INVESTING IN TODAY’S STUDENTS

Special Issue • Philanthropists of 2006
The year is now 2005. Brooke, ’62, and Pat, ’62, Sadler are sitting in the pews of the PUC Church. The daughter they adopted from Pakistan as a baby sits next to them. Today she is serving as a vice president at their alma mater.

Forty-three years ago, who knew that degrees from PUC would take Brooke and Pat to serve as missionaries to Asia? Who knew that the friendships they developed here on Howell Mountain would be lifelong? Who knew that their daughter would one day agree to President Osborn’s invitation to serve at their college? More than four decades ago, PUC invested in Brooke and Pat. Now they and I, their daughter, are glad to be investing back in PUC.

As the new kid on the block, I’ve quickly come to appreciate PUC’s rich heritage. Howell Mountain is a gorgeous place to live, and I’ve even learned to enjoy the view of Newton Hall out of my office window. But what I’ve really come to appreciate are the alumni and friends who are giving back to PUC and to the world through their financial and prayerful support, through entrusting PUC with their children, or through their trained-for professions.

Alumni like Ed James, who flew hundreds of thousands of miles as a captain on United Airlines and safely delivered countless families and individuals to their destinations.

Alumni like J. Russell and Bonita Nelson, who served as president and first lady of Arizona State University, investing in the education of another generation of youth.

Alumni like Lynn Waihaee, who made children’s literacy her passion and founded Read to Me International.

Students like Jose Torres. Karen Ong. Peter Adeogun.

In this issue of ViewPoint, we pay tribute to the alumni and friends of PUC who are investing in the potential of today’s students—people who recognize that investments in Adventist education pay lifelong dividends.

People invested in you during your days at PUC, and people are investing in students on the hill this year—perhaps your son or daughter. To them and to you we say thank you for caring so deeply about our young people.

As the journey of our lives progresses and the years roll on, I can’t wait to see the return on your investment!

Pam is Vice President for Advancement at Pacific Union College

THE JOURNEYS WE TAKE 1 Pam Sadler

Finding Hope in Community
A story of God’s impeccable timing

Investing in Today’s Students
Gratitude for those who gave
Finding Hope in Community

by Julie Z. Lee

The way her family remembers it, Hilary Blount was in high school when she first mentioned a career in nursing. But the compassion required for such a field was evident throughout her life.

“She was the one for the underdog, the one to stop and pick up a bird on the side of the road with a broken wing,” says Lee Blount, her stepmother. “Her caring spirit showed when she was young, and it intensified through life.”

When Hilary did become a nurse, after graduating from Pacific Union College’s nursing program in 2000, she embodied her role as caretaker, leaving encouraging notes on patients’ pillows and taking time to sit with them as friends. Patients began to request Hilary’s care, and it was apparent that, for her, nursing was not just a job but a calling. “Hilary had a servant’s heart. And her patients knew that,” says Lee. “She was quick to think of others first … Her spirit was just sweet, upbeat. She tried to bolster anyone around her who might be down.”

In July of 2005, when the family lost Hilary in a tragic car accident, it was the very memory of her enthusiasm that held them together and bolstered their own spirits—so much so that Lee and Gary, Hilary’s father, decided to start a nursing scholarship in remembrance of her vibrant compassion.

When Jennie Oldenkamp tells her story, her low voice alternates between exclamations and thoughtful pauses, punctuated by occasional pop jargon (Rock on!). Energy constantly percolates below the surface of conversation, and at times it explodes with the memory of a forgotten detail. Yet despite her enthusiastic tangents, Jennie’s narrative is focused and candid. She is compelling because she is unflinchingly candid. And she is telling how she got to PUC—a journey she believes began at the age of ten.

Jennie’s first interaction with Seventh-day Adventists was over 20 years ago in Tillamook, Oregon. Her older brother had been diagnosed with dyslexia, and her mother sent him to the local private school, Tillamook Adventist, in hopes that it would help his development. Her brother became part of the Adventist community and, even though Jennie did not attend the school, they also reached out to her with open arms. Soon Jennie, her brother, and her younger sister joined Pathfinders and spent the next few years earning badges, going on campouts, and participating in youth retreats.

The activities were costly; Jennie’s father didn’t make much money as a dairy farmer—she says they were “dirt poor.” But church members always made sure that the Oldenkamp kids could participate. “It wasn’t like charity. It was like a scholarship,” says Jennie, whose family was Nazarene. “We didn’t look at it as if we were poor white trash. It was somebody wanting to help us.”

What Jennie didn’t know then was that the embrace of the Adventist community would follow her for the rest of her life. It would be her saving grace.

After a brief stint at Tillamook Adventist School in junior high, Jennie went on to public high school and graduated. Then her life started to fall apart. At age 24, Jennie got pregnant. She married the father and shortly after giving birth, became pregnant with a second daughter. It wasn’t long before the young couple fell into distress. Jennie’s husband was more interested in drinking with buddies than in supporting a family. Jennie’s own string of waitressing jobs did little to help their financial situation.

Three years after getting married, Jennie ran into an old friend who worked at the Adventist hospital, Tillamook County General. Her friend mentioned that the hospital needed a phlebotomist, and Jennie agreed to apply. Though she was without formal training, she had once spent nearly a year drawing blood for a doctor’s office. She was quickly hired. Many on the staff remembered Jennie from Pathfinders, and her first day was like a homecoming. “I felt really good about working at the Adventist hospital because they were all the same faces, the familiar people from my childhood. They were so glad to see me,” says Jennie. The comfort of friends made her work a respite from troubles at home, and she immersed herself in her new responsibilities.

But a month and a half after starting her new job, Jennie confronted another problem—one she had tried to ignore for months. “I had this big growth on the side of my neck, under the skin. And if I turned my head the right way you could see it was golf ball sized,” she says. She showed it to a nurse on staff and was immediately taken to a doctor. The vast led to a cat scan, an ultrasound, and a biopsy. These were tests that she could never have afforded since she did not have health insurance, but her friendships at the hospital ensured her care. Everyone donated their time and expertise. A week later, one of the doctors stopped her in the halls of the hospital. He confirmed her appointment for the next day and said he had her test results.

“Well, do I have cancer?” asked Jennie, point blank.

When word got out about a fund in Hilary’s name, Gary’s co-workers at United Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he is lead psychiatrist of the adolescent psychiatric unit, immediately responded. Together, friends contributed over $2,000 to the fund.

In September, the Blounts called Doug Ermshar, who works in the financial department, at PUC, and asked to establish the Hilary Blount R.N. Award. The gift aims to foster pride in the profession of nursing and promote excellence in the practice. The recipient needs to demonstrate enthusiasm, solid clinical skills, and most importantly, the personal touch that patients had grown to love about their daughter, Hilary.

“Hilary was just full of joy,” remembers Lee. “And when people were around her, she just radiated an enthusiasm for life that was unusual, but at the same time she was filled with compassion. And that’s what we were looking for in the award recipient.”

Within seconds, Doug told them he knew of just the person.
Jennie had thyroid cancer. “Here I am a mom. My baby is less than a year old. My other baby is less than three. My husband is irresponsible. And I was scared because I was afraid that if I died my children would not remember their mom. And that’s horrible. That was the biggest fear I ever had in my entire life,” says Jennie.

Two weeks later, Jennie underwent surgery to remove her lymph glands and thyroids. The hospital donated over $41,000 of service. The rest of her bill was paid for by government grants. She needn’t have worried. After all, everything else had worked out so far. The school had placed her in the dormitory and provided a study carrel. Neighbors and teachers had donated furniture. PUC Elementary had a place for four-year-old Nina. Even bags of groceries came to her door, provided at just the right moment by a neighbor with divine timing.

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Over the next three years, Jennie began attending the Nazarene Church, divorced her husband, and decided to study nursing, a childhood dream. She felt her tumultuous past had prepared her for the role. “I feel it takes a certain kind of person to be able to step into somebody else’s hell. I think I can handle that,” says Jennie. “I embrace that role. It’s a skill that God has given me—to be able to stand up with somebody and help them fight their battle.”

But Tillamook had little to offer Jennie. There was only one nursing program in town, and it wasn’t the right fit. Then, once again, Jennie bumped into an Adventist friend, Amanda Weidner, who happened to be a nurse. Amanda told Jennie about the nursing program at PUC, but Jennie didn’t want to move to California and dismissed the idea. Amanda was persistent; when they saw each other again eight months later, she again brought up PUC.

But PUC was still a faraway dream. “It’s a skill that God has given me—to be able to stand up with somebody and help them fight their battle.”

A month later, Jennie passed her entrance exams and officially enrolled at PUC for the 2005 fall quarter. She didn’t know how she would afford or manage college as a single parent, but any fear she had was subdued by an overwhelming sense of reassurance.

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But on a crisp November day, just weeks into her first quarter, Jennie was filled with doubt and uncertainty. How was she going to pay for her nursing textbooks for the next two quarters? That afternoon, after praying with a friend, she trekked across campus to talk with Susie, who had become her confidante. When she heard Jennie’s concerns, Suzie promised to keep her eyes out for financial aid.

“Jennie had no sooner walked out of my office than a woman from Calistoga walked in. She comes every year, and she brought an application for the Soroptimist Club scholarship,” says Suzie. “So immediately I called Jennie at home and left her a message. I said, ‘Jennie, you’re not going to believe this, but just after you walked out the door, this scholarship came in, and it’s perfect for you’.”

The Soroptimist Women’s Opportunity Award grants money to women who are working to improve their lives through education or skills training. The women must be the primary source of financial support for their family, and the money can be used to offset any expenses related to their studies.

As soon as Jennie heard the message, she returned to Susie’s office to pick up the application. But it wasn’t the only answer to prayer in the works. Around the same time, Susie’s husband, Doug, had been working out the details of the Hilary Blount R.N. Award.

Two weeks later, Jennie received a call at home. Again, it was Suzie.

“She was like, ‘Jennie, I have a scholarship for you.’ And I said, ‘I know, I haven’t filled out the paperwork.’” remembers Jennie, who had assumed Susie was referring to the Soroptimist application. “And she said, ‘No, I have a scholarship for you.’ She started to tell me the story.”

At Doug’s suggestion, the Blounts had agreed to make Jennie the first recipient of the Hilary Blount Award. It would be presented to her in two days, at a special awards luncheon.

On November 11, Jennie found herself addressing the college’s administration, invited guests, and Hilary’s parents. “The Blounts are here because of parental love for their daughter. And I am here because of my love for my daughters. But we are all here in this room together because of our Heavenly Father’s love for each one of us,” she said in a speech.

“It was so touching. I didn’t think any of us could get through the lunch,” remembers Lee. “Jennie was in tears, we were in tears. We felt that Hilary would be thrilled that Jennie is the one who got helped.”

It wasn’t only Jennie who was touched. The day was significant for the Blounts in their own healing process. “The scholarship has helped take some of the pain away. And seeing who was the recipient of the award and watching how much it meant to Jennie gave us comfort, knowing that the Lord was working through that trustee,” says Lee.

Then, the Calistoga Soroptimist Club named Jennie the recipient of their annual award just a few weeks later.

“No one can look at her and her girls and what has happened, and deny that God is working in their lives,” says Suzie.

Today Jennie is halfway through her second quarter at PUC. Having just survived her midterm, she is fighting a bug she caught from her daughter. But life goes on. On Monday morning she’ll start her usual weekday schedule: get up at 5:00, read her morning devotional, shower and make lunches for the girls. By 6:30 the girls will wake up, get dressed and eat breakfast. At 7:45 Jennie will walk Bailey to her class before dropping Nina off at daycare. Then it’s off to classes for Jennie. If the kids are sick, she’ll have to think of an alternate plan that doesn’t interfere with her class schedule.

She admits that it’s hard, but it’s part of a plan greater than her own imagination. Events like receiving the Hilary Blount Award remind her of this every day. After all, in the grand scheme of college expenses, the award is a dip in the deep tuition bucket. But it’s more than money. It’s more than books and food on the table. To Jennie, it’s evidence of God’s immeasurable timing and guidance in her life.

“Symbolically, it’s God saying ‘Jennie just trust me, I’ve brought you this far and I won’t let you down,'” says Jennie. “He is right there saying, ‘I love you, I love you.’”

At this, her voice lowers to a whisper, choking back tears. Then, in typical Jennie-fashion, she breaks out in glee.

“Dude, I’m becoming a Jesus freak!” she shouts. “It’s so great!”
Investing in Today’s Students

Thank you to our class agents, who give of their time and energy for the success of this school.

Each of the hundreds of these pages represents the spirit of philanthropy, leadership and community. These are the names of people determined to keep the tradition of spectacular Christian education thriving on a green campus hilltop. These are names that keep Pacific Union College alive.

To prove that this support makes a distinct and visible difference, we’ve included the stories of several students whose lives and futures are being changed by scholarships now.

For more stories about the impact of your gifts, watch for the new Alumni and Friends website coming this spring.
Peter’s been at college for a long time—since birth, in fact. His parents teach at the University of Eastern Arizona. Barston, in Kenya, where his mother is a professor of English and his father is a professor of industrial engineering. But their positions aren’t exactly lucrative, “I don’t think my father has received a salary since he stepped into the PUC position, but he changed the direction of his life. Dustin was headed for dental school when he decided that PUC was the place to be; but it was a simple matter to step back a bit and do the job without them. Dustin that PUC was the place to be; but it was a simple matter to step back a bit and do the job without them.

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leadership scholarships. "I know I've benefited a lot
World Missions Scholarship, and PUC academic and
been awarded are the Edmund C. Jaeger Scholarship,
to repay loans. Among the scholarships Katie has
educator and doesn't expect to have much spare income
Though being World Missions Director is a big job,
those islands in the Guam-Micronesia
whatever comes their way overseas. At present, she's
interview future SMs and make sure they're ready for
It's Katie's pleasure to maintain contact with student
more demanding than that of her Campus Ministries
a lot of jobs while a student at PUC, but none has been
to Katie Craig's phenomenal productivity. She's held
position as World Missions Director.

KATIE CRAIG

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By Lainey S. Cronk

"is that it's basically one big family."
working and studying with the department," she says,
the best part of
and medicine to do humanitarian work," she explains.
looks good on my résume!" Ong says.

Class of 1978: 135

Total Gifts $2,544

Jeno M. (Fitzgerald) Auger*
Sylvia E. (Mager) Phifer
Marcia N. (Bunnen) Stollar
Sharon L. (Manches) David
Joyce A. (Waterson) Davis
Robert D. (Messick) Ricketts
Barbara J. (Curran) Roper
Lee R. (Kiver) Rice

Class of 1979: 15

Total Gifts $2,510

Jennifer L. (Rutledge) Breidenbach
Susan C. (Selles) Bees
John H. (Harris) Warme
Mark C. (Morin) Mullen
Bonnie D. (Kugel-Ramos) Signet

Class of 1982: 38

Total Gifts $2,199

John J. (Macy) Bley
Margaret L. (Miller) Metz
Joan L. (Hearst) Miller

Class of 1983: 15

Total Gifts $2,539

Karen M. (Blakeney) Weese
Susan S. (Phillips) Wood

Class of 1985: 33

Total Gifts $2,130

Sarah E. (Spencer) Scheurer
Gordon W. (Hill) Knight
Mary E. (Hynes) Magee

Class of 1986: 19

Total Gifts $2,482

James D. (Henderson) White
Robert R. (Rhein) Allen
Michelle S. (Roberts) Parson
Beverly L. (Riddle) Williams

Class of 1987: 20

Total Gifts $2,279

Robert A. (Siefker) Titus
Barbara J. (Siefker) Titus
Cynthia K. (Hill) Curran
Michael J. (McLaine) Schumacher

Class of 1988: 30

Total Gifts $3,389

John M. (Farnsworth) Farkas
Teresa L. (Welch) Tadlock
Sandra M. (Hawkins) Steward
Andrew L. (Lehman) Johnson

Class of 1989: 45

Total Gifts $3,759

Karen L. (Rosen) Wilson
Debra S. (Markey) Richey
Barbara J. (Ritchie) Farnsworth
Jill L. (Kaufman) McDaniel

Class of 1990: 20

Total Gifts $2,880

Carolyn E. (Farnsworth) Judd
Sarah E. (Smith) Wrenn
John W. (Kelley) Davis
Robert L. (Brock) McDaniel

Class of 1991: 21

Total Gifts $2,334

Lori L. (Van Arsdale) Smith
Carrie A. (Torgerson) Martin
Kathy J. (Peterson) Miller
Jessica L. (Eagle) Jackson

Class of 1992: 19

Total Gifts $2,216

Barbara J. (Sawyer) Bevan
Wanda P. (Hall) Brown
John F. (Heinemann) Fink
Grace R. (Hess) Goff

Class of 1993: 15

Total Gifts $2,341

Kathleen L. (Henderson) Ong
Sandra L. (Benson) Weis
Walter M. (Snavely) Green
Bruce E. (Hart) Hooper

Class of 1994: 31

Total Gifts $3,085

Scott E. (Smith) Allard
Janet L. (Hardin) Nutt
James E. (Watts) Hill
Leslie L. (Kaufman) Johnson

Class of 1995: 30

Total Gifts $3,320

Carolyn F. (Adams) Cody
Mark R. (Chen) Chen
Richard A. (Marks) Royster
Shane E. (Kerr) Ballard

Class of 1996: 34

Total Gifts $3,102

Jennifer L. (Barnes) Hines
Seanna L. (Neff) Seawright
Dawn S. (Horne) Wilson
Stephanie L. (Bennett) Bickel

Class of 1997: 41

Total Gifts $3,531

Rita A. (Baker) Hegarty
Sandra J. (McKee) Moore
Teresa L. (Henderson) Fricke
Kathleen L. (Martin) Thomas
Michelle L. (Farnsworth) Dunlap

Class of 1998: 27

Total Gifts $2,195

Angela L. (Henderson) Fisk
Carrie L. (Brown) Thompson
James H. (Baker) Hall
Andrea L. (Anders) England

Class of 1999: 29

Total Gifts $2,888

Deborah A. (Linn) Shatzer
John W. (Diaz) Stumpf
Lisa L. (Krieger) Kerby
Margaret L. (Baker) Brown

Class of 2000: 36

Total Gifts $3,406

Karin A. (Baker) Roush
Mary A. (Turner) Stumpf
Jill L. (Burchardt) Swett
Lori L. (Sokol) Miller

Class of 2001: 42

Total Gifts $3,228

Lauren A. (Dow) Ruff
Mary A. (Blum) Thomas
Karen L. (Kline) Cragg
Whitney M. (Santana) Anderson
Marina L. (Oklahoma) Johnson

Class of 2002: 36

Total Gifts $3,270

Kerith L. (Maxwell) Bell
Sarah E. (Stump) Tabor
Heather J. (Lee) Lee
Shane A. (Hart) Perdue

Class of 2003: 32

Total Gifts $2,860

Brent Y. (Kusuhara) Kimoto
Diana M. (Eller) Boyko
Lloyd E. Best+
Millie M. (Kurtz) Hickman
Jordon E. (Henderson) Cropper

Class of 2004: 27

Total Gifts $2,646

Donn P. Gaede
Richard L. (Browder) Greer
Frank M. (Hartwick) Shearer
Benjamin J. (Day) Ritter

Class of 2005: 30

Total Gifts $2,908

Diane G. (Brooks) Clifton
Steven D. Clement
Bryan D. (McNulty) Lambert
Sarah L. (Baker) McCollaugh
Crystal L. (Keeney) Ewert

Class of 2006: 28

Total Gifts $2,320

Jane N. (Marxmiller) Bork
Randall L. Bivens+
Peter N. Berbohm^+ President's Circle
Marlene A. (Rattay) Bass~

Class of 2007: 26

Total Gifts $2,276

Steve D. (Hill) Johnson
LeAnn Y. (Spencer-Smith) Doherty
Herman G. Liem
Janet R. (Munding) Reese
Stephen M. Serafin

Class of 2008: 33

Total Gifts $3,027

Beth L. (Davis) Mathers
John T. (Davison) Moore
Linda M. (Baldwin) Davis
Lauren A. (Dow) Ruff

Class of 2009: 30

Total Gifts $2,908

Peter N. (Cline) Brumfield
Diane (Fenderson) Fenderson
Brent C. Adams~
Mark W. Wilcox~
Paul D. Wilcox~
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ministry of his own.

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Jose is truly a servant of Christ.

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If you don't take the time to get to know Jose, you
acknowledged in this way. You don't know how much
at the festival and on her teachers at PUC.
"For me it was a huge honor," says the senior
she'd been nominated by her professors to receive a
the 2005 Cannes Film Festival, when she was awarded
Public Relations/Journalism, French,

Weingard
Practitioner
McKay
Shawn A. Boardman

AUDREY A. (WEIR) GRAHAM

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Greg Schneider Becomes an Utt Professor

For college teachers who have to fit their research endeavors around a busy teaching schedule, an endowed research professorship is a priceless opportunity. This year one of our own professors, Greg Schneider, professor of behavioral science, has been given such an opportunity by the Walter C. Utt Endowment. Even now he is engrossed in researching and writing about Methodism and its influence on politics and family, following the research he presented in his 1993 book, The Way of the Cross Leads Home.

This year, Schneider became the first PUC professor to receive the endowed professorship, which was established to honor the memory of influential and beloved history professor Walter C. Utt. The professorship is allowing Schneider to pursue in-depth research. “I wanted to develop a topic that had been latent in my research and earlier book: the rise of evangelical political activity and influence,” Schneider explains. “If it weren’t for the Utt Chair, this project would be dead in the water.”

Schneider will present his research during Homecoming Weekend in a Walter C. Utt Memorial Lecture, titled “The Holy Family and the Fate of the Nation.”

A New Website for Alumni and Friends

Hundreds of excellent, fascinating and talented students have marched in PUC graduations; these individuals now make up our vast network of alumni, and PUC’s most impressive fan club. The college wants to make sure that these people have means to keep in touch with each other and with the campus—which is why the Alumni Association is launching a completely new website geared toward increasing connections. The goal is to create an online community of alumni with a website that is dynamic, interactive and full of stories, news and information. Watch for the new website, which will entirely replace the Alumni Association’s old page on the PUC website, coming this spring.

Connecting at the Renovated Campus Ministries Center

There’s a campaign underway in the Campus Ministries Center—a connection campaign. New campus chaplain Roy Ice, assistant chaplains Dustin Comm and Chrissy Ward, and the world missions and campus ministries leaders have been working energetically to connect personally with students and to be actively involved in campus life. They recently decided that their ministry would be more effective if their office were a welcoming, happening place.

“Before this year,” explains Comm, “a lot of students didn’t even know where the Campus Ministries Center was. Now we want it to be a place where the students feel like they can come and hang out.”

So over Thanksgiving break, Ice and Comm went to work on some interior renovations. They celebrated their new look with an open house—and so many people came that there was a line waiting to get in! “Some of these things may seem superficial,” Comm says, “but it’s all part of the campaign to be more connected.” Comm adds that the overall number of people coming into the office for questions or meetings has increased as well. Plus, he says, “Half the people that come in now come in to say ‘hi’ or hang out.” And that’s exactly the atmosphere the Campus Ministries Center was hoping for.

News

BY LAINEY S. CRONK

Up-and-Coming Teachers

Every year PUC invites potential employers from the world of K–12 education to the Pacific Union Conference, Oregon and Washington to visit the campus for two days. “Education Days” gives these representatives a chance to mingle with seniors who are looking to become professional educators—an arrangement which often proves to be mutually beneficial to the visiting administrators and the education students.

A banquet in the Dining Commons kicked off the event this year, with each senior education major taking a moment to introduce themselves formally and share a little bit about their background, experience and goals. The following morning found a more formal interview setting in the Fireside Room, where students had the chance to talk more in-depth with representatives from areas that interested them.

Marvin Mitchell, chair of the PUC education department, explains that this event is all about connections. “By the close of the education day program, few students will have signed contracts,” he says, “but the vast majority of PUC students who choose to work within the Pacific Union will have the opportunity to do so, with the education day program playing a significant role.

Nobel Prize Recipient Visits PUC

“People say the Nobel Prize is the stamp of achievement in the science world,” said Sydney Brenner. “But I don’t think it’s the prize that really counts, it’s what we do in our scientific lives.”

Brenner’s lecture on How to Win a Nobel Prize was the 8th presentation in PUC’s Breakthroughs in Science lecture series, established in 1997 and coordinated by the biology department. The series is underwritten by John G. Jacobson, M.D., 1967 chemistry alumnus of PUC.

Brenner, age 75, won the Nobel Prize in 2002 for his work on genetic regulation of organ development and programmed cell death, and he has a long history of highly influential research, including pioneer work in genetics and molecular biology and discoveries that have been significant for medical research.

In a lecture that included scientific commentary but was also peppered with humorous anecdotes and illustrations to keep the broad range of attendees engaged, Brenner challenged the many students, faculty, staff and community members to be realistic, practical and to ask great questions. He explained that finding relevant scientific answers depends on identifying the problems that are within the reach of this generation, asking the great questions, placing proper value on knowledge, and putting in lots of hard work.

Terry Trivett, chair of the PUC biology department and coordinator of the Breakthroughs in Science series, is grateful for the insights Brenner and other eminent scientists have brought to the campus. “The value of the series is in being able to listen to the scientists themselves, not as reported by someone else,” he explained. “We have found a fresh vigor in hearing a scientist present a great idea or problem that is relentlessly pursued.”
Lecture Hall Honors Vernon Nye

Artist and PUC professor emeritus Vernon Nye celebrated his 90th birthday this December with a merry gathering of family, friends, and former students in Fresno, Calif. PUC President Richard Osborn attended the festivities to honor this art giant with a special tribute: the dedication of the classroom in the Rasmussen Art Gallery as the “Vernon Nye Lecture Hall.” Osborn also read a letter on behalf of PUC Vice President for Student Services Lisa Russell Poulson, in which she said: “Your life has been a gift to us all. Your beautiful and astonishing pieces have graced our homes, our calendars, our mantels...and most importantly, our lives.”

The honor is certainly well placed. Vernon Nye, professor of art department at PUC before Nye. There wasn’t much in the way of an art world included illustrating books at the Review and Herald, doing poster and illustration work for several U.S. government departments; leading classes and art tours across the U.S. and around the world; and teaching at Walla Walla College. His artwork, which he continues to create from his home in Fresno, has also been exhibited and awarded in national exhibitions across U.S.; and he is an elected member of the American Watercolor Society.

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called a “blackboard”). Now in her 11th year of teaching students in the third grade at the Walter Douglas Elementary School in Tucson, Lucy will work toward her Ph.D. in education at the university’s Phoenix campus. Part of the recommendation for consideration of the award from Lucy’s school district says, “The heat isn’t set any higher in Lucy Poppam’s third-grade classroom at Walter Douglas Elementary, but when you walk into her room you immediately feel the warmth between the kids and the teacher.”

Paul Savino, Att. ’95, found that the “Camp Safari” he created at the Palm Desert Oasis (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church last summer was a hit with both parents and children in the desert community his church serves. The Safari included supervised visits for community children to the local zoo, museums, and a water park, in addition to crafts, drama, cooking and other classes conducted in the church.

Judith (Andersen) Pizarro, ’97, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Irvine, co-authored a study on postwar disorders among 15,097 Civil War veterans. It was published in the Archives of General Psychiatry and carried to other readers internationally by Reuters, a British news agency. Dr. Roger Pitman of Harvard Medical School, editorizing on Pizarro’s study, said her findings “strikingly echo the results of research into the mental health status of Vietnam veterans.”

Judith’s husband, David Pizarro, ’97, is now an assistant professor at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. He earned his Ph.D. degree at Yale University.

Teacher Julie (Hua) Kohltfarber, ’96, and Principal Allen Lippis, ’91, of the Mauna Loa Adventist School in Hilo, Hawaii, have, with 35 of their students and fellow staff, completed a unique environmental project on the Big Island’s huge Umikoa Ranch. The project will afford protection and growth for Hawaiian Nene geese, the state bird, which is currently on the endangered species list. With the aid of former state senator David Matsura, those from the school designed and planted a two-acre area with plants that will ensure the protection of young geese, access to plants that can be used for food, and optimal mating conditions. Matsura said a sign will go up at the site crediting the school for designing and building it.

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Jesse Duarte, ’05, has joined the staff of the St. Helena (Calif.) Star as a sports writer.

A journalism and public relations student at PUC, Duarte started working at the Star in December 2005 as a copy editor.

Former Faculty and Staff

Fred M. Kinsey, who until recently served as an assistant professor of communication at PUC, and is now assistant to the president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, was elected in January as a member of the board of trustees of the National Interfaith Cable Coalition Inc. (NICC). The organization, which operates as “Faith & Values Media,” is the nation’s largest coalition of Jewish and Christian faith groups dedicated to media production, distribution and promotion. Together those faith groups have more than 200,000 congregations with 120 million congregants. 

Judith and David Pizarro with Isabella.
Former Faculty and Staff

Carolyn (Oliver) Belloe passed away on December 31 in Fresno, Calif., as a result of injuries sustained in a serious car accident. Carolyn served PUC as the administrative assistant for the vice president of Student Services from 1965 until her retirement in 1999. Since then, she worked on a part-time basis as the international student advisor. Carolyn is survived by her daughter Cindy, her son, George; two granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; her brothers, Kenneth and Harold; sisters, Mary Lou Bicknell and Christy Blue. Carolyn was predeceased by her daughters; four great-granddaughters; her brothers, Duran; his sister, Celia Baham; two brothers, Joe and David is survived by his wife, Darla; daughter, Melissa Jordon; son, Sheldon; his mother Petra O’Rourke and Jacque Stallinga; son, Thomas; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

PUC Alumni Obituaries

Raymond Edward Balch, ’59, who served for more than 20 years as staff member and postmaster in the Angwin Post Office, died October 22, 2005, in St. Helena, Calif. He was born August 5, 1916, in Seattle, Wash. After earning a degree in forestry at the University of California, Berkeley, Ray married Margaret Jones in 1941 and began working for the U.S. Railway Mail Service. In 1942 he moved to Angwin so their daughters could benefit from the education offered by PUC. Ray was active in Angwin community affairs and was instrumental in the Bank of America opening a branch office in Angwin. He is survived by his wife, Darla; daughter, Melissa Jordan; son, Sheldon; his mother Petra Duran; his sister, Celia Baham; two brothers, Joe and Jack; and numerous nieces and nephews.

George T. Gott Sr., former business manager of PUC from 1966 to 1976, died December 3, 2005, in Angwin. George was born August 31, 1920, in Crawfordsville, Ind., George graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College, Mich. and then began a 30-year career in Seventh-day Adventist denominational service at Forest Lake Academy. Fl. He served as a business teacher at Southern Missionary College before accepting a call in 1955 to be business manager and treasurer of Middle East College in Beirut, Lebanon. Following six years of service in Beirut that he has characterized as “some of the finest of my life,” George and his wife, Rosella, and their children returned to the U.S., where he became assistant business manager of St. Helena, Calif. He was born on March 8, 1950. After graduation from Pacific Union College, George earned a M.S. degree in chemistry in 1975 from the University of California at Davis. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree in chemistry by the University of Nebraska in 1976. In 1991, David began service as a toxicologist for Jacob’s Engineering Group of Pasadena, Calif. He also served as an adjunct clinical professor in the department of environmental and occupational health of Loma Linda University from 1988 until 1996. Since 1988 he was a consultant to various firms and institutions on the risk assessment of hazardous materials and management planning. From 1978 to 1988 he was a professor of chemistry at Union College in Lincoln, Neb.

Iona M. (Clark) Jensen, ’42, a retired secretary who lived in Yountville, Calif., died on November 26, 2005. She was born on February 14, 1915. Iona is survived by her husband, Ejler, and two daughters, Yvonne and Linda.

Quentin M. Kuhleman, ’50, died October 21, 2005, in Stockton, Calif. He was born February 15, 1929, in Brainard, Minn. He is survived by his wife, Georgia, daughters, Susan Hatch and Sharon Miller; sons Howard, Wayne and Mark; and seven grandchildren.

Edith Opal Stone, ’38, ’48, a professor emerita of English at Andrews University, Mich., died November 5, 2005, in St. Joseph, Mich. She was born in Fresno, Calif. on December 17, 1916. Edith had a 45-year professional career in Seventh-day Adventist educational institutions, beginning with teaching in 1939 at academies in California and continuing through professorships at Emmanuel Missionary College, Columbia Union College and Andrews University until her retirement in 1985. During the course of her career she authored an English textbook and served the General Conference of Adventists as a committee member on the Status of Women in the Church and the Teaching of Literature in Adventist Schools. The “Edith Stone Award” in English education was established in her honor at Columbia Union College. Edith is survived by a nephew, Larry Rodrick; a niece, Carolyn Rodrick; and a cousin, Mary Ellen Huddy.

Clarice E. (Miller) Tandy, ’38, a homemaker and business partner with her late husband, Scott Tandy (former president of the PUC Alumni Association), died October 21, 2005, in Ukiah, Calif. She was born April 14, 1915, in Lamar, Kan. Clarice is survived by two sons, Steven and Robert, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Marian (Toews) Wall, ’32, ’36, ’58, died in Loma Linda, Calif., in late 2005. She was born December 3, 1915, in New Home, N.D. Marian is survived by her brother-in-law, Bernard Tilton; nephew David; and nieces, Julie and Joy.

Walter L. Webb, Att. ’66, a pastor and educator of the Seventh-day Adventist faith, died August 1, 2005. He was born January 7, 1923, in Graysville, Tenn. Walter taught for 53 years at Plattsburg, Oak Park, and Medesto academies. In addition to serving as a mentor to many young people, Walter continued ministering as a church pastor well into his retirement years. He is survived by his wife, Mary; five children: Lorraine, sons, Daniel and David, daughters, Bonnie and Shari Wylder, and five grandchildren.
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BIRTHS:


2. Emma Hazel Kim, daughter of Melinda (Pak, att. ’90 - ’92) and Frank Kim of Saginaw, Mich. Born: 7-8-05.

3. Diego Lee Mariano, son of Julie Z. Lee (’98) and Gilbert Mariano (’91) of Angwin, Calif. Born: 2-14-06.

WEDDINGS:

1. Kati Chaffin and Tom Amato Jr. (’00) in Lincoln, Calif., 7-3-05.

2. Kathyrine Caraig (’00) and Johnny Scherer in Glendora, Calif., 10-16-05.

3. Melissa Chun (’98) and Jeffrey Im (’04) in Redlands, Calif., 11-27-05.

4. Tiffany Shin and Hyun Min “Minnie” Lee (’95) in Portland, Ore., 02-19-06.

5. Cheryl Nakamura and Robin Matsukawa (’01) in Kapiolani, Hawaii, 12-29-05.

Memorial Gifts

Margaret (Peggy) Bell, ’51 by Carol & Glen Bobst by Victoria & Charles Bolander by Raewyn (Schlunt) Cheng by Kellie Lind by Martha & Glenn Masden by Janet & Charles Schlunt Richard J. Vizzcarra, ’87 by Gregory A. Mowery by Kellie Lind by Carol & Glen Bobst Richard E. Rehngren, ’55 by Christina & James McCoy by Carol & Glen Bobst

Ellen Gibson Christian Rittenhouse by Carol & Glen Bobst

Isaac Johnson by Carol & Glen Bobst Jennifer Buller, ’99 by Carol & Glen Bobst by Barbara Hofmann by Kellie Lind by Eileen & Malcolm Maxwell by Debra Stewart by Donna & Gordon Thomas by Cindy Smith by Ruth & John Staples by Sarah & Peter Vanderhooven by Doris & Howard Victorino by Kathleen von Pohle

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In Memory of Hilary Gregory-Blount, ’00 by Lee and Gary Blount by Kathleen & Lary Taylor by Kellie Lind by Carol & Glen Bobst

Correction: Please note, in the Winter 2006 issue of ViewPoint Phyllis and Robert Watson made a gift in memory of Richard J. Vizzcarra. We incorrectly listed them as Phyllis and Robert Watson; ViewPoint regrets this error.

The mother received no alimony or child support, yet she was determined that her three children receive an Adventist education. So each child worked on our custodial crew to make this happen. In addition, the school gave them scholarship awards to supplement their earnings. In time, the girl became so responsible that when her supervisor was gone she could oversee the custodial needs of our entire school.

In consideration of these serious financial needs, the parent relaying the story to me proposed what I thought was an odd and possibly unnecessary expense. Would I accept an anonymous gift to the school to buy a white dress for the girl? Reflecting an older culture, she said, “No girl should graduate from high school without a white dress, and I know she doesn’t have the money to buy one. But I don’t want her or my daughter to know who gave the gift.”

What I didn’t immediately understand was the symbolic importance of a new dress. The monetary value of the dress was insignificant. What mattered was the self-worth and encouragement the gift would bestow to the young girl.

We made the arrangements with our female vice principal to help the student purchase a dress and matching shoes. On commencement day, we all watched excitedly as the girl marched proudly in her white dress. Most thrilled was the parent who had made the dream possible by offering a simple gift.

What are the white dresses of Pacific Union College that our alumni and friends make possible today? At PUC we’re given gifts targeted to specific needs which are major—renovating the residence halls, building a fund for a larger and renovated library, funding equipment needs for a department, helping pay for faculty development, creating endowments for specific purposes, building a prayer chapel and garden, restoring an old building for a significant purpose, sponsoring a lecture series, or paying for athletic uniforms. I don’t want to minimize these contributions, because they are vitally important. We want to make sure that as donors you get fulfillment in watching your prayerful investments to PUC grow.

But the white dresses for today’s students are undesignated gifts to be used for the greatest need—scholarships to help them attend college. We received great news in Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s budget that Cal Grant, a program to help students with special economic needs, has been restored to original levels in next year’s budgets. This news was offset at the same time by bad news from Washington, D.C.—that reductions in the federal budget will make it even harder for similar students to receive reasonable loans and funds to attend college. This means PUC increasingly has to find student scholarships from our own operations, a trend that will continue at all American colleges at a greater pace than in the past. Your investments to PUC are helping us make up the difference.

We thank you for the many “white dresses” you help provide our students through so much giving.
Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2006 will be here soon, and we hope you are planning on attending this year’s exciting event. During the weekend of April 14-16, PUC will welcome back its Pioneers with a schedule of events sure to suit those seeking an active weekend, as well as those looking to bask in Angwin’s relaxing atmosphere.

Friday, April 14
5:00 p.m.  Agape dinner, Dining Commons
7:00 p.m.  Tenebrae service, Paulin Hall
8:00 p.m.  Vespers, Sanctuary

Following vespers we will be gathering at the Prayer Garden to pray for PUC alumni and missionaries who are not present. We will also be lighting the mission map, singing, reading, and enjoying cookies and hot beverages around the warmth of the fire pit.

Sabbath, April 15
8:30 a.m.  Continental breakfast, Fireside Room
8:45 a.m.  Church Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.  Alumni Sabbath School, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m.  Walter Utt lecturer Sabbath School, Paulin Hall
11:17 a.m.  The Gathering, Sanctuary (potluck will take place in the gym following the church service)
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Rasmussen Art Gallery
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Campus Tours
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Nursing Department Open House
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  English Department Reception
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  Business Department Reception
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.  History Department Reception
4:00 p.m.  Music Department Program, Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.  Walter Utt Lecture
6:00 p.m.  Strawberry Shortcake Dinner and sundown worship, Dining Commons
7:00 p.m.  Terry Trivett Farewell Reception, Wilmer C. Hansen Collection, Museum Patio, May Pavilion, Clark Hall

Sunday, April 16
10:00 a.m.  Music Department, Professor Emeriti Brunch honoring James Kempster, Fireside Room