Pipim. “As far as I know, the Michigan Conference is the only conference in the North American Division to create a whole new ministry to reach out to students in our public universities and colleges. It’s a courageous decision of faith.”

Pipim recently graduated with a Ph.D. in systematic theology from Andrews University. Although he and his wife, Rebecca, were both born and reared in Ghana, West Africa, their background and training make them especially suited to this ministry. Pipim became an Adventist through the influence of Adventist students on a public university campus—Ghana’s University of Science and Technology where he studied engineering. Later, after accepting the call to the gospel ministry, Pipim served the Central Ghana Conference as its coordinator of campus ministries. He has been instrumental in the establishment of churches in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. He has also published numerous articles and three books,

including *Receiving the Word*. He speaks and preaches extensively at camp meetings and seminars. Rebecca has a master’s degree in development administration from Western Michigan University and has taught in elementary and middle schools in Ghana.

Pipim plans to begin secular campus ministries at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He will work closely with Dan Hall and Charles Chase, pastor and assistant, respectively, of the Ann Arbor Church. Their goal is to establish a vibrant Adventist fellowship/company on the university campus. This fellowship will aim at (1) keeping our Adventist students in the faith, (2) maintaining a visible presence on campus, and (3) utilizing our students for evangelism on campus. “I want to inspire the students to become excited about Adventism,” said Pipim, “so excited that they will love to witness to their peers.”

Pipim intends to approach his new assignment with what he describes as a simple philosophy. “The only kind of Adventism that can appeal to young people is one that is unashamedly biblical, focuses on evangelism, and seeks, by God’s grace, to practice the truth, no matter what the cost.” This belief will undergird all the programs and activities. The lessons learned in this pilot project will then be helpful in establishing fellowships on other campuses. “There are many challenges and opportunities involved in this evangelistic effort,” said Pipim. “We will need the assistance of parents and pastors in locating their young people currently studying in secular universities and colleges.”

Many of these students are losing their faith because of their school environment. Others are facing spiritual and intellectual challenges to their faith. Still others are lonely, feeling neglected by their church. These are our children. Let’s show we care by supporting this new ministry with our prayers, our encouragement, and our finances.

Sandra Blackmer, Michigan Conference communication director

A New Church at Cherry Hill

Michigan — The Westland Company, which began in April 1989, became an organized church that was named Cherry Hill Church in August 1996, reports Elizabeth DeRousie, church communication leader. Now, just two years later on July 7, 1998, a groundbreaking ceremony was held after church officials signed a contract with the Adventist Maycock Construction Company to build their new church. Everyone is excited and thankful for God’s blessings on their faith project.

Phase I of the complex will include a multipurpose room/fellowship hall that will seat 85, three Sabbath school rooms, a kitchen, and a church office. Phase II will include a completed sanctuary. The facility will be built on a beautiful four-acre lot with many trees and shrubs in an ideal location in Garden City, Mich.

Don't Let the Millennium Bug Byte You in 2000

Have you heard that all the computers in the world will crash on January 1, 2000? Don't believe it. Might there be some computer-related problems? Probably. Will the world end? Probably not. The church theologians tell me that there's no reason from Scripture to believe that January 1, 2000, has any special significance.

What caused the Y2K problem that lots of people are talking about but that few understand all that well? Twenty and 30 and 40 years ago, the most economical way to create computer software was to shorten the year to two digits. So 1977 became "77" in computer programming. When 1999 rolls over to 2000, older hardware and software may see "00" as 1900.

So what should you do? What should the North American Division do? The NAD office has tested all the software developed in-house that is distributed to the unions, conferences, and churches. All of that software is Y2K compliant. The programs we have tested are:

- Adventist Personnel Manager (Win95/NT Service Records and Credentials)
- NADSys95 (DOS Service Records and Credentials)
- Higher Education Data Manager
- K-12 Education Data Manager
- Tithe and Remittance Reporting System
- Equipment Inventory Management Systems (depreciation software)

That's the good news. The bad news is that even though our software is ready for the year 2000, we can't guarantee your hardware is. And we can't guarantee that your non-church-developed software is Y2K compliant. But we want to help.

The church has a web page to help you. It's hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada and is updated regularly on Y2K issues which affect our church. The address is: <http://www.sdacc.org/year2000>.

Topics on the web page include Y2K Explained, Adventist Software Reviews, Compliance Statements from Hardware Vendors, Operating System Information, and Free Tools and Resources. There's even presentation outlines and materials you can use to raise awareness within your organization.

The North American Division is reporting in detail to the General Conference on our readiness for the year 2000. We are requesting Year 2000 Readiness Certification from union offices, and general statements from local conferences and senior academies. Our vendors, suppliers, and banks also will be requested to state their compliancy.

Check out our web site, and give us input so we can give the best service to our organizations and minimize problems as we enter a new millennium with our computer technology.

Nancy Lamoreaux, North American Division director, data management services

Young Adults to Convene at the GC for "conneXions99"

Silver Spring, Md. [*Adventist News Network*]—On April 14–17, the Seventh-day Adventist World Church Headquarters will host the largest Adventist young-adult convention, "conneXions99," where more than 800 young adults will meet to network, strengthen existing youth ministries, and formulate new ministries.

"ConneXions99 is for young adults, age 20 to 35, who are or want to be involved in any form of Christian ministry," says Shasta Burr, a conneXions99 coordinator. "Sometimes we can graduate from college and then wonder where our place is in the church. That is why conneXions99 coordinators are making an effort to reach out to young Adventist professionals."

ConneXions99 comes on the heels of "eXcite98," a young adult conference held last August at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Burr, along with friend Jennifer Tyner, helped coordinate eXcite98. Now a seminary student at Andrews University, Burr has been corresponding with hundreds of young adults, sharing with each other incredible stories of faith.

"God is calling our generation forward," says Burr. "We are building bridges with our church in order to make positive contributions for God." Registration for conneXions99 is limited to 800 people. Registration can be done on the World Wide Web at www.conneXions99.com or by calling 1-800-SDA-PLUS.

ACN Welcomes New General Manager

Silver Spring, Md.—Glenn Aufderhar became the new general manager of the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) on Jan. 1. He replaces Kermit Netteburg, who will continue his role as North American Division assistant to the president for communication. After wrapping up NET '98, where he served as the executive producer, Aufderhar is looking forward to this new challenge and continuing the work of ACN.

Over the years, Aufderhar has served the church in numerous ministry roles, including president of the Washington and Michigan conferences, and the Adventist Media Center. He recently held the position of assistant to the president of the North American Division for special projects, where he coordinated NET '98.

Glenn is married to Barbra nee Salter, and has three children: Nancy Harlan, Kenneth, and Michael.

First Wednesday Goes Live!

On Wednesday, March 3, ACN will air a special live edition of First Wednesday from the General Conference world headquarters where division leaders from around the world will be gathering for Spring Council meetings. Updates will be shared on Adventist mission initiatives in Russia, disaster relief efforts in Central America, and stories of hope from Adventist World Radio in China.

For April 7, just in time for ACN's 5th birthday, a second live edition is in the works. The program will highlight testimonies from NET '98 and feature a homily by Pastor Dwight Nelson, especially prepared for new members and those interested in joining the church. Find out how the "forever friendship with God" captured hearts around the world, and brought thousands to Christ.

"These special reports are planned to compliment prayer meetings, Sabbath school mission features, or other church programs," says Glenn Aufderhar, ACN general manager. "Through First Wednesday we want to provide opportunities to connect our Adventist family around the world and update members on the news, mission work, and initiatives of their church."

Special ACN Programs in March

March 3—First Wednesday; 7:30–8:30 p.m., ET, Telstar 5, channel 17. Good news about the Seventh-day Adventist Church and its members. Join ACN for news and mission

reports that take your church around the world.

March 13—Cross Training: Teaching Children to Love Each Other as a Response to Grace; 4–6 p.m., ET, Telstar 5, channel 24. This program will clearly identify community building as a response to the grace of a loving God who wants children and youth to see faith actively lived through sharing with and being accountable to others in their neighborhood, at church, and with people around the world.

March 13—Cross Training: Heartbeat 99 Training; 6–8 p.m., ET, Telstar 5, Channel 24. The coronary risk screening program of the Adventist Church is back for 1999. Participating in HeartBeat 99 will be easier than ever. A fully-staffed help desk at Pacific Health Education Center (PHEC) in Bakersfield, Calif., will handle registration, inquiries, resources, and follow-up information. To receive more information or to enroll your church, call PHEC at (888) 588-PHEC (7432) 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., PT, Monday–Thursday or 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. PT, on Fridays.

March 27—Adventist Review Presents Faith Stories That Connect; 4:30–6 p.m., ET, Telstar 5, Channel 24. The Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Mich., is the setting for this special afternoon of inspiring stories taken from the pages of the *Adventist Review* across 15 decades. Join host William Johnsson and the *Adventist Review* editors as they inspire us with the vital connections between events throughout the history of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and current endeavors and activities.

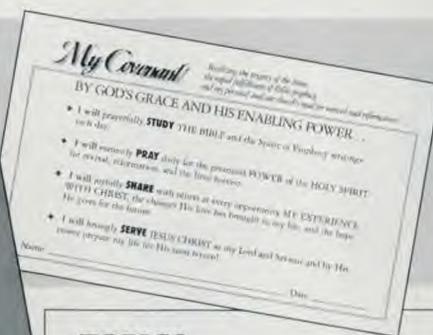
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BIRTHDAYS

Edna McVicar Knecht celebrated her 100th birthday on



Wed., Dec. 23, at a party given by her church family at the Extended Care Unit of the Che-

boygan Hospital. She has been a member of the Onaway (Mich.) Church for 40 years.

Edna was married to Donald Knecht. She graduated from high school in Mooseman, Sask., Canada, taught school 2 years, was a secretary for many years, and was treasurer and home missionary secretary for the church.

ANNIVERSARY



Victor and Alma Brown celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9, 1998, by a reception hosted by their children and grandchildren at the Berrien Springs Community Service Center. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial (Mich.) Church for 7 years.

Victor Brown and Alma Cummings were married Aug. 15, 1948, in Danville, Ill., by Pastor Bill Burns. Victor has been a pastor in the Illinois, Michigan, and Carolina conferences, and a theology teacher overseas for 15 years. Alma has been a homemaker and college store employee.

The Brown family includes Cheryl and Gorden Doss of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Vickie and Randall Doss of Ft. Worth, Texas; Cynthia and Douglas Leffler of Berrien Center, Mich.; and 7 grandchildren.



Leroy "Bud" and Violet Goss celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 15, 1998, by a family dinner at Country Buffet and an open house at the Eau Claire (Wis.) Church. They have been members of the Oxford (Wis.) Church for many years.

Leroy Goss and Violet Wibel were married Nov. 20, 1948, in Eau Claire, Wis., by Pastor Peden. Leroy was employed by ABS International for many years. Violet has been a homemaker.

The Goss family includes Gary and Diane Goss of Cadott, Wis.; Tim and Janet Goss of Collegedale, Tenn.; Linda and Kurt Clausen of Westfield, Wis.; Tami and Lloyd Condon of Berrien Springs, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



Gilbert and Cynthia Mosher celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 19, 1998, by a reception held in their honor at the Muskegon SDA School gym. They have been members of the Muskegon (Mich.) Church for 48 years.

Gilbert Mosher and Cynthia Tucker were married Apr. 19, 1948, in Franklin, Ky. Gilbert has been a professional driver over the last 17 years. Cynthia has been an employee of Superior Oil Company for 33 years.

The Mosher family includes Gilbert Mosher of Harbor Springs, Mich.; Carol and David

Wallace of Richland, Wash.; Denise and David Cesena of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Marjorie and Glen Fournier of Freehold, N.J.; Cynthia Mosher of Gilbert, Ariz.; and 12 grandchildren.



C. Murray and Hilary Robinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9, 1998, at an open house in their home near Eau Claire, Mich., and on Aug. 19 at a reception at the Eau Claire Church, including a light meal and a praise service. They have been members of the Eau Claire (Mich.) Church for many years.

Murray Robinson and Hilary Batten were married Aug. 19, 1948, in Shoreham-by-Sea, England, by a Church of England minister. Murray has been an electrical engineer and teacher of every level from grade school through college. Hilary has been a teacher on all levels, specializing in PE, home economics, music, and English. They served at Vincent Hill School in India from 1958-1967. After retirement they taught English in Korea for a brief period.

The Robinson family includes Susan and Thomas Smith of Imperial, Calif.; Carol and Peter Klismet of Grand Junction, Colo.; Vivien and Ronald Oxley of Eau Claire, Mich.; Peter and Margaret Robinson of Chicago, Ill.; David and Karen Robinson of Eau Claire, Mich.; and 10 grandchildren.

WEDDINGS

Gina J. Klemp and Bill A. Koston Jr. were married Oct. 10, 1998, in Madison, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Richard Moore.

Gina is the daughter of Greg Sr. and Gloria Klemp of Neshkoro, Wis., and Bill is the son of Bill Koston Sr. of Sun Prairie, Wis., and Marlene and John Daugherty of Madison, Wis.

The Kostons are making their home in Madison, Wis.

Marcy R. Korf and Ji Yoon Chang were married Sept. 13, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. The ceremony was performed

by Elder Don Williams.

Marcy is the daughter of Larry and Maris Korf of Grandville, Mich., and Ji Yoon is the son of Edward and Chung Cha Chang of Spring Valley, N.Y.

The Changs are making their home in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Schandra Morgan and Darius Pottinger were married Oct. 18, 1998, in Milwaukee, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Mack Wilson.

Schandra is the daughter of Thomas and Vera Morgan, and Darius is the son of Dallas Pottinger and Dorothy Laurence.

The Pottingers are making their home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Samantha L. Sutton and Mark W. Mills were married Dec. 20, 1998, in Northville Township, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Frank Haynes.

Samantha is the daughter of John and Janice Sutton of Shelby Township, Mich., and Patricia and Michael Bray of Holly, Mich., and Mark is the son of George and Elaine Mills of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Mills are making their home in Farmington, Mich.

Sarah A. St. Clair and S. Douglas Henderson were married July 19, 1998, in Phoenix, Ariz. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Lyndon McDowell.

Sarah is the daughter of Dan and Janna St. Clair of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Doug is the son of Scott and Charlotte Henderson of Cedar Lake, Mich.

The Hendersons are making their home in La Selva Beach, Calif.

Margene Wallenfang and David Foreman were married Apr. 19, 1998, in Neenah, Wis. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Richard A. Moore.

Margene is the daughter of Dorothy and the late Merl Emrich of Appleton, Wis., and David is the son of Sally and the late Gordon Foreman of Watford City, N.D.

The Foremans are making their home in Oshkosh, Wis.

Jeanne D. Wayt and Alfonso A. Vega were married Oct. 4, 1998, in Columbus, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Daryl Crane.

Jeanne is the daughter of the late John and the late Weona Wayt,

and Alfonso is the son of the late Salvador and the late Lillian Vega.

The Vegas are making their home in Columbus.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR, Yakey, age 91; born Apr. 29, 1907, in Newark, Ind.; died Oct. 1, 1998, in Woodstock, Va. He was a member of the Bloomfield (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine (Hicks); sons, Robert and Gary; sister, Opal Hunter; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor David Fish, and interment was in Scotland (Ind.) Cemetery.

BATHER, Eleanor L., age 90; born Sept. 3, 1908, in Spring Arbor, Mich.; died Nov. 13, 1998, in Spring Arbor. She was a member of the Jackson (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, John W. and N. Craig; daughters, Barbara J. Kehoe and Nancy L. Greve; 13 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder J. D. Westfall, and interment was in Roseland Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Jackson, Mich.

CALKINS, Gertrude E. (Homan), age 90; born June 7, 1908, in Lake Mills, Wis.; died Nov. 16, 1998, in Berrien Springs, Mich. She was a member of the Village Church, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Survivors include her daughter, Patricia A. Oetman; sister, Evelyn Williams; 5 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Drs. John and Millie Youngberg.

EDDY, Patricia S. (Stevens), age 47; born Sept. 29, 1951, in Benton Harbor, Mich.; died Nov. 10, 1998, in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was a member of the Kentwood (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gary; sons, Jon H. Aardema and Gary P. Eddy; father, Howard P. Stevens; mother, Marcella (Maxwell); brothers, Paul H., Jack P. and Robert A. Stevens; sisters, Judith L. Stevens and Cynthia A. Mulder; and 4 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bob Joseph,

and interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Kentwood, Mich.

ERVIN, Opal P. (Moore), age 87; born May 15, 1911, in Marion, Ind.; died Sept. 27, 1998, in Marion. She was a member of the Marion Church.

Survivors include her son, Loren E.; daughter, Barbara J. Good; half brother, Riley F. Mullenix; half sister, Mary L. Barley; 7 grandchildren; 4 step-grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Curtis DeWitt and Stan Wilkinson, and interment was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Huntington, Ind.

EWERS, Jr., Sylveanus B., age 82; born Dec. 9, 1915, in Lansing, Mich.; died Nov. 7, 1998, in Six Lakes, Mich. He was a member of the Lakeview (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his son, Jim B.; daughter, Veanna Bourdeaux; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Franklin Home, and interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Jackson, Mich.

HARTNESS, Sharon (Spencer), age 57; born May 3, 1941, in West Branch, Mich.; died Oct. 18, 1998, in Allegan, Mich. She was a member of the Gables Pinedale Church, Gables, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Howard; stepson, James Hartness; and stepdaughter, Vicki Hartness.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ken Micheff, with private interment.

HENSON, Dora F., age 94; born May 21, 1904, in Berea, Ky.; died Nov. 19, 1998, in Beech Grove, Ind. She was a member of the Indianapolis Southside Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Marjorie Burke, Phyllis Chapman, and Garnet Young; sister, Virggie Heynes; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Sergio Gutierrez, and interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

HOOVER, Iva M., age 94; born May 18, 1904, in Gladwin,

Mich.; died Nov. 13, 1998, in Midland, Mich. She was a member of the Midland Church.

Survivors include her sons, Ervin, Melvin, and William; daughter, Lola Young; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Ridge Cemetery, Gladwin, Mich.

HUSTON, Dorothy M. (Haines), age 76; born Oct. 17, 1921, in Wabash, Ind.; died Sept. 17, 1998, in Wabash. She was a member of the Marion (Ind.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Nancy Axelson, Christine Williams, and Karen Childers; brothers, Richard and Lawrence Haines; sister, Amy (Haines) Huston; 3 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Curtis DeWitt, and interment was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash, Ind.

KROHN, Helen C. (Kannenber), age 90; born Jan. 16, 1908, in Detroit, Mich.; died Sept. 10, 1998, in Florida Living Nursing Center, Apopka, Fla. She had been a member of the Bellevue (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Arlene L. Dennison; and foster child, Carrie B. Kelly.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastors Robert McMillian, Horace Walsh, and Vic Zuchowski, and interment was in Oakdale Cemetery, Deland, Fla.

KUEBLER, Luella G. (Reeve), age 91; born July 7, 1907, in Jackson, Mich.; died Oct. 19, 1998, in Deer Lodge, Tenn. She was a member of the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her sons, Harold and David; 6 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder James D. Purple, with private interment.

LARSEN, Clarence E., age 73; born Dec. 12, 1924, in Ly, Neb.; died Oct. 31, 1998, in Murphy, N.C. He was a member of the Andrews (N.C.) Church. Clarence pastored in the Mich. Conference for 22 years, pastoring the Ionia, Midland, Jackson, and Berrien Springs Village churches.

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Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Joe Blevins and Elder Bill Ambler, and interment was in Valletown Cemetery, Andrews, N.C.

NESBITT, Lloyd E., age 85; born Aug. 28, 1912, in Brant, Mich.; died June 10, 1998, in Owosso, Mich. He was a member of the Owosso (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, L. Micki; and 3 step-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Earl Meola, and interment was in Freemont Cemetery, Bancroft, Mich.

PETERSON, E. Charles, age 82; born June 8, 1916, in Elsie, Mich.; died Oct. 28, 1998, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. He was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church.

Survivors include his wife, Veletta (Craven); son, Gordon; daughter, Sandra Towersey; brother, Glen; 8 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant.

SACKETT, Noble W., age 88; born Aug. 15, 1910, in Gobles, Mich.; died Oct. 21, 1998, in East Grand Rapids, Mich. He was a member of the Delton (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his sons, Harry and Frederick; daughters, Barbara Rutledge and Kathy Sackett; sister, Bertha Deal; 7 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Phil Colburn, and interment was in Hastings Township Cemetery, Hastings, Mich.

SCHURKAMP, Ruby B. (Bates), age 94; born Nov. 8, 1904, in Muskegon, Mich.; died Nov. 27, 1998, in Muskegon. She was a member of the Muskegon Church.

Survivors include her sons, Raymond and Donald; daughters, Doris Gowell and Beverly Ivan; sister, Hazel Yates; 16 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Doug Inglish, and interment was in Norton Cemetery, Norton Shores, Mich.

SHOUP, Max W., age 87; born Mar. 4, 1911, in Johnson City, Tenn.; died June 11, 1998,

in Beaver Dam, Wis. He was a member of the Beaver Dam Church.

Survivors include his wife Irene (Derfanger); daughters, Jackie Golick, Nancy Chaput, Tina Shoup, and Laurie Herr; sister, June Omans; 7 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastors Gaylan Herr and Dale Ziegele, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Columbus, Wis.

SKELTON, Caroline B. (Hall), age 88; born Nov. 1, 1910, in Hastings, Mich.; died Dec. 13, 1998, in Belding, Mich. She was a member of the Belgreen Church, Greenville, Mich.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor James Micheff Sr. and interment was in Greene Cemetery, Belding, Mich.

SMITH, Gussie W. (Woods), age 66; born July 6, 1932, in East Palatka, Fla.; died Aug. 23, 1998, in Atlanta, Ga. She was a member of the Calvin Center Church, Cassopolis, Mich.

Survivors include her son, James S.; daughters, Helena J. Smith, Salena J. Parker, Betty Jo Bowser, and Jennifer A. Smith; brother, Charles Woods; sisters, Bennie and Rose Woods; and 10 grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder Ralph Peay, and interment was in Parkway Garden Chapel, Forest Park, Ga.

WHEELER, Lenora M., age 91; born May 2, 1907, in Saunemin, Ill.; died Nov. 10, 1998, in Ionia, Mich. She was a member of the Portland (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Ruth Murphy, Alice J. Sipperly, Anna M. Stegeman, Carolyn Wagner, and Charlene Wheeler; brother, Monie Shafer; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Lyle Davis, with private interment.

WOODARD, Sadie M. (Hanes), age 96; born Feb. 13, 1902, in Weyauwega, Wis.; died Nov. 8, 1998, in Panama City Beach, Fla. She was a member of the Fox Valley Church, Neenah, Wis.

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Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Scott Tyman, with private interment.

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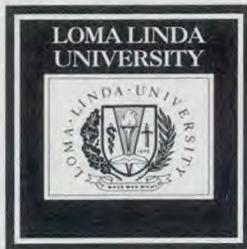
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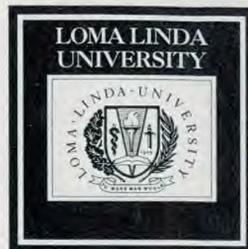
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ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

University calendar: Mar. 5—Friday Festival of Faith, featuring David and Marian Lewis (as featured in the June 18, 1998 *Adventist Review*), 7:30 p.m., Pioneer Memorial Church; 8—Spring quarter registration begins; 13—Andrews University Wind Symphony presents its annual "Pizza and Pops" concert in the Wolverine Room of the campus center. The performance will be conducted by Alan Mitchell; 14-17—final exams; 18-28—Spring Break; 29—Spring quarter registration ends; 30—Classes begin.

The Adventist Theological Society will feature a conference at Andrews University May 13-15 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the Rosetta Stone, an event which

marks the birth of biblical archaeology. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and ending at 6:00 p.m. on Sabbath, there will be lectures and presentations by such noted archaeological and biblical scholars as Keith Schoville, William Shea, Jiri Moskala, James Fisher, Paul Ray, Bryant Wood, Doug Waterhouse, Randy Younker, John McVay, David Merling, and Richard Davidson. For more information, contact Lael Caesar at Andrews University; (616) 471-3184; e-mail caesarl@andrews.edu.

LAKE UNION

Offerings: Mar. 6—Outreach/Church Budget; 13—Adventist World Radio; 20—Church Budget; 27—Local Conference Advance; 27—13th Sabbath offering overflow; Northern Asia-Pacific Division. Apr. 3—Outreach/Church Budget.

Special days: Mar. 6—Women's Day of Prayer; 13-20—Adventist Youth Week of Prayer; 27—Disability Awareness Sabbath. Apr. 3—Missionary Magazines, Stewardship Sabbath.

INDIANA

The Indiana Music Festival 1999 for grades 6-10 will be held March 11-13 at Indiana Academy. The choral clinician is Gale Murphy, Forest Lake Academy choral director. Sherrie Lizarraga is the bell clinician. The festival is open to all students in grades 6-10 who want to come. For more information, contact Andrew Lay, Indiana Academy music director, at (317) 984-3575 ext. 236 or write to him at Indiana Academy, 24815 State Rd. 19, Cicero, IN 46034. The festival choir will be giving a concert on Sabbath, March 13, as part of the day-long Sabbath celebration.

MICHIGAN

Pastor Jack Suqueira will be speaking at the Warren Church on Friday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m.; Sabbath, March 13, at 11:00 a.m. and in the afternoon; and on Sunday, March 14, at 11:00 a.m. For further information, please call Nancy Rayos after 6:00 p.m. at (810) 574-0105.

The second annual satellite church worship hour and interactive teleconference for the Michigan Conference will be held on Sabbath, March 20. The morning worship hour will feature music from all three senior academies, and Jay Gallimore, Michigan Conference president, will deliver the sermon. That same evening the satellite interactive teleconference will be from 5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Both telecasts can be seen on Galaxy 6 channel 15.

The morning theme is *United in '99*, and the evening telecast will feature *Visioning our Future*. All Michigan churches and members are encouraged to participate in these two telecasts. The evening program will allow the viewers to telephone, fax, or e-mail questions for the conference administrators to answer during the telecast. Please mark your calendars.

Great Lakes Adventist Academy ACADEMY DAYS are from April 25-26. Registration is at 4:00 p.m. All grade 8-12 academy-aged youth are invited to come and spend 24 hours with us getting to know our school better. We would like to show you our campus, have you visit our classes and tour our beautiful new facility! We have a FREE T-shirt and other prizes to be given away. Register with your local pastor, Adventist teacher, or call (517) 427-5181 and ask for Charlotte Henderson or Hilda Reichert.

Battle Creek Academy alumni weekend will be Apr. 16-17 at the Battle Creek Tabernacle. Breakfast at the Tabernacle at 8:45 a.m. will be followed by Sabbath school at 9:30 and church at 11:00 a.m. Elder Dale Hannah, former Battle Creek Academy principal, motivational speaker, and retired pastor, will speak for church. Honored will be the classes of '39, '49, '59, '69, '74, '79, and '89.

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Academy, Bethel Academy, Walderly Academy alumni 100-year reunion celebration will be held at Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wis., April 16-17. Danny Shelton of 3ABN will speak for Friday evening vespers, Sabbath school will be by the class of '89,

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Average Membership Basis			Increase		%	Per Capita		
1998	1997	Conference	1998	1997	(Decrease)	Inc. -Decr.	1998	1997
11,282	11,394	Illinois	8,184,382	7,824,556	359,827	4.60%	725.44	686.73
5,816	5,559	Indiana	5,169,589	4,647,281	522,307	11.24%	888.86	835.99
22,842	22,375	Lake Region	8,672,493	7,861,803	810,689	10.31%	379.67	351.37
23,294	23,074	Michigan	22,801,150	21,130,577	1,670,573	7.91%	978.84	915.77
<u>6,219</u>	<u>6,109</u>	Wisconsin	<u>4,656,574</u>	<u>4,505,148</u>	<u>151,427</u>	<u>3.36%</u>	<u>748.77</u>	<u>737.46</u>
69,453	68,511	Totals	49,484,187	45,969,364	3,514,823	7.65%	712.48	670.98
Tithe per Week			951,619	884,026	67,593	7.65%		

Sunset Calendar

	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 19	Mar 26	Apr 2	Apr 9
Berrien Springs, MI	6:40	6:48	6:56	7:04	7:12	8:19
Chicago	5:45	5:53	6:01	6:09	6:17	7:24
Detroit	6:28	6:36	6:44	6:52	7:00	8:08
Indianapolis	6:41	6:49	6:56	7:03	7:10	7:17
La Crosse, WI	5:58	6:07	6:16	6:24	6:33	7:41
Lansing, MI	6:32	6:40	6:49	6:57	7:05	8:13
Madison, WI	5:51	6:00	6:08	6:16	6:25	7:33
Springfield, IL	5:55	6:02	6:09	6:16	6:24	7:31

and Buz Menhardt will be the church service speaker. Sabbath afternoon there will be a special program featuring 100 years of academy memories and reflections. Come and enjoy the memories with us.

WORLD CHURCH

Union College homecoming weekend, April 1-4. All Union College alumni are invited to homecoming '99, a "Celebration of the Arts." Honor classes are '29, '39, '49, '59, '74, and '89. For reservations or for more information, contact the UC Alumni Office at 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506; (402) 486-2503; alumni@ucollege.edu.

Mt. Ellis Academy alumni homecoming is **Apr. 23-24** in Bozeman, Mont. Come renew friendships that weekend. **Mar. 5-6** has been set aside for those who would like to use the Ski Hill again and want to see old friends at the same time. Call for information (406) 587-5178.

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Valley Grande Academy announces its annual alumni weekend, **Mar. 26-27**. Honor classes are '49, '59, '69, '79, and '89. A special emphasis is being placed on the classes of '74 and '83. Friday night Hall of Fame inductees will be Charles and Annette Boyer. Sabbath service speaker will be Gary Affolter. All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend.

Plainview Academy (formerly of Redfield, S.D.) announces its alumni weekend for **June 25-27** on the campus of Dakota

Adventist Academy in Bismarck, N.D. Special recognition will be given to those who graduated from or attended the classes ending in 4 & 9. A special invitation is extended to all former PVA students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends. For information, contact PVA alumni secretary Mrs. Charlene Binder at (402) 489-1702.

ADVENTIST COMMUNICATION NETWORK SCHEDULE

Mar. 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m., ET—First Wednesday: mission stories and reports from around the world; Telstar 5, channel 17.

Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 11 a.m.—Noon, ET—Adventist Worship Hour; Telstar 5, channel 24.

Mar. 13—Cross Training: 4-6 p.m., ET, Teaching children to love each other as a response to grace; and 6-8 p.m., ET, *Heart-beat 99* training; Telstar 5, channel 24.

Mar. 27, 4:30-6 p.m., ET—Adventist Review Unwrapped: Faith stories that connect (up-linked from Battle Creek, Mich.); Telstar 5, channel 24.

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There's Fire in My Bones!

Isaac Oliver, age 18, from Berrien Springs, Mich., relates a story that happened to him on October 6, 1998, the day NET '98 began.

I providentially received two tickets to the annual convening of the Economic Club of Southwestern Michigan. Excited, I asked a friend of mine, Sam Gregor, to come with me. As we drove to the convention hall, we had no idea that God would give us the opportunity to invite Shimon Peres, the former prime minister of Israel, to NET '98.

As we entered the hall, filled with 1,000 people, Sam and I felt a little underdressed, though we attempted to make ourselves look more intellectual by wearing our glasses. It didn't work.

During the dinner, Sam and I argued about how to present the NET '98 promotional video. We needed to come up with an intelligent question to ask Mr. Peres—the featured speaker—during the question and answer time. But for the life of us, we couldn't think of one!

In desperation, I decided not to ask a question, but to simply offer the video to Mr. Peres. Sam objected, "The Lord told us to be brave, but he also gave us common sense!" However, when he saw my determination, he tried to encourage me, since I was the one that would speak.

The dinner ended all too soon, and we found ourselves standing in line to address the prime minister. In minutes the microphone was handed to us.

"Good evening Mr. Shimon Peres," I began. "I'm very glad to be here tonight, because you are the first famous person I have ever spoken to in my life." I could practically see everyone sit up in curiosity. The TV cameras zoomed on me. "The question I have to ask is a rather particular one," I continued, knowing that I was not going to ask one. "I have the solution for peace in the

Middle East and Israel right in my hands," I said, waving the promo video for NET '98. A silent expectation seized the crowd as they waited for what I would say next. "I was wondering if you would like to have this gift after the meeting ... it is not a

bomb, I swear!" At this the whole audience, including Mr. Peres, burst into laughter.

Immediately after the meeting, we rushed to catch Shimon Peres. When we caught up to him, we tried to hand him the video, but one of his bodyguards reflexively snatched it from my grasp, surveyed it closely, then handed it to the prime minister. He, in turn, gave me his autograph as a memorial of that night's events!

Sam and I strongly believe that this story has no ending. In fact, a family that was in attendance at the Economic Club that night felt impressed to come to NET '98. I wonder how many more will also find peace because two daring youth decided to

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PROFILES OF YOUTH



Rochelle Consignado

Rochelle Consignado, 21, is a senior communication major at Andrews University. Last year she was the social vice-president for the Andrews Filipino International Association. During that time she planned special events such as a charity dinner, pancake breakfast, and beach outings.

For the past three years, Rochelle has been preparing for her career as a communication professional. For two years she worked in the communication department at Andrews, and over the summer she worked as the lodging assistant for Convention Services. Currently, she is the personal assistant to the director of University Relations at Andrews. "The most important thing I've learned during my time at

Andrews is that some of the best learning is done outside of the classroom," said Consignado.

Born to Rolando and Grace Consignado in Hinsdale, Ill., Rochelle is a member of the Hinsdale Fil-Am Church. Although she can only attend her home church during school breaks, she manages to speak up front and write plays for them whenever possible. After she graduates, she plans to travel and use her creativity in the communication field.

Adam Hess, 20, is a sophomore digital multi-media major at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. He serves as resident advisor (RA) in one of Andrews' men's residence halls and enjoys interacting with the men. "It's like being paid for something that I love," said Hess.

Along with the responsibility that he encounters with his RA position, Adam is also planning for a July 4 wedding. According to Hess, after graduation, he and his new wife plan to open a business that specializes in photography and digital imaging.

For the past five summers, and in between random jobs, Adam has volunteered for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). He particularly enjoys helping with the MDA's summer camps and phonathons. "I always learn so much from the kids," said Hess, "I especially learn that it's okay to rely on other people for help."

Born to Jim and Kathie Hess in Trenton, Mich., Adam is a member and deacon in the Mt. Pleasant Church.



Adam Hess

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