**president’s message**

**Making a Campus a Home**

As president of Pacific Union College, I’m frequently away from campus representing PUC at Adventist denominational meetings, higher education conferences, and events with alumni and supporters. Likewise, my husband Norman, PUC’s outreach chaplain, spends a lot of time on the road, preaching the Word of God and speaking with young people about the benefits of a wonderful Adventist education.

A busy life has its many rewards, but of course this schedule can be challenging. After a long stretch of time on the road, few things seem as appealing as going home. I long to pull into that driveway, pass through the door, kick off my shoes, and settle into that window of my living room and see the beautiful hills and forests of Angwin. Just being there is like entering a solemn refuge—it brings peace and tranquility to the mind and the soul, and inspires profound gratitude to God.

Then there are those bittersweet times our schedules conflict—when I can come home but Norman is still on the road doing his work, or vice versa. In those moments, when the house is empty but for me, the feeling of home is not quite the same. While I enjoy my refuge, there’s a vital part of it missing: the person I love most.

There’s nothing like being together in that special, familiar place. All the better when our grown children can be there with us as well. A house can be wonderful, but it’s not quite a home until you’re sharing it with people you love.

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President

If you were able to join us here on the hill, I want to thank you for being a part of that wonderful Homecoming. I’m sure that each person who returned here that weekend felt a sense of joy as they drove up Howell Mountain Road, entered the beautiful campus, and studied the verdant slopes of their old stomping grounds. But surely that special feeling wasn’t complete until they saw the faces of dear friends—until you and friends saw you.

If you couldn’t make it this year, I hope that you can be a part of next year’s festivities. Know that with your part of Homecoming, that feeling of returning to a special place will be that much sweeter for everyone who comes back to this campus. Like a busy family reuniting after a long journey, it’s the friends and classmates you miss so much that truly make a campus feel like home.

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The Maxwell Scholars

This year’s exceptional incoming freshmen

PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE has selected six student recipients of the Maxwell Scholarship. Named for PUC’s iconic former president, this prestigious award honors incoming freshmen who show outstanding academic achievement, and financial need. Although she did not meet all of the criteria, she was reluctant to devote hours to filling out the lengthy application, having full already just getting a handle on the return to school. “I thought, why even bother? What are the chances?”

But she made the effort anyway. For months, she heard nothing from PG&E and had all but given up hope when she received a call late in May informing her that she was a finalist. “When I found out there was an interview, I felt a lot better,” she says. “I’ve always been good at connecting with people face to face, and I thought my chances were better.”

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Now that this has happened, I keep wondering what else is in store for me.”
In April, hundreds of alumni returned to Angwin for the annual PUC Homecoming Weekend. It was the biggest turnout in recent years, as the college hosted a particularly diverse variety of events aimed at PUC students of all generations.

The celebration this year honored the classes of 1952, ’62, ’72, ’82, ’87, ’92, and ’02, as well as several truly distinguished alumni (see page 9). For three days, the campus was abuzz with old friends sharing memories and catching up after decades apart—or enjoying a little face-to-face time after years of connecting online.

While many alumni appreciated the chance to reunite with loved ones from the past, many also were reminded of another promised reunion in the future. “What can I say about the expressions of joy and recognition in the faces of the alumni...all on the same campus!” said Deanna Nakamura, ’62. “It surely is a prelude to how it will be in Heaven someday!”

Reconnecting For most alumni, the best part of Homecoming is not the campus or the programs, but spending time with friends, classmates, and even new acquaintances.
HONORED ALUMNI

The Honorable
Terry A. Bork, ’82
Honored Alumnus

The son of two PUC professors, Terry Bork spent much of his childhood growing up in Angwin. As a PUC student, he created his own interdisciplinary program combining communication, journalism, and political science, before earning his juris doctor at Pepperdine University School of Law in Southern California. As a lawyer, Bork joined the Los Angeles County district attorney’s office, where he prosecuted a stream of criminal cases. He then built his name on a series of high-profile fraud and corruption cases, working zealously to protect the public against dishonest bankers and developers, and even corrupt public officials and police officers.

In 2007, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Bork to serve as a judge for Los Angeles Superior Court. As both a jurist and a physician appointed Bork to serve as a judge for Los Angeles Superior Court. As both a jurist and a physician, he has been noted for his thoughtful prose, which has won him the respect of his peers, judges, and the public.

Erica Davis, ’04
Young Alumnus Award

A lifelong athlete, Erica Davis had an interest in achieving the heights of success in a variety of sports. But when she lost the use of her legs to an unexpected spinal hemorrhage soon after graduation, it seemed like she would have to forfeit her dreams.

Her determination wouldn’t let her give up without a fight. From her wheelchair, she continued to train and participate in every sport she could—tennis, basketball, even triathlons. In 2010 Davis set a world record, becoming the first paraplegic woman to scale Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa’s highest peak.

Davis now works with the Challenged Athletes Foundation, encouraging other athletes with disabilities to reach for their full potential. She loves mentoring young disabled athletes, helping them find hope through their difficult transition. She also continues to train, and this summer qualified to represent the U.S. at the World Triathlon Championships later this year in New Zealand.

“Of all the awards I’ve won, this one means the most, because of PUC’s role in shaping me,” said Davis.

John Y. Chung, M.D., ’84
Honored Alumnus

John Chung studied biology at PUC and medicine at Loma Linda University. He went on to a family practice internship, dermatology residency at the University of Florida, and a fellowship at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

Today he owns one of the busiest dermatology practices in the nation—but Chung is not content to just provide physical healing. His passion is ministry and evangelism. When he was young, his father, a minister told him, “Physicians can have ten times more influence than a pastor in winning souls,” he says.

Chung invites every patient he can to his weekly Bible study group, with sometimes as many as 40 attending. He also serves on the boards of many Adventist ministry organizations, including Amazing Facts, Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN), Weimar Center of Health and Education, and Generation of Youth for Christ. “We can cure people’s bodies, but that doesn’t last forever,” Chung says. “Only in leading people to the Great Healer do they find true healing.”

Scott Nelson, M.D., ’92
Honored Alumnus, Vespers Speaker

While working in the Dominican Republic as medical director for CURE International, orthopedic surgeon Scott Nelson felt the first shocks of the devastating 2010 earthquake in nearby Haiti. Quickly volunteering to help, Nelson was one of the first doctors on the ground in Port-au-Prince. He thought he was in for a worklong humanitarian trip—but ended up staying for six months operating on earthquake victims. The experience demonstrated just how desperate the need was in the impoverished nation.

Nelson was instrumental in establishing a new orthopedic program at the Hôpital Adventiste d’Haiti, the nearest medical facility to the earthquake epicenter. Since the disaster, the program has grown to be the best, and in some cases only, option for critical orthopedic care for Haiti’s poorest communities. “Out of the tragedy has grown an opportunity to provide services that they’ve never had access to before,” he says.

“The education, adventures, and inspiration I received here have lasted throughout my life,” said Nelson. “The real honor of this award goes to God—but also to the incredible professors here at PUC.”

Daisie Harrison
Honored Pioneer

Since sending her own daughter to Pacific Union College in the late 70s, Daisie Harrison has been advocating for the quality Adventist education at PUC. A counselor of public school students in San Francisco, Harrison has learned over the last three decades that for troubled urban teenagers, the best way to provide hope is to combine rigorous learning and a supportive Christian environment.

Harrison began introducing troubled San Francisco high school students to PUC, driving them to Angwin, advocating for their behalf, and personally monitoring their academic progress. She found that students who came from disadvantaged backgrounds often did the best in college—because given the opportunity, they would work the hardest to succeed.

Harrison considers bringing students to PUC her “mission work.” She has seen the power of God working in the lives of her students, and loves watching students break the chains of terrible circumstances through the power of prayer, knowledge, and an Adventist community.

In addition to introducing students to PUC, the Harrisons have also founded a scholarship for students who devote themselves to academic excellence in the health sciences. Since 2006, the Daisie Flor and John Harrison Endowment has helped promising students with financial challenges be able to afford an invaluable education.
Worship Services and Awards Programs

1. Lawrence T. Geraty, Ph.D., ’62, was the keynote speaker for Homecoming Weekend. A noted Middle East archaeologist and former president of La Sierra University and Atlantic Union College, Geraty gave a sermon based on the book of Jeremiah, illustrating that God’s promises are sure.

2. At the Pioneer Dinner on Friday evening honoring long-time volunteer Daisie Harrison, Ellen White portrayer Rita Hoshino, ’79, recounted the Adventist pioneer’s involvement in the foundation of PUC, and used White’s own written words to talk about the importance of Adventist education.

3. At the Friday evening Vespers program, honored alumnus Scott Nelson, M.D., ’92, encouraged alumni to accept extreme challenges for God and others in need. “Now is the time for bold, risk-taking action in service to God and our fellow men,” said Nelson.

4. President Knight praised John Chung, M.D., ’84, at the Sabbath morning Honored Alumni ceremony. Chung also spoke at Vespers, challenging alumni to spread the Gospel in all they do. “Your only goal in life is to lead people to Christ,” he said.

5. Many eyes filled with tears on Sabbath morning as President Knight honored paraplegic athlete Erica Davis, ’04, who has become a leader in the disabled athlete community and has broken a world record for mountain-eering.

6. Honored alumnus and Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Terry Bork, ’82, along with his father, former PUC professor Paul Bork, ’50, read a text from the book of Jeremiah and offered the invocation at the Sabbath morning worship service.

7. PUC’s Chorale and organists Bruce and Rosalie Reamussen provided the music for the weekend’s programs. Other featured performers included vocalist Tad Worku, ’08, Dan Garanciar, ’05, and Chaya Miranda, att. ’03–’04.

A 75-YEAR DREAM

One of PUC’s most senior alumni celebrates a family milestone

Thomas S. Geraty, Ed.D., ’37, returned to PUC this Homecoming Weekend for a very special family occasion: at his own 75 year reunion, he had the unique pleasure of sharing in his son Lawrence Geraty’s 50-year reunion, and watching his son present the Homecoming keynote address.

“It’s a dream realized,” said Geraty of the event.

A distinguished former educator and international missionary, Geraty says he keeps his mind sharp at the age of 97 by making a point of writing an original poem each day—a habit he has kept up since his youth. Many of his poems have been printed in Adventist publications throughout the years, including the following selection featured on the cover of Review & Herald, May 21, 1936.

**Without Affliction**

He is not deaf who in his heart hears the voice of God;
He is not blind who in his vision sees the coming kingdom;
He is not dumb who in his life tells “the old, old story;”
He is not feeble who leans on “the Everlasting Arm;”
He is not thirsty who drinks at “the Fountain of living waters;”
He is not hungry who daily partakes of “the Bread of life;”
He is not poor who owns “the Pearl of great price;”
He is not unlearned who hearkens to the Master Teacher;
He is not a stranger among men who is a “friend of God;”
He is not weary who rests on the bosom of Jesus;
He is not homeless in this world who is “going home;”
He is not lost in danger who abides “under the shadow of the Almighty;”
He is not uncouth who is acquainted with “the One altogether lovely;”
He is not despised who is “the servant of the Most High;”
He is not unmitigated in affairs who is “on business for the King;”
He is not a failure on earth who is a success with God;
He is not a man of earthly kingdoms who is “a son of God.”
The Friends of Walter C. Utt
Honoring an academic legend

Sabbath afternoon of Homecoming, the Friends of Walter C. Utt gathered in Nelson Memorial Library to pay homage to one of PUC’s most iconic educators. This group, consisting mainly of Utt’s students from the 1960s and 70s, meets every year at Homecoming to share memories of the history professor, preserve his published work and manuscripts, and discuss ways to honor his legacy by making his college a more effective center of historical learning for the Adventist Church and the world.

With the passing of Utt’s wife, Martha Utt-Billington, earlier this year, the group heard memories from Utt’s son Kenneth. “She loved being the ‘Martha’ for Dad,” he said, recalling his mother’s hardworking biblical namesake. Walter Utt’s brothers Richard and Theodore also spoke, sharing stories of their boyhood mischief and their late brother’s fantastic imagination. A collection of Utt’s childhood drawings, including incredibly detailed maps and illustrations of make-believe countries, accompanied their tales.

The meeting served as an opportunity to unveil a new portrait of Utt, created by painter and physician Wesley Kime. Although the artist could not be present, he sent a letter describing how he would listen to recordings of the historian’s lectures while he painted from photographs, getting a feel for the personality of a subject he had never met. “Of course I had heard of Dr. Utt—who hadn’t?—and I envied you PUC students,” Kime wrote. “By painting his portrait...I now know your Professor Utt in a special way.”

President Heather J. Knight took the opportunity to announce the launch of the campaign to create a facility honoring Utt’s life and work. The Walter C. Utt Center for Adventist History would house a collection of the professor’s papers and publications, and will be a part of the planned phase two of the renovation of Nelson Memorial Library.

Parties and Group Events

1. Honored alumnus Erica Davis, ’04, arrived on campus the day before Homecoming to guest-teach an exercise science course on water safety for swimmers with disabilities.
2. The class of 2002 held its reunion party at St. Helena’s PiZZeta Tra Vigne, a favorite local eatery among recent PUC students.
3. Leslie Gooden (blue shirt) and his classmates from 1992 enjoyed a sumptuous catered banquet in the library’s elegant Maxwell Reading Room on Saturday night.
4. Members and friends of the class of 1982 enjoyed a lively reunion at the home of Kellie Lind, ’82, just off campus.
5. Alumni and a few current Pioneer basketball players met in Pacific Auditorium for a game on Saturday night.
6. At the first ever Pioneer Alumni Volleyball Game on Sunday morning, former Pioneer Melissa Lou, ’02 (right) went up for a block against current outside hitter Britta Wimmer (left).
7. President Knight (center) and Carolyn Hamilton, ’81, vice president for advancement (left), thanked members of the President’s Circle—including Wilmonte Penner, ’66—for their support of PUC at a special brunch at Napa Valley’s elegant Meadowood Resort on Sunday morning.
8. Julia (Scharffenberg) Courtney-Williams and her classmates shared their life stories at the luau-themed class of 1972 reunion party in the Dining Commons.
Anyone who has served as a professor who at some point in time has been involved with the campus ministry of the PUC, will remember with fondness Bill Hemmerlin. ‘Bill was a role model for me,’ says Alonzo Godbold, former student government president. ‘I still remember when I went to his room in the fall of 1979. He talked about our loving, forgiving, empowering service instead of fighting…’

Larry Peña

**About Campus**

Pastor Tim Mitchell says farewell to PUC

**Larry Peña**

As anyone at PUC and they will tell you that Tim Mitchell has a unique approach to ministry. Ask Tim Mitchell, and he will tell you that he never had much of an approach at all.

“I don’t have a program. I just want to find out about you and see how we can get along,” he says, describing his first year of ministry at the Pacific Union College campus church in 2003. As he wraps up his nine-year tenure at PUC this summer, Mitchell’s leaves behind a legacy as one of the most campus-involved pastors in the congregation’s history.

Tim Mitchell first came to PUC as a student, graduating with theology degrees in 1987 and 1989. The fact makes him the first PUC alumnus who has served as a pastor at the PUC Church. It has also had a profound affect on his ministry at his alma mater, not to mention his own personal walk of faith.

“We had Morris Vernon here [when I was a student], and he packed ‘em in,” says Mitchell. “He talked about our loving, forgiving, empowering Savior, and he would pack every work. It was great news. I think most adolescents have a lot of guilt, and they can’t get enough Gospel!”

But as uplifting as that message was, he found it along with PUC student involvement to be a nerve-wracking transition coming back decades later.

“Seeing this pantheon here, they’re all these people you admire. How do you come preach to them?”

Mitchell’s answer, when he was asked, was to recognize everyone present as a voice of many—not the solo leader. “I think one of the most campus-involved pastors in the congregation’s history. And he will tell you that he never had much of an approach at all.”

“In recognition of his active and involved ministry, the Student Senate this spring passed a resolution thanking the outgoing pastor. In particular, it praises Mitchell for “his dedication and availability to students, promoting spiritual growth and community and on and off campus, advocating for service and social justice both within the church and outside the church, and instilling in each of us a passion to be like Christ.”

In his next job, Mitchell will serve as a religion teacher and chaplain at Mountain View Academy, a role that will put him closer to his children and grandchildren in the South Bay area. He’s eager for the new challenge and new opportunities. “I feel like I’ll have more autonomy than I have here; so I’m just jazzed and excited about the things we can do,” he says. But at the same time, he says he’s going to miss the relationship of the students and the church of PUC will be hard to replace. “Collaborating with the people here…will make an active role or not,” says last year’s Student Association President Erin Trues, ’12. “Pastor Mitchell always ensured that his presence was felt, which allowed students comfort and enabled them to build a relationship with him and seek him out when they needed help. He will be missed, but I know that the foundation he has built between PUC and the church will have a lasting impact on both students and the campus alike.”

“Through collaboration with the vice presidents, it has worked really well,” he says. “We all share common goals. We started collaborat- ing more.”

That multifaceted community also gave Mitchell the opportunity to develop what would become his signature style: a deep involvement in all areas of campus life. He’s not only been the leader of the college’s athletic church, he’s also taken an active role in student advocacy groups, social and cultural events on campus, and student life leadership—things that generally fall outside of his specific job description.

“That was an automatic,” he says. “For me, that’s what I know about PUC. That’s how I could hang out with students in low stress, low anxiety environments—friendship venues—and build trust.”

Many student leaders are immeasurably grateful for his service and involvement. “Tim Mitchell is a man of God as he is a man of love,” says Amador Jesco, ’72, who was baptized with Mitchell and worked with him frequently in a variety of campus groups and activities. “He represents what I look for in a pastor, tolerating spiritual diversity within the church and on campus. He comes from a place of love and acceptance, no matter what the situation.”

“He was always on hand at club meetings, events, and worship services, whether he had an active role or not,” says last year’s Student Association President Erin Trues, ’12. “Pastor Mitchell always ensured that his presence was felt, which allowed students comfort and enabled them to build a relationship with him and seek him out when they needed help. He will be missed, but I know that the foundation he has built between PUC and the church will have a lasting impact on both students and the campus alike.”

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**Advanced Science**

Professor Vola Andrianarjona is expanding the boundaries of experimental physics.

**Larry Peña**

Vola Andrianarjona, a professor of physics at Pacific Union College and a recipient of a grant from the National Science Foundation, recently returned from a research trip to Tennessee’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory, one of the world’s top experimental physics laboratories. His subject: charge transfer of astrophysics, a largely unexplored area of physics with a broad range of both theoretical and practical applications.

“I chose to focus on these particles because no one else is doing them, because they’re too difficult,” says Andrianarjona. That’s not all. The particles within the scope of Vola’s research—specifically ion-neutral molecular hydrogen—simply do not exist in Earth’s normal environment, and only occur naturally in the star’s vacuum of space and the extreme upper atmosphere.

The resources to simulate the conditions required in Andrianarjona’s research exist in only a handful of facilities in the world—including Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, and the Université catholique de Louvain in Belgium. The physicist has spent much of the last few months gravitating between those facilities, pushing forward on cutting edge experiments. Several of the techniques he is using are so revolutionary that they don’t even have a name, including one apparatus in Belgium that he himself designed and built, and describes as “something like a portable X imaging technique.”

The NSF grant has been vital in providing an important resource as Andrianarjona performs his experiments: the assistance of exceptional student researchers. PUC physics majors Christian Guillén, Shalyn Romano, and April Vassancharat accompanied the physicist on his most recent trip to Oak Ridge. “Other scientists literally came up to me and said, ‘Vola, I didn’t expect that your students would be that good,’” he says.

The National Science Foundation is a federal agency created by Congress to promote the progress of scientific discovery, as well as advance national health, welfare, and defense. Andrianarjona’s research into charge transfer has the potential to yield implications in all these areas.

First, as the most basic element in the universe, new insight into the behaviors of hydrogen has the potential to reshape our understandings of fundamental physics. Second, the reactions under observation mimic the conditions of our universe’s earliest moments, meaning that Andrianarjona’s findings could shed new light on the scientific assumptions as to how those moments occurred.

A little closer to everyday life, his findings may present new insights into the cooling of atomic reactions and the evaluation of current methods of cancer treatment. The physicist has already presented preliminary results at several international conferences, including last year’s International Conference on Photonics, Electronic and Atomic Collisions. He hopes to publish further findings later this year in several scientific journals.
Father’s Day Graduation
PUC’s 125th class gives dads an unforgettable gift

Hundreds o f dads received a very special gift in August this Father’s Day—the gift of watching their children successfully complete their undergraduate education. Pacific Union College graduated its 125th class on June 1 in the campus’s beautiful Commencement Grove.

“It’s the best Father’s Day present I could ever have,” said Geoff Brummett of Redlands, Calif., whose son, also Geoff, graduated. “It’s the gift of watching their children successfully complete their educations.”

In his address, Newmyer encouraged graduates to “make failureours.” Noting historical examples of long strings of failure culminating in great success, he reminded graduates that in life, your friend.” Noting historical examples of long strings of failure culminating in great success, he reminded graduates that in life, your conscience plays in life. “I truly believe that what protects us from harm are our values, and our conscience, and being able to know what that conscience is saying.”

Kingston said that pacifist values can be traced back through the history. “These values of non-violence, we can trace them to Martin Luther King, Jr., and before him, to Gandhi, and before Gandhi, to the American Transcendentalists,” she said.

Kingston recounted how her thought and study of non-violent ideologies left her wondering how she could carry out her values of peace, when in 2003, the United States government began preparing for a “shock and awe” campaign against Iraq. At that time, Kingston was among a group of women who went to Washington, D.C. to protest the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

“We brought our tactics of non-violence—that means that we would have a demonstration in which we would just feel love for each other and for everyone, and it would be a non-violent demonstration,” she said. “No throwing rocks and no hail ing the police or anything like that, and it truly worked. It was so peaceful.”

She felt with other demonstrators continued, Kingston said, even when they were arrested and held in jail for the maximum amount possible without being charged. “It just made me believe there is such a thing as human love,” she said. “We were singing in jail, we were singing our peace hymns, and we felt really happy... they let us go, and then we were still happy.”

When only 24 days later the occupation began, Kingston said she felt despair and questioned whether non-violence was effective. But then she concluded, “Maybe our efforts will have an effect, not right away, not in 21 days, but maybe 100 years from now our love will reverberate.”

Prior to Kingston’s presentation, PUC President Heather Knight introduced the speaker, recounting how Kingston rose from her humble roots. The daughter of Chinese immigrants who operated a Stockton, California, gambling house, Kingston eventually wrote the critically acclaimed book The Woman Warrior, a story Knight described as the quest for female empowerment. Kingston also wrote its sequel China Men, and more recently The Fifth Book of Peace and To Be the Poet.

President Bill Clinton awarded Kingston a National Humanities Medal in 1997 in recognition for bringing the Asian-American experience “to life for millions of readers and [inspiring] a new generation of writers to make their own unique voices and experiences heard.”

Following her presentation, Kingston signed copies of her most recent book, I Love a Broad Margin to My Life, in the Dining Commons and held a luncheon and question-and-answer session with English students.

Three Pioneers Named Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athletes

Three Pacific Union College varsity athletes have been named to the 2012 Daktronics NAIA Division II Scholar-Athletes List, two of which are receiving the honor for the second time. Both Carla Bartlett and Michael Giang were listed for the second year, with first time honors going to Josh Jewett.

Carla Bartlett, a guard on the Pioneers women’s varsity basketball team, is a senior exercise science major. Last year, Bartlett was also an honorable mention for the all-conference team at the conclusion of the season. Last December, Bartlett, who is from Banning, Calif., was named a Cal Pac Player of the Week.

Yucaipa, Calif., native Michael Giang is a four-year member of the men’s varsity basketball team. He majored in both chemistry and biochemistry at PUC; following graduation, he will attend Loma Linda University School of Medicine this fall.

New to the list is Josh Jewett, from Scottsdale, Ariz. Jewett was named a First Team All Conference player for the men’s varsity basketball team and was also named a Cal Pac Player of the Week in December. He graduated this June with degrees in intercultural communication and Spanish.

In order to be a recipient of the Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete award, the athlete must be a junior or senior, have attended the nominating institution a minimum of one full year, and have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 at the time of nomination.

Julie Z. Lee
Students and Faculty Present at Western Psychological Association Convention

Twenty-one students and four professors from PUC's department of psychology presented the conclusions from six research projects at the 92nd annual convention of the Western Psychological Association (WPA) in San Francisco, Calif., April 26-29.

In addition to presenting research, the convention offered students the opportunity to attend lectures by prominent psychologists, learn about recent research in the field, network with professionals from throughout the region and otherwise prepare themselves for careers in psychology.

Participating in and staying up to date on cutting-edge research is critical for future psychologists, explains Charlene Bainum, one of the PUC professors who was involved. The annual convention allows students to put everything they've learned from the field together, she says. Attendees at the convention present their independent research giving students a chance to learn about the most cutting-edge developments in the field. “You go from poster session to symposium to invited address,” Bainum adds. “They’re all talking about the latest thing that they’re being done.”

But for PUC students, however, the WPA convention is not only an opportunity to interact with leading psychologists and hear about their latest research; it is an opportunity to make their own contributions to the field in a professional setting.

Presenting research at the convention is only possible for undergraduates thanks to the faculty’s support of student research, explains Danielle Hagin, a junior psychology major. “The professors do a lot to make sure that successful to get there,” she says. “They definitely mentor us a lot and give us the opportunity to get so involved that we wouldn’t know how to do it on our own. All of a sudden, you’re presenting and doing research without even realizing that you could do it.

According to Bainum, participating in a convention like WPA is an excellent opportunity because it gives students a chance to showcase their research experience—an opportunity often not as easily accessible at larger colleges. A small school like PUC gives students a higher likelihood of having the option to work with professors to do actual research due to more personal class sizes, she explains. “There’s nothing, to us as faculty, more exciting than when we see students just light up and get really, really excited about psychology.”

Founded in 1912, the WPA is the professional organization for psychologists in the western region of the United States. Students and faculty from Pacific Union College have made the annual trip and presented research at the convention since 1995.

Giovanni Hashimoto

Students Serve Others Over Spring Break

SCORES OF PUC STUDENTS GAVE UP THEIR SPRING VACATION TO PARTICIPATE in two service trips minimizing to impoverished communities. Twenty students traveled to the village of Empalme de Boaco in Nicaragua to demolish and begin reconstructing a crumbling community clinic; another 40 headed for Arizona for a second trip serving the Navajo communities within the former Bennet Firee zone.

The Nicaragua group followed in the footsteps of PUC alumnus Jake Schiederman, ’91, who has been working to improve the community of Empalme de Boaco for 12 years. Schiederman introduced PUC students to the project this year, and PUC’s Office of service, justice, and missions plans to build the project into a long-term partnership with local residents.

Students and faculty members of PUC’s department of education also worked with Empalme schools to evaluate the possibility of a future partnership to improve local students’ educational opportunities. “We spent quite a few hours in the classrooms observing... My goal is to take that information and help better the students’ zone,” says education major Taryn MacLachlan, who hopes to return to Empalme next year and assist in its schools.

The Arizona trip was PUC students’ second trip to the area this year. Over winter vacation a group of students from PUC, La Sierra University, and the University of California, Berkeley provided construction service to families that had, until 2009, been forbidden by a controversial federal law from making even minor home repairs. Students continued this work on the spring trip.

While PUC students helped provide an important service to Navajo families in the community, “it was definitely an opportunity for learning and exchange in both directions,” said Lori Jobes, PUC’s nursing student success advisor, who accompanied students on the trip. “It was very valuable in that respect and just as a wakeup call for us to be more aware and more caring about issues that exist right here in the United States.”

Giovanni Hashimoto

Journalist Chris Putzel to PUC Students: “Tell Every Story with Passion”

An award-winning documentary filmmaker and TV journalist gave a presentation on his work and career at Pacific Union College’s Communication Honor Society Symposium, May 4. Chris Putzel, a correspondent for Current TV’s Vanguard documentary series, spoke about his motivations and experiences as a young filmmaker to over 100 attendees at his afternoon presentation in PUC’s Scales Chapel.

Recounting the start of his career as a documentary filmmaker, Putzel spoke about how the summer before his senior year, he took advantage of a school program that gave students $5,000 to spend exploring career interests. He spent half the money on a camera and the other half on a plane ticket to Kenya. The end result was Left Behind, a documentary about Kenyan AIDS orphans, which he completed while still an undergraduate in college.

“I had no idea what I was doing,” he said, recalling that he did not even know how to operate the camera before leaving on the trip. “I just knew I wanted to do something.”

Putzel spoke about how he arrived in Nairobi, Kenya, and simply began filmmaking. He then spent over a year editing the footage to create what became an award-winning account of the plight faced by AIDS orphans in Nairobi.

Although the film was a success, Putzel remembers being left “completely spiritually broken” and unsure what to do next. “I couldn’t see how I could possibly do anything like this again,” he says. He could not stop thinking about the people who had been in his film who had helped him get where he was in his career; he wondered what he could do to help them.

His emotional turmoil led him to a silence Zen Buddhist monastery in upstate New York, where he lived for 10 days. “It was completely agnostic—just being alone with your thoughts in the most horrendous thing,” he said, recalling how he struggled with his faith in light of injustices around the world.

He said he sought to understand how there could be a divine power who permitted injustices—citing examples of real evil, such as systematic rape, child soldiers armed to kill, and migrants dying in the desert. He wondered, “How could a God who is all powerful allow such a thing to happen?”

Putzel said he continued to broadcast stories, while grappling with his own questions. People of all kinds of faith have given him one answer he finds particularly meaningful: “There’s God, and you know that there’s God because He made you to do this.”

That notion, he explains, has had a huge impact over the years as he finds purpose in his reporting. “Try to tell every story that I have with mission, honesty, but most of all, passion,” Putzel stated. “I’ve had adventures which I wouldn’t trade for anything.”

Putzel encouraged students to pursue their passion, journalism or not. “I would encourage you—anyone in this room—to find something that you know is going to give you some sort of purpose.”

As students start out in their careers, he urged them to take great personal risks in pursuing their passion. Continuing, he asserted that world travel was the best education he ever had. “It will make you smarter, it will make you more conversational,” he added. “You will have a perspective which you never would have had otherwise.”

Giovanni Hashimoto

Taylor Named Educator of the Year, Again

At Faculty Awards Ceremony on April 5, PUC business professor Larry Taylor was named Educator of the Year. This is the third time Taylor has won the award—an unprecedented feat in PUC history.

The Educator of the Year is decided by student vote, and the result is a closely guarded secret in the weeks between the ballots and the College Commission meeting. “This is the kind of thing that just gradually builds up,” explains Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Bill Hennes from the Associated Student Body, representing his alma mater’s students.

This year’s Educator of the Year is Associate Professor of Biology Larry Foe. Foe received the title, as well as a stipend, for his work this year.

At the award ceremony, Foe stood in front of students and staff and spoke about his work and its importance.

“Tell Every Story with Passion”

Later in the program, business department colleagues Wally Lighthouse and John Nunes and business students Chris Madrid and Kelly Chung presented tributes to the professor. Each speaker highlighted the major factor that keeps students voting for Taylor again and again: his warm and welcoming attitude to those around him. Simply put, “my friend Professor Larry Taylor has an incredible capacity to love,” said Nunes. In addition to the Educator of the Year award, the program featured a listing of faculty members who have undertaken extracurricular academic or creative achievements this year, as well as the 2012 Herber Grant winners. These grants go to help fund research projects. This year’s winners included three faculty members and one student, visual art instructor Amy Cronk, biology professor Scott Herbert, and chemistry professor Denise Lee-Haye. The final winner was English professor Maria Rankins Brown, receiving her third Herber Grant.

Larry Foe

Giovanni Hashimoto

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Following a relatively new tradition, seniors rang the Healdsburg Bell in the PUC Church during finals week to celebrate the end of their college careers.

PUC's film and TV students got a chance to try out the cutting edge RED One digital camera, a $25,000 piece of equipment currently revolutionizing the Hollywood production world.

Preserving the Memories: PUC's Student Association distributed the beautiful new issue of the Diogenes Lantern just before the close of the school year.

Stargazing: This spring PUC students watched the skies for two special events—the solar eclipse on May 20, and the transit of Venus across the sun on June 5 and 6, pictured here.

The Incredible RED: PUC's film and TV students got a chance to try out the cutting edge RED One digital camera, a $25,000 piece of equipment currently revolutionizing the Hollywood production world.

Nursing Pins: Nursing students celebrated the end of their studies with a special pinning ceremony over graduation weekend.

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Senior Art Theses: Visual arts majors presented their capstone projects at Rasmussen Art Gallery’s annual Thesis Exhibition, May 19 through June 17.

The Crucible: The Dramatic Arts Society performed Arthur Miller’s classic play about the dangers of intolerance and public hysteria from May 26 to June 3.

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Dead Man Walking: Activist Sister Helen Prejean speaks at PUC

At a campus wide program at Pacific Union College May 3, Sister Helen Prejean, the noted social activist and author of Dead Man Walking, called for the end of the death penalty and a shift in focus from retributive to restorative justice. Prejean’s presentation came less than two weeks after an initiative to end the death penalty in California qualified to appear on the ballot in the upcoming November election.

“The Supreme Court says that the death penalty should only be reserved for the worst of the worst murder cases—but how in the Sam Hill do we know which is the worst of the worst?” said the Louisiana born nun who was portrayed by Susan Sarandon in a 1995 film based on her book. “Every murder is the worst of the worst, we don’t even know how to apply the standards.”

A nun in the Congregation of St. Joseph, Prejean called attention to what she sees as an extreme paradox—the religious justification for executing criminals and the merciful figure of Jesus found in the Bible. “We have gotten ourselves to a point in this country where we try to make violence redemptive,” she said. “Nothing could be further from the gospel of Jesus.”

She related how she at first tried to focus on moral arguments, only to discover that for many, the practical arguments were just as compelling. “You spend $4 billion to execute 13 people. You pay $180 million a year to keep this death machinery in place, and on average you execute someone every 20 years,” she said.

Despite California currently has the most inmates on death row, far surpassing even the swath of the Deep South and the Midwest, Prejean said the money could be put to better use. “Can we end the machinery of death and put those resources into at-risk kids? Into housing? Into schools?”

Prejean concluded her presentation by noting the stark separation from the campus audience. Following the program, she signed copies of Dead Man Walking, as well as her follow-up book Dead of the Innocents, which details cases of wrongful convictions that led to executions. At a luncheon following the morning programs, PUC President Heather J. Knight hosted Prejean, as well as college administrators, faculty, and student leaders of the PUC chapter of Amnesty International.

Prejean encouraged the student activists to prepare for a hard fight in November. If the ballot measure passes, the sentences of the 721 California inmates currently on death row would change to life without the possibility of parole.

Prejean is passionate about much more than just ending the death penalty—she sees capital punishment as just one part of a struggle against economic and social inequality in the United States. “Look who’s on death row across the United States. Ninety-eight percent or higher are poor people,” she says. “The street saying is, ‘Capital punishment means them without the capital gets the punishment.’”

California currently has the most inmates on death row, far surpassing even the swaths of the Deep South that Prejean calls the “Execution Belt states.” “It’s up to the discretion of the prosecutor whether to pursue the death penalty,” she says. “It’s pure political symbolism...get a death sentence and you’ll look tough on crime. It couldn’t be more superficial.”

Despite this, she said, the U.S. has become a “punishing society.” Prejean is optimistic that with education, the American public will eventually come around to her side. “I’ve discovered that most people aren’t wedded to the death penalty—they just never think about it,” she says.

Lorry Peta

Heather Reid, professor of English, recently received a very positive review for a chapter about The Shroud of Anasth and female initiation rites, published two years ago in the scholarly book, Women and the Divine in Literature Before 1500. The review was published in the Journal of English and German Philology (vol. 111, no. 2, April 2012) by Carole Meale, an exceptionally well-known and respected medieval scholar from the University of British Columbia. Meale describes Heather’s portion of the book as “a fascinating read.”

Ross Winkle, professor of religion, successfully defended his dissertation before a doctoral board at Andrews University on May 15, earning a Ph.D. in religion. New Testament studies. His dissertation was entitled “Clothes Make the (One Like a Son of) Man: Dress Imagery in Revelation 1 and an Indicator of High Priestly Status.”

Class Notes

1940

Lyle and Ruth McCoy, ’45 and ’42 were honored by Napa County and the state of California for more than 30 years of working at election polling places in Angwin, Calif. At a tribute ceremony, California Secretary of State Debra Bowen presented a certificate of appreciation to the McCoys, and county Registrar of Voters John Tuteur praised the couple for their long and faithful service record in assisting voters at the polls.

Guests at the event, which was featured in the Napa Valley Register, included all five Napa County supervisors.

Robert W. Montanye, ’44 was included in a new stone memorial to local military personnel from St. Helena, Calif., who died in service. The monument was unveiled at a Memorial Day ceremony on May 28 by the local American Legion Post 195. Montanye, who was in the U.S. Navy during World War II, died at 21 in an aircraft explosion in 1945.

Elizer Benavides, att’l. ’47–’50, although formally retired, stays active as an associate director of the Church State Council of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. In his ministry Elizer contacts employers who have fired or are threatening to fire an Adventist employee over religious issues. In doing this he seeks through prayer and, when necessary, governmental action in forestall or end the threat of termination of the church member. Before retirement, Elizer was the director of Hispanic ministries of the Pacific Union Conference.

Nicholas and Sophie Poulos, ’50 and ’47, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, a milestone which was noted by the Napa Valley Register. The story cites the couple as the first American missionaries for the Greek Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, a church unit to which Nick was eventually appointed president. Later Nick became a physician, and at one time in his medical career, as a prison physician at Vacaville, Calif., he had as one of his patients the notorious criminal Charles Manson. Nick and Sophie are now retired, living in St. Helena, Calif.

Bert B. Beach, ’48, who has served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in several capacities, is now director of public affairs and religious liberty, recently published his memoir, Ambassodor for Liberty. In addition to noting highlights of Beach’s leadership role in the church, the book also provides an interesting snapshot of the church’s history. The book is available for purchase at Amazon.com and through the Adventist Book Center.

1950

Bill Jamerson, ’50, a retired Seventh-day Adventist minister in Paradise, Calif., has published his remarkable life story, It’s Great to be Alive...Because He Lives: On the battlefields of Europe during World War II, Bill experienced a terrifying moment that changed him forever, setting him on a lifelong path of service to God. That path would include ten years as a life-saving missionary in South America and decades of tireless ministry in the Adventist church. “I wrote this book to inspire young people that they can do anything in life with God’s power, regardless of their background,” Bill said. “It’s Great to be Alive...Because He Lives is available online through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble, as well as directly from the publisher, TEACH Services, at www.teacservices.com.

Herbert Ford, ’54, has published the second edition of his book, Picatinny Island as a Port of Call, Ford, a professor emeritus of electrical engineering at PUC, is an internationally recognized authority on the unique history of Picatinny Island, and currently serves as director of the Picatinny Island Study Center in PUC’s Nelson Memorial Library. In August 2012, the center will host the second International Bounty Picatinny Conference, featuring presentations by Picatinny Island scholars, linguists, authors, and other experts on “The Bounty Saga.” The conference is open to the public, and information is available at2012BPC.com. Picatinny Island as a Port of Call is available at Amazon.com and direct from the publisher, McFarland, at mcfarlandpub.com. A special discounted rate is also available at pac.graustudentcenter.org.

Stanley G. Payne, ’55, professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has just published two books: La Europa Revolucionaria y España—Una Historia Unida. Both are available at Amazon.com. A historian of modern Spain and European Fascism, Payne is one of the most famous modern theorists of Fascism. He is known for his typological description of Fascism, and his assertion that Nazism
and Communion is closely related. Starch is the author of more than 20 books.

James J. Myers, ’56, has retired from Aerotech Strategic Innovation Company at Caltech, where he worked for many years as a quality assurance engineer. He has kept busy installing a 3ABN satellite dishes for Seventh-day Adventist church members throughout the greater Sacramento (Calif.) area. “It’s good to keep busy doing something good for others,” says Myers, who lives in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

1960


Cheryl (Taylor) Crouch, ’66, has retired after working as an administrative assistant for the Central California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for 40 years. “I am looking forward to spending more time to be a support for her husband, who is still working for the conference, and her daughter who works and lives in the area,” says Crouch. “I thoroughly enjoy staying in touch with friends from growing up in Angwin and look forward to seeing many of them at our ‘Pop homecoming next fall,’ she says. ‘PUC is a family tradition, and it always feels good to meet and be in touch with others.’

Nancy (Calwell) Jerus, ’66 and ’95, retired after 28 years as a clinical nursing instructor at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center in Downey, Calif. She now lives near Denver, Colo.

1970

Martha (Diaz) Loyola, ’73 and ’74, has returned to Glendale Adventist Academy as vice principal for academic affairs and registrar. She previously worked as a teacher and registrar at GA from 1980-1990, before spending several years teaching at other Adventist academies across Southern California.

Wanda (Lewis) Westcott, ’73, lives in Moreno Valley, Calif, and has been a nurse for almost 30 years, and is excited about her 40-year anniversary of graduating from PUC and the expected changes in healthcare. For the majority of her career she has been a nurse in our Hawaiian Islands. Prior to his new post, Teryl was a teacher in elementary, junior academy, and secondary school levels in Hawaii.

Janet Sharp, ’79, recently published a book titled *The Songs*. The book chronicles the journey of her grandfather, the hymns he compiled, the lessons he learned, and the Bible truths he discovered along the way from his homeland of Finland, to port around the world, to the country he eventually called home. The Songs has been digitally and online, at local bookstores, or through the publisher, teacheservices.com.

1980

Deanna Staufer, ’81, is working as a relief charge nurse in Milford, Del., and has volunteered her medical skills with his school groups on trips to Africa and South America. Her daughter, Lesly, graduated last year from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, Calif, with a B.S in biology, and hopes to attend Loma Linda University for medical school. Deanna still keeps in regular contact with one of the bedrock doctrines of Christianity.

Diana Dekos, ’71, has worked as an associate dean in private hospitals for 20 years in radiology, interventional radiology, and a cath lab at a county facility; and for the past 20 years he has taught a cath lab nurse at a veteran facility. “I fondly recall days at PUC,” she says.

Teryl Loyeffl, ’75 and ’86, was recently named superintendent of schools for 12 years, and is excited about his 40-year anniversary of graduating from Seventh-day Adventist, headquartered in Honolulu. In his new role, Teryl will oversee the educational programs at eight schools and two nursing homes in Utah. Prior to his new position, Teryl was a teacher in elementary, junior academy, and secondary school levels in Hawaii.

1990

Monte Bischoff, ’93, owner of Payroll Specialties in Medford, Ore., recently acquired Payroll Solutions of Sacramento which makes Payroll Specialties a $1 million business, according to an article in Southern Oregon’s Mail Tribune. Payroll Specialties provides comprehensive payroll, payroll tax, and human resource services to businesses.

2000

Michelle Mirolo, ’00, associate professor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine, has received word that her request for an additional A4 for this term has been accepted. University of Michigan Veterans Affairs (VA) has set the Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated school.”

Robert Zbron, ’83, recently received a “20 years of Service” award from Andrews University, where he teaches biology. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Montana, and lives in the university village of Brerสนใจ, Mich.

Scot Aaword, ’86, is on the ballot for a spot on the city council of Roseville, Calif, a small business advocate. Scott is the owner of a successful Roseville talent, and has served as the city’s public safety director, the president of the Roseville Downtown Business Association. He is an active community leader, and has helped to support many civic appointments, public speaking events, and charity causes. The city will vote for new council members on November 6.

Shomma (Wiltz) Dulagson, ’83, found herself in an empty nest this past year as her daughter headed off to college. To fill the void, she trains in clinical pastoral education, and chairs the Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, Calif, this fall, she will continue to her second unit and begin working part-time on a master’s in theology at Fuller Theological Seminary’s Sacramento campus.

Brenda L. Pfeiffer, ’82, an assistant professor at Loma Linda University, was named a program director for LLU’s medical imaging program, and is leading the Accreditation of Allied Health Professions multi-year clinical mission trip.

Clyde Holland, ’83, founder, CEO, and chairman of Holland Partner Group of Vancouver, Wash, “is poised to develop more than $1 billion worth of apartment complexes to meet demand in the booming rental markets of Los Angeles, Denver, Portland and Salt Lake,” according to the Columbia Vancouver, Wash, article dated January 15, 2012. According to the newspaper, the group has more than $1 billion worth of apartment projects either under construction or approved to start this year. The article notes that Clyde “graduated in 1983 with a business degree in accounting from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif, a private Seventh-day Adventist-affiliated school.”
deceased Adventist military man has been improved after a five year process. Michell's work brought about the initial placing of the logo on the headline of U.S. Army Lieutenant Burton Dye. To learn how to request such an emblem for a deceased veteran, visit the Veteran Services page at va.gov.

Valerie (Villa) Ruban, '00, has joined the Napa accounting firm of Gannett Fleming as an audit supervisor. Valerie previously worked at the Harrington Group, a San Francisco accounting firm. Earlier still at Gannett Fleming, she attended Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center, and senior internal auditor at Adventist Health System, both in Florida.

2010

Brittany (Collins) Choney, '07, graduated top of her class at the University of California, Davis School of Nursing and earned the Law School Medal for academic achievement. The honor came with a plaque, an award of $3,500, and the opportunity to attend any school on a scholarship at her commencement ceremony on May 17.

In Memory

Emily Jane Brown, M.D., '38, a pioneering physician and missionary to China, died April 14, 2012, in La Palma, Calif., at the age of 90. She is survived by four children, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Clyde D. Bailey, Jr., '50, a former hospital administrator, died March 10, 2012, in Sonoma, Calif. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 7, 1921, in San Antonio, Tex. He owned and operated Sonoma Acorn Convalescent Hospital for nearly 30 years before selling the business and retiring to Maui. Clyde is survived by his wife, Betty; Betty’s daughters, Dea Berta and Lovenia; his son, C. David Bailey III; and five grandchildren.

Famon Retzer, '44, a Seventh-day Adventist Church administrator, died April 5, 2012, in Pittsfield, Tenn. He was born in Rowell, S.D., on November 12, 1919. Famon led the church’s early missionary work in Colombia, and later served as president of the Columbia Venezuela Union Conference. From 1956 to 1964 he directed the health departments and the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Colombia, and in his later years served as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Colombia. Fernan’s wife, Dorothy, in 1944, preceded him in death. He is survived by four children, Gordon, Gerry; two granddaughters; and five great-grandchildren.

Lawrence Win, att. '30-'33, a physician for more than 50 years, died December 14, 2011, in Roseville, Calif., where he was born nearly 100 years earlier on December 18, 1912. In addition to working as a civilian, Lawrence served as a major in the U.S. Army in New Guinea during World War II. Ray, his oldest son, and his oldest son, Larry, Jr., predeceased him in death. He is survived by his sons, Richard and Steven; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Helen (Warren) Lee, '36, a nurse and lifelong missionary to China, died April 25, 2011, in Auburn, Calif. She was born July 22, 1914, to Seventh-day Adventist missionary parents in Shanghai, China. Upon graduating from Pacific Union College, she married Milton Lee, '37, a viewer and missionary, and they moved to Chicago, where he was also born into an Adventist missionary family serving in Shanghai. The two followed in their parents’ footsteps, returning to serve in the land of their birth as missionaries for many years.

Helen also worked as a nurse at Bethesda Hospital in Merrillville, Ind. She predeceased her in death by her son, Fred Lee, '73; daughter, Dottie; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Leo Ray Van Dozen, '45, a former religion professor at Pacific Union College, died December 13, 2011, in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was born in San Francisco, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Navy for three years, he attended Pacific Union College, as well as many local volunteer community projects. Janice is survived by her husband, Bob; their five children, Larry, ‘75, carrots; ‘77, Drew; ‘78, Teds; ‘80, Bill, and four great-grandchildren.

Daniel W. Wilcox, Jr., '50, a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor and evangelist to China, died August 19, 2011. He was born on July 14, 1920, in Hong Kong, China. Wendell’s two sisters, Lois and Bernice; his wife, Carol; his sons, Joe and Thomas; and two granddaughters. Lynn C. Johnson, '51, an industrial arts teacher at Monterey Bay and Lincindo Academy, died February 8, 2012. He was born August 15, 1922, in Los Angeles, Calif. He attended the University of Idaho, as well as with a many local volunteer community projects. Janice is survived by her husband, Don; their three children, Mark; '75, Larry; ‘80, John; and four great-grandchildren.

Liam A. Fallbeck, '67, a former world champion and two-time World Championship Silver Medalist in the mile. He was born May 14, 1944, in Simi Valley, Calif., and was editor, publisher and owner of the Paradise (Calif.) Post, and publisher of the Auburn (Calif.) Journal. He was a third-generation Baptist, and served on the boards of Adventist Boys and Girls Club, Parkside Church of the Nazarene, and the Paradise and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Lisa; his daughter, Brittany Lawrence; his son, Ryan; and one grandchild.

Donna H. Johnson, '69, a nurse, died March 21, 2012, in Chattanooga, Tenn. She was born on July 13, 1942, in Greenville, Tenn. She is survived by her sons, Jonathan, '73, and Joseph; her daughters, Shirly Sears-Johnson; son, Daniel; and two grandchildren.

Debbie Urquhart, '86, his son, Paul, '78, and Dan; and five grandchildren.

Warren L. Meyer, '54, a printer and contractor, died April 22, 2012, in Napa, Calif. He was born May 23, 1923, in Cherry Valley, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Warren started his own printing business in Auburn. He was a former president of the California Printing Association, and served on the board of Andrews Boys and Girls Club, P radium Church of the Nazarene, and the Paradise and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Emma; his daughters, Yvonne; his son, Rex; and two grandchildren.

Frank (Spaulding) Bubier, SHSSN '55, a retired nurse, died March 24, 2012, in Eureka, Calif. She was born Jan. 6, 1935, in Fort Collins, Colo. Rosie specialized in labor and delivery service, and worked for nearly 50 years in Eureka. She is survived by her husband, Bill, with whom she met and married after their graduation from SHSSN ‘55, her son, Rex; her sisters, Ruth and Nancy; her brother, John; and four grandchildren.

Rose (Spaulding) Bubier, SHSSN '55, a retired nurse, died March 22, 2012, in Simi Valley, Calif. She was born in San Francisco, Calif., on February 10, 1933, in Fort Collins, Colo. She was survived by her sons, Jonathan, '73, and Joseph; her daughters, Shirly Sears-Johnson; son, Daniel; and two grandchildren.

James (Spence) Jolly, Jr., '55, a former Adventist missionary to Japan, died August 19, 2011. He was born on July 14, 1920, in Hong Kong, China. He died on his deathbed. He is survived by his wife, Janice; his daughter, Amy Reeves; his son, Chad; his father and mother, Roland and Martha. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and served the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Japan. He was born May 23, 1920, in Cherry Valley, Calif. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Warren started his own printing business in Auburn. He was a former president of the California Printing Association, and served on the board of Andrews Boys and Girls Club, Parkside Church of the Nazarene, and the Paradise and Auburn Chambers of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Karen; his children, Sheryl Miller; her daughter, Sheryl; their parents, Jim and Beverly; and five grandchildren.

Joe A. Carlson, '79, a former Seventh-day Adventist minister and Marine Corps chaplain, died November 16, 2011, in Annapolis, Md. He was born December 25, 1934. Joseph left behind three children, Jim, Joe, and Steve; and his brothers, Phil and Mike.

Karen L. Young, '82, who served the Seventh-day Adventist Church at the Pacific Press Publishing Association and as a missionary in a secondary mission in Africa, died on January 7, 2012, in Carmichael, Calif. She was born on May 19, 1964, in Lebanon, Ore. Sharon is survived by her husband, Kenneth; her daughter, Brenda Fish, att. '88; her son, Steven, '75, two grandchildren, and her brother, Calvin Smith.

Dennis T. Yoshika, '89, a planned giving consultant for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, died April 15, 2012, in Fresno, Calif. He was born July 14, 1964, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dennis is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter, Pamela Diaz, ‘94, great-grand; and five great-grandchildren.

Geoffrey B. Gaines, '81, a former pastor at the Adventist Medical Center, died April 22, 2012, in Lodi, Calif. He was born on September 11, 1959, in St. Louis, Mo. Geoff was a business that he built, and left a business at Redwood Covenant Church in Santa Rosa, Calif. He loved sailing, sailing, sailing, and music, playing guitar and singing. He is survived by his church. He is survived by his wife, Millie; his children, Katie, Jeff, and Bill; and his brothers, Bill and his parents, William and Martha.
coffeeshop in the U.S. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; two young sons, Greg and Ethan; and his brother, Darin.

Stephen R. Dowswell, att. ‘92-93, a police officer, died June 21, 2012, in Valley Springs, Calif. He was born on March 7, 1921, in Loma Linda, Calif. Stephen was highly decorated during his 16-year career as an officer with the Modesto (Calif.) and Manteca (Calif.) Police Departments. During his time at PUC, he served as a member of the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department. Steve is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Daniel, Emily, Glorianna and Nathan; his parents, Ken and Dottie Dowswell; his sisters, Heidi Parker and Patricia; and his daughters, Kaitlyn, Natalie, Heather VandenHoven; and his brother, John Dowswell.

Jonathan Nakanishi, ’92, an attorney, died June 6, 2012 in Suisunville, Calif. He was born November 14, 1945, in Newport News, Va. Alan served as a member of the Lassen County (Calif.) Superior Court Facilitator, a judge for the Lassen Teen Court, and board chair for the Northeastern Rural Health network of clinics. At the time of his death he was also a candidate for Lassen Superior Court Judge. He is survived by his wife, Rochelle; his daughters, Kristin, Natasha, and Jessica; his sisters, Pamela (Nakanishi) Touchia, ’86, and Jennifer (Nakanishi) Cooper, ’90; and his parents, Alan and Sue (Nakanuma) Nakanishi, ’61 and ’93.


Herbert H. Broeckel, a member of the Pacific Union College board of trustees from 1988 to 1999, died January 1, 2012, in Virginia. He retired as president of the Potomac Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 2002 after serving as a pastor and church administrator for more than 50 years. Herbert is survived by his wife, Carolyn Jean; daughter, Gail Matt; son, Greg; sister, Rose Cannon; and one granddaughter.

Charlie E. Brown, who served for many years as PUC’s farm and land manager, died December 3, 2011, in Redding, Calif. He was born on November 2, 1941, in Arroyo Grande, Calif. Charlie held similar agricultural leadership posts at Newbury Park Academy and La Sierra University. He is survived by his wife, Pat; his daughters, Sherrie Coffman and Brittany Brown; his sons, Rob and Ron; his sisters, Betty Herwick, Myrtle Cook, and Cheryl Brown; and his brother, Richard.

Remembering Friends

In Memory is an opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. Currently, we receive obituaries from various sources and information may not always be complete. Family members with obituaries or information can contact the Alumni Office; the names we receive are also displayed each year at Homecoming.

What you know—or don’t know—about wills can have a huge impact on you and your family. To learn more about wills, request a free, no-obligation Wills Information Kit from Pacific Union College.

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Leaving a Legacy

Can You Pass This Quiz on Wills? How much do you know? How much do you think you know?

Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions.

1. Only one will is needed for a married couple.
   a. True
   b. False
2. Probate fees claim one third of the estate of anyone dying without a will.
   a. True
   b. False
3. If signed by an attorney, most states will recognize a handwritten will.
   a. True
   b. False
4. By law, a codicil is the final execution that makes a will valid.
   a. True
   b. False
5. Only the attorney and executor are permitted to read your will after you die.
   a. True
   b. False

How did you score?

The correct answer to all these questions is False! Here’s why:

1. Each person in a marriage needs a valid will, though the provisions of one may mirror the other. Your will can take-over for your spouse if you fail to make one.
2. Statutory probate fees are not automatically assessed in such a proportion, though in the absence of a valid will, the state does literally prescribe how all estate assets are distributed.
3. No state requires a will to be signed by an attorney. Some states may recognize a handwritten will.
4. The term “codicil” refers to a provision that amends one or more provisions of a valid will.
5. You may grant permission for anyone to read your will at any time. After death, a will admitted to probate will become part of the public record of your estate.

What's your memory?

viewpoint@puc.edu or online at www.puc.edu/alumni/share-your-memories or by post to ViewPoint Editor, One Angwin Avenue, Angwin, CA 94508

In Style

Generations of fashion at PUC

Despite its remote mountain location, students at PUC have always been fashionable—or at least interested in the latest styles. Regular events like REVO and the Warren Miller ski program have traditionally used fashion shows to raise money for worthy causes and to show students a good time. The Deepwear Lantern often features a spread of the current year’s trends, and this year’s issue devoted several pages to the subject.

Here are some noteworthy highlights throughout the years at PUC, including a few major milestones in the evolution of style on campus.

1952 The Women of Alpha Gamma and Men of Grainger demonstrate some of the fashion standards of a more conservative era—less variation in hairstyles, and dresses and coats as staples of relatively casual occasions.

1966 The notorious extremes of the 80s were most evident in women’s fashion—big hair and those leggings—while men often kept things buttoned down.

1992 The 80s were still wearing off at a time when lone moustaches and fake face-covering hairdos were frequently seen.

What style looks did you and your friends sport at PUC? Share your photos at facebook.com/pacificunioncollege.
A Reason to Come Home

Homecoming has traditionally been a time for PUC’s more senior alumni to come together and catch up on a lifetime of memories. But this year’s program included a variety of events aimed at a younger alumni crowd. One of those events was Alumni Volleyball, the brainchild of PUC communication professor and former volleyball team captain Michelle (Konn) Rai, ’97.

Players of all generations met on Sunday morning at the False Alumni Court for two games—alumni women against the current women’s varsity team and alumni men against each other. At Michelle’s invitation, a flurry of activity on Facebook brought players from as far away as the East Coast. We spoke with Michelle about the game, the old days, and her plans for future volleyball events.

What did you love about playing on the volleyball team as a student? I just love the game of volleyball, and enjoyed being able to represent PUC on the court. It was hard work to wake up every morning for 6 a.m. practices, though!

What was volleyball at PUC like when you were a student? We played in the CCC (California Coastal Conference) my sophomore and junior years and the NAIA Cal Pac Conference my senior year. It was nice playing in the CCC my junior year because the more competitive schools had already moved into the Cal Pac Conference. PUC played Simpson College in the finals, and we won the CCC championship. Once we moved into the Cal Pac, we didn’t have that luxury of being in the finals.

How much contact do you regularly keep with your former teammates? At least once a year (Christmas card), but more often now since Facebook has changed the way people keep in touch.

What made you think of the idea of a volleyball reunion? We’ve had alumni volleyball games before, but never during Homecoming Weekend. Whenever I had run into volleyball alumni in person or on Facebook, they would often say, “We should play again!” So I knew that people were up for a reunion.

What was the response to your invitation to the reunion game? Everyone seemed to be really excited, especially once people started to see who was coming. Jeff Goodwin (vs) coming out from Virginia was a big draw.

How did the game go? How much was it just like—or so not like—old times? The women’s game was really fun. We played the current varsity team and didn’t completely embarrass ourselves! I was a beast and got a couple of big blocks (on Jenna Guanzo and Casey Miller). They hit so hard that it made an old sound when I blocked it, and the crowd went wild! It was a little like old times in having an announcer call our names before the game and huddling in time outs. We didn’t have a big crowd but we hope that will change next year!

Is there anything different that you want to try for next year’s game? Any new plans? Because PUC doesn’t have a men’s team, we had the alumni men play each other. I hear there’s some male volleyball talent on campus, though, so next year I would like to help organize a PUC team to play the alumni to make it more fun. There is a little more pride on the line when you’re playing current students, so it makes people want to show up more and prove that they’re still got it!

What do you think makes an event like this a valuable part of Homecoming? I feel the younger alumni need to have a reason to come back to PUC...but if it’s just to see old friends, that’s not a big enough draw (since they can see them every day on Facebook). So to have a game like old times really hit home“.

As the ground shook on my way home from work in Santa Domingo on the afternoon of January 12, 2010, I was reminded of life in southern California. Little did I realize that the sixth deadliest earthquake in world history had just occurred on our island, just 160 miles to the west. Initial reports offered very little information, and knowing the dangers and chaos in Haiti under normal circumstances, I was hesitant to mobilize. I soon realized there was no choice, and quickly assembled a team to rapidly make to assemble our team and prepare the necessary surgical equipment. Security, accommodation, food, water, and transportation were all unknowns. We prepared a two-day supply of provisions and departed without a return ticket.

As the first surgical team to arrive on the scene in Port au Prince, we were overwhelmed by the quantity and magnitude of injuries. There were hundreds of languishing patients, many lying outside due to a lack of space. Many of them were developing gangrene, some dying, and others already dead. It was difficult to know where to start. Operating rooms were in disarray, and hospital staff was scare. Amongst the casualties we found a 3-year-old boy about to have his arm amputated by a well-intentioned local orthopedist. We were able to debride his open fracture and salvage the arm.

Our patients were critically ill—the first day two of them died after attempts at life saving operations. It was sometimes difficult to know whether to operate on the most critical patients or those that were slightly more stable. At 930 a.m. the first night I went out to get our next patient and found that he was already dead. We did one more operation that night before I lay down in the corner of the operating room with my head on a duffel bag to catch a couple hours of sleep.

Within days the stench of death strengthened and permeated the hallways and courtyards of the hospital. But with the help of some other arriving volunteers, we developed an efficient system of triaging patients. As more surgeons arrived we were able to coordinate their efforts and create four more operating rooms. Working together, we continued operations 24 hours a day. I did not leave the hospital for six days or nights.

Our intentions of returning several days later were postponed—our stay in Port au Prince lasted more than six months. Now with the help of many others, the Hôpital Adventiste d’Haiti has been transformed. Disabled Haitian people are now able to get world class treatment never before available in the country.

As I ascended out of New York’s JFK airport, bound for Port au Prince, I took a few minutes to reflect on the importance of this work. A 12-year-old orphan girl is being admitted to the hospital this morning in anticipation of my arrival. Last year I fell on her, leaving her paralyzed with a dislocated spine that does not even allow her to sit up in a wheelchair. No other options in the country are available for her and after a failed operation at another facility she has been referred to the Hôpital Adventiste. There we can perform the same quality of operation that would be done at some of the best tertiary care centers in the United States. We will have many other surgeon teams joining our team on Monday, hoping for a life changing operation. We will work day and night taking care of as many as we can.

I don’t write these stories for entertainment or accolades but to remind us all that as Jesus said, the second most important commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. When our Adventist forefathers studied the Gospel they realized that it was not just about proselytizing and baptizing people into a set of doctrines. It was about loving God and caring for others.

This is a critical time in Adventist education and the mission healthcare system. We should not just sit around and be proud of our heritage or stand back and criticize the problems and challenges that exist. We will never realize the potential of God’s calling without sacrifice. Some of us are being called to abandon promising careers, stability, wealth and go to distant lands, others to live out of our comfort zone in other ways—simply a path of self-denial and hardship, but in reality a small sacrifice in the cosmic scheme. Each of us has a part to play in this important work. Whether you are a student, a retired person, or anywhere in between, God is calling you to make a difference in this world. What risk is too great if taken to glorify God and take care of our fellow man?"
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