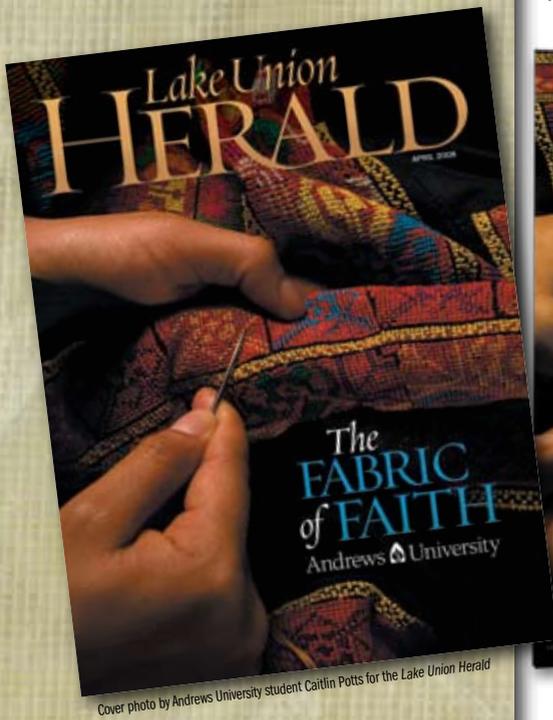


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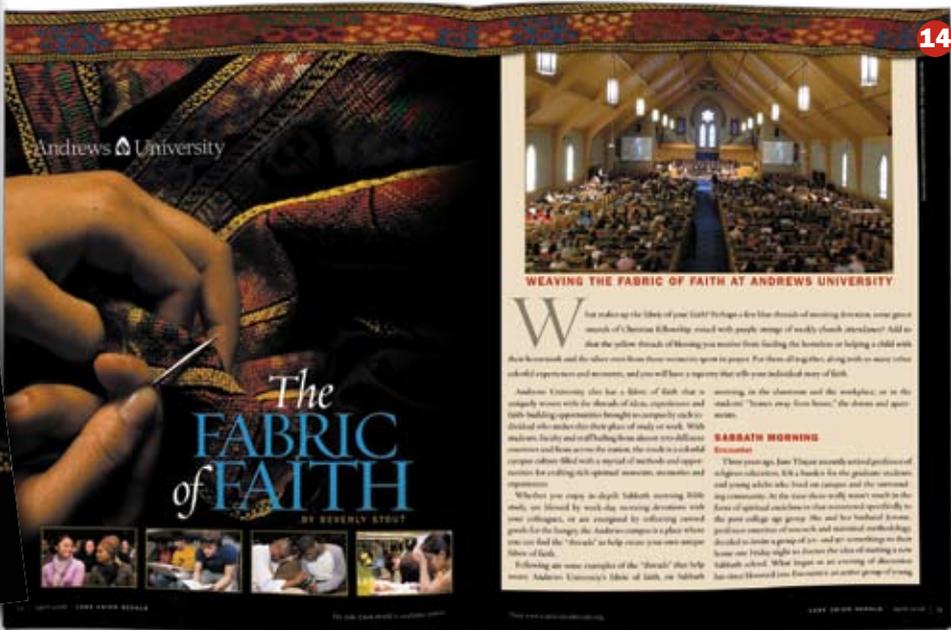
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"Telling the stories of what God is doing in the lives of His people"



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WEAVING THE FABRIC OF FAITH AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

What makes up the fabric of your faith? Is it a fire like threads of morning devotion, some grace made of a lifetime following Christ with simple steps of weekly church attendance? Add to that the yellow threads of blessing you receive from finding the fountain or helping a child with schoolyard experiments and moments, and you will have a tapestry that tells your individual story of faith.

Andrews University also has a fabric of faith that is uniquely woven with the threads of ideas, experiments and faith-building opportunities brought to campus by each individual who makes this their place of study or work. With modern faculty and staff that bring on diverse professional expertise and from across the nation, the result is a colorful complex fabric filled with a myriad of methods and opportunities for creating rich spiritual moments, memories and experiences.

Whether you enjoy in-depth Sabbath morning Bible study, are inspired by week-day morning devotions with your colleagues, or are motivated by collecting unusual books for the library, the Andrews campus is a place where you can find the "threads" to help create your own unique fabric of faith.

Following are some examples of the "threads" that help weave Andrews University's fabric of faith, on Sabbath morning, in the classroom and the marketplace, or in the workplace. "Some may have been," the theme and opportunities.

SABBATH MORNING
Encounter

Three years ago, Ben Thigpen recently retired professor of religious education, left a mark on the graduate students and young adults who found out scripture and the surrounding context. At the time, they really weren't much in the form of spiritual catch-up to that moment specifically in the past college age group. His and his husband's own professional expertise of research and ministerial methodology decided to create a group of joy and an opportunity to their lives one Friday night to discuss the idea of creating a new Sabbath school. What began as an evening of discussion has since blossomed into a vibrant and active group of young

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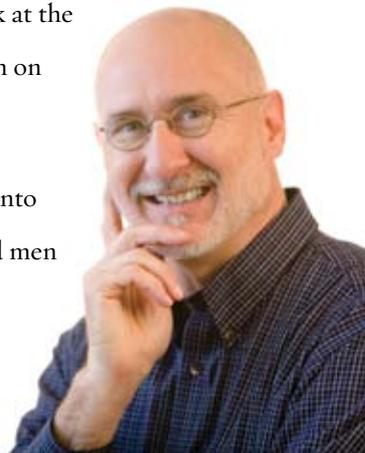
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Things are moving and stirring on the campus of Andrews University. There are evidences of God's Spirit working in the lives of students and faculty alike. In this issue, the University gives us a closeup look at the complexity and diversity that make up the fabric of faith on this international campus.

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The cover of this issue features a beautiful Jordanian Bedouin dress from the Siegfried H. Horn Museum, part of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University (www.andrews.edu/archaeology/museum).

If you think you've seen this fabric before, you might be right. It was worn by "Martha" in Nathan Greene's painting, "At Jesus' Feet," and was featured on the cover of the August 2004 issue of the *Herald*.

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A Learning Community in a Christian Environment

Our dedicated administrative team at Andrews University is providing spiritual leadership and a vision for the future. Although we can be proud of what Andrews has achieved, they do not see the university as it is, but as it can become.

I find myself drawn in by the university's three-stranded motto: "Seek knowledge. Affirm faith. Change the world." These three simple phrases, when braided together, provide a cord of strength. Our young people need that kind of strength in order to meet the challenges that face them, not only after they march down that aisle, but all the way through their educational experience. This simple yet comprehensive motto, if fully implemented, has major implications for every school and department, every faculty and staff member, and every student on campus. Is it possible to achieve?

Just the other day I was privileged to have a brief chat with the university provost, Heather Knight. It only takes a brief encounter with her to find yourself completely engulfed in her enthusiastic vision for the university she loves and serves. I was delighted to learn about the latest development to ensure that Andrews University can realize its greater potential. At our March 4 meeting of the university's board of trustees, we approved an exciting new strategic plan, "A New Andrews for a New Century." It is a road map to excellence spanning the next five years. This strategic plan has the following goals:

Goal 1. Engender transformational learning

Goal 2. Deepen the connections between faith and learning

Goal 3. Promote inclusion and excellence by inculcating cultural competence

Goal 4. Model whole-person education by promoting collaborative student development initiatives

Goal 5. Enhance capital investment in terms of human resources

Goal 6. Enhance financial performance and resources

Goal 7. Enhance physical facilities and support services

The "Plan" is truly a look forward, and will help to affirm Andrews "as a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist Christian university committed to the integration of faith and learning." But I wondered, *Is this just so much talk without substance?* I should have known better. They are now working on a strategic implementation plan with action steps, time lines and persons responsible for implementing action steps. This ensures built-in accountability so that the plan is more than just empty talk.

Please continue in prayer for Andrews president Niels-Erik Andreasen, provost Heather Knight, and the faculty and staff. They really are doing an outstanding job with our young people. They are brave and bold and committed to producing effective workers and citizens for the future, and that is why we send our children to them. I like what I see, and I am encouraged by what I hear.

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Michigan Twelve-year-old **Drew Arvidson** wanted to give his life to the Lord. Raised in an Adventist home, he understood the importance of serving the Lord. However, Drew struggled with his desires to be a football player. Drew knew that in order to serve God he would have to give up his desires and trust God to lead him in the right direction.

Drew started studying with his pastor, Bob Stewart. As a result of these Bible studies, Drew was convicted that since football practices occur and games are played on Saturdays that his participation would not be a good activity on the Lord's holy day. He said "no" to that idea.



Drew Arvidson witnessed others being baptized, and realized that he wanted to give his life to Jesus.

Right now, Drew is not quite sure what he wants to do in the future, except that he does want to go to Heaven. In fact, that was one of the motivating factors for Drew's desire to be baptized. He had seen others being baptized, and realized that he wanted to give his life to Jesus. When Drew began to study with the pastor, he found all the studies very interesting and enjoyed learning about the Lord. He especially liked the studies on the New Jerusalem.

Drew's mom and dad are Heather and Jeff Arvidson. He is the oldest of their four children. Drew's siblings are Hannah, Nolan and Maya. Drew is currently learning about serving others as well as the Lord through Pathfinders. He is a seventh-grader at Metropolitan Junior Academy (MJA). Drew's dad, Jeff, is a graduate of MJA. Drew's grandmother, Henrietta Arvidson, is a former teacher and principal of the school. Investing in Christian education is certainly worth it. The greatest reward is that children like Drew are drawn to Jesus and to Heaven.

Joy Hyde, communication secretary, Metropolitan Church

Indiana I (**Lisa Tinsley**) now know that God had His hand in my life from the very beginning. I don't understand why things happened the way they did, but I perceive that God knew the effect it would have on me.

I was brought up knowing about the goodness of God from stories I heard from my grandmother. As a young child I was badly hurt, and that was the beginning of my deep sadness and spiral out of control. I thought I had done something wrong because God had allowed this to happen to me. I felt I wasn't good enough no matter how hard I tried, and I remember feeling damaged beyond repair.

I was brought up as a Christian, and I remember sitting in my grandmother's den and watching George Vandeman on *It Is Written*. He spoke of God and His saving grace. But I was only ten years old, and I didn't really understand the concept very much. I was too overshadowed with fear and pain to think about it.

I was 13 years old when I first used heroin and cocaine. I felt such emptiness within my heart, and believed I had found something that would allow me the peace and contentment I so longed for.

I wanted so much to be loved and to have meaning in my life, but didn't understand how to accomplish this. When I was almost 15, I became pregnant with my first child. Because of my horrendous addiction, my mother feared for my life as well as my unborn child's life. She took me to a drug rehabilitation center where I was put on Methadone, a maintenance medication. Nothing really changed in my life, so I continued to use cocaine because I couldn't feel heroin on top of this medication, since it was so strong. My mother didn't realize that Methadone was nothing more than synthetic morphine.

I became pregnant twice more. I was so confused and saddened, not knowing what I should do or where to go, so I had an abortion. I now believe I actually committed murder! At the time, this didn't really dawn on me because my mind was so clouded with medication.

When I was 21, I became pregnant with my second living child. I continued Methadone on and off, and tried somewhat to get my life together. When my second daughter was a little over a year and half old, my family convinced me to give her up for adoption because of my circumstances. It broke my heart. I soon began using heavily again so I could forget my sadness and pain.

At 23, I had a son. We lived in Florida with his father who eventually committed a crime and went to prison. My son and I moved to Tennessee to live with my grandmother



Collene Kelly

Lisa Tinsley experienced many discouragements in her life, but now realizes God had His hand on her life from the very beginning. Lisa says, "I am truly a miracle, and I will walk daily and carefully with Him. I look forward to spending eternity with Jesus." Also pictured: Ron Kelly, Cicero Church pastor

so I could try to get my life together. While there, I heard about a hospital that treated the whole person—mentally, physically and spiritually. I had no idea Madison Hospital was an Adventist Hospital. They accepted me, and I was there for a month. I don't remember everything they taught me (I just remember bits and pieces of my life), but I look back and think, *If only I had listened, why didn't I listen!*

The last thing I remember before coming to Indiana 20 years ago was having my four-year-old son, Damon, in the car with me at the airport. I was picking up an acquaintance arriving from Detroit. As he walked to my car, sirens went off and narcotics agents were everywhere. My son screamed because he was so scared, and they arrested me right in front of him. I remember my sister coming, and then driving away with Damon while he looked back at me and cried.

I made bail after several months, and was permitted to come to Indiana on probation. I came to Indiana with a friend who happened to pick me up hitchhiking one Sat-

urday. I asked why he was so dressed up, and he told me he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and he had just left church. This was my third encounter with the Seventh-day Adventist faith! I'm so thankful he brought me to Indiana to try to help me. I know he has prayed for my salvation through the years, and helped my son, Damon, receive a Christian education.

In Indiana, I still lived a precarious life and only thought of myself. My disease had me convinced I wasn't hurting anyone other than myself. I didn't realize how much I was hurting my son and others around me who cared.

Throughout my life, even though my mind was clouded, I remember at times crying out to God for help, but I just couldn't stop what I was doing. I tried over and over, but couldn't. I prayed for help again, and this time something was different. The Lord sent me to Narcotics Anonymous (NA). There I learned about my disease, and that I can have total abstinence from drugs as long as I stay in connection with the God of my understanding, work the spiritual steps, and give service back to God first, and then to my fellowman. And praise the Lord, it really began to work! Since then, there have been many miracles!

I have been clean for seven years! I have great friends from NA, and I have a sponsor who truly loves and cares for me. I have wonderful Christian friends who know my story, and still they love and support me unconditionally. I've also been able to get my GED and go to college. The Lord has been so good.

One thing still grieves my soul. I just can't seem to get past how I hurt my children, especially my son. I know God forgave me, but He doesn't take the consequences away. He can't, because I did it myself, and the cause and effect are there. I yearn desperately for my son to return to God; now I have just a little glimpse of how my heavenly Father must have yearned for me all those years. It grieves me to think how I hurt Him and the time I've lost. But thanks to God, He didn't give up on me.

I can't believe who I am today! My identity, my being is in Him. I am truly a miracle, and I will walk daily and carefully with Him. I look forward to spending eternity with Jesus, my children, my mother, grandparents, my church family, my NA friends and others who will give their hearts to the Savior that I have earnestly prayed for! I love my faith dearly, and thanks so much for allowing me to be a part of this church family!

Lisa Tinsley, Cicero Church member

Winterizing Homes and Warming Hearts

BY ROBERT MONCRIEFF

On Sunday, January 20, a group of 87 volunteers from Andrews University braved 14-degree weather to insulate houses in Benton Harbor against the harsh Michigan elements. The volunteers, which included students, faculty, staff and Pioneer Memorial Church members, winterized a total of 17 homes.

The project began under the direction of New Life Ministries when Timothy Nixon, chaplain, asked Andrews alum Louise Albert to search for opportunities for Andrews students to reach out into the community. A local pastor told Louise of the need to insulate homes in Benton Harbor and, with the help of a local radio DJ, they created a list of residents whose homes were in need of winterization.

Having decided on a project, Louise turned to local hardware store owner Garren Dent to learn the best winterization methods. Together they came up with a plan to staple strips of plastic and cardboard to the inside of windows. Another problem arose in the need for staple guns. This

too, however, was resolved when Ron Whitehead and Vern Byrd, from the Center for Youth Evangelism, and Habitat for Humanity loaned the winterization teams 17 staple guns.

What started out as a New Life initiative ultimately drew volunteers from other campus worship organizations, including Mosaic, Impact, the Basement and Fusion. In fact, a \$400 offering collected at Fusion funded



Students stapled strips of plastic and cardboard to the inside of windows to winterize homes in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

most of the winterization project.

As the volunteers began to work, opportunities developed beyond the original list of houses. At one house, the owners told the workers of another family whose home was in need of winterization. The Andrews team then worked on this second house, where the owners told of yet another family, whom

the volunteers then went to assist. The workers embraced the opportunity. “You should have given us more houses,” said a volunteer named Josh.

“This was a great way to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday,” said Louise.

In temperatures that consistently drop below ten degrees, simple measures like insulating windows with plastic sheets can make a significant difference in the comfort of a house. But not only does it improve the living conditions for residents; it also has a positive economic impact by lowering heating costs. “It was good to know that we could help lower her electric bill,” said a volunteer named Raelynn.

“It was a great way to get into homes and help in a tangible way,” says Louise. “It’s one thing to have people come into your house and pray for you. When they work for you, it opens your heart in different way.”

“I learned today that in the midst of cold weather and poverty, happiness is still able to affect people’s lives,” remarked another participant who was blessed by the experience. “Kindness and love is truly the key—it is how we can easily show Christ to those who usually don’t see Him.”

Robert Moncrieff is a student news writer for University Relations at Andrews University.



Volunteers bundled up before heading out in the cold Michigan weather to winterize homes in Benton Harbor.

BEYOND *our* BORDERS

Cruise with a Mission

BY RAEWYN HANKINS



On December 16, 2007, 330 young adults, including 51 from the Lake Union, launched from Tampa, Florida, on the long-anticipated, first-ever Cruise with a Mission (CWM), sponsored by the Center for Youth Evangelism. Some were motivated by the longing to experience renewal in their spiritual journey. Others wanted to taste the joy of service. Most came with the desire to build meaningful community with others going through this crazy time of life called young adulthood.

By the end of the week-long trip, we could not stop praising God for the ways that He showed up, smoothing choppy seas and making His presence known in our lives. God built community on and off the ship. On-ship, the prayer room, worship services, small groups and fascinating workshops created the time and space to connect with God and one another.

"I got to meet so many other people that were passionate about living their Christianity," says Renee Stepp from Berrien Springs, Michigan, who loved "making like-minded friends." Steven Gusse, a Seminary student at Andrews University, reflects, "Meeting new people from all over the country at almost every meal, worshiping together in the mornings, serving together on the mission projects, and having late-night conversations on the bow of the ship about ministry was a very unique and meaningful experience. Whenever you bring 330 people that care about missions together, it is going to be special."

After talking about service together, we disembarked the ship in Belize and Guatemala to experience it. I loved seeing the joy of the children as they opened more than 700 Christmas shoeboxes, the renewed hope of the couple hundred patients who were seen by our medical team, and the tired, satisfied, dirty, painted faces of those who gave local schools a face-lift and shoveled dirt for building new foundations.

Sharing the love of Christ was not limited to pre-planned off-ship projects. The cruise-ship context provided opportunities to interact with the crew and other pas-



The entire Cruise with a Mission group gathered for a photo.

Vaughan Nelson

sengers. When our group was delayed disembarking in Belize, Ginger Voignier from Sellersburg, Indiana, started talking with some of the ship's crew. By the time

three hours had passed, seven requested Bible studies. Ginger rounded up Bibles to give to the crew and signed them up for Discover Bible lessons. "Talking with the crew was great!" said Ginger. "We really got to know each other.

I built meaningful relationships with them in about three hours. For the rest of the cruise when we'd see each other, we'd always stop and talk." The relationships formed and strengthened on CWM have given me renewed inspiration to live as a disciple of Jesus at home.

The second annual CWM will be December 14–21, 2008. The CWM team is gathering together an exciting group of speakers, worship leaders, mission strategists and community builders. This is going to be a time of awesome spiritual renewal and fellowship. Young adults are excited and getting involved, sharing their gifts and passions. To be part of the adventure, visit www.cruisewithamission.org.

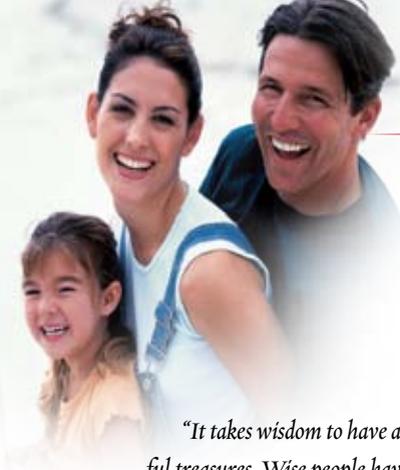


A team of medical volunteers saw close to 200 patients.

Vaughan Nelson



Raewyn Hankins served as the communication director for Cruise with a Mission 2007.



FAMILY TIES

Habits that Ruin a Marriage

BY SUSAN E. MURRAY

“It takes wisdom to have a good family [marriage], and it takes understanding to make it strong. It takes knowledge to fill a home with rare and beautiful treasures. Wise people have great power, and those with knowledge have great strength” (Proverbs 24:3-5 NCV) [Emphasis added].

Habits are those behaviors we acquire in life, some being intentional and many unintentional. They may not seem like a big deal in the great scheme of life; but some, even small ones, can wreck havoc on our relationships. Fortunately, we have some good habits, but we also have some bad habits!

Breaking bad habits isn't easy, especially if we have spent years honing them to perfection! The key to changing anything in our life that's not working is to first acknowledge that what we are doing isn't working. Those closest to us can often be our best sources of information; but all too often, they know they are putting their life on the line to tell us.

So, instead of waiting for your spouse to inform you of habits that are hurting your marriage, I invite you to consider if any of these might belong to you:

Forgetting the little gestures—In courtship couples tend to spend a lot of time and energy on doing things for their partner. Sweet gestures, like kissing her when she walks in the door, or asking him if he needs something while you're up, touching his arm or leg when sitting next to him, or saying thank you when she does something for you, no matter how big or small, leads towards intimacy and helps keep romance alive.

Endlessly criticizing and nagging—Finding fault with others is so easy! When we are constantly criticized, our well-being and confidence suffers. While we can justify that a reminder, or several, is for the other's ultimate good, this behavior erodes a relationship. Think of it this way: If what you are doing isn't working, it isn't working. Avoid personal attacks and criticism on the person you promised to love and cherish. It's that simple!

Sweating the small stuff—Richard Carlson, author of *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*, struck a chord in the lives of those who read his book. Considered an expert on happiness and stress reduction, he encouraged readers to live a life de-

voted to peace, love and the betterment of humanity.¹ His point is that when we focus on the smaller annoyances in life, we miss out on so many big, wonderful opportunities. If you don't like dirty dishes in the sink, wash the dishes. If you don't like wrinkled underwear, fold it. If your partner doesn't take the garbage out, don't let it turn into a mountain (literally or figuratively). Take it out.

Playing the victim game—Never being the one at fault is so tiresome to a spouse who isn't always to blame either. Playing the victim is a controlling behavior that reaps no positive rewards. When we play the victim, our partner feels punished, which eventually erodes our relationship, and they lose trust and respect for us.

Spending too much time and energy with others—Having interests aside from our partner is important, but not having our priorities straight can eventually wreck havoc in a relationship. Sometimes we use our friends, our jobs or our church responsibilities as a welcome distraction from home. If you are talking more with your girlfriends, mother, buddies at work or the gym, your kids or whoever else you can reach on your cell phone, this is a wake-up call!

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¹ Richard Carlson, Ph.D., passed away on December 13, 2006, with 26 million books published in 35 languages in more than 130 countries; some were co-authored with his wife Kris, who continues to carry on his legacy. See www.dontsweat.com and richardcarlson.com.

Author's Note: Some ideas for this article were adapted from www.lifescrpt.com.



White button mushrooms protect against breast and prostate cancer.



Mushrooms boost the immune system.

Mushrooms Make a Difference

BY WINSTON J. CRAIG

If you are one of those who enjoy going into the woods to pick your own mushrooms, be careful what you collect as identifying safe mushrooms can be a challenge. While there are more than 14,000 mushroom varieties, only about 3,000 are edible; about 700 have known medicinal properties, and less than one percent are poisonous. Most mushrooms sold in supermarkets are commercially grown on mushroom farms.

Mushrooms can impart their own flavor to food or take on the flavor of other ingredients. Their flavor normally intensifies during cooking. It is popular to add mushrooms to soups, salads, casseroles and sandwiches. Today, mushroom extracts are increasingly being added to food supplements and sports drinks.

While mushrooms are commonly thought to have little nutritional value, they are actually rich in fiber (eight to ten percent of their dry weight) and are a good source of a number of B vitamins and minerals, such as copper. Mushrooms are ideal for persons who want to lose weight or lower their blood pressure, since they contain about 80 to 90 percent water, are very low in calories and have very little sodium and fat.

Mushrooms are an excellent source of potassium, a mineral that helps lower elevated blood pressure and reduces the risk of stroke. Mushrooms are a rich source of selenium, an antioxidant that protects cells from the damaging effects of free radicals. Male health professionals who consumed twice the recommended daily intake of selenium cut their risk of prostate cancer by 65 percent.

Mushrooms have been used by the Chinese for thousands of years both as a health food and for medicinal

purposes. Recently, researchers in Japan have studied the medicinal effects of mushrooms on the immune system, cancer, blood pressure and cholesterol levels.

The most commonly consumed mushroom in the United States is *Agaricus bisporus* or the white button mushroom. Two closely related forms are Crimini mushrooms with a more earthy flavor and firmer texture, and Portabella mushrooms with a meaty flavor. All three mushrooms possess anti-cancer substances. White button mushrooms were recently shown to reduce the risk of breast and prostate cancer. An extract of white button mushrooms decreased cell proliferation and tumor size in a dose-dependent manner.

Many health food stores are now selling Shiitake, Maitake and Reishi mushrooms. Shiitake mushrooms have been used for centuries by the Chinese to treat colds and flu. Lentinan isolated from Shiitake mushrooms helps fight infections and demonstrates anti-tumor activity. An extract of Maitake mushrooms boosts the immune system and activates white blood cells and interleukins that inhibit the growth of breast and liver tumors, while Reishi mushrooms also improve immune function and suppress the growth of highly invasive breast and prostate cancer cells.



Winston Craig, Ph.D., R.D., is a professor of nutrition at Andrews University.



EXTREME GRACE

“I Want to Be Like that Man!”

BY DICK DUERKSEN

During my freshman year in college, I was a full-time party girl. I was into everything my parents and teachers wished I wasn't, and I was really good at most of it. The guys loved me. The bar-keeps looked the other way. And my roommate was living her own adventure and hardly noticed when I made my bed.

I loved every minute of it!

I managed to squeak by tests for first term and was high on success. My folks bought me the car they had promised “if I got at least a B average.” That was just in time for my academy alumni weekend. The old gang got together, stuffed ourselves into the VW, and headed off across the state line. This was the adventure we had looked forward to for a full year.

Did I mention the vodka in the trunk?

Everyone was glad to see us—until the dean caught us Saturday night. We hardly knew what was happening. I guess vodka does that to you when you're not used to drinking a lot of it at one time.

I thought they would just chase us away, since we were graduates. Instead, the dean called the sheriff and my life crashed into the ditch!

Mom and Dad had to come get me, and promise the sheriff they wouldn't let me drive for the next 20 years. The principal, the dean and at least a dozen other faculty members came to see me “off.”

Then the “parents” took me back to college. I think they hoped it would all just go away when they drove my car back home.

But that's when it got worse.

The principal called the chairman of the college judiciary committee. Then the sheriff called him. Then a couple of the parents of the academy kids we'd gotten into trouble called also. Everyone wanted blood. My blood.

The judiciary committee meets in the darkest, dankest, tiniest room on campus. Down underneath stuff where they can send the criminals straight out to the chain gangs.

There were eight members, all old people who probably had never done anything wrong since Kindergarten. I didn't notice their eyes, cause mine were busy looking at the toes of my shoes that really needed polishing.

The girls' dean handed me a box of tissues, and the chair-

man said something about prayer.

Then he walked in. The president. Really! Just for my little executionary hearing.

“May I join you?” he asked the chairman.

There was a scooting of chairs, a short prayer, and then the chairman spoke.

“Cindy, tell us what happened.”

Right then I couldn't remember why I had done it. Couldn't remember any details of what I'd done. I just knew I was crazy wrong and was about to lose everything I had ever hoped to have. My answer must have sounded like the blubberings of a drowning surfer, tears and whines and apologies and accurate descriptions of my own stupidity, all muffled by the dean's tissues.

I cry today just thinking about it!

Then I heard the president's wing tips clicking on the linoleum, around the metal folding chairs, toward my corner of the room. I didn't look up.

What happened next will always be the most amazing moment of my life. He knelt beside me, put a grandfatherly arm around my shoulders, and reached for the tissues. The president, my president, was crying as hard or harder than I was!

I don't know how long we cried, but when I looked up there were only three of us in the judiciary committee meeting room—the chairman, me and the president.

“Cindy,” the president cleared his throat and tossed a wad of soggy tissues into a wastebasket. “Discipline's a lot more about the future than the past, a lot more about hope than about pain, and all about you choosing who you'd like to be.”

I sat there a long, long time, rummaging through my life while the sun set on campus and came up for me. *I want to be like that man!*

Dick Duerksen is the official “storyteller” through words and photos for Maranatha Volunteers International. This story was shared with Dick specifically for publication in the *Lake Union Herald*. Readers may write Dick at dduerksen@maranatha.org.

Ambassadors of Grace

BY CYNTHIA AND J.W. WARREN

Andrews University and other Seventh-day Adventist learning centers strive to prepare their diverse student populations for “generous service” to humanity—to “go into all the world” as ambassadors of the Kingdom of Grace.

These ambassadors of grace are encouraged by a collaborative effort of administration, faculty and staff to embrace lifestyle practices in harmony with biblical principles that use our resources responsibly, bring joy and health, and promote just and civil policies.

It is not difficult to distinguish these ambassadors from traditional, cultural, historical or nominal Christians. No matter where you place them on the liberal, conservative or orthodox scale, they have one thing in common. Revelation states, “They were bought from earth, lived without compromise, virgin-fresh before God. Wherever the Lamb went, they followed. They were bought from humankind, firstfruits of the harvest for God and the Lamb. Not a false word in their mouths. A perfect offering (Revelation 14:2–5 MSG). They are, without exception, authentic, faithful, Spirit-led disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The world’s ambassadors understand that their personal and professional lives must rightly represent their home government at all times, without exception. As official representatives, their prime directive is to advance their nation’s global interests. Jesus long ago prayed, “I’m not asking You to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do” (John 17:15, 16 NIV).

True ambassadors of grace consistently project a “heavenly citizenship.” Their conversations, relationships, activities and personal choices reflect their allegiance to the King of Heaven. As good guests, they are sensitive to their host culture, without compromising principle or ceasing to be

representatives of the Kingdom of Grace. Following the example of Jesus, they join Paul who said, “I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some” (I Corinthians 9:22 NIV).

Ambassadors of grace are wise not to become entangled by political debates, indebtedness and allegiances. They represent the Kingdom of Grace to the world without forming alliances with it. They are informed on world issues and events and use their influence as salt and light in the highest places without becoming dependent on the power of government to enforce kingdom agendas. They are active in social issues according to God’s mandate in Isaiah 58, and are known for their practical works of universal kindness; however, their primary mission of love is to call people’s attention back to their Creator and allegiance only to Him as described in the messages of the Three Angels of Revelation 14.

As these ambassadors of grace depart from the campus of Andrews University and affiliated campuses, they joyfully set forth with Christ’s commission and promise, “God authorized and commanded Me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I’ll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19, 20 MSG).

Cynthia and J.W. Warren co-founded Spring Hope Ministries to celebrate and promote the joys and benefits of the Adventist lifestyle. They have three adult children and reside in Berrien Springs, Michigan.



SHARING *our* HOPE

Hope in Times of War

BY JUDITH YEOMAN

Probably late on the Tuesday afternoon before His crucifixion, Jesus and some of His disciples were spending a little time together on a slope of the Mount of Olives when they asked Him some questions, including, “What shall be the sign of thy coming and of the end of the world?” (Matthew 24:3)

Jesus gave a detailed answer with many components, one of which was, “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars; ... for nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (Matthew 24:6, 7).

Those of us living in the 21st century know all too well how true Christ’s prediction was. It seems we cannot avoid “wars and rumors of wars.” Whether we are a Democrat or a Republican or an Independent, or not involved in politics in any way; whether we are “for” the war in Iraq or “against” it, the political strife and international turmoil of our day affects us all.

Many of us have loved ones serving both God and country. When my husband was interim pastor at the Anderson (Indiana) Church last year, we were impressed with church members who supported and prayed for the three young men from the congregation who were serving in the military. Their photos were on the bulletin board in the foyer, and they were prayed for by name from the pulpit. It truly touched our hearts when they included our own son, who is serving in the Navy, with their loving support. As I write this, one of the young men from Anderson has just come home from Iraq, one is preparing to leave for Iraq, another is getting ready to return to the battlefield, and our own son is serving on a submarine patrol.

One of the concerned members at Anderson, Vickie Widing, has a vision for pulling together a support group of Adventist families with military ties. She wants to set up an e-mail network for those desiring communication with others enduring the stress of having a loved one in

difficult and dangerous circumstances. Vickie envisions the support group meeting during camp meeting, Sabbath Celebration (a special

conference-wide convocation) and perhaps at other times, too. In the past, Vickie has turned to other support groups who have been a “God-send” to her when her son was in Iraq, “but how much more wonderful it would be to have an Adventist support group to sustain one another by their religious faith,” she expressed. If you are interested in participating, contact Vickie by e-mail at: vwiding@sbcglobal.net.

My husband and I are now serving at the Glendale Church in Indianapolis where Paulette Taylor, women’s ministries leader, has organized an outreach project to encourage the soldiers in Iraq. She has a display table in the foyer of the church where members donate items for our troops. One shipment has already been sent, and they are working on a second one. The members prepare hand-written notes of encouragement and Scripture verses to share the love of Jesus with the troops to be sent along with sun-tan lotion, soap, stick deodorant, cookies, gum, disposable razors, etc. One church in Mississippi heard what the members at Glendale are doing, and now they are also sending notes and useful items to our troops.

Just last Sabbath during the worship service a Glendale Church elder prayed for our son as he is once again deep below the ocean waters on patrol. May the day soon dawn when the Prince of Peace shall come, when wars shall cease and men shall live together in unity. Until then, let’s do what we can to support our troops and to sustain their loved ones within our midst.

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Paulette Taylor, women’s ministries leader at the Glendale Church in Indianapolis, is in the foyer each Sabbath to receive donated items from the members to be sent along with notes of encouragement and Scripture promises to our troops in Iraq.



LA VIDA ES PARA SERVIR

POR CARMELO MERCADO

“No debemos vivir para nosotros mismos. Cristo vino a este mundo para vivir por otros: no para ser servido sino para servir. Si os esforzáis para vivir como él vivió, estaréis diciendo al mundo: “Contemplad al Hombre del Calvario”. Por precepto y por ejemplo estaréis conduciendo a otros en el camino de la rectitud” (En lugares celestiales, p. 233).

Mi primer encuentro con el pastor Rubén Rivera fue en Indianapolis, Indiana en el mes de diciembre del año 1991. Un sábado él llegó a la iglesia de Chapel West donde yo era pastor y pidió hablar conmigo. En aquel tiempo Rubén estudiaba en la Universidad Andrews y trabajaba en varios lugares en dicha institución para pagar sus estudios y sostener a su familia. Había viajado desde la Universidad Andrews ese día para decirme que su esposa y él sentían el llamado de Dios de abrir obra hispana en la ciudad de Indianapolis. Al decirme esto me tomó de sorpresa, siendo que no hacía mucho que me había establecido en la ciudad, y sí había notado la presencia de muchos hispanos y que no había ninguna iglesia adventista hispana.

Yo había mencionado estos detalles a algunos obreros en la asociación, pero en verdad no hicimos nada. Ahora estaba viendo y escuchando a alguien que había oído el llamado de Dios y se había propuesto obedecerle. Me pareció increíble que Rubén y su esposa Areli hubieran hecho la decisión de mudarse con sus tres hijos a Indianapolis para hacer la voluntad de Dios sin pedir el apoyo financiero de la asociación. Le di información de algunos hispanos adventistas



La familia Rivera; De izquierda a derecha: Arisleidy J. Rivera, Rubén D. Rivera Jr., Jodari A. Rivera Paulsen, Randy Paulsen (yerno) Areli J. Rivera, Rubén D. Rivera

que yo conocía que vivían en la ciudad e inmediatamente él comenzó a reunirse con ellos y dar estudios bíblicos. Ellos tuvieron que hacer frente a muchos desafíos que para mí hubieran sido muy difíciles de superar. Sin embargo, Rubén y su familia mantuvieron siempre su confianza en Dios. Con el tiempo la asociación apoyó la iniciativa y Dios bendijo sus esfuerzos. Al final de sus seis años en Indianapolis, hoy contamos con dos congregaciones hispanas en la ciudad con una asistencia promedio de más de 250 personas y una obra hispana que se ha esparcido a diversos lugares en el estado.

Al repasar con el pastor Rivera sus experiencias del pasado, le pregunté cuál era su filosofía de la vida. Inmediatamente me respondió: “La vida es para servir”. Como lo conocía, comprendí lo que me estaba diciendo. Cristo nos dio el mejor ejemplo de esa filosofía. Cuando el hombre cayó en el pecado, nuestro Señor decidió inmediatamente dar su vida para beneficiar a la humanidad. Cristo vino a nuestro mundo con pocos recursos humanos e hizo frente a muchos

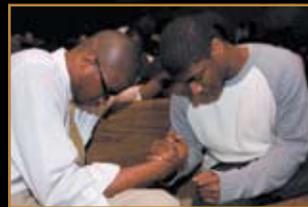
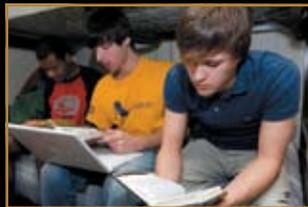
desafíos, pero mantuvo siempre firme su determinación de servir a otros y hacer la voluntad de su Padre.

El pastor Rivera ahora trabaja como pastor y coordinador hispano en la Asociación de Wisconsin. Junto con los pastores hispanos Gerzom Gómez y Edgar Mendoza, está transmitiendo el mismo ejemplo de Jesús, de guiar a los hermanos de Wisconsin a poner como prioridad en sus vidas el cumplir la gran comisión de servir a otros para ganarlos para el reino de los cielos.

Carmelo Mercado es el vicepresidente general de la Unión del Lago.

Andrews  University

The
FABRIC
of **FAITH**
BY BEVERLY STOUT





WEAVING THE FABRIC OF FAITH AT ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

What makes up the fabric of your faith? Perhaps a few blue threads of morning devotion, some green strands of Christian fellowship, mixed with purple strings of weekly church attendance? Add to that the yellow threads of blessing you receive from feeding the homeless or helping a child with their homework and the silver ones from those moments spent in prayer. Put them all together, along with so many other colorful experiences and moments, and you will have a tapestry that tells your individual story of faith.

Andrews University also has a fabric of faith that is uniquely woven with the threads of ideas, experiences and faith-building opportunities brought to campus by each individual who makes this their place of study or work. With students, faculty and staff hailing from almost 100 different countries and from across the nation, the result is a colorful campus culture filled with a myriad of methods and opportunities for crafting rich spiritual moments, memories and experiences.

Whether you enjoy in-depth Sabbath morning Bible study, are blessed by week-day morning devotions with your colleagues, or are energized by collecting canned goods for the hungry, the Andrews campus is a place where you can find the “threads” to help create your own unique fabric of faith.

Following are some examples of the “threads” that help weave Andrews University’s fabric of faith, on Sabbath

morning, in the classroom and the workplace, or in the students’ “homes away from home,” the dorms and apartments.

SABBATH MORNING Encounter

Three years ago, Jane Thayer, recently retired professor of religious education, felt a burden for the graduate students and young adults who lived on campus and the surrounding community. At the time there really wasn’t much in the form of spiritual enrichment that ministered specifically to the post-college age group. She and her husband Jerome, professor emeritus of research and statistical methodology, decided to invite a group of 20- and 30-somethings to their home one Friday night to discuss the idea of starting a new Sabbath school. What began as an evening of discussion has since bloomed into Encounter, an active group of young

adults passionate about Bible study, community service and Christian fellowship.

Rosemary Bailey, who teaches at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, and her husband Karl, assistant professor of psychology, have attended Encounter Sabbath school since it began.

“Encounter has played a very important role in helping me find a community of faith on campus,” Rosemary shared. “For me, having a place where I feel accepted, needed and loved is just as important as being able to be surrounded by thoughtful, spiritual people. I have found all this in Encounter.”

“When I came here my husband and I couldn’t find a place for Sabbath school that really made me want to come back week after week, nothing that made us *want* to get out of bed. Then my husband and I saw the *Agenda* item for this new group that was starting called Encounter. We went, and we are still attending three years later!”

Each Sabbath at 9:45 a.m., even during times when the

university may be on break, Encounter meets for a time of worship and Bible study. A variety of teachers with different perspectives lead out every week. Besides just Sabbath morning Bible study, the group regularly meets for potluck lunches, vesper programs or fun group activities. They also firmly believe in putting their faith into action and actively seek out community service projects and volunteer activities that members can participate in.

“Encounter encourages me on my spiritual walk,” Rosemary continued. “I learn to understand God and my Bible more deeply. I know that there is a community, a family, behind me to help me grow, to support me when I stumble, to rejoice with me in times of blessing, and comfort me in times of despair, and I know that they would do the same for any other member.”

Seminary Sabbath School

Some Sabbath morning traditions stretch deep into the tapestry of Andrews’ story of faith. One of those traditions is the Seminary Sabbath school. Each week Dwain Ford,



Graduate students and young adults appreciate the opportunity for study that Encounter offers.

Brad Austin



The Seminary Sabbath school class listens intently as Raoul Dederen teaches.

professor emeritus of chemistry, organizes a group to teach a class at the Seminary. Commonly known as Seminary Sabbath school, this group has been officially meeting since 1982 when Raoul Dederen organized the group and asked Dwain to help him teach.

This popular Sabbath school now draws a regular attendance of between 60 and 65 people each week. Those who attend know they will be blessed with an in-depth study filled with rich spiritual insights.

Dwain no longer teaches the class himself, but organizes a group of teachers that include Peter Van Bemmelen, Roy Gane, Russell Burrill and Larry Schalk. Each teacher brings a unique perspective and their own method to the class. Dwain particularly notes the unique method of Roy: “Of all of the excellent teachers, Roy Gane has the most unusual method of teaching. He usually projects onto the screen the verses in both English and Hebrew. If there is any question regarding the meaning of the passage, he translates it from the Hebrew and shares the various ways that passage could be translated.”

Sallie Alger used to attend the Seminary Sabbath school regularly before she and her husband became sponsors of Encounter. “I did appreciate the diversity of presentations—anything from Andrews Academy students and Glenn

Russell sharing slides and testimonies about mission trips they had participated in, to special Mother’s Day presentations, to faculty members sharing something about their research on a religious or social topic. I do miss going because I always took something away from the service that I didn’t know before.”

Faculty Lounge Sabbath School

Another Andrews Sabbath morning tradition dates back to the early 1970s, when a small group of faculty and staff sought a place where they could sit in a circle and discuss the

week’s Sabbath school lesson. They found that place in a room not often visited in the Campus Center, the Faculty Lounge. Members of what has come to be known as the Faculty Lounge Sabbath school have been coming together ever since.

Faculty Lounge Sabbath school is a place where faculty, staff and students comfortably share their thoughts and questions on the lesson in a free-flowing format, while providing a sense of community for its members. Members meet monthly at different homes or on campus for a potluck lunch. A group of coordinators take turns finding teachers for each week’s lesson who share their personal



Mosaic is a Friday evening vesper program held in various locations on campus. Students come together to worship the Lord through music, prayer and creative interaction.

perspective before opening up the floor for group discussion.

Many members have faithfully attended for decades. Meredith Jones Gray, professor of English, whose parents were charter members, has attended the Faculty Lounge Sabbath school since high school. "My dad was attending there, and I began going with him when I finished academy," she shares. "I was drawn in by the freedom of discussion and the stimulating ideas that I encountered



Students gather under the big tent at the beginning of each year. They kick off the new school year with enthusiastic worship and joyful songs.



Once a month, the Department of Music's student organization, AUMA, gathers with their instruments to create a melodic atmosphere of praise.

there. But the group also became a close-knit community that has been part of my life ever since."

"This group has provided an important link in the spiritual life of our campus community, and some who have left have fed themselves and others by starting similar groups in the areas where they have moved," notes charter member Harold James.

"It's a place that's supportive, a place where like minds appreciate varieties of spiritual quest," said long-time member and English Department chair Douglas Jones.

CLASSROOM AND WORKPLACE

Worship and fellowship isn't just relegated to Sabbath morning services. In many departments and offices across campus, students and staff alike are finding ways to worship God together as part of their daily routines in the workplace or the classroom.

Lithotech

Lithotech, Andrews' in-house printing service, is just one example of an office on campus that prays as well as works

together. Each morning before Lithotech's doors open for business, the employees gather together for a short prayer and devotion.

"Years ago, as a student worker at Andrews, I worked in the Grounds Department under the management of Ed Roy," explains Rod Church, manager. "It was his practice to have worship before we started the day, and when I came back to work here 13 years ago, I decided it was a practice that I would like to continue. You see, after working for other companies I felt it was a true privilege to be able to sit together with my staff on the loading dock (or inside when cold) and start the day with the 'right perspective' and ask for God's presence."

"It has meant a lot to me," notes Fred Guerrero, production supervisor. "Some mornings I am struggling with my spiritual life, and we seem to read just what I need to hear; it seems that it happens more often than not."

Eigen*

The Math and Physics Departments' joint club, Eigen*, provides a wonderful opportunity for teachers and students to integrate their education with their faith. Eigen*, taken from a German word that means "peculiarity," is a term used in both the fields of physics and mathematics and is therefore the perfect name for a club consisting of both majors.

The group is extremely active, meeting every Friday afternoon in a colloquium where members hear presentations from their peers, teachers or guest speakers from other universities and colleges, such as the University of Notre Dame and University of Ohio, and companies such as Amoco and Logistic Research and Training.



(Above and below) A revival vespers held in the Science Complex provided an exciting opportunity for small group breakout sessions with in-depth discussion.

Outside of weekly meetings, Eigen* members enjoy activities such as camping and other field trips. Three times each semester, Eigen* holds a vesper program at the home of a faculty member. This provides an opportunity for students to worship and fellowship together, while enjoying a home-cooked meal, a rare commodity for the college dorm student. Guest speakers often include faculty members from other disciplines on campus, giving students a chance to hear from a variety of voices.

“The combined spiritual and intellectual atmosphere at Eigen* vespers encourages me to be a rational, objective thinker about my faith and my beliefs,” says Erin McLean, a sophomore double major in math and English. “Going to Andrews University gives me the unique opportunity to allow my love of science to complement my faith instead of working against it, and Eigen* vespers facilitates



this process and promotes the development of strong faith coupled with intellectual achievement in my life. Listening to faculty members testify how God has showed them His power through the wonders of physics or math only increases my love of learning—both scholastically and spiritually.”

AUMA

Andrews University Music Association (AUMA), the Department of Music’s official student organization, is a newer club on campus, only in its second year, with a strong emphasis on bettering their members’ relationships with God.

“Our main goal for AUMA is to create a family-orientated atmosphere within [the] Department of Music and to incorporate Christ in all that we do on a daily basis,” explains AUMA president Zoviel Bowen.



Flamekeepers are student-led Bible study groups that meet informally in the residence halls. Through this fellowship, students experience support, develop friendships and share different perspectives with one another.

The group holds a monthly vesper program; the location and theme varies from month to month. Most students bring their musical instruments, and they play together for praise and worship, which is followed by a worship thought and time for fellowship.

AUMA isn't only focused on fellowshiping with each other, but enjoys sharing their love of music and love for Christ with others. Last semester, the group joined up with Outreach, Andrews' outreach ministry to the residents of downtown Benton Harbor. The students took their instruments and went door to door playing music and praying with the residents. Another time, they visited a local nursing home in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and prayed and shared their music with the residents.

"It's such a rewarding experience to share Christ with others through music," says Zoviel. "Music is a very powerful tool that I know God has given us to bless others, and

that is also our goal when we do our outreach activities. ... As the leader of AUMA, it's a true blessing to be able to get together with my team as we not only plan events for the department, but also try to create a home away from home for our students here at Andrews."

AT 'HOME' **Lamson and Meier Halls**

Anyone who has ever lived in an academy or residence hall in an Adventist college is familiar with the usually required dorm worships, and knows that making these worship experiences meaningful can often be a challenge. The deans at Lamson and Meier Halls at Andrews University have taken this challenge to heart and provide faith-building opportunities for their residents that go beyond the requisite worships.

Lamson Hall, the women's residence, has been very successful in integrating a strong service component into their programming. Lamson's student-run Breakthrough Com-

mittee has planned and executed several very successful projects in the past two years. The committee's first project was a "Girls Night In" for pre-teen and teen girls at the New Plant Seventh-day Adventist Church in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The night's goal was to teach the girls about self-esteem. In conjunction with Meier Hall's Sigma Phi, the two residences collected a total of 1,086 canned goods in a Thanksgiving food drive. The food collected was then donated to the Niles (Michigan) Salvation Army. Other projects have included praying with Andrews' faculty and staff in their offices, as well as an event appreciating the work of the pastoral team of Pioneer Memorial Church in honor of clergy appreciation month.

Throughout the school year, the Breakthrough Committee assists the deans in the worship services, conducts random acts of kindness, and leads out in small group worships and Lamson Hall's book club.

"Being a part of the committee has given me a greater sense of purpose and fulfillment," shares committee member Cleigha Millin. "I am constantly blessed when we go door to door in the residence hall and pray with our sisters. So many people are hurting, and I am blessed by being able to share Christ with them."

In both the men's and women's residences, an independent, student-led Bible study group has emerged called Flamekeepers. The group originated with freshmen from Great Lakes Adventist Academy who started the original Flamekeepers study after a special Week of Prayer in 2004. Currently, two groups of girls meet in Lamson and one group of guys meet in Meier, all of whom are freshmen.

"We take prayer requests and pray together. It's nice to know that I have a support group for spiritual accountability and that people are praying for me," notes Sara Olakowski, who started the Andrews branch of Flamekeepers. "My favorite thing about Flamekeepers is the relationships that develop with people and the input that comes from sharing different perspectives—it's something you don't get studying on your own."

Meier Hall's assistant dean of men, Zachary Juniper, is impressed with his students' individual drives to have closer walks with God. "One thing that sticks out to me the most is the residents who come to me requesting assistance in starting a Bible study or small group on their own, not for worship credit, but for their own spiritual benefit."



Black Student Christian Forum (BSCF), a worship option on campus, meets weekly in Burman Hall. BSCF desires to present worship programs that challenge others to strengthen their relationship with God.

Family and Graduate Housing

The residence halls aren't the only "homes away from home" on campus that are making an effort to reach their students through fellowship and worship. Andrews is a university with a thriving graduate and Seminary student population who often live on campus in the university's apartment complex. Though there are no required worships, Housing Department director Alfredo Ruiz and his team have made an effort to build community among the students that call the apartments home.

At the start of the year, the Housing Department puts on a special Friday evening vespers and supper, which provides an opportunity for the residents to get acquainted with each other. This past September the university's president, Neils-Erik Andreasen, shared a devotional and his experience living in the apartments when he was a student.

Throughout the year, those in the Housing Department pray for the students and their families in the apartments, and e-mails them for prayer requests. Each morning, the staff meets for worship and prays for these requests. "It has been a rewarding experience to be able to pray for the tenants," says Alfredo. "Students have expressed how much they appreciate knowing that someone is praying for them."

Whether it's a small study group, student-led Sabbath school, faculty devotional or outreach ministry, there's a colorful tapestry of spiritually enriching opportunities at Andrews University for students, faculty and staff alike to build relationships with each other and with God.

Beverly Stout, an alum of the English department, served as media relations coordinator at Andrews University for three years. She now works in Central Illinois as an organizational development analyst with State Farm Insurance.



Helping Students Help Others

Adventist Midwest Health Sponsors CNA Program at Indiana Academy

Some students from Indiana Academy have learned firsthand the value of helping others, thanks to a unique Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program sponsored by Adventist Midwest Health.

Through the program, students can earn money for tuition and gain valuable experience in the medical field by taking a special course and working as a CNA, earning as much as \$12.50 an hour. The result? Some participating students are able to pay nearly all of their school bill at Indiana Academy.



John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission at Adventist Midwest Health, poses with the recent graduates of Indiana Academy's CNA program.

John Rapp, regional vice president, Ministries and Mission at Adventist Midwest Health, recently spoke at the graduation ceremony for about 30 students who completed the CNA training. (Some were not present for the ceremony because they were working as a CNA that evening.)

"Seeing the energy and commitment these students have to extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ was inspiring," Rapp said. "Our mission

revolves around compassion and healing, and this program fits perfectly by promoting wellness within the community."

For many students, the motivation to enter the program begins as purely financial. That quickly turns into another blessing—keeping a tender heart as they help elderly patients with basic health needs.

Student Toni Crumley, a junior, said she was in no hurry to join the program, but something inside her told her to sign up. "I didn't think that I was cut out for that kind of work," she said. "Now I work in a nursing home, caring for elderly people who depend on me to take care of their most basic needs, such as eating, bathing, toileting and dressing."

Not only can she pay a large part of her school bill, but she's learned valuable life lessons, such as time management, perseverance and how to work with people of all ages, Crumley said.

"Most importantly, I have a huge opportunity to show the love of Jesus

to the residents, some of whom are lonely, depressed, in pain or confused," she said. "I know I am doing God's work by bringing hope and peace to their lives. 'The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to Me'' (see Matthew 25:40).

Student Nathan Kelly, a junior, said patients can recognize the difference in their caregivers. He tells the story of



Justin Thurber receives a congratulatory hug from the CNA instructor Tina Gillis as he accepts his certificate at the CNA graduation ceremony at Indiana Academy.

helping a man who came to the nursing home every day to see his elderly wife.

"One day he asked me, 'Are you from Indiana Academy, and are you an Adventist?'" Kelly said. "I replied, 'Yes' to both questions, and he said he could tell I was an Adventist CNA. 'I can always tell the Adventist CNAs apart, because they're the ones that care.'"

Making those connections with patients trumps any financial gain, said student Justin Thurber, a junior. "I realized what a wonderful witnessing opportunity this could be," he said. "That fueled my desire even greater to become a CNA. Without the support of Adventist Midwest Health, we probably wouldn't have been able to take the course otherwise."

Gary Thurber, Justin's father and Indiana Conference president, said as a parent, it's a thrill to see your son or daughter involved in the program.

"It gives them a level of education about the world they live in they could never receive in books alone," he said. "Every patient they help provides them with an opportunity to show compassion and care at a level most have never experienced before. It mirrors closely so much of what our Savior did during His ministry here on earth."

Julie L. Busch, regional manager, public relations, Adventist Midwest Health

Andrews University Hosts '2,000 Years of Christianity in Africa'

On February 7 to 9, scholars from various disciplines, universities and religions converged at Andrews University to discuss "2,000 Years of Christianity in Africa and the Diaspora," part of the university's Black History Month celebration.

The seminar's two keynote speakers were Charles Bradford, former North American Division president and author of *Sabbath Roots: The African Connection*, and Craig Keener, author of 14 books and professor at Palmer Theological Seminary. The seminar also featured lectures by a number of religious and historical scholars.

On Friday evening, Keener lectured on "Defending Black Faith," devoting most of his presentation to Paul's treatment of race relations. Keener pointed out repeated calls in the Book of Romans for unity in Christ between Jews and Gentiles, saying "Christianity is not an exclusively white religion, but is for all people."

On Sabbath morning, Pioneer Memorial Church was packed for the main service. In his sermon, entitled "No Child Left Behind," Bradford called attention to the explosive growth of Christianity in Africa during the last two centuries, and particularly the prevalence of Sabbath-keeping in Ethiopia. "There will be an abundant entrance into the Kingdom," said Bradford.

"It is refreshing to see the Seventh-day Adventist Church begin the



Charles Bradford spoke for the main service at Pioneer Memorial Church. In his sermon, entitled "No Child Left Behind," Bradford called attention to the explosive growth of Christianity in Africa during the last two centuries.

process of corrective historiography to counter the centuries of errors, distortions, omissions and falsehoods attributed to the continent of Africa and its inhabitants," said Andrews University chaplain Timothy Nixon. "The Africans, the first people of the earth, are the primary characters of Scripture. May we never again believe or teach the notion of a heathen or Godless Africa."

Robert Moncrieff, student news writer,
University Relations

Annetta Gibson Receives Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair

At a special luncheon on Mon., Feb. 5, Allen Stembridge, dean of the School of Business Administration (SBA) at Andrews University, announced that Annetta Gibson, professor of accounting and former SBA dean, will receive the Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair of Teaching Excellence in Business Ethics.

This endowed chair was established by Bashir Hasso, whose philanthropy has helped various establishments in the Middle East and educational institutions throughout the United States. An endowed professorial chair assists the designated department by supporting the recipient's salary, research opportunities, administrative services and other projects as determined in the endowment agreement. This funding comes from the annual income generated by the principal gift.

"The School of Business Administra-



Annetta Gibson receives the Bashir Hasso Endowed Chair of Teaching Excellence in Business Ethics. From left: Niels-Erik Andreassen, Andrews president; Heather Knight, Andrews provost; Annetta Gibson; and Allen Stembridge, School of Business Administration dean

tion is profoundly grateful for such generosity," stated Stembridge. "This endowed chair enables us to attract and maintain the highly qualified faculty essential for future growth."



Ann Gibson

Gibson has been a member of the SBA faculty since 1992, when she returned to her alma mater to teach in the Department of Accounting and Ethics. Gibson received her MBA from Andrews before completing her Ph.D. at Washington State University. She has since served the SBA in many capacities: as a professor, department chair, SBA dean, director of SBA Off-Campus Programs and director of its internship program. Gibson began her work in business ethics with beloved Andrews business professor Daniel Augsburg. She is currently completing a textbook on business ethics that they had initially begun together.

"I will work hard to keep the Hasso name in high regard through the business ethics we teach our students," commented Gibson. "The Hasso family has been generous with Andrews University, and we are grateful for their support."

Emily Flottmann, student news writer,
University Relations

[EDUCATION NEWS]

Bible Camp Provides Lasting Memories

Michigan—Camp Au Sable was the site for Battle Creek Academy's (BCA) annual Bible Camp. More than 65 students and chaperons headed to the camp for a long weekend of activity, rest and worship. William Lee, pastor of the Bethel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Rapids, Mich., was the guest speaker and provided the theme "Getting Closer to God."

"While [Lee] discussed several different resources to getting closer," said Kevin Kossick, BCA principal, "the one that really caught my attention was friends. He used the illustration of the paralytic who couldn't get to Jesus because of the crowd, but his friends removed a section of the roof and lowered him to Jesus for healing."

While Lee kept camp attendees focused "inward and upward," campers also enjoyed various student-led activities. Bible campers and several Camp Au Sable visitors participated in the annual "Free-For-All Football" game on Friday afternoon. Saturday night was filled with fun during the Student Association class activities. Students played several games and the junior class was declared the winner at the end of the night.

Everyone knows that a weekend at Camp Au Sable isn't complete without kitchen duty. Thanks to Gwen Kossick, Micki Porter and others who prepared the meals, everyone had the opportunity to help clean up afterward.

"Bible Camp was a fun experience, as well as a spiritual one," says Andrew Messecar, BCA freshman. "The speaker had a great message to provide to us, and he provided it in a way that grabbed your attention and kept it on what he was saying. There were many activities that were fun and enjoyable."



Battle Creek Academy students enjoyed a long weekend at Camp Au Sable in Grayling, Mich., at this year's Bible Camp.

Lisha Torres, a senior at BCA, said that this year's Bible Camp was amazing. "The speaker really touched my life, and the time that I was able to spend with friends was great. Since this will be the last year I will be attending, I'm glad I went. I will remember it for the rest of my life."

Wendy Keough, co-director of marketing and public relations, Battle Creek Academy

[PATHFINDER NEWS]

Pathfinder Drum Corps Recognized for Community Contributions

Lake Region—Young people can make a difference in their church and community. The Berean Eagles Pathfinders from South Bend, Ind., did just that. After witnessing a drum corps formed at the first drum corps camp instituted by Anthony Kelly, former Lake Region Conference youth director, under the direction of Ronneil Harewood, a student at Andrews University, there were a number of young people interested

in participating. So the Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club started a drum corps with only six Pathfinders, but they had a problem—no drums. However, this did not lessen the young people's desire. They realized that to practice, drums were not required. All they needed were their hands, mouth, furniture and floors. Just ask the parents about the condition of the furniture and how often they found themselves at work humming rudiments over and over.

The club's focus was for the Pathfinders to play a bigger part in their community, so club directors asked the Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation if the Pathfinders could participate in their annual Martin Luther King Jr. Walk. When the drum corps learned they would be included in the Walk, drums were borrowed. The Berean Eagles Pathfinder drum corps led the Martin Luther King Jr. Walk, starting in January 2000, and have since become a staple. Among the many walkers was Stephen Luecke (mayor of South Bend), U.S. congressmen, city dignitaries, pastors, church members and friends. All were amazed and in awe of the precision and discipline of this young drum corps.

When the drum corps began to receive invitations to play at events nearby, the search for lighter-weight drums continued. For almost two years, the drum corps traveled back and forth to pick up drums from the All Na-



Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club drum corps pauses for a photo at the Northern Indiana Center of History in South Bend, Ind.



Many hours are spent practicing for performances at churches, parades for Memorial Day and the Black Expo and American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research foundation Walks.

tions Church. Sometimes they had to turn down event invitations because of schedule conflicts when the drums weren't available.

The Pathfinder drum corps played at many churches, parades for Memorial Day and the Black Expo, etc., American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walks, youth federations and congresses, and Pathfinder fairs and camporees. A crowning moment was when the drum corps was invited to represent the Lake Region Conference on the opening night of the "Faith on Fire" camporee in Osh Kosh, Wis.

At the various events, the drum corps informed listeners of their need to purchase drums. Donations came in from a variety of sources, such as the Lake Region Conference youth ministries, Bayer HealthCare, Black Expo of Fort Wayne, Charles Martin Center, Memorial Day Parade of Mishawaka and Berean Church members. Fundraisers were also held. Last year, the last drum and cymbal was purchased for the 14-member drum corps. But now the group's numbers are increasing, so additional drums are needed.

Another memorable moment for

the drum corps was when they were invited to a JDRF banquet. At the banquet, the Pathfinders received an award and standing ovation for their contribution in the JDRF Walk. As the drum corps was leaving, a lady stopped them to express how grateful she was that the young people took the time to play for the Walk. Her nine-year-old daughter had been diagnosed with diabetes a few months before, and though her daughter wanted to par-

ticipate in the Walk, the mother had not wanted to. The lady said that as soon as she heard the drums play and saw the young people, she felt a burden had been lifted off her shoulders, and she felt lightness in her heart. She was teary-eyed, and so were we. We thanked her for confirming what the Lord wanted us to do with this club.

How this group impacted the community came to light on Mon., Jan. 21, when the drum corps received the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Service Award in recognition of their dedication, discipline, enthusiasm and leadership in the community.

Most of these young people in the group are on the honor roll, have leadership positions in their school and play other instruments. The drum corps has become widely known in Indiana and Michigan for their drumming and beat techniques, and have been sought after for different events. However, we give all the glory, praise and honor to God, for through God's hands these Pathfinders have touched many lives with this ministry. Pathfinding is alive and well, and we pray that our club will continue to spread God's love through this ministry.

Herb and Kim Henley, co-directors,
Berean Eagles Pathfinder Club



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[LOCAL CHURCH NEWS]

Impact of Laotian Outreach Continues after Holiday Celebration

Michigan—There are more than 1.5 million Laotians living in the United States. Most have resettled here as refugees, fleeing oppression of their country. There are three Seventh-day Adventist Laotian groups within the U.S., one of which has been sponsored by the Holland (Mich.) Church since 1995. The result is a growing group that now has 16 baptized members and about 40 people in total attendance each Sabbath! Outreach efforts and evangelistic activities by the group's Lao pastor, Saeng Saengthip, is contributing to the growth.

Outreach and evangelism activities to reach Laotians include the production of a Laotian television program, Bible studies as well as a variety of youth activities. During the holidays, Laotian

Adventists welcomed more than 130 people to a special program held at the Holland Adventist School. Guests from as far as Laos were in attendance. A highlight was when guests were honored who first learned of the Seventh-day Adventist church in refugee camps, prior to resettlement, 20 years ago. Judy Aitken, who through the Lord's

blessing established those churches and who has also shepherded Laotian believers in the U.S., was present.

The program provided for happy reunions, laughter, and a spirit of joy and thanksgiving. Musical numbers in both the Laotian and English languages as well as favorite Laotian foods, including papaya salad, bamboo-shoot soup and durian cake, added to the festivities. Other Laotians in the area who do not usually attend church came to enjoy the evening of worship and fellowship. Today the effects continue to be felt through the connections made at the program and the friendships formed.

The Laotian group of the Holland Church hopes to expand its ministry to launch a literature translation project focusing on small Christian books. Please keep the outreach efforts of this small minority group in prayer, asking that the Lord will continue to bless their passion and commitment to building Christ's kingdom.

Karen Suvankham, event co-planner, and a former missionary from Southeast Asia

International Cooking School Promotes Healthy Lifestyle

Michigan—In keeping with their international character, the Michiana Fil-Am (Filipino-American) Church members held an international cooking school last October and November. Carmen Barahona, a nurse hailing originally from Ecuador, is the church's health and temperance leader. She organized the series, with the assistance of her sister, Maruja, and many others.



Michiana Fil-Am Church members hosted an international cooking school where guests sampled cuisine from 13 different countries and learned ways to live a healthy lifestyle.

Every Sunday evening for seven weeks, an average of 25 people attended these sessions in the church's fellowship hall. Cuisine from 13 different countries was demonstrated, including dishes from Singapore, China, Thailand, Argentina, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia, India, Bangladesh, Russia, the Philippines, Romania and the Middle East. Because the Michiana Fil-Am Church is situated only a mile from Andrews University, it was easy to invite people from other countries to demonstrate foods from their homeland.

The cooking demonstrations were largely vegan. No eggs or milk were used, although a small amount of butter or cheese was used in a few recipes. Olive oil was used in place of margarine. The foods were pleasing to the eye as well as healthy. Items were chopped ahead of time to speed up the process. After the demonstration, the guests tasted the final product, which had been prepared ahead of time. Recipes were provided.

As well as cooking demonstrations, there were 20-minute presentations on health principles each evening, given by Rudi Quion, Loida Medina, Arlene Saliba, Raquel Allen and others—all physicians and nurses who are church members. Evelyn Cole-Kissinger, a lifestyle consultant and dietitian, shared nutrition information. Each evening also included a short talk about



Since 1995, the Holland (Mich.) Church has sponsored a ministry to the Laotians in their area. During the holidays, more than 130 people attended a special program. Guests came from as far as Laos.

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God's love and the peace we can have because of our trust in Him.

In order to build interest in this program while reaching out to the local community, Barahona and others offered free blood pressure checks in two local grocery stores one day a week for several months before the cooking school. About 100 people had their blood pressures checked. This effort yielded several attendees at the cooking school.

The health and temperance committee also sponsored a poster contest for the young people in the church. The posters were displayed in the lobby of the church, and many people commented on the talent of the youth of the church. Winners were chosen and gifts presented in church.

The cooking school culminated with a very nice Thanksgiving meal on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Table decorations contributed to the festive mood, and food was passed around the tables just like Thanksgiving dinner at home.

Michiana Fil-Am Church members believe that because the health message is the right arm of the Gospel, the Seventh-day Adventist Church should lead the way in living a healthy lifestyle. Guests saw this demonstrated wonderfully at the international cooking school.

Vicki Wiley, communication secretary,
Michiana Fil-Am Church

Historic Anniversary Celebration Commemorates 'The Great Controversy Vision'

Make plans to come to a once-in-a-life-time celebration. On May 10, a historical anniversary celebration will take place in Kettering, Ohio, to commemorate what Seventh-day Adventists have come to call "The Great Controversy Vision," received by Ellen

White in Lovett's Grove, Ohio, on Mar. 14, 1858. The celebration will take place behind the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church and across the street from Kettering Medical Center.

James R. Nix, director of The Ellen G. White Estate, Inc., will present "A Vision of Hope," outlining the historical sketch during Sabbath school, followed by Jon Paulien, dean of the School of Religion, Loma Linda University. Paulien will speak on "Paul, the Remnant, and the Great Controversy." He will share a Bible study on the identity of the remnant and the church's special connection to the Christianity, Judaism and Islam faiths.

Jan Paulsen, president of the Seventh-day Adventist world church, is the featured speaker for the eleven o'clock hour. In his keynote address, "Love of the Ages," Paulsen will share his passion for the greatest gift ever given to the world, Jesus Christ our Savior.

In the afternoon Smuts van Rooyen, pastor of the Vallejo Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church in Glendale, Calif., will present "Central Issues of the Great Controversy." To close out the day, Charles D. Bradford, retired president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, will present "Sabbath: God's Sign of Freedom."

Concerts throughout the day will be provided by *Heritage Singers*; *Ponder, Harp, and Jennings*; and ten-time Grammy winners, *Take 6*.

The youth/young adult division

will meet in the Kettering Church auditorium. Speakers include Michael Knecht, pastor of the CrossWalk Church in



Redlands, Calif.; Karl Haffner, senior pastor of the Kettering Adventist Church; Clarissa Worley Sproul, musician and speaker from Salem, Ore.; and Jose Rojas, director of Office of Volunteer Ministries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. Music will be provided by Kettering College of Medical Arts, Spring Valley Academy, Mount Vernon Academy and Indiana Academy.

Free lunch meal tickets are available. The first 3,000 ticket orders will be honored. There is no limit to the number of tickets for a family or group. E-mail your order to information@ohioadventist.org (preferred method). Or phone your order to 1-740-397-4665, ext. 165. The ticket order deadline is Friday, May 2, at noon, provided tickets are still available.

This event is co-sponsored by Kettering Medical Center, Columbia Union Conference, Ohio Conference and Able Rental Co. For a schedule and more information visit ohioadventist.org.

Hubert Cisneros, executive secretary, Ohio
Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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Anniversaries



George and Sonja Grosboll celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8, 2007, by a mini get-away at Lincolnshire, Ill., and on Dec. 30, 2007, by a cruise with their daughters and family on the Western Caribbean, with Norwegian Cruise Line. They have been members of the La Grange (Ill.) Church for 50 years.

George Grosboll and Sonja Smith were married Dec. 8, 1957, in Hinsdale (Ill.) Community House, by Elder T.G. Herr. George has been a painting contractor for 50+ years. Sonja has been a homemaker, receptionist for Dr. Buke, and worked at Salt Creek Credit Union for 20 years.

The Grosboll family includes Tammy and Steve Norton of Camas, Wash.; Debbie and Charles Shadel of Willowbrook, Ill.; three grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

Weddings

Chandra J.N. Hall and Michael R. Weber were married May 20, 2007, in Plymouth, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Gene Hall.

Chandra is the daughter of Gene and Cindy Hall of Jackson, Mich., and Michael is the son of Bruce and Gale Weber of South Lyon, Mich.

The Webers are making their home in Holt, Mich.

Obituaries

ALFORD, Anna J. (Tillapaugh), age 100; born Mar. 15, 1907, in Walloon Lake, Mich.; died May 8, 2007, in Midland, Mich. She was a member of the Midland Church.

Survivors include her sons, James Alfred and William Alford; daughter, Ruthella McDonald; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pas-

tor George Dronen, and interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Clarion, Mich.

FOLDEN, Velma A. (Jenkins), age 83; born May 22, 1924, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Jan. 30, 2008, in Milwaukee. She was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include her daughter, Karyn Folden; brothers, Shellie A., Samuel J., Nathaniel A., Phillip W. and James R. Jenkins; and sisters, Yvonne M. Jenkins, Ellen E. Tolson, Mable J. Talbert and Gloria M. Dean.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Tolson, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

GRAHN, Doris I. (Beebe), age 91; born May 8, 1916, in Blue River, Wis.; died Dec. 31, 2007, in DeForest, Wis. She was a member of the Madison (Wis.) East Church.

Survivors include her sons, Larry and Herbert; daughters, Loyala Grahn, Rosann Knopp, Charie Hall and Janie Pauls; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor William Ochs, and interment was in Sand Prairie Cemetery, Richland Center, Wis.

KINDER, Cecil O., age 93; born June 5, 1914, in Hastings, Okla.; died Dec. 31, 2007, in Marshall, Texas. He has been a member of the Lafayette, Ft. Wayne and Hammond (Ind.) Churches.

Survivors include his daughter, Cecilia Kinder-Plata; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Elder J. Clyde Kinder, and interment was in Berea Cemetery, Jefferson, Texas.

LAURENCE, Qudeleous, age 76; born May 1, 1931, in South Bend, Ind.; died Jan. 19, 2008, in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy "Kitten" (Hicks) Laurence; sons, Pierre, Jaques, Derwin, Darius and Franchot Pottinger, and Dion Laurence; daughters, Denise, Debra, Donna and Sabrina Pottinger; brothers, Parker and Floyd; and 34 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Eric Bell, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

MCCLURE, Worth E., age 94; born May 14, 1913, in Sand Lake, Mich.; died Oct. 21, 2007, in Winter Springs, Fla. He was a member of the Adrian (Mich.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Louise (Kempf); daughters, Carolyn Wilson, Marilyn Rudolph, Joyce Marshall and Patricia Douglas; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Jim Coffin, and interment was in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh, Mich.

NICKEL, Eldora B. (Olson), age 92; born July 28, 1915, in Gladwin Cty., Mich.; died Oct. 31, 2007, in Fenton, Mich. She was a member of the Fenton Church.

Survivors include her sons, Theodore and Edwin; daughters, Bernita Cheeseman, Jeanne Lance and Bonita Huddleston; sister, Elsie Melms; 21 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Robert Benson, and interment was in Crestwood Memorial Cemetery, Grand Blanc, Mich.

POTTINGER IV, George "Dickie" D., age 48; born June 22, 1959, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Dec. 17, 2007, in Milwaukee. He was a member of the Sharon Church, Milwaukee.

Survivors include his wife, Anita (Taylor); sons, Thomas, Jemaine, Dwight and George V; daughter, Rochelle Pottinger; father, Dallas; mother, Dorothy J. Que (Hicks) Laurence; brothers, Darius, Derwin, Pierre and Franchot; half brother, Dion Laurence; sisters, Debra, Donna, Terri, Lori and Denise Pottinger; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Eric Bell, and interment was in Graceland Cemetery, Milwaukee.

RICHARDSON, Marguerite "Mickey" H. (Preston), age 80; born Mar. 10, 1927, in Minneapolis, Minn.; died Jan. 1, 2008, in Macomb, Mich. She was a member of the Blue Water Church, Marysville, Mich.

Survivors include her husband, Donald G.; sons, Gary P. and Dana G.; daughters, Lorraine M. Ziemba, Janice E. Sutton, Leigh E. Dimond and Marjorie L. Donnelly; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Chris Ames, and interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery, Algonac, Mich.

SALTS, Shirley J. (Granville), age 79; born July 16, 1927, in Madison, Wis.; died Apr. 8, 2007, in Kirkland, Wash. She was a member of the Spooner-Trego Church, Trego, Wis.

Survivors include her son, Tom; daughters, Marilyn Vriak, Patty Farb, Nancy Salts and Sherry Dysort; and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Mihail Baciu, and interment was in Spooner (Wis.) Cemetery.

SAUNDERS, James W., age 59; born June 7, 1948, in Hinsdale, Ill.; died Dec. 28, 2007, in Green Bay, Wis. He was a member of the Green Bay Church.

Survivors include his wife, Eunice (Hagenberg); son, Jared; daughter, Jennifer Saunders; brothers, Joseph Saunders and David Rose; and sister, Mary Intrieri.

Memorial services were conducted by Pastor Delmar Austin, with private interment.

SUMMERTON, Ethel V. (Stamper), age 89; born June 30, 1918, in Clearwater Lake, Wis.; died Jan. 8, 2008, in Bowling Green, Ky. She was a member of the Oxford (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include her husband, Milton J.; daughter, Anne E. Afton; and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted in Bowling Green by Pastor Terry Carmichael (A second memorial service will be held in the Oxford Church on June 29.), and interment was in Oxford Cemetery.

SZMANDA, Charles A., age 82; born May 18, 1925, in Milwaukee, Wis.; died Oct. 27, 2007, in Greeneville, Tenn. He was a member of the Stevens Point (Wis.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Florence (Kaczmarek); daughters, Kathy Frost and Karen Houghton; brother, Ray; sister, Ruth Cinquemani; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Steve Poenitz, and entombment was in Greene Lawn Mausoleum, Greeneville.

WHEATLEY, Boyd L., age 88; born July 10, 1919, in Atlantic, Iowa; died Dec. 7, 2007, in Rock Island, Ill. He was a member of the Moline (Ill.) Church.

Survivors include his wife, Martha (McCormick); sons, Miles and David; daughter, Karen Hirsch; 15 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Tony Hunter, and interment was in Rosedale Cemetery, Cambridge, Ill.

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Berrien Springs, Mich.	8:13	8:21	8:29	8:36	8:44	8:52
Chicago, Ill.	7:19	7:27	7:34	7:42	7:50	7:58
Detroit, Mich.	8:01	8:09	8:17	8:25	8:33	8:41
Indianapolis, Ind.	8:11	8:19	8:25	8:32	8:40	8:47
La Crosse, Wis.	7:35	7:43	7:52	8:00	8:09	8:17
Lansing, Mich.	8:07	8:16	8:23	8:31	8:40	8:47
Madison, Wis.	7:27	7:35	7:43	7:52	8:00	8:08
Springfield, Ill.	7:25	7:32	7:40	7:47	7:54	8:01

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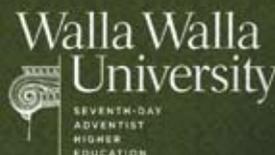
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Illinois

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Attention all high school students in the Chicagoland Area! Hinsdale Adventist Academy is hosting a 30 hour famine for World Vision's fight against hunger. The event will be held at Hinsdale Adventist Academy and will begin at 3:00 p.m. on **Apr. 25** and go until 9:00 p.m. on the 26th. For information packet or to make a reservation, call Pastor Frederick at 630-323-9211.

Broadview Academy Alumni Association is alive and well! Our school still binds us together! Broadview Academy Alumni Weekend is the **first weekend of May**. It is going to be held at the North Aurora Church school gymnasium, located at the corner of Mooseheart and Randall Roads in North Aurora. All alumni are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars. Call your classmates and start planning for this weekend now. Honor classes: 1948, '58, '68, '78, '83, '88 and '98. Friday night Vespers, Sabbath school and Church. All ideas and

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Indiana

God's Blueprint Seminar, presented by Carmelo Mercado, vice president of the Lake Union Conference, is **Apr. 4-5** at the Spencer Church, 1770 State Road 43 South. This seminar is based on Mercado's personal journey of pastoring for more than 20 years and what he gradually discovered to be God's blueprint on how to fulfill the Great Commission as given in Matt. 28, and how this blueprint was applied in early Adventist history, and what we can do to reintegrate that blueprint in a local church in the 21st century. He will speak at 7:00 p.m. Fri., 11:00 a.m. Sabbath and at 2:00 p.m. Sabbath afternoon. Bring food for a potluck lunch. For additional information, contact Dean Whitlow, pastor of the Spencer Church, at 812-829-2507 or by e-mail at dwhitlow@hughes.net.

Women's Ministries One-day Spring Retreat is **Apr. 12**, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Featured speakers are Rosa Morales who works with her husband Justo as Illinois Conference Hispanic coordinators, and Terri Fivash, author of *Joseph and Ruth & Boaz*. The fee per person covers all program supply expenses, registration and Sabbath lunch. For registration information, call Julie Loucks at the Indiana Conference at 317-844-6201.

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properly come before the delegation. Each church will be entitled to one delegate for the church organization and one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof. The Organizing Committee will meet the same day, Sun., May 18, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., at Indiana Academy. Gary Thurber, president
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Lake Region

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Michigan

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Battle Creek Academy's Alumni Reunion is scheduled for **Apr. 25-27**. The weekend will include: golf outing on Fri. morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Yarros Golf Club; musical Fri. night vespers at 8:00 p.m.; Sabbath church service with Lake Union Conference president, Walter Wright; potluck lunch in the BCA gym at approximately 1:00 p.m. (If you have a dish to share, drop it off at the cafeteria before church.); Sabbath evening vespers by alumnus Buddy Houghtaling ('77) & Friends at 7:00 p.m. in the BCA Tabernacle; and our Picnic-n-Pops academy band

program at the academy following vespers. (Food will be sold.) Honor classes this year are: 1928, '38, '48, '58, '68, '78, '83, '88 and '98.

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Eagle (Idaho) Seventh-day Adventist Church invites all members (past and present), family and friends to the 100th Anniversary of its organization, Fri. and Sabbath, **July 25 and 26**, 538 West State St., Eagle. For more information, contact Myrna Ferguson at 208-939-6568 or e-mail myfer40@msn.com.

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Recently, I've had the opportunity to mentor a few students on the campus of Andrews University. What a privilege and awesome responsibility. For me, the classroom provides an opportunity to peer into the world of youth culture. That and being a volunteer coach and bus driver have allowed me to be an "unnoticed" observer—kind of like sitting in a duck blind. Every once in a while, a student comes within mentor range.

I'm not sure what precipitates this relationship or if there is really any criteria or formula. I suppose it may be the result of providence. Something moves me and/or them to initiate a bond of nurture.

I owe my present media ministry to an incredible mentor. We all liked Jon Albee—this committed, young, creative, out-of-the-box teacher of writing, drama and television production. But something exceptional formed

in our relationship. I had never been as challenged, encouraged or frustrated by anyone. He seemed to be able to look inside and draw out talent and potential that I didn't even know existed.

Jon gave me a rather unusual and priceless gift—one that has had a profound impact on my life. After happily meeting all the criteria necessary to get a perfect "A" and more, he gave me a "B." Of course I asked him why. He responded matter-of-factly, "You held back. You did not reach your full potential. I graded you against yourself." He was right.

I thank God that Jon was moved to take me on—to mentor me in partnership with my Creator. We can all thank Jon, for in many ways the *Lake Union Herald* is a reflection of his dedication and creativity, and his willingness to mentor me.

Gary Burns is the communication director of the Lake Union Conference.

The Winter Season

BY CHRISTOPHER BARTLEY

I am a deciduous tree, and my educational experience is in the winter season. My leaves are gone—thus, I feel naked and exposed to the elements of uncertainty. I feel more vulnerable toward my uninhabited and currently vague future than in the past. Initially, my fresh, green leaves of certainty budded as a result of the sunshine of enlightenment that God provided when He revealed the primary purpose of my life—spring had then arrived. The confirmation that I was in the right place as a communication and religion major strengthened as I sat through each class and was able to visualize and connect the essence of each course with my soon-coming future as a pastor—this was the summer season.

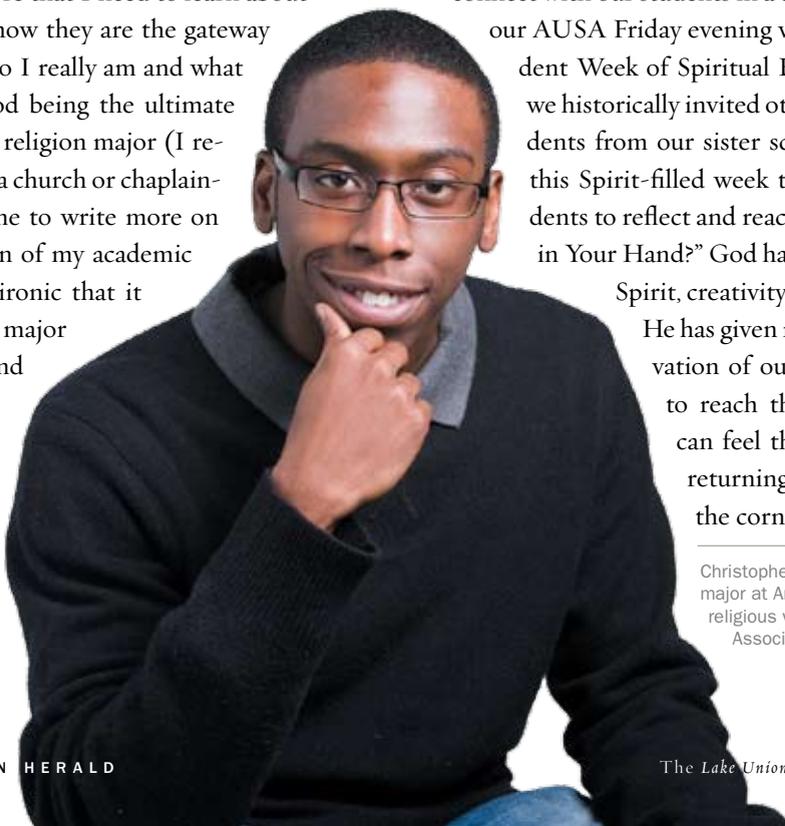
Then my leaves of certainty started to change color. In the clear-cut path to my future mission and career that I believe God paved loomed obstacles that blocked the transparency of my journey. I originally thought being a communication major merely functioned as a tool to enhance my potential as a future pastor, but the more classes I took the more complicated the purpose and function for my communication major became.

My communication education has allowed me to realize that there is so much more that I need to learn about myself and others, and how they are the gateway for true reflection of who I really am and what I can decide to be—God being the ultimate Other. Since I am also a religion major (I refuse to limit God to just a church or chaplaincy), one would expect me to write more on this “theological” portion of my academic program. However, it’s ironic that it is my communication major that has thus far tested and challenged the validity of my divine calling and the sincerity that I have put forth toward this consecrated goal. Then again, it is not as ironic as it seems, for

pastoral ministry is beyond preaching and exegetical study, but includes counseling, teaching, facilitating, guiding, reproving and loving a group of people, and then teaching them to do the same—this can only be done effectively as a competent communicator.

I can truly say this has positively influenced my role as religious vice president of the Andrews University Student Association (AUSA). It is the communication side of my academic program that has afforded me the creativity to connect with our students in a unique manner through our AUSA Friday evening vespers and annual Student Week of Spiritual Emphasis, and this year we historically invited other religious vice presidents from our sister schools to participate in this Spirit-filled week that prompted our students to reflect and react to the theme, “What’s in Your Hand?” God has provided me with His Spirit, creativity and interpersonal skill. He has given me a burden for the salvation of our students and passion to reach them where they are. I can feel those leaves of certainty returning. Springtime is around the corner.

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Tyler Bodi

Tyler enjoys reading about history and world cultures. After graduating from Andrews, he hopes to continue his education at a respectable law school. In his free time, Tyler enjoys music, photography/movie-making, traveling, interacting with people, playing sports, learning and laughing.

Since coming to Andrews, Tyler has taken an active role in student leadership, forming Flamekeepers, a student-run Bible study group which grew out of his academy experience. "The Flamekeeper purpose is to be a living demonstration of Christ's influence, to maintain spiritual highs and press fellow students to diligently pursue personal growth," says Tyler.

"The Flamekeeper Bible studies have been excellent at providing additional opportunities to meditate on heavenly things. But they are simply this, a supplement, not a substitution for each student's individual time with God."



Miriam Sanchez, 23, is the daughter of Ernesto and Rosa Sanchez of Chicago, Ill. Her family moved to the United States from the Dominican Republic in 1995. Miriam remembers that her father said, "If you forget where you came from, we will return to Santo Domingo!"

Miriam is a junior nursing major at Andrews University. "What draws me to nursing is the concept of restoration to the image of God that we as Andrews nursing students have committed to," says Miriam. After she graduates in May 2009, Miriam plans to take the NCLEX exam for her RN certification. "I hope I submit to God's will and timing for my life," says Miriam. "Wherever He leads, I will follow."

In addition to school, Miriam spends her time working as a dean's assistant for the women's dormitory. She also loves music, laughing and playing sports—especially snowboarding.

"God is very real to me," says Miriam. "There have been many trials in my life, but by His grace He has and is taking me through the storm. I am learning to set aside my own wants and dreams, and strive to follow His will and plan for my life.

"Interestingly enough, as I submit to His will, I find that my wants have been more than satisfied, and my dreams are becoming realities that I never thought possible. I pray He takes full control of me so that everything I do will please Him and bring Him honor."

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