The Wonderful Seasons of Life

Spring quarter at Pacific Union College is a wonderful time, and not just because the glorious Napa Valley is in full bloom. During this season, two very special events at PUC bring to mind just how amazing the seasons of life are.

Academically, it’s a quarter filled with bubbling activity as students celebrate the coming of summer and the winding down of another school year. From student art exhibitions to senior thesis presentations to theater performances and music concerts, the campus is truly alive with energy and anticipation.

In the midst of that crackling energy, hundreds of PUC alumni returned to campus for Homecoming Weekend in April to recapture a sense of this exuberant college life. Old friends from as far back as 1941 made the trip to reunite in a place that has become a second home—their college on the hill. It was also a pleasure to meet many of our younger alumni, the forty-somethings, who are often too busy in their particular stage of life to return to Homecoming Weekend. But there they were, full of energy and happy to see old friends and to be back in the beautiful Napa Valley!

Just a few short weeks later, the other important spring event took place at PUC. On the second weekend of June, we said farewell to 314 seniors at the PUC’s 124th Commencement. Over the weekend, families flooded the church, chapel, and campus mall, celebrating their students and the culminating of their hard work. Several academic departments held special ceremonies to mark their seniors’ transition into careers of service, and the weekend was filled with beauty, music, worship, and above all, jubilation.

On Sunday morning, students—clad in robes, mortarboards, and stacks of leis—marched down the corridors of Irwin Hall. And when they returned to the hill, it is my hope that they will recapture some of the elation and joy of springtime at Pacific Union College.

Congratulations to the graduates of PUC’s Class of 2011!

Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President
**Athlete, Scholar, and Servant**

The well-rounded life of Aren Rennacker

Eirene-Gin Nakamura

**Varisty Basketball Players Honored**

Each year, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the sports statistics software company Daktronics announce a list of outstanding student athletes competing in NAIA sports. In 2011, Rennacker and five other members of the Pioneer basketball teams were honored for their academic performance and participation in NAIA-eligible sports programs. The NAIA chose these students from a pool of nominees from each school, each of whom must be a junior or senior with a minimum 3.5 GPA.

Team captain Carla Bartlett, an exercise science, pre-physical therapy major from Banning, Calif., has played on the varsity team all three years and runs the offense of the Lady Pioneers with great leadership and ability.

While playing as a vital member of the Lady Pioneers for the past three years, Julie Ford, from Roseville, Calif., expects to graduate summa cum laude next year with a major in exercise science and an emphasis in teaching.

Varisty Basketball Players Honored

Michael Giang is known across campus as the linchpin of the team’s defense. The junior from Loma Linda, Calif., has been an integral part of the varsity team for three years, while maintaining stellar grades as a biochemistry major.

Best known for his miraculous last-second three-pointer to put the team into playoffs in 2009, Josh Jewett, from Arizona, has been a part of the PUC men’s basketball program for three years and is pursuing a double major in international communication and Spanish.

Redlands, Calif., native Brent Wild graduated cum laude from PUC this June with a B.A. in Spanish and will start the doctorate of physical therapy program at Loma Linda University this summer.

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**Very often, a student comes into a school with extraordinary talent and makes it difficult for his professors and peers to say goodbye. This year, Pacific Union College graduated a particularly outstanding student whose excellence in athletics, academics, and service has made him a virtual superstar on campus.**

So when Aren Rennacker was named the 2011 California Pacific Conference (Cal Pac) Male Scholar Athlete of the Year, no one on campus blinked twice.

Cal Pac Commissioner Don Ott said, “To say that I am impressed with all the nominees is a tremendous understatement. Moreover, the two individuals we are honoring have accomplished the incredible academically, athletically, and personally. They all represent the finest traits of Champions of Character, and we look forward to seeing how they continue to impact our society.”

The honor is given to a student-athlete who has completed their four years of athletic eligibility, displayed excellence in the classroom, exhibited the five core values of the Champions of Character initiative, been a significant contributor to his or her own team, and has been involved in the community and on campus.

Rennacker’s achievements are numerous. He just graduated summa cum laude from PUC with a degree in public relations, was named “Major of the Year” by the communication department, and was awarded the “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” award.

During his four years at PUC, Rennacker did everything humanly possible to better himself in his college experience. On top of being a star athlete, an accomplished student, and a head resident assistant for Grainger Hall, Rennacker found time to lead KidsReach, a campus ministry where students volunteer on a weekly basis to serve as mentors to high-risk children and teens. “I wasn’t willing to sacrifice grades, basketball, or any of my commitments of service,” Rennacker says, who participated in the ministry for three years. “So I prayed about it a lot, and God worked a lot of things out.”

Rennacker’s character has not gone unnoticed. “Aren is one of the most selfless and respectful young men I know,” says Robert Castillo, PUC’s athletic director. “Aside from his demanding class schedule and his unwavering commitment to the basketball program, Aren never lost sight of his mission to serve others.”

This focus on stewardship led Rennacker to accept a position as a youth pastor at the Oceanside Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oceanside, Calif. He sought to form a “strong, solid, consistent” youth group. The twenty-one-year-old will not be much older than his constituents—a fact for which his solution is to “grow a huge beard so I look really old!”

Rennacker with local children at the end of a recent mission trip in Guatemala.

Though for most of his life Rennacker dreamed of pursuing a career in sports writing, he realized after his second year of high school that he had a much greater desire to do ministry. So when Oceanside Adventist Church approached him about possibly joining their pastoral staff, Rennacker was immediately on board. “High school was when I grew most with Christ, and I know that is a pivotal time in everybody’s spiritual journey,” says Rennacker.

As Rennacker follows his call to ministry, he steps up to the challenge of guiding young people to Christ—a task that is trying and often discouraging. While he understands the difficulties that may lie ahead, Rennacker has faith that God will lead him through it all. “I see the incredible impact God has had in my life—literally all of my successes are traced back to finding Him,” he says. “I know how faithful He will always be to me.”
Bringing the Family Together
PUC alumni celebrate memories of life on the hill
The spring sunshine matched the warmth of old friends reuniting, as class members hosted parties honoring the 50-year class of 1961, the 25-year class of 1986, and the decade classes of ‘51, ‘71, ‘81, ‘91, and ‘01.

“Life’s a journey, and listening to [my classmates’] journey, and how they came to Christ, was great,” says Alan Nakanishi, class of ‘61.

It was a common sentiment among attendees. Although the weekend offered a wealth of opportunities for unique worship experiences, entertainment, and reconnection with the college, the best aspect of Homecoming for many alumni was the chance to visit with old friends. It was a blessed sight, seeing groups of alumni from every generation clustered about campus, catching up, sharing stories, and talking about the many changes on campus and in life.

But despite the many ways things change, there is something that will always stay the same: the support of a loving community.

“To know that there’s this family, this foundation—it just give me chills,” says Brigadier General Loree Sutton, M.D., ‘81, one of this year’s honored alumni. “I’m heartened by it. It gives me strength to go back out and take on the next … set of challenges.”

View a gallery of photos from Homecoming Weekend, along with class pictures, at www.puc.edu/homecoming-gallery.

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Myron Widmer (left) and Rolando Henry shake hands for the first time since serving as senior class officers together in 1971.

Scenes from Homecoming Weekend

1. Steve Case, Ph.D., ’79 and ’80, presents sermons at the Majestic and Gathering worship services. Case is the founder of the ministry “Involve Youth” and the author of several books.

2. At the Diogenes Dinner on Friday evening, Ruth, ’42, and Lyle, ’45, McCoy (far right) pose with their family and a Vernon Nye watercolor painting, a gift from the college for their years of service.

3. Audrey and Wendell Wilcox, ’51, enjoy an al fresco reception for the honored classes on Saturday evening.

4. Students perform in a Sabbath afternoon music concert in Paulin Hall.

5. Don Kellogg, M.D., ’61, displays a collection of landscape photographs at Rasmussen Art Gallery.

6. Charles Bloom, ’87, (left) and Frank Valdez, ’86, catch up at the 1985 class party at Solage Calistoga Resort.

7. At a class party about 25 members of the class of ’71, including Bill Cochran (left) and Stephen Fox, enjoy a gathering at the Calistoga Ranch.

8. Students and fans of Walter C. Utt gather Sabbath afternoon in the library to discuss and preserve the late history professor’s legacy at PUC.
Now nearing their nineties, the McCoys are more passionate about service than ever, and they offer young people the following advice: "Pray to the Lord to put you where you can serve... Make service an important part of your life," says Lyle.

Ruth adds, "Volunteer as much as you can. Make yourself available to what the community needs and be helpful to older people."

Loretta Sutton, M.D., ’81

With a long history of dedication to the members of the United States military and their families, Brigadier General Loretta Sutton has lived a life of selfless service and considers it her privilege to have spent her career serving the needs of others.

After graduating from Pacific Union College in 1981 and from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 1986, Sutton joined the Army where, though her service, could marry the interests of mind, body, spirit, and health. She was immediately sent to Egypt for a peacekeeping tour, then in Germany with the 1st armored division when the Berlin Wall came down, and was deployed soon after during the first Gulf War. "After this combat experience and peacekeeping experience, I just felt called knowing the sacrifices our troops and their families make," Sutton says. "There is no greater privilege than to serve and to support and to thank the troops and their families for their service."

Sutton spent her career working to address the needs of soldiers and their emotional and mental health. Until her retirement from the service last year, Sutton’s leadership extended to a wide variety of areas including public policy, education, transmedia strategic communications, and combat and peacekeeping.

With this conviction, Sutton designed, organized, and led the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury as the Army’s ranking psychiatrist. Thanks to Sutton’s efforts, the Department of Defense now has six directorates and six component centers working to treat, rehabilitate, and reintegrate soldiers with post-traumatic stress or other mental injuries acquired in combat.

Sutton’s extensive list of accomplishments encompass a span of more than 20 years in the Army, and include numerous awards and honors and an impressive record of positions held. Among these are the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and the Order of Military Medical Merit.

Sutton has held numerous leadership and high-level advisory positions in the duration of her career, including commander of the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, Texas; special assistant to the Army surgeon general; deputy commander for clinical services at General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital; and White House Fellow.

For her outstanding contributions to the service, distinguished professional achievement, and tireless commitment to helping those in need, Sutton was the obvious choice to be named the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus.

"When you go out and you’re leading change in the world, it’s not a journey that’s for the faint of heart, so you know that there’s this foundation, this family, and it gets me pumped to go out there and take on the next set of challenges," Sutton says. "I really couldn’t feel more privileged to be honored."

Calvin Kim, D.D.S., att. ’92-’95

Calvin Kim is a dentist by trade, working three and a half days a week at his own practice in the Seattle, Wash., area. But his true passion is ministry.

"I really enjoy dentistry... But after I experienced being able to be a part of changing someone’s life, it doesn’t compare. And as much as I enjoy being able to save someone’s mouth—saving a life versus restoring someone’s teeth—there’s just no comparison," says Kim.

Kim didn’t always feel this way. While in dental school, Kim says he was “swayed away by the world,” living an excessive lifestyle, partying and experimenting with drugs. His life began to spiral out of control.

But a few years down this destructive path, Kim had a conversion experience that opened his eyes to the damage he was doing to himself, as well as his potential for service to God and others. While at a rave, God suddenly made clear to Kim that he must choose between the way of God and a lifestyle led by Satan.

Since then, his decision to follow God has grown into a passion for interpersonal ministry. Kim has helped start a church in Washington and two urban ministries in the Seattle area. He volunteers his dental services for local outreach and has done short-term mission work in Cambodia and North Korea—one of the most powerful experiences of his life.

Kim now considers dentistry his “tent making” occupation—like the apostle Paul’s part-time job, a way to support his true calling to ministry.

Ray McAllister, Ph.D., ’97

“I consider myself madly in love with God,” says Ray McAllister, a smile lighting up his face. “When you’re a fan of someone or something, you want to do everything about them. If it’s the San Francisco Giants, you want all their jerseys; you want their paraphernalia on your wall. I’m that way with God.”

That passion is what’s driven Ray McAllister to overcome an incredible challenge and earn a Ph.D. in religion with an emphasis in Hebrew Biblical exegesis. In 2010, McAllister became the first blind student at the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University to earn a doctorate in this field of study, which requires intimate knowledge of complex text and ancient language.

Born with the rare degenerative eye disease Peters anomaly, which claimed his sight entirely by the age of 12, McAllister persevered through education at Redwood Academy in Santa Rosa, Calif., and undergraduate study in theology at PUC. He pressed further to earn a Master of Divinity from Andrews University.

As a doctoral student, McAllister mastered the reading of Koine Greek, Aramaic, French, German, and the dead Mesopotamian language Akkadian—for which there existed no Braille code. But his favorite study language was Hebrew. “I ended up liking the Hebrew a bit more, especially because there’s a beautiful Jewish culture around it,” he says. “You sing it. I just had fun with it.”

McAllister’s dissertation tackled a very personal topic: blindness in the Old Testament, a subject largely untouched by Biblical academia. Having scanned many thousands of pages of related material, he sought and analyzed every mention of blindness in the Bible.

McAllister now serves as a professor in the Master of Christian Ministry program at Grigg University and advocates for the blind by speaking publicly as a representative of Christian Record Services. He has also worked hard to ensure greater opportunities for future blind students interested in Biblical research by developing computer programming codes for Braille translations of a variety of ancient languages.

Calvin Kim, D.D.S. and Loretta Sutton, M.D. were honored by PUC in 2011 along with other alumni. ViewPoint | Summer 2011

Photos left to right: President Knight congratulates Calvin Kim for his accomplishments; Kim, Sutton, and McAllister are recognized as Honored Alumni by PUC at the Diogenes Dinner; while making origami birds, McAllister tells the Children’s Story on Sabbath.
Turlock Union College has selected the recipients of this year’s prestigious Maxwell Scholarship. The scholarship rewards incoming freshmen for high academic achievement, a commitment to Christian service, and outstanding leadership experience with $55,000 in annually renewable funds—$15,000 to the student and $40,000 to the winner’s college. These students constitute the third group recognized by the Maxwell Scholar Program, which was established at PUC in 2009 to recognize the late Malcolm and Eileen Maxwell, former president and first lady of PUC. Applicants must meet GPA and test-score requirements, and the ranking of their applications is based on resumes, essays, and letters of recommendation.

This year’s winners are:

**Tori Fode** Sacramento Adventist Academy, Carmichael, California

Tori served in student government for a number of years, including in the office of senior class president. She also played varsity flag football, was first chair clarinet in the school concert band, and a member of the school choir and handbell choir. In addition to her academic and leadership accomplishments, Tori volunteered 75 hours at Mercy San Juan Hospital in Sacramento, independently raised $700 for a local crisis center, and participated in a mission trip to Honduras. Tori, who also volunteers at her church, has preached at several worship programs and hosts a weekly Bible study in her home as outreach to local students.

**Aaron Jewett** Thunderbird Adventist Academy, Scottsdale, Arizona

Aaron was elected class president every year of his high school career. He was captain of his varsity basketball and baseball teams and captain of his junior varsity basketball team. He also was a member of the school band and Drama Club. Academically, Aaron is a member of the National Honor Society and has received many awards for academic excellence. He also volunteered as a youth leader at Camelsback Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he has preached and served in numerous community improvement campaigns. In 2008, Aaron was a youth division preacher in the Shaw Boonstra Evangelistic Series. In his spare time he plays on the Jewish Community Centre basketball team and has participated in the Mud Madness Triathlon, Walt Disney Half Marathon, and the Christian Wakeboard Tourament.

**Melissa Khoury** Marina High School, Huntington Beach, California

Despite competing among a high school population of more than 2,900 students, Melissa was a standout on campus. She served as Associated Student Body vice president during her senior year, was one of the homecoming queen nominees, and won second runner-up in the Miss Huntington Beach Scholarship Pageant. Melissa also was an active member of the Key Club on campus, and participant of the Active Advantage Club, a group that has a major focus on the Special Olympics. Melissa is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, and an Athletica Scholar. Melissa has served her community in her responsibilities as Miss Huntington Beach Princess, as a certified Special Olympics coach for volleyball, and as a spokesperson for the Christian ministry organization Youth Equipped to Serve.

**Lydia Kore** Loma Linda Academy, Loma Linda, California

As senior class president, Lydia Kore has been called a “driving force of change on campus.” Her leadership has influenced her class to focus on service, pushing them to plan outreach at the Ronald McDonald House, area nursing homes, and even on-campus to the underclassmen. In her free time, Lydia tutors and gives Bible studies to underprivileged children in Riverside and on the weekend participates in community service activities with her church. She has served on mission trips to Mexico, Portugal, and Korea and volunteered at the local food bank. Lydia is actively involved in a number of campus clubs—all service-oriented—and she is a member of the varsity basketball and flag football teams. She also plays in the school brass and wind ensembles and the symphonic band. Lydia has won numerous academic achievement awards and is among the top students in her class.

**Krystal Park** Paradise Adventist Academy, Paradise, California

Krystal is a well-rounded young lady, having participated in everything from music to sports to theater. During her senior year, Krystal was not only senior class vice president but also Associated Student Body president. Academically, Krystal is graduating at the top of her class, and she was a participant in the National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine at the University of California, Berkeley, in 2010. Musically gifted, Krystal sings and plays piano, clarinet, and violin. She was first chair violin in the Paradise Youth Symphony, first violin in the Paradise Symphony, and first violin in the North Valley Youth Orchestra. In addition to being the team captain of her school’s varsity basketball and flag football teams, Krystal is also a member of the Paradise Piranhas, a competitive swim program, and she has participated numerous times in the Chico Wildflower Century 100-mile bike ride. Krystal comes from a mission-oriented family, and she has served on three mission trips. She has also volunteered with Korean American Youth Ministry Movement, the Special Olympics, and the Drought Mission Homeless Shelter.

Chung Receives First Jimmy Ha Scholarship

The first ever recipient of the Jimmy J. Ha Endowed Scholarship was honored at the Awards Colloquy on Thursday, May 26. Danny Chung, a junior religion major, received the award for his demonstration of the love of Christ, commitment to the Adventist church, and passion for knowledge. In present the award, scholarship founder Sonja Ha gave an inspirational message in honor of her late husband, a beloved religion professor at PUC who passed away in 2010 after battling cancer. “In the face of suffering we are here together, experiencing and encountering someone—today, particularly Danny Chung,” she said. “We do this deed being confident of this, that He who began a good work will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Vice president for alumni and advancement Pam Sadler introduced the award, recalling the phone call she received in 2009 from the couple saying that they wanted to begin a scholarship at Pacific Union College. “That phone call will forever remain in my mind as a poignant reminder that no matter what is happening today, we must always have the foresight to be hopeful for the future,” Sadler said.

Chung was one of a number of students who were awarded scholarships at the colloquy—all of which totaled nearly a quarter of a million dollars. Many scholarships were funded by generous gifts from families of alumni and former faculty.
After finishing high school, Andrew Terrado knew he had a passion for helping people and began exploring ways that he could make a living at it. On June 12, he stood at the end of that journey and the beginning of a new one, as he graduated from Pacific Union College.

“I feel fantastic, like I have tons of potential,” Terrado says. “I feel like now my life’s about to start, so here we go!”

Terrado was one of 314 graduates to receive degrees at Pacific Union College’s 123rd annual Commencement program, Sunday, June 12. Of those, he was also one of 120 who graduated with a major in Nursing, the college’s most popular major.

Waves of roaring applause followed the names of graduates echoing through Commencement Grove, PUC’s traditional graduation venue located among towering evergreens at the peak of campus. The excitement was evident as students exchanged congratulations and farewells during the ceremony, and after the recessional the thunder of thousands of friends and relatives receiving their graduates could be heard far across campus.

Iki Taimi, pastor of the Genesis Church in Gardenia, Calif., and a popular and energetic speaker within the Adventist denomination, gave the commencement address. In his speech, “Present, Active, Imperative,” Taimi encouraged students to take a hands-on role in their spiritual journey. “When you leave this place you will have a choice: Will I seek God actively?” he said. “No one can seek God for you.”

In addition to the general commencement ceremony, nursing graduates had their own special recognition service Saturday evening. Don Mackintosh, a preacher and nurse with years of experience in emergency and trauma care, spoke about “Bedpans and His Plan,” telling graduates that spiritual ministry was an important element of the nurse’s mission of healing. “Nursing is not just about saving people’s lives,” he said. “It’s about giving them the information—when you can—that will lead them to eternal life.”

Many students are planning to continue on to graduate school, including the class’s many pre-medical, pre-dental, and MBA-seeking graduates. Allie Evans graduated with a bachelor’s degree in accounting and was recently accepted into graduate school at Loma Linda University. “I’m really excited to move on,” she says. But Terrado, like many others in his class, plans to seek work now that he’s finished with school. “I’ve been contacted by a few hospitals in San Francisco and Sacramento, so I’ll be following up on those,” he says. In the meantime, he seems satisfied to bask in the warm sunshine of Commencement Grove and cherish his achievement. “I want to get busy, but today is a day for celebration,” he says. “So I’m just going to relax and enjoy it.”

Life Commences for PUC Grads
Over 300 students transition into the real world

Larry Peña
TAKING THE LORD’S LEAD
PUC’s outreach chaplain shares how he found his calling

Norman Knight, outreach chaplain for Pacific Union College, is a doctor of ministry and an adjunct professor of homiletics at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. As a powerful biblical expository preacher, he is listed in the 2006 Who’s Who In America, as well as the 2007 Who’s Who in the World. A member of the Academy of Homiletics and the African American Guild of Master Preachers, Knight has preached throughout the United States and worldwide in such venues as Australia, the Caribbean, Europe, Central America and Africa. But it wasn’t all that long ago that he was just a young man begging God to show him what to do with his life.

Early one morning in the spring of 1986, Norman Knight stood in his office overlooking the golden shores of La Jolla, wondering what God’s plan was for his life. At the time, Knight was a part-time law student, working as a senior student affairs officer for the University of California, San Diego’s early outreach program, and living what he calls “La Vida Loca.” Knight saw himself as the perfect situation member by going just once and I’ll call it ‘A Day in the Life.’” But after that one day, he be-

Knight had an epiphany, feeling impressed “Just give 100 percent of his life over to [God].” He uttered his first prayer in years, declaring, “Lord, take my life and do with it whatever you want, even if you want me to die as an example. I’m ready.” He returned home that evening to find a brochure for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in his mailbox. Surprised by the brochure’s delivery, Knight asked, “Lord, you want me to be a pastor?” Although he had never considered pastoral work, he reasoned, “I’m a counselor. I’m a manager. I’m a public speaker. I can do that.” His only hesitation related to fi-

Knight’s money concerns were put to rest the next day when he received a financial brochure for the seminary, which informed him that while tuition for graduate work at Andrews University was $1,900 per credit, his prospective program would cost only $930 a quarter. He re-

In 1984, the local newspaper featured Knight and his outreach work at University of California, San Diego. The Partnership Program, as it was called, was aimed at acquainting junior high and high school students with UCSD.

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PUC students held the college’s fourth annual REVO fundraising event on the campus Mall, Sunday, May 8. Hundreds of students braved damp weather to turn out for the charity event, contributing about $3,500 toward feeding an impoverished population in Argentina.

The event featured performances by two faculty, including music lessons, athletic training, and crop cultivation. ADRA will do the legwork (ADRA) to help improve the lives of the locals. The event featured performances by two faculty, including music lessons, athletic training, and crop cultivation. ADRA will do the legwork (ADRA) to help improve the lives of the locals. 

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McGuire Named Educator of the Year

At a special colloquy program on May 12, Pacific Union College named the 2011 Educator of the Year—associate professor of communication Tammy McGuire. At colloquy, a number of faculty and friends and students offered a roast, paying tribute to McGuire; each praised her in every aspect, from her innate ability to engage students in the most challenging of subjects to her impossible athleticism. Roasters Elaine Neudock, Lynne Thew, Michelle Rai and Doug Wilson left no stone unturned, revealing everything from her love of peanut butter to her ferocious childhood temper to photographs from her days as a lanky Pathfinder. The communication department honored the woman of the hour with a video featuring messages from various family members, students, and staff, and a clip from her infamous game tying 5 point buzzer shot at the intramurals finals.

In his tribute, PR/journalism major Aren Rennackers said that this shot, which will live on forever in a YouTube video entitled “McGuire on Fire,” demonstrates “why it’s even weirder that she chooses to teach us about the dynamics of leader-member exchange in an organization and the difference between texts and chi-squares in communication research.” He added, “And not to mention, she does it really well.”

Lynne Thew, a colleague in the communication department, shared her experience with the “landscape” of McGuire’s spiritual life. “Thoughtful, late-night conversations with Dr. McGuire have shown me—regardless of how insignificant each one of us seems—that in God’s greater plan each dot is equally vital to God’s canvas of human history and salvation,” Thew said. “Regardless of how your ordinary you feel, how insignificant you see your contributions, without you or me God’s canvas would not be complete. That is what I’ve learned from Dr. McGuire.”

McGuire, who came to PUC in 2005, completed her undergraduate studies at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She went on to earn an M.A. in English from Eastern Washington University and a Ph.D. in communication from the University of Missouri-Columbia. In addition to teaching a series of major classes in the communication department as well as courses in the Honors Program curriculum, McGuire is a prolific researcher who has presented her studies on communication, linguistics, religion, and feminism at several national communication conferences.

The Educator of the Year is selected jointly by the students and the Campus Chaplain and Honors Committee. The selection is based on excellence in teaching, spiritual leadership, scholarly credibility, relationships with students, and support of the college.

Cortes Joins PUC as Campus Chaplain

Pastor Laffit Cortes has accepted the position of Pacific Union College campus chaplain and associate pastor of the PUC Church, and began the new post effective July 1. “Hope to collaborate with others as we develop future servant leaders that will not only love God, but live lives dedicated to serving as Christ did,” he says. “By God’s grace, He will use us to raise an army of youth . . . that will live the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior.”

Cortes previously served as the youth director for the New Jersey Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and he comes with a wealth of outreach and young adult ministry experience that makes him an ideal fit for the position. As youth director, Cortes coordinated ministry events and programs for young people within the 13,000-member New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist community. He has also been a featured speaker at a variety of programs for young people within New Jersey and across the country.

Cortes began laying the groundwork for his ministry at PUC April 2-5, when he met with student leaders and administrators on campus to begin planning for the 2012-2013 school year. He also led PUC’s Friday night devotions service that week and took the opportunity to meet and greet the campus, April 8, as a special program for PUC students.

Incoming Student Association religious vice president Wally Peralta will work closely with Cortes in his ministry next year, and the two met to discuss plans and strategies to enhance spiritual life opportunities on campus. “I think he’s a guy that takes action. As soon as I met him I knew he wanted to get down to business,” says Peralta. “Next year will definitely be a blessing.”

Tentative plans include a recurring Friday night program that will engage a diverse group of panelists with the student body on a variety of spiritual issues. Cortes and Peralta plans to drive into every controversial, hot button issues as they encourage students to take an investigative look at their faith.

Cortes will travel to Aspen with his wife Lynda, an occupational therapist, and his children Raylyn and Caleb, in seventh and fifth grades, who will finish this school year before transitioning to their new home in July.

Cortes replaces interim chaplain Tyler Kraft, who has been serving the campus since January. Former chaplain Kevan Kowal, who had been PUC’s chaplain for five years, accepted a call in January to be the executive pastor of the Napa Community Seventh-day Adventist Church.
Congressman Praises PUC–Comcast Partnership

During a special presentation at Angwin’s 2011 Flea Market and Car Show on May 22, Congressman Mike Thompson (D-St. Helena) congratulated Angwin on the expansion of broadband technology to the community, thanks to a partnership between Pacific Union College and Comcast. Last fall, the college worked with Comcast to update the campus telecommunications network with a fiber-optic infrastructure. The move increased PUC’s bandwidth by 1,200 percent and also allowed Comcast to expand its services into Angwin, where communication and entertainment services have been limited. “This is a partnership that is going to pay dividends for the entire community,” said Thompson, listing the number of educational online programs that can benefit school-age children, businesses, and families. “The amount of information that is at our fingertips is truly awesome, and so much is available because of the expansion of broadband.”

The program also welcomed Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon, who commended Comcast and PUC and called it a “step forward” for PUC and the community. Jennifer Whitaker, president of PUC, also spoke at the event along with Tom Bartee, district director for 13th District Assemblyman Michael Allen; and Paul Gibson, East Bay area vice president for Comcast.

PUC Offers Unique Film and Theater Studies Degree

Pacific Union College students are now able to combine two creative fields, the stage and the screen, into one degree with the associate’s in film and theater studies. The range of interdisciplinary coursework now available to PUC students through this program is sufficient to stand alone as the foundation of a career or to supplement any four-year degree.

The new joint degree is the only one of its kind within the Seventh-day Adventist system and is a rare find in higher education at large. “We’re very, very excited about this new A.S. degree,” says Rodney Evans, director of the film and television program. “It provides an opportunity for students who have a strong interest in the areas of film and theater to get strong training that will benefit them no matter what career they choose.”

In addition to a core curriculum that offers exposure to film production, theater, and writing, the degree features three emphases to suit diverse student goals. “We felt there was much to be gained by combining our two programs since our film students need experience working with actors, and our drama students need more experience with the technical side of production,” says English department chair Cynthia Westerbeck. “An interdisciplinary program offers students a wider range of faculty and learning experiences.”

Students with a primary interest in acting may select an emphasis in performance. This track includes courses like voice and speech, movement, and Shakespeare in performance. Such training is valuable for those pursuing a career in front of the camera or involvement in community theater. It also provides a useful dimension of training for students pursuing PUC’s bachelor’s degree in film and television.

Those interested in a production-oriented curriculum may choose an emphasis in sound design, editing, cinematography, and marketing and distribution. This specialization includes coursework in sound design, editing, cinematography, and marketing and distribution. It provides a basis for entry-level work in technical and production assistance. The emphasis also provides skills useful to students preparing for a career utilizing media, such as journalism or public relations.

Students who wish to focus on the use of language to relate stories may opt for the narrative/writing emphasis. This curriculum includes courses such as short script writing, screenwriting, Bay Area theater, and film history. This track is an opportunity for students to develop their writing and storytelling abilities.

Students Minister in Costa Rica

The Torres family home sat in stark contrast to the beauty of the lush Costa Rica landscape surrounding it. Roughly constructed of wood and tin, the structure lacked insulation, running water, a bathroom, and flooring. The nearby river—the only water source—was used for everything from laundry to dishes to cooking, often causing the six young Torres children to ill. Furthermore, water leaked into the house, creating uncomfortably humid and muddy situations with the dirt floor.

“When can I serve my family food without dirt in it?” prayed Mrs. Torres, a Nicaraguan refugee to Costa Rica.

The answer to her prayer came in the form of PUC. Union College students and faculty, who decided to make the Torres home, in the community of Santa Rita, their Spring Break mission project. The students had heard about the family’s needs from Seventh-day Adventist missionaries in the area and began raising money to go towards building them a new home.

In March, during PUC’s Spring Break, the missionary team arrived in Costa Rica with a $5,000 budget and a timeframe of one week. The team quickly tore down the Torres family’s house and built a soundly framed three-bedroom home with running water, a bathroom and indoor plumbing, flooring, and a fresh coat of paint. They also left money for door and window installation.

“We stood [on their property] where it was hard to believe that was their home,” says Sarai Machuca, one of the students. “We fell in love with the kids there,” Machuca says. “I think a lot of showing God’s love was through us just being there, hanging out with the kids and trying to find out more about them—actually show that we cared about them…[and] build more of a relationship with the family and the kids.”

This is PUC’s second short-term mission trip to Santa Rita. Last year, the group built the community a church. Next year, they hope to return to Santa Rita to help construct an Adventist elementary school.
At the annual Student Art Show, the gallery showcased more than 100 pieces by current students, ranging from photography to painting to graphic design.

As part of REVO PUC’s fundraising efforts, the students organized a benefit trail run in the back woods of PUC’s property during Homecoming Weekend.

At the President’s Reception during Commencement Weekend, Cabel Bumanglag got an early start collecting the ubiquitous leis.

The Dramatic Arts Society’s original production, My Alice, was wildly successful, selling out the majority of the 10 shows.

Elisa Huckvale received a Certificate of Excellence at the Nursing Graduate Recognition program during Homecoming Weekend.

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Environmentalist Annie Leonard Speaks at PUC
Author encourages students toward responsible stewardship

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Beginning her lecture, Leonard described the events that led her to a career in environmentalism. Having grown up in a family that frequented nature and valued conservation, Leonard faced a shock when she moved from Seattle to New York City for college. She became intrigued by the quantity of trash littering the six blocks between her apartment and college campus, tracked it to a landfill in Staten Island, and ultimately dedicated herself to the environment.

According to Leonard, there are three parts to the problem facing Earth’s environment: “We are trashing the planet; we are trashing each other; and we are not even having fun,” she supplied. To illustrate the rate at which resources are consumed, Leonard shared that humans use 15 times Earth’s annual resources. “If everyone consumed at the U.S. rate,” she exclaimed, “we’d need five planets!”

Further, she pointed out that the U.S. exports toxic waste to third-world countries, where one-sixth of the world’s population suffers starvation. She also discussed the extent to which human bodies carry toxic chemicals. “Babies are being born pre-polluted,” she noted; newborns can harbor as many as 280 toxics.

Even with the high level of consumerism causing these side effects, Leonard maintained that people are still not fulfilled. “Once we have our basic needs met, the things that make us most happy aren’t actually material things,” Leonard asserted. She cited the quality of interpersonal relationships, time spent with friends and family, a sense of meaning and purpose, and a common goal as the makings of true happiness.

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Dalton D. Baldwin, ‘48, an emeritus professor of Christian theology at Loma Linda University, died March 21, 2011, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on April 22, 1923, in Angwin, Calif. Dalton is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughters Cheryl Goyne and Yvonne Carlson; his son, Duane; and eight grandchildren. (Pacific Union Recorder)

Daniel R. Parkey, ‘56, was born May 15, 1930, in Claxton, Ga. He died March 30, 2011, in DeLand, Fla. Parkey is survived by his wife, Alice; his sons, David and Robert; his daughter, Elizabeth; and six grandchildren.

Gentrification, another social phenomenon that involves the replacement of lower-income, non-white residents in urban areas with higher-income, white residents, has been a controversial topic in urban planning and social policy. It has been linked to various negative outcomes, such as displacement, increased crime rates, and decreased property values. In recent years, there has been a growing movement against gentrification, with activists and community members working to preserve affordable housing and prevent the displacement of long-time residents.

Tawana Hargrove, ‘13, was born May 24, 1983, in Seattle, Wash. She died on April 10, 2011, in Seattle, Wash. Tawana is survived by her husband, Christian, and four children: Lindi, Maro, Nana, and June.

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In Memory

Mabel Miller, ‘31, died January 12, 2011, in Paradise, Calif. She was born October 12, 1910, in St. Helena, Calif. Mabel is survived by her son, Larry; six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.


Carly D. Miller, ‘39 and ‘40, died March 27, 2011, in Paradise, Calif. She was born September 28, 1922, in Watkins, Kan. During and after World War II, she volunteered for the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in the South Pacific and for the Marine and the U.S. Army. He then returned to college and graduate school from the University of California at Berkeley in 1950 with a bachelor’s degree in business administration and public administration. His career spanned a variety of state, county, and municipal administrative positions across California. He was married in 1948. He is survived by his son, Chris; his daughter, Clay; his grandchildren, and his daughter, Mary Lou.}

J. Gordon Burdick died March 21, 2011, in Soquel, Calif. He was born August 6, 1917, in San Fernando, Calif. J. Gordon practiced family medicine in Michigan for eight years. Gordon became medical director for Ethyl Corporation, first in Baton Rouge, La., and then in Midland, Texas. After his retirement in 1979, he continued as a part-time consultant for Ethyl and traveled the world giving seminars on toxicology. Gordon was very active in his church, loved boating and sailing, and time with his family. He leaves behind his wife, Aural, his sons, Dwight and Bruce; his daughter, Linda; 12 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Theophil “Ted” Fischer, ‘42, a retired Seventh-day Adventist preacher, died January 18, 2011, in Placerville, Calif. He was born on June 21, 1925, in Golden Valley, Md. He is survived by his daughters, Sherry and Tina; 22 grandchildren, nine great grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

Harold Hare, ‘42, a retired pastor, died February 5, 2011, in Campbell, Calif. He was born January 14, 1920. He leaves behind his wife, Majene (Sather), ‘41; his children, Helen, ‘75, Robert, and Dodie. His daughter Anne preceded him in death.

David W. Harrison, ‘42, a retired physician with over 30 years of missionary medical service in the Philippines, died in 2011, in Gainesville, Fla. He was born in Nebraska in 1922. After finishing medical school at Loma Linda University, David served for 20 years in medical career in North Carolina. He was called to military service in Korea, working with the United Nations Civil Assistance Command, and later began a self-supporting venture, introducing soybeans and soy foods into Africa in the 1960s. He leaves behind his wife, Edith; his sons, Kenneth, Michael, and David; and his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

May Chung, att. ‘43-44, died December on 2011, in Riverside, Calif. She was born on February 15, 1945, in Richmond, Md. She is survived by her daughters, Cherie, Laurie, and Lan; and her sons, Kevin, Mark, and Kirk.

John D. Rhodes, ‘44, a Seventh-day Adventist pastor in Southern California for 27 years, died March 26, 2011, in Riverside, Calif. He was born on June 19, 1924, in Los Angeles, Calif. John was survived by his wife, Jo, his daughter, Robin Jolene Tapasen; a son, John D. III; and two granddaughters.

Louise M. Francis, died Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in Kennesaw, Ga. She was born August 21, 1922, in Clearwater, Idaho. After graduating from Pitzer College, she lived in the San Gabriel Valley. She worked for 33 years for the California Conference in 1951 and in 1956 moved to Oregon where he spent the rest of his life. She leaves behind his wife, Wilma (Slater), ‘45; his daughters, Sharon; and two grandchildren.

Donald B. Fink, ‘51, a retired sales manager with the Los Angeles Company, died December 26, 2010, in Innsbrook, Wash. He was born March 21, 1927, in Rochester, Minn. He leaves behind his wife, Anne (Votek) Fink, ‘50; and two daughters, Debba and Candace.

John D. Briggs, ‘51, a former teacher, died November 7, 2010. He was born on September
Your Last Impression—Planned

The first impression we make on others is likely the most important. For example, a person applying for a professional position in scruffy clothes creates an initial impression that may cause the interview to end before it starts. The impression can signal a casual attitude and careless concern for personal appearance.

Initial impressions, for better or worse, linger in the eye of the beholder. While positive first impressions remain into the future, negative first impressions can last for years and may require sustained effort to change.

Perhaps the most important last impression is what transpires at death. How we die, of course, is important, but so is the lingering effect of how we have arranged our affairs prior to death. A person who dies with a well-considered estate plan in place will create a more positive impression than one who leaves behind a hodge-podge of loose ends and ambiguous or non-existent directions.

A competent estate-planning attorney can help us prepare for a positive final impression. Such thoughtful planning may include final gifts to organizations we have supported during life. These gifts can take various forms, including will bequests and life-income arrangements. They can be used to fund endowments or as outright gifts directed toward specific programs.

We in the planned giving office at Pacific Union College have complementary material to help you consider the elements of a post-mortem legacy. For more information on wills, estate plans, and other types of planned gifts, please contact Robert Halpin at the Office of Planned Giving.

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Camaraderie Through Performance
Theater at PUC adds a little drama

Theater at PUC has been always about community. From a range of productions from Steel Magnolias in 1991 to My Alizer: The Story Behind the Story of Alice in Wonderland in 2011, the Dramatic Arts Society has inspired faculty, students and staff from all areas to join together to create moving art on the PUC campus.

What began as a group of students itching to bring some drama to PUC grew into an official program housed by the English department in 2003. Each year, cast and crew members work to display their various talents in outstanding productions that leave the audience in awe of the creativity we find among the PUC family.

1992 | Spending time with the neighbors
The cast photo for Our Town recognizes the girl in the middle row with the beaming smile? That’s PUC’s Teaching and Learning Center programs coordinator Letizia Rosado Russell!

1992 | Cold War kids
The cast photo from the 1992 performance of Peter Utston’s Romanoff and Juliet, a comedy of love and politics. The production program read, “The great virtue about history is that it is adaptable.”

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**Chip Gabriel—Keeping Connected**

When we attended PUC, we, like most other students, had very limited and vague goals on what we were going to do after college. We hoped to find a profession, get married, and somehow integrate God into our lives. When Dan was drafted into the U.S. Army after finishing medical school at Loma Linda University, we didn’t realize that PUC’s western art course taught by Alice C. Babcock, J. Paul Stauffer, and George M. Wargo would be the basis for our cultural growth during three years abroad. Neither did we realize that the rigorous English course would prepare us to communicate effectively for the rest of our lives. And we would discover that Biblical theology, taught by William T. Hyde, had a lifelong impact on Dan’s view of God and religion.

While Dan was finishing medical school, he taught a Sabbath School class in Los Angeles and Elissa served as a Sabbath School superintendent on the church board. After Dan graduated and was drafted and stationed in Germany, we began hosting and ministering to young GIs in the region. Upon returning to the U.S. and joining Seventh-day Adventist communities in Boston, Mass., and then Rochester, N.Y., we began to act as surrogate “parents” for Adventist students in secular universities. Everywhere we went we were struck by how directionless these young people seemed to be, how much they underestimated their own abilities, and how out of touch they were with their Church and God.

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Chip Gabriel, ’86

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