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*Pictured on the cover are students from Anderson University's first graduating class in 1919. Pictured to right, students enjoy sledding into the Valley. This issue features photographs from the university's first 25 years, 1917-1942. The first in a series of four posters designed by AU Alumnus Larry Stuart is found on pages 16-17. This issue's poster features the rock found on the west edge of campus marking the place where early Church of God leaders Enoch and Noah Byrum knelt and dedicated the land that has become Anderson University to the service of God.*



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## Join the celebration

As we celebrate Anderson University's centennial, I think it's important to share memories of who we've been and from where we've come. That background is the foundation for where we are going in our second century of service. Part of all this is personal memories and part is collective, as we're now benefiting from in Dr. Merle Stregé's wonderful centennial history, *The Desk as Altar* (see excerpt on pages 12-15). If you have any interest in AU, it is a must read.

As the fifth president in our 100 years, it's humbling and encouraging to read about the God-inspired work of my predecessors, especially Dr. John Morrison, our first president. Talk about standing on the shoulders of giants! It's apparent that God was at work powerfully through Dr. Morrison, Dean Russel Olt, and many other outstanding, dedicated faculty and staff. These people overcame odds defying human understanding, thereby demonstrating the power of God working in and through them to accomplish much more than they could have on their own.

Some of my earliest memories growing up are of being on this campus, especially playing in and around Old Main, which existed where Decker Hall is now. I had no idea what was happening inside the offices, but my brother, friends, and I saw Old Main as an old castle that we should climb on, hide around, and explore every chance we got. It didn't hurt that my father, the Rev. Dr. Hollis Pistole, became a faculty member of the School of Theology in 1961, when I was 5 years old, and

**If you have memories of AU you'd like to share**, please send them to *Signatures* magazine, c/o Anderson University, 1100 E. 5th St., Anderson, IN 46012, to be posted on the website or printed in an upcoming issue of *Signatures*. And if you're visiting campus, please stop by. I'd love to see you.



*During Homecoming week, students, faculty, and staff gathered on the football field to form "100" to mark the university's centennial celebration. President Pistole is pictured in the middle next to Rodney Raven.*

I knew I could always go "across the Valley" to check in with him. Unfortunately, on more than one occasion, my adventures on and around Old Main got me in trouble, with one episode standing out from when I was 9 or 10 years old. I was climbing on the protruding stone which formed the exterior of the building (great steps!) when I went past an office where our

neighbor worked. Helen Holton, the registrar, saw me and gasped. She obviously didn't know my mountaineering skills when she motioned for me to get down from there! I was amazed that when I got home less than five minutes later (the beauty of living two blocks from campus), my mother had already been informed. Rather

than scold me, she told me to be more careful and perhaps not climb past office windows. I was pleased that none of these offenses kept me from enrolling years later.

Each of us who attended or visited here has memories of AU. Just as Old Main served its purpose for years and was "updated" with Decker Hall, our memories are being updated with new generations of students collecting memories of their own. Many of us have been blessed in ways that allow us to support AU through our time, talents, and treasures. I encourage you to do just that to help start our second century of service on solid footing. This firm foundation will enable current students and those who follow — their children and grandchildren — to better understand what it means "to educate for a life of service to the church and society."

Blessings,

*John S. Pistole, President, Anderson University*



# HOMECOMING 2016



## STUDENTS MEET EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

In its first academic year, students studying in Anderson University’s security studies program are not only learning quality skills needed for employment but how to integrate a faith perspective into their vocation.

As one of the few interdisciplinary, undergraduate programs in the country, faculty from computer science, engineering, and political science developed the curriculum for the national



security studies and information security majors.

“Liberal arts universities are great places to intellectually explore security matters,” said Dr. Dan Allen, associate professor in the Department of History and Political Science. “Intelligence agencies aren’t interested in having graduates learn spy ‘tradecraft’ at universities, for example. They want those they hire to have research skills, thinking and writing ability, and a holistic education. This is where schools like ours stand out. Christian views on foreign policy are woven into each of our courses in a way you won’t encounter at other schools.”

Dr. Kyle Tarplee, assistant professor of electrical engineering, said that many different companies, including Rook Security, New America Corp., and GEM Companies, have been interested in partnering with AU through the information security major, commonly called cybersecurity.

Delving deeper into the information security major requires coursework in statistics and a large selection of electives in political science and related fields.

With AU President John Pistole’s background in

government, the program has already had former members of Congress, the Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Senator Dan Coats visit and talk to classes. They have also booked several guests for the upcoming year from agencies in the federal government.

Experiential learning for students in the program has also already had an impact in classwork for the fall semester.



FAR LEFT:

*Alejandro Mayorkas, deputy secretary of Homeland Security, was on campus this year to speak with Anderson University students studying political science and security studies.*

LEFT:

*Former U.S. Senator Dan Coats addresses Anderson University students during his visit to campus.*

On election night, a team of students and faculty from AU’s security studies, computer science, and political science majors were invited to Indianapolis-based Rook Security to participate in monitoring the presidential election. The team looked for threats made on social media and hacker forums, with AU students identifying key counties in key states that Rook should monitor.

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“It is a whole new world,” Rook Security CEO and founder J.J. Thompson said. “Cyber threats are front and center.” This speaks to the relevance of the new security majors at AU.

Dr. Michael Frank, professor of political science, said, “Students participated in real cybersecurity work during a national election working alongside the Rook team as they monitored for evidence of hacking.”

For students entering security studies, AU’s program mixes academics, faith, and external experiences to create a program for successful career placement. —MEG FIELDS

## AU PURCHASES SOLAR RACE CAR

Not many universities can boast having a solar-powered race car parked on campus, let alone owning one. Especially a small liberal arts university. But Anderson University has proven over and over again that it is not like most universities.

The faculty in AU's School of Science and Engineering has been fascinated with the American Solar Challenge for some time. The challenge attracts universities from some of the top engineering schools in the United States, including Michigan State, University of Kentucky, Stanford, and Illinois State. The goal of the race is simple — to bring to the challenge the fastest and most durable solar-powered car that can withstand a cross-country race. For AU to compete in this challenge would be a huge accomplishment for a university of this size.

The solar car did not simply appear on campus overnight. It took some serious car shopping. Faculty from the School of Science and Engineering had to track down solar cars that could be bought from other universities. Anderson University received its solar car during the 2016 summer and is now customizing it to fit the university's needs.

Anderson University also invited all students, faculty, and staff to help name the car. The winning name was *Solis Corvus*, which is Latin for "Sun Raven."



*Pictured is the new solar-powered racing car owned by the Anderson University School of Science and Engineering. Students are preparing it for the 2018 American Solar Challenge.*

Until the car is ready to race, it will be incorporated into the university's curriculum. All students majoring in engineering will have the opportunity to work on the car. It is truly a hands-on opportunity that will not only prepare the solar car for the American Solar Challenge but also allow students an experience within their field.

The university hopes to enter the race car into the 2018 American Solar Challenge. —KATIE GIGER

STUDENT, FACULTY, AND STAFF volunteers were on hand to unload cars and carry suitcases, televisions, and furniture into residence halls during new student move-in in August. Anderson University welcomed 481 new students to campus, bringing total enrollment for the 2016-17 academic year to 2,300.



## THREE SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW DEANS

As the 2016-17 academic year began, three schools at Anderson University were under new leadership: the School of Nursing and Kinesiology, the School of Education, and the School of Theology and Christian Ministry. Two of the new deans began their AU careers as professors — Dr. Lynn Schmidt and Dr. MaryAnn Hawkins. Dr. Merribeth Bruning joined the university faculty from Ouachita Baptist University.

Schmidt was the graduate coordinator and assistant dean of the School of Nursing and Kinesiology. When the dean's position became vacant this summer, she was happy to step up and take a leadership role at a university that has come to mean so much to her.

One of Schmidt's passions is preparing nursing and kinesiology students to work in an increasingly diverse world. She is also looking forward to expanding simulation experiences for students in the coming months and years and is anticipating greater collaboration between nursing and kinesiology.

Bruning is the new dean of the School of Education. She came to AU after serving as the dean of education at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., for 10 years. She was drawn to AU because of the university's positive reputation and the faith-based learning environment.

"I've been at both public and private higher education institutions, and I really like being able to express my faith and be holistic with my students," said Bruning.

Bruning is looking forward to helping shape the next generation of leaders and building on the firm foundation that others have already laid.

Hawkins was the associate dean of the School of Theology and a professor of intercultural studies until she accepted the role as dean of the school. As she began her leadership, the School of Theology and undergraduate religious studies department joined together to form the School of Theology and Christian Ministry.



*Dr. MaryAnn Hawkins was installed as the new dean of the Anderson University School of Theology and Christian Ministry during Homecoming weekend in October.*

The combination of the two departments brings challenges but Hawkins explains the goal of preserving the philosophy of both areas. "The core of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry is holding high academic standards and faith in pastoral learning together," she said.

Although Hawkins will be overseeing more administrative tasks, she hopes to be able to maintain a presence in the classroom. —CHRISTINA NESSLAGE

ALUMNI WERE HONORED during Homecoming weekend in October for their service in the community and their commitment to Anderson University. Also recognized was this year's freshman Legacy Scholarship winner. Pictured (from left to right) are AU President **John Pistole**; **Micah Bryan**, Legacy Scholarship Award; **Kristian Andersen**, Distinguished Alumni Award; **Kara Carlisle**, Distinguished Young Alumni Award; **Dr. Merle Strege**, Distinguished Service Award; and **Kyle Schroeder**, alumni council president. Not pictured is **Diana Swoope**, who received the John H. Kane Loyalty Award.



## FALLS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS REMEMBERS DR. HAROLD LINAMEN

The Anderson University Falls School of Business enjoys the status of one of the nation's premiere business programs thanks to the dedication, vision, and steadfast leadership of some of the university's early business professors. Dr. Harold Linamen was one of the founders of today's business program at AU. He taught at AU for 38 years, retiring in 1987. He died in July of this past year, but he continues to be remembered for his work on this campus.

Dr. Harold Linamen, who had partaken in building the foundation of FSB and growing it, died this past July. He served as a professor, administrator and developer of the FSB for 38 years before he retired in 1987.

The aspiration of building a stronger business department at AU began when Linamen joined the department with Dr. Glenn Falls. Their presence at AU added leadership, apprenticeship, and stable development of the department.

"He [Linamen] and Dr. Falls together really grew this into a strong and respectable department," said Dr. Jerry Fox, professor of management and Austin/Cooper director of global business studies.

At the FSB, Linamen played a big role as an administrator. He developed firm structures to meet the business students' various needs, such as planning class schedules and providing different programs to provide a variety of academic options. He

always took care of many details behind the scenes to serve the students and faculty.

"He was a very good administrator and planner. He took care of a lot of busy details," said Fox. Despite his huge legacy and notable contribution to the growth of the department, Linamen always stayed humble. "He didn't look for public attention or getting credit. He was a very humble man and always looked to give credit to other people."

According to Dr. Doyle Lucas, director of the DBA Program and professor of management, Linamen was a man of humility and steadfastness, and he always sought to make in his teaching a "seamless connection between business and Christian faith."

In the Linamen Conference Room in Hardacre Hall, there is an inscription that describes Linamen as "an architect and builder of the Department of Business and Economics ... a beloved colleague, a devoted husband and father, a respected churchman, a friend and mentor to four decades of students, and a model of Christian love and servanthood."

"We are thankful for the investment he has made in the lives of others," said Dr. Terry Truitt, dean of Falls School of Business and professor of finance and economics. "Indeed, Dr. Linamen has had an immense impact on the Kingdom." —JOORI CHOI



THE ANDERSON UNIVERSITY'S Athletic Department honored alumni and a former faculty member and coach during Homecoming weekend by inducting them into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The 2016

inductees included (left to right) **Henry Wilk** (accepting for **Neal Tuminski**, wrestling); **Lou Gerig**, golf; **Becky Hull**, former coach, athletic director, and professor at AU; **Guy Perry**, golf; **Dave Selent**, golf; **Amie Flowers**,

softball and basketball; **Barry Hippensteel**, golf; **Jim Tanner**, golf; and **Wayne Gordon**, an alum involved in fundraising projects for the university and AU athletics.

# FACULTY Q&A

Dr. Todd Faulkner: *From campus pastor to classroom professor*



Dr. Todd Faulkner has transitioned from campus pastor to full-time professor in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry at Anderson University. Students often look to him for guidance as well as a good laugh. He is an inspiration to many students and faculty at AU.

## **Did you know from an early age that you wanted to be a pastor?**

I did not think that I would be a pastor from the beginning, but in high school I discovered I wanted to teach and work with youth. I have always been interested in literature and the storytelling process, but it wasn't until college that I found my calling to ministry and realized that I could integrate telling stories with Christianity.

## **What led you to become the campus pastor at AU?**

I had never thought of becoming a campus pastor until I was faced with the decision to do it. I don't even think I knew it was a job until college, and even then, I hadn't realized it was the path for me. After graduation, I worked in churches around the Pendleton, Ind., area and would come to Anderson's campus for church fairs and Bible studies. When the previous campus pastor transitioned into a faculty position, I was asked to be the next campus pastor. It was like a giant lightbulb went off. After several weeks of prayer and discussion with my family, we came to the conclusion that this is where our next stage of life would live out.

## **What was the most rewarding part about working as campus pastor at AU?**

These students are making huge life decisions. They are trying to identify who they are and what they want to do with their lives. They have so many questions: Will I get married? Where will I live? Will I get to do what I'm most passionate about? I get to go on this journey with them. This age group is so willing to listen to the spoken word and is open minded to other people's thoughts and opinions, and that makes this position at AU so rewarding to know that I was able to help these students when I could.

## **What has your first year as a full-time professor been like?**

I am teaching four classes and fulfilling other committee assignments. While I am no longer the campus pastor, I am still working alongside college students. I am able to become even more immersed with the learning process that happens inside the classroom. —KATIE GIGER

## **FUN FACTS**

**Besides *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*, are there any other movie or book series that you enjoy?**

The *Chronicles of Narnia* is one of my favorite series. I'm also interested in the sci-fi genre and superhero movies. Anything that makes me think about the plot or underlying meaning is fascinating to me.

**Do you have any unique talents or hobbies?**

I find that in my spare time I work to commit large portions of scripture, poems, or prose to memory.

**What sports teams do you cheer for?**

I grew up a Dallas Cowboys fan, but when I got older I chose my own team and now cheer for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

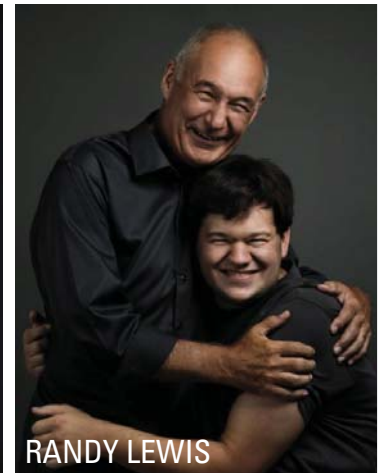
**What is your favorite AU memory?**

At the end of Impact Your World chapel series, I was able to bring my wife and children on stage as well as those who helped with the process of putting these chapels together. I was in a room filled with family and friends and felt at home. This was a very moving moment for me and I am so glad that I was able to experience it.

## COMING UP AT ANDERSON UNIVERSITY



SPRING INTO DANCE



RANDY LEWIS

### ■ CENTENNIAL CHAPEL SPEAKERS

Anderson University alumni will be speaking in chapel throughout the year as part of AU's centennial celebration. Featured in upcoming chapels will be Suzy Thompson and Michele Jackson on March 23, 2017, and Ben Orcutt and Steve Sipka on April 6, 2017.

### SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING LECTURE SERIES

■ Dr. Dan Ippolito, professor of biology, will present March 6, 2017, at 7 p.m. on new animal species of the past few decades. Dr. Lee Van Groningen, professor of mathematics will offer the final lecture — “Animated Math is Better: Matt Damon isn't actually that good at math, Kevin Spacey is much worse” — April 11, 2017, at 7 p.m.

*All lectures in the science and engineering series will be held in Hartung Hall, room 101. All lectures in the science and engineering series will be held in Hartung Hall, room 101.*

### BOZE LYRIC THEATRE

■ Boze Lyric Theatre presents *Triumph and Tragedy* — Two One-Act Operas

Feb. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 19 at 2:30 p.m. in Byrum Hall. For ticket information, call (765) 641-4140.

### SPRING INTO DANCE

■ Anderson University's dance program will present its 12th annual spring program March 31 at 7:30 p.m. and April 1 at 2:30 p.m. in Reardon Auditorium. For ticket information, call (765) 641-4140.

### RAVEN RUN

■ Anderson University students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and community members are invited to participate in this year's Raven Run to raise money for the Hope Center and AU Residence Life. The event is April 2, 2017, with registration at 8:15 a.m. and the race starting at 9 a.m. Participants can choose to do a 5K or 10K run.

### TRUTH, FAITH, AND SERVICE LECTURE SERIES

■ Randy Lewis will speak as part of the centennial celebration's Truth, Faith, and Service lecture series April 7, 2017, at 7 p.m. in York Performance Hall and Galleries. Lewis pioneered a disability

employment model in Walgreens' distribution centers that resulted in 10 percent of its workforce consisting of people with disabilities.

### SPRING PLAY *DOUBT*

■ Anderson University students will be presenting the play *Doubt* April 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. and April 9 at 2:30 p.m. in Byrum Hall. For ticket information, call (765) 641-4140.

### CENTENNIAL CONCERT

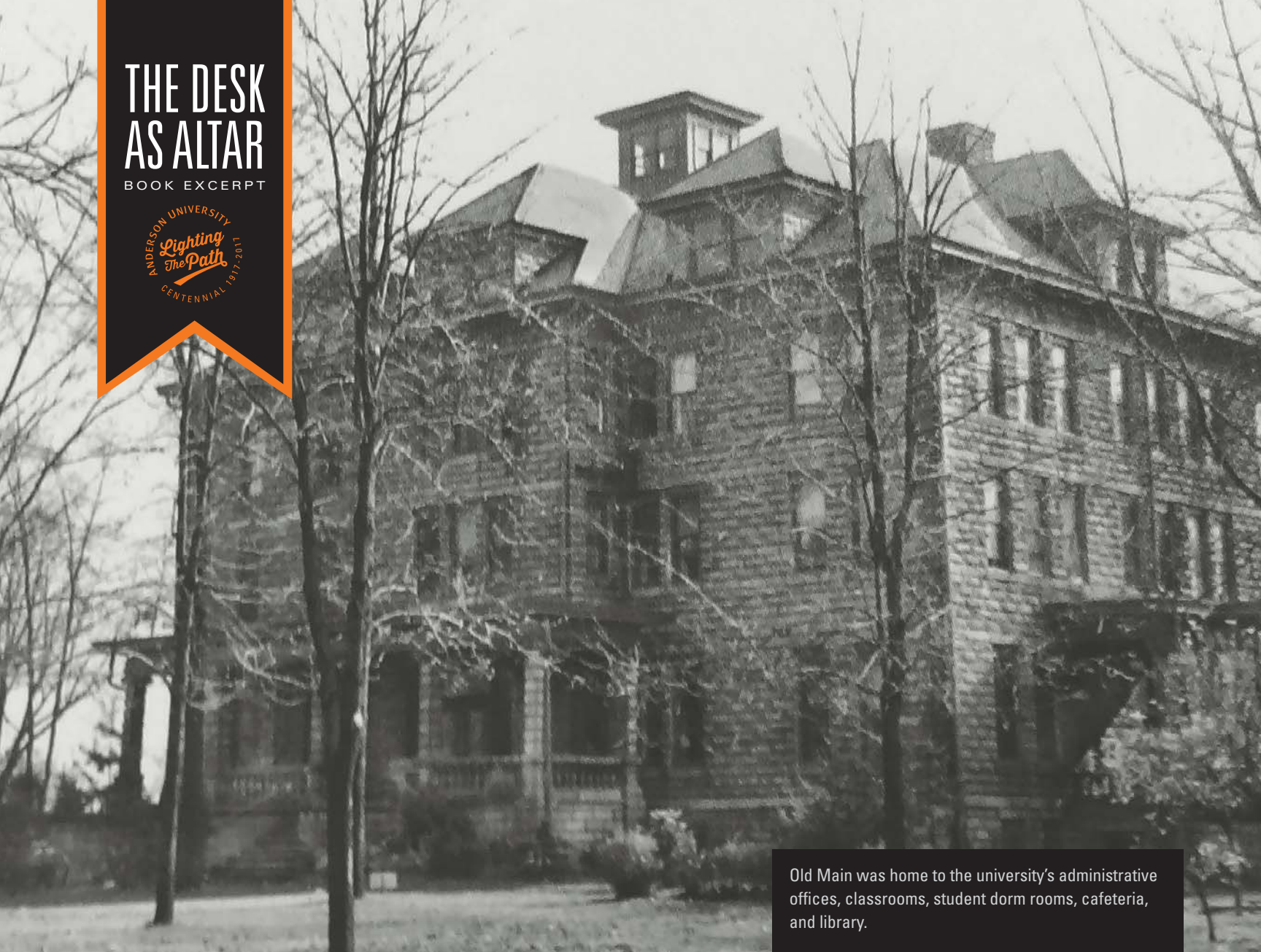
■ The Anderson Symphony Orchestra will mark AU's centennial celebration with a special concert April 29, 2017, at 7 p.m., in Reardon Auditorium. The concert will feature AU alumna Lynelle Johnson. For ticket information, call (765) 644-2111.

### HOMECOMING 2017

Save the date for Homecoming 2017 on Oct. 13-14.

# THE DESK AS ALTAR

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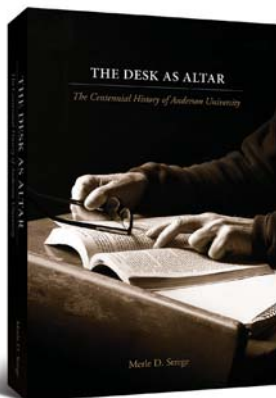
Old Main was home to the university's administrative offices, classrooms, student dorm rooms, cafeteria, and library.



John Morrison (standing), the college's president, and Dean Russell Olt (sitting in the front row in front of post) found themselves defending the college early on in the institution's history.



# RUSSELL OLT'S HYPNOTISM EXPERIMENT



Anderson College leaders were caught up in a series of vigorous disputes between 1929 and 1934. In some cases, John Morrison and Russell Olt each took steps that led to debates with and criticism from church leaders unsympathetic to Anderson. Morrison consistently took steps to reduce tension by fostering an understanding of the nature of church-related higher education. Nevertheless, he also pushed the edges of the envelope. In an era when the Church of God was largely bent on separating itself from Christians of other traditions, Morrison invited a Methodist minister to deliver the annual commencement address. He also found himself defending AC against outrageous rumors; in his home state of Missouri

people “heard” that cigars had been distributed at a college banquet. But perhaps the most intriguing of these disputes occurred at the hand of Dean Russell Olt in 1932.

Late in autumn, local dentist Rollie Bennett, concerned about anesthesia’s side effects on his patients, invited the dean to join in an experiment that would use hypnosis as a substitute. The suggestion intrigued Olt, who doubled as professor of psychology. A convenient subject was found in his secretary, Mary Husted, who suffered with a toothache. All parties agreeable, Bennett extracted Miss Husted’s bothersome tooth. The procedure exceeded all expectations, and the *Anderson Daily Bulletin* published a front-page account of the experiment.<sup>1</sup> Wire services picked up the story as another triumph in the march of science, and it eventually was broadcast on Lowell Thomas’s nightly news program on the CBS radio network.



Word of the experiment spread quickly throughout the church. Alumnus Carl Kardatzke, then a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, thought the episode hilarious and addressed Olt as “Doctor of Hypnosis.” Reported Kardatzke, “We heard down here that he has been tinkering with the devil. An old lady brought a clipping from an Anderson paper to church and almost raised a row... Whalens, who were formerly pasteurized [sic] by Dean Olt in Cincinnati, took up for him, and the battle was won.”<sup>2</sup> Unfortunately for Olt, no advocate quelled the suspicions of the Kentucky ministerial assembly,

not, on hypnosis. W. Dale Oldham, pastor of the Church of God in Lima, Ohio, chaired the meeting. Less structured than a previous formal hearing into Professor Russell Byrum’s theology, the session quickly degenerated. In his memoirs Olt characterized the meeting as a trial before a religious mob.<sup>7</sup> Oldham later recalled that the meeting quickly became electric. No vote was taken on Olt’s future; the informal gathering possessed no authority. In the end, cooler heads prevailed, and the dean was let off with a rebuke.<sup>8</sup> Olt recalled the event with less charity. Referring to himself in the third person he wrote,



**Dean Russell Olt**

The following summer, Olt stood before a tense, perspiring crowd during Anderson camp-meeting. He had agreed to be questioned by any individual with an opinion, founded or not, on hypnosis.

which formally recorded its opposition to such practices in the church’s school.<sup>3</sup> In December, Ohio ministers sent Morrison a similar resolution.<sup>4</sup> The situation escalated until Olt felt obligated to send out a letter of explanation. Still, he

“But the Dean mused that God maybe was laughing, too, at the seriousness at which so many were viewing the whole matter. Then upon second thought he concluded God must be pained, too, at the infamy of the whole charge, at the ignorance of the mob, at their injustice in showing their prejudiced judgment even before the charge was made.”<sup>9</sup>

Elsewhere church opinion was turning against Olt. Even alumni and college friends began chastising the highly respected dean. Alumnus Lester Shrock declared, “The school is sure in the limelight as at any gathering of ministers where I have been since leaving school. There is unfavorable discussion about it, and such dumb tricks as the one Dean Olt did sure keep it in the limelight, and I think not for the good of the institution.”<sup>10</sup> One of John Morrison’s trusted advisors wondered whether Olt could survive. Veteran minister W. E. Monk resided in the Pacific Northwest, where he served as a field secretary for AC. The western Washington resolution persuaded Monk that Olt might need to resign.<sup>11</sup> Morrison could not ignore Monk’s advice. Prior to entering the ministry, he had been in

could not resist offering the opinion that college opponents were making political hay of a trivial matter.<sup>5</sup> Similar resolutions followed, the most strident coming from far-off western Washington. Ministers there requested the removal of all college personnel associated with such practices.<sup>6</sup>

The following summer, Olt stood before a tense, perspiring crowd during Anderson camp-meeting. He had agreed to be questioned by any individual with an opinion, founded or

politics and learned how to gauge public opinion. Regardless of Monk's assessment, Morrison was determined to fight. Meanwhile the dean proposed that he apologize again, this time to all Church of God ministers.

The tone of Olt's apology could scarcely be described as meek. He used it instead to dispel rumors and innuendo. The dean frequently appealed to "facts," scientific authorities, and the opinions of leading ministers; in other words, he made an academic argument. He also relied on the credibility implicit in more than 20 years of ministry in the Church of God. But Olt also used the letter as an educational tool, differentiating the scientific practice of hypnosis from its misuse by carnival hucksters and quacks. He also justified his experiment as legitimate study by a psychologist and minister. The dean stood with the scientific community and faced the church for its sake. Explained Olt, "I was interested in determining the values inherent in [the experiment] — values which might be conserved by the minister for the cause of Christ. I felt that my own investigation and experimental work in this particular field

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**John Morrison observed, "The school has many problems to face and many obstacles, but by the grace of God we shall come out more than conquerors."**<sup>12</sup>

was just in line with this widespread movement going on today in the religious world."<sup>12</sup>

The episode stung Dean Olt but it did not daunt him. He considered the year following his experiment among the most trying he had ever endured. Still, critics had not undermined his faith in what he called the church's "big principles": Christian unity and the notion that the Holy Spirit guides believers into the truth. But Olt also admitted, "I must sadly confess that too often I find ignorance, stupidity, and superstition



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standing in the way of God's working with us as a people."<sup>13</sup> Nevertheless, the dean believed in the ultimate triumph of truth and enlightenment and hoped that the church's ethical practice might soon conform to its theology. Despite widespread criticism, Olt was determined to remain at the college and within the Church of God movement. As the furor subsided, his letter appeared to secure those ends. In actuality the spotlight merely shifted to John Morrison, who observed, "The school has many problems to face and many obstacles, but by the grace of God we shall come out more than conquerors. Most of our trouble is traceable to a point in a state just east of us."<sup>14</sup> In the last of the disputes of 1929-1934, for nine months President Morrison found himself fighting for his own career and the future of the liberal arts curriculum at Anderson College.

1 December 14, 1932.

2 Kardatzke to Morrison, February 4, 1933, AC Box 7, File 5, AUA. The quotation gives a glimpse of Kardatzke's humor; by pasteurized he meant "pastored."

3 Kentucky Ministerial Assembly to Morrison, February 2, 1933, AC Box 7, File 4, AUA.

4 Ohio ministers expressed "... our disapproval and [that we] file our protest against such practices by any professor or person connected with our college, and that we condemn such as inconsistent with the spirit of the New Testament and the Church of God." Ohio Ministerial Assembly to Morrison, December 30, 1932, AC Box 9, File 8, AUA.

5 Olt copied this letter into his memoirs. Cf. George Russell Olt, "Little Journeys at Home and Abroad, or, Some of Life's Sketches Written by a Dean," unpublished manuscript, 1958, 7-17, AC Box 132, AUA.

6 Western Washington Ministerial Assembly to Anderson College Board of Directors [Trustees], August 1933, AC Box 9, File 4, AUA.

7 Olt's occasionally sardonic recollection of the meeting appears in a chapter of his unpublished memoirs. Cf. George Russell Olt, "Little Journeys at Home and Abroad," loc. cit.

8 Dale Oldham, *Giants Along My Path* (Anderson: Warner Press, 1973), 134-135. Oldham tells the tale with some of a popular preacher's embellishment.

9 Olt, "Little Journeys at Home and Abroad," 12, loc. cit.

10 Shrock to Morrison, August 15, 1933, AC Box 13, File 4, AUA. Shrock's emphasis.

11 Monk to Morrison, August 15, 1933, AC Box 9, File 4, AUA.

12 Olt to "All Ministers of the Church of God," September 11, 1933, copied in Olt's memoirs, loc. cit.

13 Olt to Maybrey Evans, September 13, 1933, AC Box 61, File 16, AUA.

14 Morrison to W. E. Monk, September 13, 1933, AC Box 9 File 4, AUA.

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# TO THE ALLAN BLOOM

Marked by this stone is the site of the original building of Anderson University, which was founded in 1842 by the Rev. James H. Anderson, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church. The building was destroyed by fire in 1862. The present building was erected in 1863. The stone was set in place in 1917.

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, 1917-2017

# *Eager to* LEARN

1917-1942

STUDENTS AND FACULTY 1919-20

Pictured are the students and faculty of the 1919-20 school year. Seated third from the right in the first row is John A. Morrison. Morrison was only 23 years old when Wilson recruited him to come to Anderson, Ind., to teach and eventually lead the school.

A. B. J. S. 1919-20

ANDERSON BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

In 1917, Anderson Bible Training School was born to train men and women for the purpose of ministry. What began with the Gospel Trumpet, a publishing house for the young Church of God Movement, was now an entity of its own. Over the next 100 years, the university would attract Church of God students, as well as students from other denominations, from around the world seeking to be educated for lives of faith and service to the church and society.



OLD MAIN

In the beginning, Old Main was the campus. It housed administrative offices, classrooms, the library, the cafeteria, the mail center, and the student dormitory. It was built in 1906, before the university was established, and served as a residential facility and dining hall for workers at the Gospel Trumpet. Originally named the Trumpet Home, it was renamed Old Main when it became the center of the university. It was razed in 1968 and replaced by Decker Hall. Alumni who studied, slept, and ate in Old Main still have fond memories of the building.



ATHLETICS

Athletics were encouraged early on in the history of Anderson University. Students took advantage of the large outdoor space around Old Main, and the campmeeting dining hall was used for indoor activities, including basketball. Pictured are the university's 1925 men's basketball team and the women's gym class from that same era.

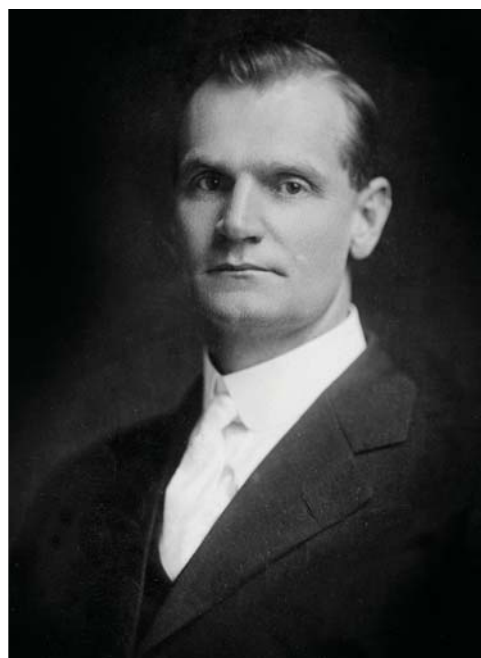




*Anna Weber      Anna Kaplan      Frank Shaw      Dorothy Timmons      Stella Meigel  
 Fred Blare      Ethel Peck      Mrs. Isaiah Bowser      Edith Bleuler      Ada Pope  
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FIRST GRADUATES

The first students of Anderson Bible Training College graduated in 1919.



JOSEPH T. WILSON

Joseph T. Wilson was the general manager of the Gospel Trumpet Company in Anderson, Ind., when he was asked about providing training for Church of God ministers. The workers in the Gospel Trumpet were also wanting to gain further knowledge about the Bible. Anderson Bible Training School opened in October 1917, and Wilson acted as the school's principal. The endeavor quickly grew, and faculty were added and rooms in Old Main modified for the purpose of class instruction.



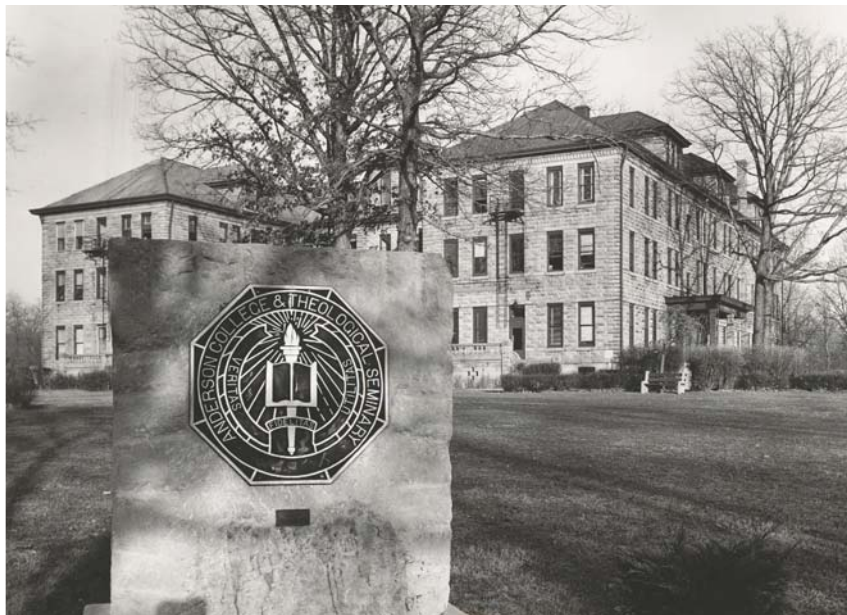
MUSIC

Music was also an important part of the university's early curriculum. Henry C. Clausen was hired within the first two years of the school's opening to teach music and voice. Pictured are members of the school's orchestra during the 1923-24 school year. Those identified include John Batdorf, trombone; Lottie Trogler, violin; Carl Kardatzke, trumpet; Pearl Johnson, mandolin; Dora Gerig Batdorf, piano; Tom Ramsey, violin; and Haig Darpinion, violin. The photo was taken in the chapel in Old Main.

POP BOTTLE BAND

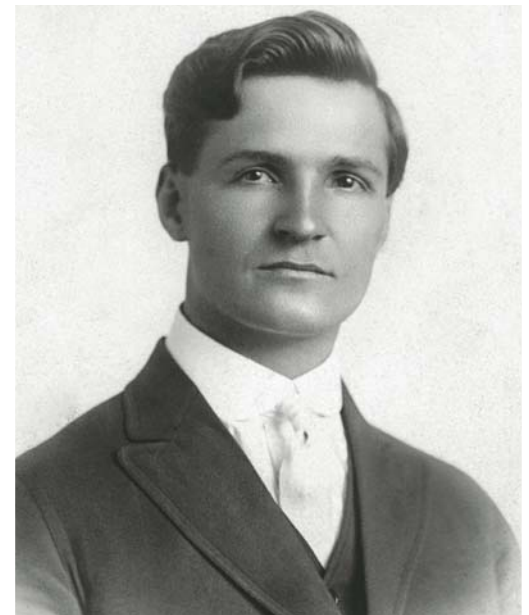
Of course, no academic music program is complete without a pop bottle band.





COLLEGE RENAMED

In 1925, the Anderson Bible Training School was renamed Anderson Bible School and Seminary. It became Anderson College and Theological Seminary in 1929.



DR. JOHN A. MORRISON

After joining the faculty in 1919, Dr. John A. Morrison became the principal of the Anderson Bible Training School in 1923. In 1925, he was named the first president of the institution. He served as president until his retirement in 1958. He served a majority of those years with Russell Olt, college dean and psychology professor at the school from 1925 until his death in 1958. Olt is pictured on page 14 and is the subject of Dr. Merle Strege's excerpt from *The Desk as Altar* this issue.



FIRST MAY QUEEN

Before Homecoming celebrations began, students at Anderson College and Theological Seminary enjoyed May Festival. The first May Queen, Mona Morrison, was crowned in May 1940. The last May Festival held on campus was in 1980.

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# Alumni Memories

## Touring with Everyday People

*Editor's Note: Donna Tavani '79 recognized herself in a photo of the AU traveling music group Everyday People in the last issue of Signatures. I asked her to share about her experience with the group. If you have memories from your time at AU that you would like to share, send them to me at Signatures magazine, Anderson University, 1100 E. Fifth St., Anderson, IN 46012. —Deborah Lilly, editor*

Everyday People was a traveling group that performed in churches, as well as at state and county fairs as warm-up acts for celebrities such as Helen Reddy, John Davidson, and Lynn Anderson. We also sang as warm-up at Warner Auditorium for Andre Crouch, in his heyday, during the annual campmeeting. It was my first exposure to black gospel music, and it was love at first sight!

I remember that a gentleman from the college traveled to my home in Columbus, Ohio, to audition me right in my living room. I played piano for myself and sang a song from *Godspell*. The day after my high school graduation in 1976, we all met on campus to rehearse in the basement of a house near Morrison Hall. From there, we toured the United States as far west as Dallas and Houston, Texas, and many states in between. We also did a January tour to Florida that year. This was also my first positive exposure to country music, and I went from hating it to appreciating it, since we were hearing some of the best artists in the business as we performed as their warm-up act.



*Pictured is the Anderson University touring group Everyday People with John Davidson. Tavani is on Davidson's left.*

I was not from an evangelical Christian home. I had been exposed to the gospel in a Church of God in Columbus under Pastor Withrow, who later came to work at the headquarters of the Church of God in Anderson. I made my first public commitment to Christ at a Church of God youth convention in Denver, Colo., in 1975. Pastor Withrow was succeeded by James Edwards, who later became president of Anderson University. I am grateful for the spiritual encouragement I received both in that church in Columbus and at Anderson College. I'm not sure where

I would have ended up without it.

I have one vivid memory of an interview I had initiated with the campus pastor at Anderson. I was discouraged and struggling spiritually. He shared a verse with me that I held onto and have seen realized in my life by God's amazing grace: "... being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to

completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Phil 1:6.

I've seen this verse fulfilled on an ongoing basis. I left Anderson College after my junior year and completed a degree in voice performance at Florida State University, where I found a great church. After coming to the Washington, D.C. area to continue my voice studies, I met my husband. Nick and I just celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary in August and have raised six sons, who, by God's wonderful mercy and kindness, are all serving Jesus. I'm truly grateful for the role Anderson College played in my spiritual journey. —DONNA TAVANI

# Alumni Profile

Jason BA '04 and Stephanie BA '02 Simpson

## The Simpson Six

For many people, the notion of towing a house on wheels around the USA is a romantic ideal — perhaps on a bucket list for retirement. But for **Jason BA '04 and Stephanie BA '02 Simpson** and their four children, Caroline (11), Lydia (9), Ian (7), and Eliza (5), the open road is home.

About nine years ago, Jason and Stephanie started to discuss selling their house in the suburbs of Indianapolis and taking the ultimate road trip around America in an RV full time. Stephanie, who used to travel with her family during the summer, instigated the idea, and Jason's only question was, "When do we leave?" What they once envisioned as a temporary adventure soon turned into an indefinite lifestyle.

"There is so much to see and do in this country," Jason said. "It's so much easier to enjoy it when we can move to an area. My job contracts usually last for several weeks to a few months, so we aren't in and out of an area. It's fun to get past the surface level tourist things and find the hidden gems."

The Simpson family has seen 31 of the 50 states, as well as the District of Columbia.

"It's hard to pick a favorite overall," Jason said. "They each have their own appeal."

Jason, a mass communication graduate, initially worked in the media field while living in Indiana. His career path has shifted, and he now works as an electrician. Stephanie, who earned her degree in elementary education, is executive leader and educational consultant for Usborne Books and More. Both find the flexibility their current work offers to be key in supporting their dream to travel.

"The whole country is your backyard," Jason said.

Jason emphasized that their nomadic choice is "not a vacation." The Simpsons' trailer home presents unique challenges, from flat tires to smaller living quarters. And while Jason admits the family does occasionally get sick of one another, it is no more than when they lived in a larger, more traditional house.

"You have a hard time losing your family in 350 square feet," Jason said. "It forces interaction, which brings the family closer."



For now, the Simpson Six, as they are known on their self-titled blog, *simpsonsix.com*, have no plans to stop moving anytime soon and have even considered international travel. They occasionally return to Indiana, where they maintain residency, but beyond that, Jason said, "Home is where you park it." —MARYANN KOOPMAN KELLY

# Alumni Profiles

Jamie Mahan BA '11, Jessie Eskew BA '10, Graham Brown BA '10,

## Alumni making it in the Maker Movement

*There is a renewed interest in the United States for handmade products or products created by small businesses. Consider, for example, the online-based vendor Etsy that gives artists a place to sell everything from handmade jewelry to wall art. Dubbed the Makers Movement, success requires not only talent but a broader knowledge than one discipline can teach — marketing, business, communication, leadership, computer skills, etc. In other words, a liberal arts degree comes in handy.*

*In this story, meet three Anderson University alumni who have taken their artistic talents to create their own businesses, whether it's a full-time job or still a part-time passion.*

### Creating unique sounds

Ever since childhood, **Jamie Mahan BA '11**, who studied music business at AU, has been intrigued by guitars, inside and out. He recalls a curiosity of not just how they look, but how they work and how they are put together.



“My dad played since before I was born. He had an electric guitar and an amplifier. It was fire-engine red. I was mystified by how it looked and sounded. That was when the seed was planted,” Mahan said.

Now, when he isn't working at Arthur's Music Store in Indianapolis, he is engaged in his “expensive hobby” of restoring and rehabilitating old guitars, knowledge gained from his studies at Roberto-Venn School of Luthery.

His aim is to never make the same guitar twice, each one serving a specific purpose and a specific player. To that end, he prefers to build instruments that have not already been made, rather working with a customer to craft a new and exciting guitar that is uniquely their own.

“It is a mix of practical function, wood, hardware, and metal. You give a guitar to a hundred different people and you get 100 different sounds,” Mahan said.

While Mahan widely considers his work a solo gig, he has found the contributions of others to be invaluable and, likewise, makes himself available to help others. These collaborations mostly happen at conventions.

“I end up picking the brains of other guitar repair people. Instagram is a treasure trove of information. People in the guitar community are super into sharing,” said Mahan. “There are just so many variables in the world. I am always coming across other people and it is like, ‘I've never thought about that before.’”

For more information on Mahan and his work, visit his website at [mahanguitars.com](http://mahanguitars.com).

### Love affair with paper

“For as long as I can remember, I've been a fan of the handwritten note, and I wanted to start a business that embodied that aspect of my life,” said **Jessie Eskew '10**. “In 2012, I traveled to the Pacific Northwest, and while visiting a rather large local bookshop in Portland, I noticed a section of greeting cards and personal stationery from independent designers and companies. I had an ‘a-ha’ moment and found my professional calling in life.”

The No. 18 Paper Company was born. The business, based in Indianapolis, specializes in greeting cards, social and

wedding stationery, event calligraphy, and creative workshops.

The Makers Movement, with its emphasis on making products locally and by hand, has had an influence on Eskew's philosophies. Giving people a local creative option outside



of factory-produced goods is more than a business model, it is a form of social responsibility, she said.

“Less money in communities leads to higher unemployment rates, which is largely

associated with higher crime rates, and this cycle goes on and on. If we as a society put more emphasis on buying locally, and buying thoughtfully, we can turn it all around,” she explained.

As others support her, she supports others. She takes some of her profit and gives it to other organizations in the community.

Eskew also uses her community for inspiration. It is not out of the ordinary to see a sketchbook in Eskew's hands when she is out just in case she's struck with a new idea.

To learn more about Eskew's business, go to [18paperco.com](http://18paperco.com).

## A business honoring place

**Graham Brown BA '10** knows the value of keeping it local. Located in Indianapolis, his T-shirt business — United State of Indiana — specializes in Hoosier-themed products.

He started the venture six years ago and has been doing it full time with a team of five employees.

Brown, who majored in management at AU, says that his venture is certainly influenced by the Makers Movement, despite the screenprinting business not being a perfect fit with its “small run, hand-made stuff” model.

“People my age want to invest in a good product that is utilitarian yet fashionable, that you can feel good about paying for. That is the mindset fueling it,” he explained.

The notion of collaboration with others has also been important to Brown, especially when he was coming out of college.

“My involvement in the creative, handmade, local pride scene was very much a continuation from what I was doing at Anderson, and sticking around made it easy to be in an environment to try a few ideas out,” he said. “Anderson was a cool place to live cheaply and get things off the ground with supportive people around me.”

He is trying to bring that support mentality to his company, whether working with local seamstresses in the production process or internally with his own employees doing creative brainstorming.



“For the most part, I at least come up with the idea for the design, but having others execute them is the best idea,” he said. “I have people in my circle who do it really well. I am also pretty good with business analytics and reports.”

For more information on United State of Indiana, visit the website at [unitedstateofindiana.com](http://unitedstateofindiana.com). —SCOTT REES

## CLASS NOTES

**1960** **Hilda Jeeninga Beckman BS** has written her autobiography titled *Paths to Life*. The book includes living in the Netherlands during World War II, immigrating to the United States, and the Church of God congregation from her birthplace, Ymuiden, the Netherlands.

**1962** **Nyle Kardatzke BS** announces the publication of his book *The Clock of the Covenant*. In this book, he shares his experiences of growing up in the Elmore, Ohio, Church of God in the 1940s and 1950s. He has written two other books. *Widow-man: A Widower's Story and Journaling Book* (2014) is about his and other men's experiences of being widowed, from shock and grief through practical issues of being alone and contemplating remarriage and one's legacy. His collection of short stories, *The Brown House Stories*, was published in 2015. The stories are set at an Ohio farmhouse in 1943, when Nyle was three years old. The stories are based upon events Nyle experienced as a child or heard about later. The books can be purchased online through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

**1970** **Rebecca "Becky" Atts Harwick BA** and her husband, Craig, have retired and live in Fuquay-Varina, N.C., where they are active at the Penny Road Church of the Nazarene and volunteer weekly at their grandsons' elementary school.

**1972** **Robert A. Waterson BA** was selected as the West Virginia University College of Education and Human Services Outstanding Teacher for 2015-2016. He is a tenured associate professor of social studies education and director of the WVU Center for Democracy and Citizenship Education.

**1974** **Dottie (Secrest) Henley BA** has accepted a position as English content specialist with the National Math and Science Initiative. Dottie's responsibilities include working with AP English teachers to support open enrollment in rigorous courses and student success.

**1975** **Loren Corner BA** retired after 10 years at the Indiana Pendleton prison and 25 years at the Lane County Oregon Sheriffs Office. Loren and his wife, Diana, live in Eugene, Ore., and are active in their church and enjoy traveling in their RV and babysitting their three grandsons.

**1978** **Martin Briggs BA** was named one of recipients of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. He was the awardee in the area of mathematics for the state of Indiana. The Award Ceremony was held Sept. 8, 2016, in Washington, D.C.

**1984** **Larry Stuart BA**, a graphic designer, has started a new venture—The Union Archive. He writes, "The Union Archive is born out of a passion for art and history. My appreciation of vintage typography and art, along with a deep affection for the narrative of the United States, led me to combine drawing with events from the American experience. This blending of art and story has provided me with a new way of interpreting the history of America." He has placed some art in national parks. Prints are available at [www.theunionarchive.com](http://www.theunionarchive.com). The Union Archive is available for commissions and collaborations. You can follow his regular design site at [www.larrystuartstudio.com](http://www.larrystuartstudio.com). Larry also designed the poster (pages 16-17) in this issue of *Signatures* magazine.

**1985** **Chris Luekenga BA** serves Western State Colorado University as associate vice president for student affairs, chief conduct officer, and Title IX Administrator. He was selected by the National Center for Campus Public Safety to be a facilitator/trainer for trauma informed sexual assault investigations. Chris has also received certification from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in incident command systems for higher education and managing critical incidents for higher education institutions. His daughter, Madison, is a junior at AU.

**Joy Pentz Jefferys AA, BA** writes, "With glad and thankful hearts, my husband Ron and I added to our family through adoption. Liam Matthew Pentz Jefferys and Neil Jonathan Pentz Jefferys officially joined our family in May 2015, after having already lived in our home for more than two years. Liam was 17 months and Neil was 3 days old when we first met and loved them. They are now very active boys, ages 3 and 4, and are keeping us young!"

**1993** **April (Fair) Rodriguez BA** began private practice with Associates in Counseling and Psychotherapy in New Albany, Ind., in April 2016.

**2002** **Katrina Worley BA** married Michael Steiner on June 4, 2016, in Kansas. Alumni involved in the wedding were **Mandy (Raper) Bush '01**, **Gilbert Cochran BA '01**, and **Angie (Korporal) Cochran '02**. Katrina is the head athletic trainer at Tabor College in Kansas.

**2003** **Nathan Lutterman BA** is back at Anderson University, working on a graduate degree in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry. His wife, **Toya Lutterman BSN '03**, is an instructor of nursing at AU. He teaches 5th grade in Kokomo, Ind., and pastors at a local church. He writes, "I am looking forward to continuing my educational journey at Anderson University. The connections I have made at Anderson University have been so valuable in helping me enter into different vocations of my life. I look forward to sending our five children to Anderson University as they continue at mom and dad's old stomping grounds."

**David Hagenbuch DBA** has published a book titled *Honorable Influence: A Christian's Guide to Faithful Marketing*. It can be purchased online through Amazon. David writes, "I continue to appreciate what my Anderson business education taught me about how to conduct business." You may visit his website at [www.HonorableInfluence.com](http://www.HonorableInfluence.com).

**2008** **Craig Smith BA** and **David Carnes BA** write that they have had great success since forming Indy Woodsmith. They make custom wood home decor and furniture. They recently sold items to and filmed a scene with HGTV's show Good Bones, based in downtown Indianapolis Fountain Square.

**2010** **Nicholas Zehner BA** has been admitted to the Stanford University School of Medicine. Zehner received a Master of Divinity last spring from Harvard University.

**2016** **Erica Voorhees Martin BA** was a recipient of the James Madison Fellowship, which is named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights. The fellowship funds up to \$24,000 of each fellow's course of study toward a master's degree. That program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution. Only one Senior Fellow is selected per year per state.

## REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS

**Dr. John C. Park BA '78**, known to most as “Mountain,” passed away June 28, 2015, in Waco, Texas. He was a professor at North Carolina State University for 27 years before he retired. He moved to Waco and continued teaching science education at Baylor University. As an educator, he touched many lives. He is survived by his wife, children, and grandchild.

**Rick Mathis '74** died July 27, 2015, in Henderson, Nev. Survivors include wife **Jan Mathis BA '75**; children Shayne, Tim, and Leah; and grandchildren, Jason and Natalie.

**Timothy Brant BA '76** died Feb. 28, 2016, of renal cancer. He had been retired from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction since 2007, continuing to work in a contract position through 2013. He and his wife, **Jane (Castanine) Brant BA '74**, have a son, a daughter, and four grandsons.

**Brian McCarrier BA '85** died April 10, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife, **Deanna (Cotter) McCarrier BA '85**, and children Beth, Hannah, and Ian. He was president of Interstate Pipe & Supply Co. Inc. and a partner with his wife at McCarrier CPAs.

**Betty Ann (Church) Harman '52** died June 5, 2016. She was married to the **Rev. Dan Harman BA '51, MDiv '65**, who survives. For 44 years, Dan and Betty served the church in pastoral ministry. When Dan became an editor at Warner Press, Betty worked for the Missionary Board of the Church of God. After retirement from the Missionary Board, she launched her own catering service. For more than 20 years, she provided an abundance of popular meals. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a son, James Thomas “JT” Harman, and a daughter, Linda Harman, as well as two grandchildren.

**Joy Y. Porter '68** died June 7, 2016, in Wheeling, W.Va. Joy was a member of the First Church of God in Cadiz,

where she played the organ and piano. She served as an officer for the State Chapter of the Church of God and was the Treasurer for the North East Chapter of the Church of God Women's Group. She served as a substitute teacher and taught GED classes. She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Chester H. Porter; two sons, **C. Scott Porter '80** and **Shawn Porter BA '88**; two daughters, Sheree Ossman and **Teresa Gable AA '79, BA '81**; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Marilyn Jeanise (Middleton) Ferguson Merten BS '78** passed away unexpectedly in her sleep, June 13, 2015, at age 59. She attended East Side Church of God for more than 35 years. She worked at Church of God Ministries for more than 17 years. She is survived by her husband, Michael Merten; daughter **Kristina Ferguson BS '06**; siblings, **Marlene (Middleton) Kaufman AA '78**, the Rev. Howard Middleton, and **Daniel Middleton '88**; and her mother, Dorothy (Hunter) Middleton. She was preceded in death by her father, the **Rev. Norman Middleton '77**; brothers, **Darrell Middleton '79** and Kenneth Middleton; and first husband, Alfred Ferguson.

**VeraGene Bickle Hill BS '48** died June 15, 2016, in Lincoln, Neb. She attended the University of Louisville as well as AU. She graduated from AU with a bachelor's degree in music. She married the **Rev. Dr. Leonard R. Hill BA '54** Dec. 22, 1947. For several decades, VeraGene served various congregations as a pastor's wife and church pianist and organist. She taught English and music at Jefferson Junior High School in southern Indiana. In Lincoln, she taught English and music, and was a counselor at Whittier and Culler junior high schools. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Lynna Gene Cook, Alice Ann Bourne, Chris Hill, and Arch Hill; four granddaughters; six great-grandchildren; and her sister, **Alma Ann Newberry-Powell '53**.

**Dena Gayle Sipe BA '72** died June 17, 2016, after a courageous battle with cancer. She married Kevin Sipe Aug. 15, 1982. She had retired in 2010, after 35 years of teaching at Oakland Elementary in Elwood. She earned her master's degree at Ball State University. She was an active member of Alexandria Church of God. She is survived by her husband; her mother, Wanda Smith; a son, **Jordan Sipe '05**; a daughter, Allison Sipe; an infant grandson, Oliver Sipe; sisters Rita Chessor and Sheryl Armstrong; and brothers Randall Smith and Martin Smith.

**Cecilia "Ceci" Ann Breckenridge Wigen '62** died June 29, 2016, at the Simi Valley Hospital in California. After college, Ceci worked a short period for the Federal Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. She then began a 41-year career as a flight attendant for United Airlines. She flew from several bases: Chicago, Miami, and Los Angeles, both domestic and international. She volunteered and worked at the Reagan Presidential Library for two years. She then volunteered for about 13 years to support the restoration and maintenance of the early California beach property in Malibu — the historic Adamson House. She is survived by her husband, Cliff Wigen; her two sisters, **Linda (Breckenridge) Busby BS '65** and **Kathryn (Breckenridge) Casey BA '72, AA '77**; two stepsons, Clifford and William Wigen; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Jack Dennis Hale BS '63** died July 6, 2016. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was part of the team that set up the Distant Early Warning Network (D.E.W. Line) in Alaska. As an English major at Anderson University, he wrote and directed Christmas plays for four years as a member of the Drama Club. While in Kentucky, he worked with the first OEO project in the War on Poverty, developing literacy programs for adults. He taught school for several years, then began a career in social services. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, **Luanna (Boyer) Hale BS '58**; three children, Dawn Marie Brekke, Marcina Lee Hale, and Tarin Stuart; nine grandchildren; three brothers, **Rodney Warren Hale BS '57**, Scott Allen Hale, and Terry Michael Hale.

**Marilyn J. (Harrison) Smith '50** died on Aug. 12, 2016. She married **Robert N. Smith BS '53**, Anderson University professor emeritus of speech and drama, in West Plains, Mo., Aug. 18, 1951. In addition to AU, she also attended Southwest Missouri College. She taught grades 1-4 at Task Elementary from 1950-51. She worked for the Gospel Trumpet Company, was an excellent wife and mother, and her most recent employment was as assistant director of the Park Place Children's Center for 19 years. She is survived by her husband; four children, the **Rev. Timothy Smith BA '74**, **Roberta (Smith) Poncé BA '77**, the **Rev. Gregory Smith BA '88**, and the **Rev. Jennifer (Smith) Davis BA '88**; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

**Aloma (Saltzmann) Alford BA '50** died Aug. 23, 2016, at her home with family nearby. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who is survived by her children, **Grant Alford BA '77**, **Holly (Alford) King BA '79**, and **Scott Alford '80**; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her brother, **Paul Saltzmann BS '57**, mathematics professor at Anderson University. She was preceded in death by her husband, the **Rev. Charles Alford BA '50, MDiv '53**. She was a long-time federal government employee, but her true identity was found in being a follower of Christ and being a pastor's wife to Charles. They pastored congregations in Louisiana, Colorado, Arizona, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Alabama, and Florida.

**Ernest Russell Lopez BA '67, MDiv '70** died Sept 7, 2016. He was a retired ordained minister and a public school teacher. He provided strong leadership to the Spanish speaking Churches of God in the United States and Latin America, serving three terms as the president of the Hispanic Council of Churches and later as historian of the Hispanic Church of God. He leaves behind his wife of 47 years, **Jolene Sommers Lopez '70**; a brother, Andrew Lopez; a daughter, **Beatrice Lopez Moreno BA '93**; three sons, Anthony, Joseph, and Joshua Lopez; and three grandchildren.

# STUDENTS REACH OUT TO ALUMS

*Pictured above is the Anderson University student Phonathon team. They connected with alumni across the United States to share campus news, listen to AU memories, and provide opportunities for giving to the university.*



With the 2016 Phonathon campaign completed, we want to thank the alumni and friends who were able to connect with a student caller. Although the mission of Phonathon is to secure financial support for the university, it is really about much more for the students making the calls.

“The main goal of a Phonathon call is to have a good conversation,” says Elyse Cromer, associate director of annual giving and staff director of Phonathon. “Yes, they’re going to ask for support for AU students during the call, but they ultimately want to make sure the person on the other end of that call knows how much their gifts are appreciated and needed. They want each person to feel connected to AU so they will hopefully always want to stay connected.”

As the Phonathon team of student callers works to raise support for Anderson University, much of their focus goes to the AU Student Fund. “This fund gives grants and scholarships to the students in the form of much-needed financial aid,” says Cromer. “About 98 percent of the students working toward their undergraduate degree receive assistance from the AU Student Fund, and many of them wouldn’t be at AU without it.”

Donors can also give to other areas on campus, such as a favorite department or athletic team. “No matter what, the

Phonathon program makes sure the dollars given by an AU alumnus or friend are directed to the area to which he or she wants to support,” says Cromer.

The students who are hired to make these calls have a true passion for connecting with others. It is a great chance for students to hear stories and learn about life on Anderson’s campus in past decades. “I have loved being a part of the Phonathon team this semester,” says Brie Gonda, a junior psychology major. “I love having the opportunity to speak with

**“Phonathon has allowed me to speak with alumni all over the United States. Having the opportunity to speak with them about how God has provided throughout their lives has been equally valuable and humbling.”** —Michaela Moore, Sophomore, Social Work

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alumni and donors, and I enjoy thanking them for the gifts that keep me here at the school that I call home.”

We hope to connect with even more of our alumni and friends during Phonathon next fall. If you would still like to make a gift this year, you can give online at [anderson.edu/gift](http://anderson.edu/gift) or call (800) 421-1025 for more information.

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