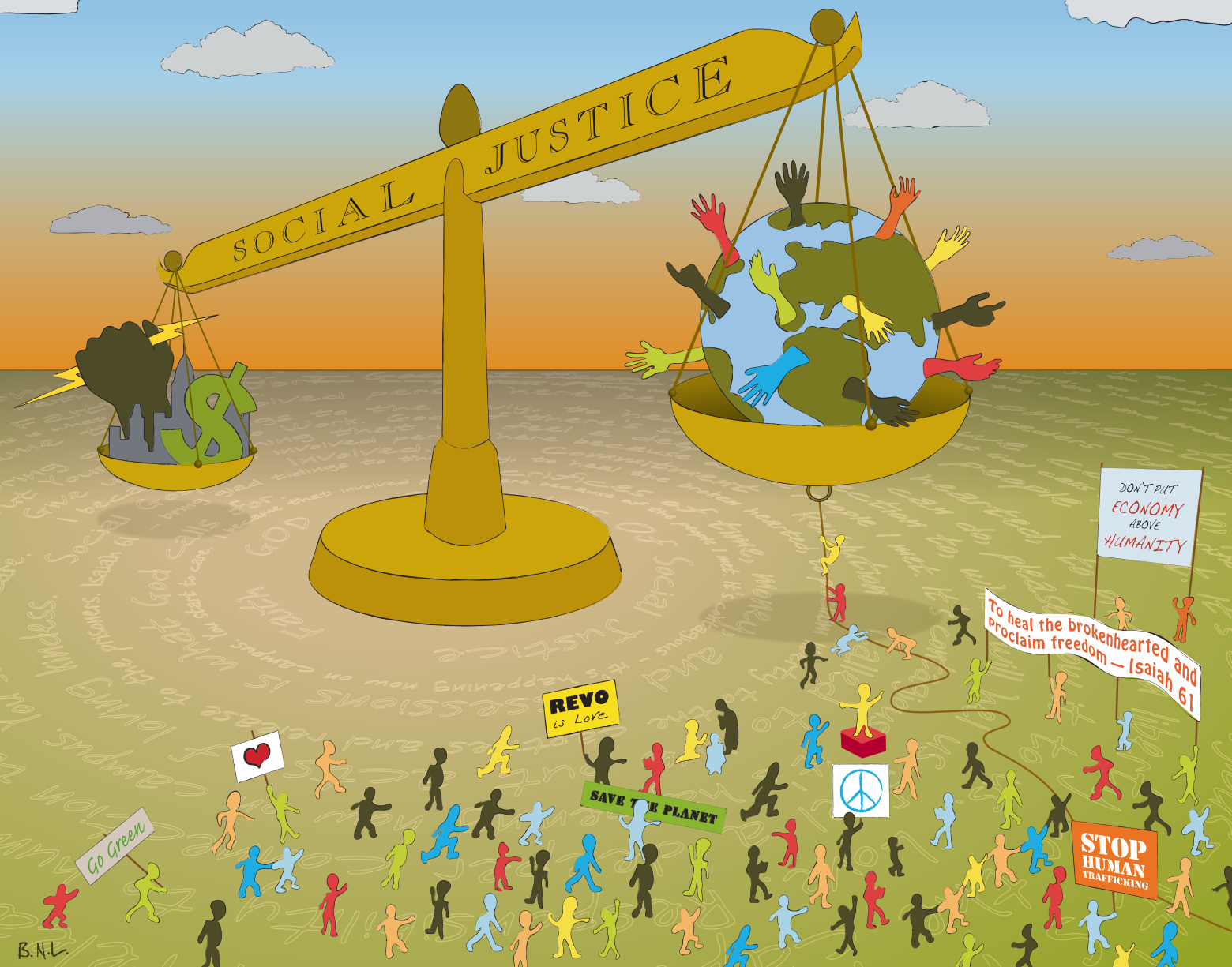


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Contagious Activism

Students Bring Social
Justice to the Forefront



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Left to right, clockwise: Rachel Thompson, Julie Lee, Grace Jung, Krista Brieno

NO MORE WAITING | by Julie Z. Lee

“You say you want a revolution. Well, you know, we all want to change the world.”¹

Do we, really? The idea of “changing the world” is bandied about so often that it’s become a cliché — a phrase inserted to muster a bit of inspiration. But in reality, who has the

time? If this sounds cynical, consider the fact that I was born into Generation X, a group tragically defined by a sense of disenchantment and frustration.

Yet on our dragging heels came the Millennials, a group meant to save us from the X-ers. They are described as hopeful, confident, and civic minded. They have a global perspective and are more likely to volunteer their time towards good causes. They aren’t perfect, but if there is a generation that can change the world, there’s a good chance that they might be it.

So when Rachel Thompson and Krista Brieno, two Pacific Union College students, came into my office to announce a revolution, they meant it (see page 4). They talked to me, to the academic dean, to the president — anyone who would listen and help in the fight against human trafficking. They called their project “Revo PUC,” and at the crux of the event was a giant yard sale.

The goal? Fingers crossed, \$5,000.

The inspiration? God’s message to Isaiah.

The slogan? “We’re not waiting on the world to change.”

With about six weeks to prepare, they started the uprising by using the media-savvy inherent in their generation. They filmed a four-minute

promotional video and planted it on YouTube. They started a MySpace page for Revo. Chalk messages scrawled on sidewalks begged for change and involvement. Select students paraded through campus wearing sunny yellow Revo t-shirts.

On May 18, I stopped by the Campus Center mall, a couple hours before Revo was set to begin. A dozen students were setting up the stage and sound system for the band, poetry reading, and fashion show. Another dozen were arranging loads of donated items. More were balanced on ladders to string lights through trees. A symphony in motion, people moved with energy and purpose.

Though I had only intended to drop in before running errands, I asked if they needed help. Krista put me on folding and selling the clothes. Every few minutes, another volunteer ran onto the scene, asking to be part of what would be the biggest event of the year.

Four hours and over \$7,500 later², I went home, exhausted and yes, inspired. Back at school, Revo was still going strong. It’s a good thing these students are in their early 20s. Revolutions are hard work and the world won’t change overnight.

Or can it? **VP**

¹ “Revolution” John Lennon, Paul McCartney, 1968.

² Additional contributions later brought the total to \$10,464.

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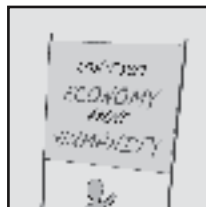
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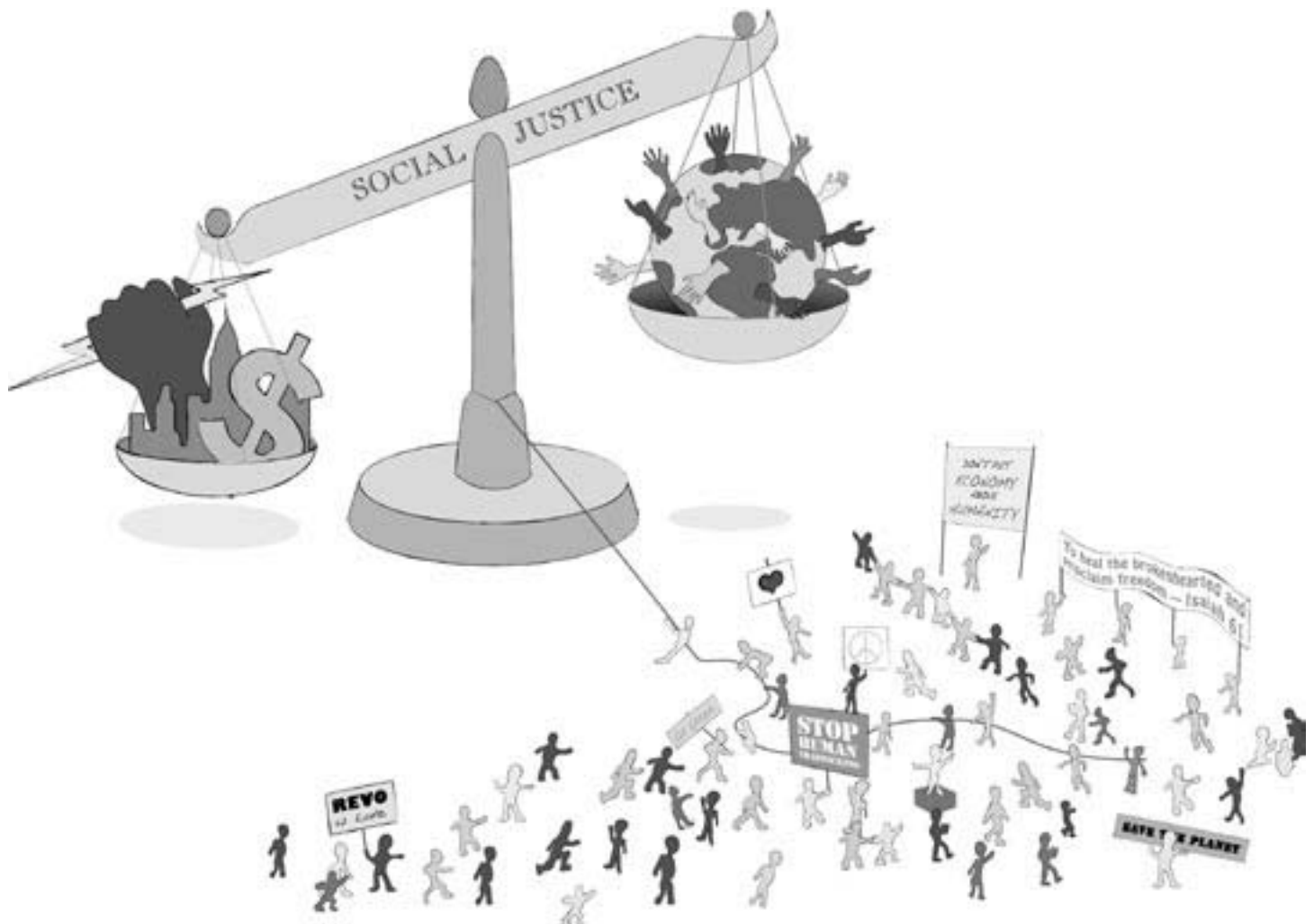
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Contagious Activism: Bringing Social Justice to the Forefront

By Daneen Akers





Above: Students spread the Revo movement across campus, and students, faculty and staff donated hundreds of their valued possessions for the sale.

Below: The Revo fund raising event was one of the campus's biggest events of the year, with the campus mall transformed and packed.

Rachel Thompson didn't start her tenure at PUC as a crusader for social justice causes. In fact, she looks back on her first few years as a student and regretfully finds that she "squirreled away" a lot of time just focusing on herself. All of that changed, however, when she took a quarter off from her graphic design and photography majors to volunteer at an orphanage in China. When she came back, it was with a renewed commitment to think beyond herself and focus on ministry and discipleship.

As part of her new emphasis, she started a Bible study group with her good friend Krista Brieno, a junior nursing major and the assistant chaplain. Along with a small group of friends, they started reading and praying together. In their studies, they continually felt called to put their Christianity into action, finding passages like Isaiah 61's call to "bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners."

Thompson longed to do something tangible, to put her faith to work, so she started praying the same prayer often, "God, if there's something we can do, please show it to us."

And then one day, she got an answer. She was driving back from Napa shortly after the Longo Lecture guest speaker, David Batsone, a journalist, activist, and ethics professor at the University of San Francisco, sparked





Above: Students camped out for the concert, poetry slam, and fashion show that took place at the fund raising event.

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intense interest on the PUC campus. He spoke about the modern scourge of human trafficking, something most people assume ended in the 19th century but which, in reality, is one of the largest, most pervasive industries worldwide with an estimated 27 million people, including children, trafficked each year, many for the sex industry.

As Thompson drove, she prayed again that God would show her how to do something about the horrible reality of human trafficking. This time, the moment she prayed, she heard herself saying, "We could sell our stuff."

That idea started Revo PUC, a student-organized concert, fashion show, and benefit to raise awareness of human trafficking and raise funds for a home and vocational school in Lima, Peru, for children who have been abused and trafficked. Revo, short for revolution, was started by a friend of Thompson's from her hometown of Hilo, Hawaii, and is an umbrella organization that helps social justice causes and crusaders network with each other. Revo movements have started in several major U.S. cities; Revo PUC is the first campus branch.

Students, faculty, and staff donated items to sell, and not just any old unwanted White Elephant Christmas present that they've been trying to get rid of for years. Thompson, Brieno, and their Bible study group, the main student organizers, asked people to intentionally think about what to donate and pick a possession that was hard to give up. "We're mindfully considering what one thing we could sacrifice," Thompson explained before the event. "We're not looking for things that are necessarily a big monetary donation, but we're trying to give up something that we feel a deeper connection to, which will help us feel a deeper connection to the cause."

Thompson donated her favorite black sweater, the one that's cut just

perfectly and goes with everything. Brieno gave up her trusty backpack that's been her constant companion for three years. Others gave up iPods, instruments, a prized souvenir Italian Soccer jersey — even a kayak.

The project took off, with campus-wide awareness and hundreds of items donated. The May 18 event was attended by hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community members who packed the campus mall. Nearly \$9,000 was raised, and the money was given with intention. Student Nathan Miller, who helped man the silent auction table, noted, "People will say, 'This is for the kids? Well then, yeah, I'll bid!' It's not about how much you want to pay for something but how much it can benefit the kids."

Although organizing an event like Revo PUC was a huge undertaking, Thompson and Brieno feel that as Christians, those sacrifices of time, money, and possessions is what God calls for. They find a direct connection between their motivation for social justice causes and their faith. "If we call ourselves followers of Christ," Thompson says, "then this is something we must be a part of. He calls us to do this work."

Brieno echoes Thompson's sentiments, saying that her involvement in causes like the campaign to stop human trafficking and her earlier efforts in the year that raised over \$2,000 for World AIDS Day is "hugely" related to her being a Christian. "In our Bible study, we saw that we have a responsibility to humanity as Christians," she says. "We are the city on the hill in Matthew 5:14 that is called to make a difference."

Stories like Thompson's and Brieno's are becoming more common on the PUC campus. While students throughout PUC's history have always been involved in projects to help others, and campus ministry organizations and student missions have a long track record of reaching out, recently students and faculty have noticed a marked

sure they have the right resources."

Even though his role is changing from activator to supporter, Ice feels thoroughly inspired by the students who come into his office eager to do something to change the world. "It's just unlike any other group I've ever worked with," he says. "It's really exciting to see what's literally a grass roots movement start. We've done more service projects in a year than we've probably done in

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Ice feels that the current crop of PUC students find motivation by seeing their faith in action. "These students see service as integral to what PUC and the church is about. They really want to look outside themselves."

In short, although they might not know the term, the Social Gospel motivates this generation of students. The Social Gospel started as a movement within Christianity in the 19th century as a response to poverty, unemployment, frightful working conditions, urbanization, and stark class inequalities. Church leaders felt that the Bible provided clear directives to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and fight for justice on behalf of those who could not. This is the movement that caused British writer G.K. Chesterton to call the United States "a nation with the soul of a church," and it's the same imperative that later drove Martin Luther King's nonviolent civil disobedience movement.

In response to changing student attitudes about how to live out their faith, Ice examined PUC's spiritual outcomes and strategy document and searched his own heart and Bible. In his decade of

pastoring, Ice had noticed a trend in Adventism and among students towards two extremes. On one side he's seen a group that wants to live as a remnant and live a more monastic lifestyle of denial. On the other hand is a group called to live a life experiencing grace. Ice came to a personal, theological

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trend in student enthusiasm for social justice causes.

Roy Ice, PUC campus chaplain, has found his job shifting. Suddenly students don't need to be cajoled or required to do service work; rather, they are the ones proposing service projects and awareness events. "My job has changed," he says. "I'm not frustrated like I might have been ten years ago having to beg students to be involved. Now they come to me daily — I'm just trying to make

breakthrough. "Between the cross and the second coming, we're not called to do nothing, and we're not called to polish and perfect ourselves. We're called to live out acts of loving kindness."

The result was an updated spiritual direction document that several committees and the PUC board approved, emphasizing that PUC lives out its faith through service. "We actually agreed that what would make us a peculiar people was our willingness to



Above: Martin Surridge, *Campus Chronicle* editor and human rights activist, credits his extensive world travel as influencing his active service.

be known for sacrificing our time, money, and talents to help others rather than building up treasure here,” Ice says. “What these students who have been coming into my office all year are doing is putting feet on that spiritual direction document.”

One of those students is senior social studies major Martin Surridge, the editor of the *Campus Chronicle*, and a student activist for human rights since his freshman year. Besides volunteering with several campus ministries to help disadvantaged children and the homeless, Surridge has been involved with the PUC chapter of Amnesty International (AI). AI is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights. Through his involvement with the PUC AI chapter, Surridge has done everything from planning film festivals and awareness-raising events around social issues, visiting local lawmakers to discuss human rights legislation, and writing lots of letters on behalf of prisoners of conscience around the world. “If you’ve ever heard any news about someone freed on behalf of an Amnesty letter-writing campaign, chances are very good that our PUC chapter wrote some of those letters,” he says.

Surridge credits his faith and his love for travel with helping him want to live an active life of service. He grew up in England and remembers seeing his father, Robert Surridge, who now pastors the

Elmshaven church near PUC, actively participating as an Amnesty International member. Whenever he can save up the funds, Surridge travels as part of a conscious effort to expand his worldview. In the past few years he’s been to Turkey, Israel, Palestine and Kenya. “I find that once I’ve been to a country, it has a strong place in my heart,” Surridge says. “I feel much more involved with issues once I’ve been to a country and met the people who live there.”

The only challenge Surridge notes is the temptation to get overwhelmed in the face of so much need. He realizes that once a person chooses to be aware of suffering in the world, blissful ignorance isn’t an option. He encourages people to at least pray for God to bring about justice in the world, but then his activist side clearly shines through, putting the responsibility for enacting God’s will back into our hands. “Ask God to intervene and ask others to pray too, but do

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Surridge agrees that recently student involvement in social justice issues has increased — a trend he’s very pleased to see. He says students are much more aware of global events and are consciously

getting involved because they feel that is what Christ calls them to do. “It’s about living your faith outside of Angwin, not just having your religion be in Sabbath School class but living out your beliefs.”

One of the long-time faculty members who is delighted to see the growing student awareness and involvement in social justice issues is Greg Schneider, professor of religion and social science. He’s the sponsor of the campus AI chapter, which started in 2002, 25 years after he started teaching at PUC. He remembers the first years as a “sputtering start” but now sees a steady stream of student leaders committed to keeping the chapter active and engaged. The students typically plan three awareness events each quarter on human rights issues, such as the all-school colloquy program earlier this year that brought in survivors from the crisis in Darfur to talk about the atrocities they had witnessed and urge students to get involved.

Besides the official AI events, Schneider sees many of the students who got their first taste of activism in AI going on to start other projects, like the Revo PUC campaign to help stop human trafficking (Thompson and Brieno become friends while working on



Above: Greg Schneider, standing, has long encouraged students to be aware and involved.

embraced by Adventist students and administrators, especially since the phrase was an insult in the circles he grew up in. “You have to remember that I grew up during the Cold War ethos,” he

says. “Anything like the Social Gospel smacked of liberalism, socialized medicine and all of these things that were anti-American.” Within Adventism, an emphasis on the Social Gospel “betrayed the real Gospel, which was

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AI events), the Green Club and PUC’s first-ever Green Week, and several projects sponsored by Student Association leaders to increase campus dialogue about global issues.

Schneider says he’s overjoyed by the dawning realization that social justice issues and the Social Gospel are being so widely

supposed to save people for the world to come and not worry about the world now. Social causes were okay for the Salvation Army, but they weren’t what true Christians focused on.”

Imagine Schneider’s surprise when Ice presented his revised spiritual direction document at a faculty committee at the

Below: One aspect of involvement in global issues is a growing “green” awareness on campus, leading to events such as Green Week.



beginning of the year. “I raised an eyebrow when I heard Roy Ice say that one of his main goals was to help students connect with the Social Gospel,” Schneider remembers. “But nobody batted an eye. They just said ‘go for it.’” Then he starts to sound like Simon living to see the baby Jesus. “I just said quietly to myself, ‘Praise the Lord I have lived to see this day!’”

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Schneider also points out that this latest trend at PUC is reflective of larger trends within Christianity. Especially given the enormous interest in the current election cycle, political engagement in a wide variety of issues is up. And he points out, this time moderate and progressive Christians aren’t letting the Christian right define them. For example, Sojourners, a progressive Christian organization, is garnering record members who believe in the mission to fight poverty and oppression based on Biblical imperatives. The One Campaign, a global coalition to fight world poverty fronted by U2’s Bono, recently called for a Jubilee Sabbath when groups around the world focused on third-world debt relief.

In more traditional circles, coalitions like the National Association of Evangelicals have issued statements about the Christian responsibility to address global climate change. Even conservative Christian leader Pat Robertson and minister and activist Al Sharpton, typically at opposite ends of the political spectrum, have shot a commercial together emphasizing that all Christians must act to help the health of our planet. But even if PUC students are participating in the larger trends within Christianity, Schneider is thrilled to see it. “It’s very encouraging to see students being so globally aware.”

PUC President Richard Osborn is equally encouraged by the involvement of current PUC students who “put our mission statement into action.” He also points out that the growing interest in social justice issues on campus is a generational movement. “This generation, the Millennials,” Osborn says, “places a much greater emphasis on action and not just talk. Christianity in action is extremely important to them.”

Osborn and Ice both point out that the best way for the Adventist Church to retain these students as lifelong members is to harness their eagerness to enact their faith in tangible ways. “If the church can find its voice in action,” Osborn says, “these Millennial students will have a way to connect to the church after they leave PUC.”

One of the majors which has benefited from the Millennial generation’s interest in social justice is the social work program, which has seen its numbers increase significantly in the past few years. Social work as a profession has always been involved in social issues like health care, affordable housing, immigration, and family welfare; however, PUC’s social work program has an especially involved group of activist students and faculty members who regularly drive to the state capital in Sacramento to demonstrate or protest for or against important legislation. They also frequently



Above: The social work department stays busy with students from various departments wanting to get involved in social issues, including demonstrations at the California state capital.





Below: President Richard Osborn (bottom left photo) sees students put our mission statement into action in everything from knitting to working with community kids.



participate in local community issues like migrant farm worker camp improvements and letter home writing projects for workers who aren't literate.

Fiona Bullock, who has taught social work at PUC for 15 years, says that while social work majors have always been active in the community, the program actually rewrote its mission statement within the past five years to reflect the growing social justice emphasis. She feels that as a Christian school, having a chance to see faith in action is a nice way for students to blend their personal and professional ethics. "For me as a teacher," Bullock says, "getting students to realize that they do have a voice and that they do know how to speak up and raise awareness when they're out in their jobs or just seeing injustice in their daily lives, that's the real satisfaction."

Bullock points out that this year especially, she's getting more that just social work majors in her office brainstorming service projects. Students from across disciplines want to get involved. "Yesterday I had a business major here who's part of a new club wanting to know what they could do for farm laborers. She was thinking of offering financial services or tutoring. It's great to see such a broad range of students interested in these issues."

One of the students who was a leader in awareness raising events and activism has now become a staff member. Juliana Dalotto, who graduated two years ago with a degree in international communication and French, returned this year as director of student activities. Osborn and others point to Dalotto's tenure as the student association president three years ago as a time when the attitude about getting involved in global issues shifted noticeably on campus.

Dalotto planned several events as part of a year-long consciousness-raising program, bringing guest speakers from diverse professional and religious backgrounds to talk about issues like interfaith responses to human suffering and the role of religion in the public schools. This year, in her staff position, she continued that program with student events and guest presenters and was happy to realize that the campus culture has slowly shifted to be more "awake." She's proud that PUC formed a Green Committee this year (which she sat on) and that her generation is taking issues like environmentalism beyond a liberal/conservative label. "Slowly our generation is starting to accept that issues like this should be important to all of us."

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Dalotto, like all of the students and faculty leading out in these causes, is humble about her role. She says that she didn't come to PUC with a mission to get involved in world events; she became that person because of the people she met at PUC. She points to classes, professors, fellow students, and the opportunity to get involved with groups like Amnesty International as important parts of her growing awareness and willingness to do something. "I became that involved person here because of the people I met," she says. "It's contagious — it's happening now on campus. You start to care." **VP**



LOOKING BACK

It's an issue that's not only a spreading oak with a thousand branches, but an entire forest. It's raised questions, violence, dreams, dialogue, books and wars and demanded the participation of countless people since ancient times.

It's the topic, still a part of society today, of race and ethnicity.

LOOKING FORWARD

By Lainey S. Cronk

The message of social justice for all, discussed in the page 4 story, seems to be foremost in the minds of many here at PUC. That can be a positive movement, since it encompasses all people. Some at PUC have suggested, though, that it can also be a negative indicator. If today's young people, and especially those who have never experienced being a minority or receiving unequal treatment, think that race is no longer an issue, they're ignorant of the fact that their own peers in their own country still face injustice and inequality because of it. In other words, justice for all is a great goal; but we can't assume that all the barriers have already been broken down for us.

Like anywhere else, PUC has been the scene of a wide spectrum of experiences when it comes to race relations. We can't even pretend to approach it in any depth here, but merely explain a few ways the dialogue about that issue has been showing up at PUC.

ACKNOWLEDGING THE PAST

Being an Adventist campus has not ensured PUC (or other schools) a perfect track record when it comes to the treatment of minorities and people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds. This became a public topic at a January colloquy at PUC honoring the work of Martin Luther King Jr. At the program, *Adventist Review* editor Bill Knott shared with the campus community a story from Adventism's past.

Knott recounted how four young Adventists, three of whom were or had been PUC students (and of whom two were African-American, one Hispanic, and one Caucasian), drove to Selma, Alabama, in March of 1965 to join Dr. King's third attempt at a march for voting rights. Paul Cobb, Will Battles, Fernando



During the 1965 Selma to Montgomery march for voting rights, the four young men from California rest with other marchers. Middle row, left to right, are leaders Ralph Bunche, Martin Luther King, and Ralph Abernathy. Behind them are Will Battles (in hat), Paul Cobb, and Milton Hare.

Canales, and Milton Hare took the risk and the long trip despite the fact that the Adventist Church shunned the idea of political activism, and that there had been bloodshed during the second Selma to Montgomery march.

On the way, the four were hailed for their courage, warned against participation, and shoved out of an all-white Adventist church in Huntsville. They joined the 3,200 marchers in Selma, a group that grew to 25,000 by the time it reached Montgomery four days later.¹

Three weeks after the historic march, church leaders at the General Conference Spring Council voted to issue a recommendation for the desegregation of churches and schools and other Adventist institutions. A few months later, President Lyndon B.

Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Knott told PUC he was disappointed at the obscurity of these types of stories. "What troubled me about this story is that it took me 40 years to hear it. Why is it that we tell stories primarily of one kind?" said Knott. "Unless we tell the stories of the people who are standing on the front lines, doing the hard work committed to the justice that God calls us to implement on society, unless we tell those stories now it will be another generation before broken things get fixed."

Knott was joined on stage by Milton Hare, and their story was followed by an official apology by PUC president Richard Osborn. On behalf of the college's administrative council, he said, "Today we officially apologize to the many African-American students and other ethnic groups who have attended PUC for our actions which hurt these students, either overtly, officially, or more subtly, and pledge that we will continue in our efforts to make sure that we model the values of an inclusive community."

Some may not have realized the basis for this apology, but Osborn's statement referred to past policies that did not permit interracial dating or dorm assignments, and the relegation of minority students to only menial campus jobs, among other prejudiced rules and attitudes endorsed at PUC.

In his *Review* story, Knott quotes Canales'



Bill Knott and Milton Hare shared with PUC the story and photos of the Selma to Montgomery march.

reflections on returning after the march. "We were hailed as heroes by the students [at PUC], but to the administration we were pariahs."²

Knott also cited Battles, who said, "Not everybody understood and received what we were doing. There were some who did and others who didn't. Some thought it was even sinful to participate in such a secular, worldly type of thing."³

Jorge Portugal L. studied at PUC in the '60s. When he read of the apology given by PUC administration, he wrote an account of his own experience. While here, Portugal began a romance with a student of a Nordic Caucasian family (he was from a Latino family). "I would estimate that fully one third of the student body stopped talking to me, and a large majority of the student body would shake their heads, wondering how I could violate such a well known propriety."

Frustrated, Portugal made an appointment with a professor who was also a good friend. "After we were both seated, [he] looked at me with kindness in his eyes and said, 'You know George, I've been trying to look at this situation as if you were dating my daughter and have come to the conclusion that *you've got a problem.*'" Not surprisingly, Portugal left PUC and pursued studies elsewhere.

Reading about PUC's apology sparked Portugal's recent letter to Osborn, which concluded, "This letter brings me to a happy closure of a very bitter experience and conveys an expression of gratitude to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and Pacific Union College for the recent apology."

Don Dudley, '74, is now superintendent of schools for the Southeastern California Conference. He and his wife, Christine, '74, had what Don calls "five wonderful years" at PUC. But, he added in his response to the PUC apology, "That is not to say that both of us did not experience the hurt resulting from some of the actions you described."

Like Portugal, Dudley was grateful for the public acknowledgement of past shortcomings. "Thank you for making such a bold statement of apology and for the intentional direction the college will take as it addresses issues of diversity in the future," he wrote. "PUC will only be stronger and more effective in its ministry to our students as they are being prepared for service."

VOICES BEING HEARD

The fact that PUC's apology sparked appreciation and a sense of healing is cause for gladness; but it does not conclude the dialogue. The hope is that the new awareness will spark a movement forward in community, honest dialogue, and changes for the future.

Aubyn Fulton, psychology professor, is the chair of PUC's Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Planning Committee. Diversity issues is one of the main things he's working on as part of the college's WASC re-accreditation process. So he has "an interest in having the

topic discussed as often and widely as possible."

One place it has been discussed is the *Campus Chronicle*, PUC's student-run newspaper. An article by two students about "Black History Month" led to an extensive online blog response and letters to the editor. The responses — informal, unedited, and sometimes cynical — do not so much reveal crucial points in a debate as they reveal a simple fact: It's still a debate. And there are many different ways to approach it.

Professor of religion and social science Greg Schneider joined the conversation with a letter to the editor, in which he addressed Malcolm X's message, the necessity of getting outside our comfort zone "if we ... are ever to heal our country's racial divide," and why "white" is simply a category defined against "nonwhite" and based in a history of oppression. Schneider suggested that "whites" instead find identity in actual cultural groups — Irish, Italian, English, for example.⁴ Fulton believes that this critical examination of "white" identity is just what we need to continue introducing into the conversation about race and ethnicity.

Another branch of the conversation began when alumna and PUC resident artist resident artist Mei Ann Teo brought poet, activist, actor, and Harvard law graduate Bryonn Bain to perform his one-man "We Are and So I Am" show, a hip-hop and spoken word performance telling Bain's experience with an unjust prison system, racism, and how to move forward.

Bain's performance inspired a thoughtful talkback discussion that lasted about an hour and a half. Bain also presented for a social work colloquium and a poetry class; his work generated ripples of conversation about race, sexism, equality, and art. His message brought home for some the realization of how significant the racism problem still is in our country and was also a call for action, as Bain challenged listeners to believe that each of us holds the power to make a difference.

These are just a few voices in the conversation. Many others bring their unique experiences, theories, and dreams. But what all seem to agree is this: The dialogue must continue, and



A riveting story performance by Bryonn Bain moved his PUC audience to questions, dialogue, and new awareness.

positive change must follow. That's why Fulton places conditional value on the administration's apology. The apology, he says, is "only ... meaningful if it leads to real, current changes."

Student Sue Won was at the colloquy program and wrote of her dismay and anger over the stories Knott and Milton Hare, one of the four students in the story, shared. Then, she says, "Just as quickly, my outrage at the injustice diffused and was subdued as President Osborn offered a public written apology ... I believe the acknowledgment and apology was a genuine 'olive branch' of reconciliation and a step towards making right decades of wrong. Enough? No. However, as the pins proudly worn by Milton Hare and the other marchers displayed, 'Soon.'" **VP**

¹ Bill Knott wrote the complete story of the four students' experience:

"A Journey and a March." *Adventist Review* (May 26, 2005).

<http://www.adventistreview.org/2005-1521/story1.html>

² Ibid.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Schneider, Greg. Letter to the Editor. *Campus Chronicle* (April 10, 2008), Vol. 84, issue 10.

Feedback or information on these topics is welcomed at viewpoint@puc.edu.

A DEPARTURE

Yaeko Shimada finished her PUC studies in 1942, but on commencement day, instead of marching, Shimada and 13 other students of Japanese heritage left campus.

That year, the U.S. government moved 120,000 people of Japanese descent from their homes on the West Coast to inland camps.¹

"For me, it was a disappointing day," Shimada, now of Honolulu, states simply. L.L. Caviness, a professor of biblical languages who took a special interest in foreign students and was responsible for helping the departing students make plans, also missed commencement to travel to the station.

For Shimada, the required departure wasn't a negative reflection on PUC, a place she never experienced compromised treatment. "Everything was just the same," she says. "Nobody ostracized me." That wasn't the case for everyone. While waiting to go home when she left the camp, Shimada talked to a friend from Maui. "Nobody would talk to me after the war," the friend said. "Was it that way for you?"

"No," Shimada replied, "I was at a Seventh-day Adventist school. Nobody treated me any different." Shimada remembers, "I was happy that I could represent my school."

At least in the *Campus Chronicle*, however, surprising little was said about the situation. A one-paragraph article announced that 14 students "are affected by the War Department order including Napa county in the restricted area, and will have to move inland."² A slightly longer article, months later, was titled "Life in a Concentration Camp," but only talked about the prayer and church services that George Kiyabu, a classmate of Shimada's, headed up at the Colorado camp.³

Bill Knott, in another *Adventist Review* article, reflects that this approach was typical. "Clearly fearful of alienating or offending government officials in a time of national



emergency, church leaders steadfastly refused to address the issues of due process and constitutional guarantees raised by the forced evacuation and internment of their own U.S.-born members," he wrote. "They chose instead to focus on the 'wonderful opportunities' that the intern camp experience provided for evangelistic endeavor."⁴

¹ PBS "Children of the Camps" Internment History. <http://www.pbs.org/childofcamp/history/index.html>

² "Japanese Students Leave." *Campus Chronicle* (May 14, 1942), Vol. 18, No. 15.

³ "Life in a Concentration Camp." *Campus Chronicle* (February 4, 1943), Vol. 19, No. 2.

⁴ Knott, Bill. "Prisoners of Hope: They Were Deprived of Their Liberty in the Land of the Free." *Adventist Review* (September 28, 2000).



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The stream of people driving into Angwin on Friday, April 18, couldn't miss the yellow signs. The PUC song welcomed several hundred alumni back to "the fir-clad hills" where "the light of inspiration my heart with rapture fills" for the annual programs, socializing, and campus-wandering of Homecoming Weekend.

HILLTOP CELEBRATION

1 It wasn't exactly a bedtime story, but it certainly celebrated them. The grand opening of the Maxwell Reading Room honored the legacy of Arthur S. Maxwell, author of *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories* and many other volumes for children (and some for grown-ups, too). A gift from the Maxwell family, the Reading Room collection is full of history and nostalgia.

2 The English department hosted a viewing of *Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White* on DVD. The dialogue sparked by the play also continues with professor of religion and social science Greg Schneider, one of the actors, presenting for a new lecture series at Loma Linda School of Religion. In addition, Schneider and PUC resident artist (and Red Books co-creator and producer) Mei Ann Teo will present for the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion.

3 Gibby Muth, '61, professor emeritus, was lauded at the Diogenes Dinner for being a proponent of toilets. Actually, it was for his extensive, dedicated work on renovations at Albion Field Station, including new bathrooms. There's even an official Gibby Muth Day — the day all the toilets flushed in every cabin. Among the signatures inside the award is academic dean Nancy Lecourt's: "Gibby, you deserve a throne."

4 Biology professor Brian Wong kept visitors of all ages entertained with fossils and other wonders at the biology open house.

5-7 A generations moment at the History Museum: Charles R. Utt and his dad, Richard Utt, look at heritage pieces (5) including a photo with Richard's father, Charles D. Utt (6). Charles D. and his wife, Miriam, attended PUC in its pioneering days in Angwin. Richard's brother, Walter Utt, '42, was a PUC history professor and wrote *A Mountain, A Pickax, A College*, the book of PUC's history. Richard has contributed much to PUC's history collection, including a quilt made by former PUC home economics teacher Lois Berry (7). The quilt was much-exclaimed-over at the museum.

8 Care for monsters or landscapes? From cars to abstracts, it was all at the student art exhibition at Rasmussen Art Gallery. Visitors enjoyed about 170 works by students in painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and graphic design.



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HONORED ALUMNI & PIONEER

By Brandy Radoias



Each year the Alumni Association honors a few alumni who have attained and maintained high stations in their chosen fields and in their service to society, and who have made an impact on their local community. These Honored Alumni are people who fulfill PUC's mission with their enduring search for truth, excellence, integrity in human relationships, and dedication to Christian witness, service, and community.

The Honored Pioneer award is given to a friend of the college, usually a community member who makes a significant difference at the college through volunteering, investing, working or other support.

HONORED ALUMNA: Sonia Ceballos



Sonia Ceballos, '91, has a story of dedication and achievement. She was the second-oldest of four children in a single-parent home with a tight budget. "I realized just how poor we were," she says, "when my mother finally gave me my high school diploma at about the age of 24, when she finished paying off my tuition for my time at academy." But Ceballos dreamed of doing

something meaningful to help others; so she enrolled at PUC as a theology major. As a student, she learned valuable skills and built lasting relationships. "I met professors who cared about me and my pursuit of knowledge. Most importantly, I met the dearest people in my life," she says.

After graduation, she still nursed a lifelong dream of

becoming a physician. Money was tight, however, and for the next eight years she worked as an assistant to a music ministry that took her all over the world and provided her with a unique opportunity to touch lives. In 1997, while working as an academy religion teacher to make ends meet, Ceballos was accepted to the Loma Linda University School of Nursing, where she completed her BSN in two years. She completed her pre-med coursework while working as an emergency room nurse, an experience which taught her "the invaluable lesson" of treating patients from "a holistic approach — mind, body and spirit."

In 2002, Ceballos decided to pursue her doctorate at the Drew/UCLA Medical Education Program. "[I felt that] there I could have the best of both worlds — a 'top 10' medical education at UCLA and practical experience in an inner-city hospital in Los Angeles," she says. Today, serving her community as a doctor at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center, Ceballos is living a dream that took root at PUC and was sixteen years in the making.

HONORED ALUMNUS: Roscoe J. Howard, III



Roscoe J. Howard, III, '78, initially came to PUC for a commercial art degree. Nine months of task force work later, he was convinced that his true calling was ministry. "Working as a Bible worker ... was life changing," he recalls. "The day I went back to school I changed my major to theology ... and never looked back."

Howard and his three sisters were brought up in a single-parent home in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Finances were tight, but with the help of his financial counselor at PUC, he completed his bachelor's degree in theology. He later earned his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University and

is one class away from earning his Doctor of Ministry degree. "Christian education has been the difference between life and death for me," he says. "PUC provided a ... fulfilling education that has enabled me to reach most of my goals and even some of my dreams."

Howard has served as a pastor and youth director in the Washington Conference, special assistant in the North Pacific Union, and vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mid-America. Currently, he serves as secretary of the North American Division and associate secretary of the General Conference. His job allows him to preach all over the world and touch individual lives each day.

With all his success, Howard remains humble and thankful to God for his wife, his two adult children, his good health, and life's journey. "In my wildest dreams I could have never scripted a story like this one."

HONORED ALUMNUS: Gary Swanson



Gary Swanson, '68, has published 1,200 articles, stories and poems in Christian periodicals and worked in public relations for Voice of Prophecy, military service in Project White Coat, academy teaching, editorial work and church administration. Through it all, he is thankful for God's hand in his success — "the times when, despite

your errors of omission or commission, God graces you with blessings you don't deserve."

Now Swanson serves as associate director of the General Conference Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Department, which allows him to travel all over the world imparting new teaching techniques to Sabbath School leaders. He has not, however, abandoned his passion for the written word. "I can't imagine ever discontinuing writing," he confesses. He continues to contribute articles to various publications, such as a pop culture column for the *Adventist Review* online, and also works as editor of *Perspective Digest*, an Adventist Theological Society publication.

HONORED PIONEER: Alice Holst



Alice Holst has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to excellence in education and has continued to support PUC long after the end of her employment with the college.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, to missionary parents, Holst graduated from Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College). She earned her master's in business education and Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University.

Holst served as teacher and girls' dean at various academies. In 1943, she became chair of the secretarial studies department at Atlantic Union College. Five years later she

accepted an identical position at PUC and stayed until 1963. Since then, she has held various other jobs, published several articles, and traveled all over the world, something she feels was essential to her personal growth and overall education. "[You hear them] speak of Gethsemane, [but] I was there; I touched those olive trees," she remembers.

Now, Holst confesses that "young people are still my chief interest in life." She established a student scholarship fund at PUC in the 1980s and raised almost \$100,000. Recently, she demonstrated her support by donating a significant amount to what became the Alice Holst Theater, established at PUC in 2006. "I feel honored [about the naming] and I think they're doing a wonderful job," she says.

The epitome of a life well lived, Holst's secret is the refusal to worry about the things she cannot change. She continues to smile, love, and learn. The result? "I'm 92 years old and happier than I've ever been." **VP**

Visiting Professor Looks at Religious Wars



David Trim is the 2008 Utt Professor at PUC, visiting from Newbold College in England.

David Trim, a history professor from Newbold College, much-published author, and preacher, has come to Angwin from England for a one-year stint at PUC, financed by the Walter C. Utt Endowed Chair of History.

As Utt Professor for the 2008 calendar year, Trim is teaching one class each quarter, giving two lectures, and engaging in research and writing for several in-depth history projects. A number of conferences and book editing and essay-writing projects, along with the Utt lectures and preaching appointments, are on Trim's agenda during his time as the Utt professor. He'll complete the editorial on a volume of essays on European Warfare, write an essay on the history of chivalry after the Renaissance, and write a paper on Walter Utt as historian for the Friends of Walter Utt lecture.

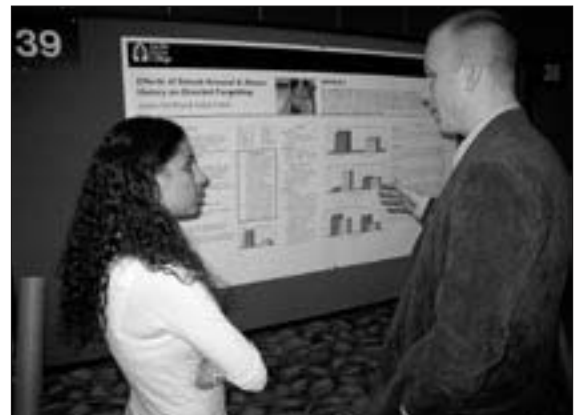
He's also working on *Eternal War: Military Action and Terrorism in the Cause of Religion*, a 400-page global history of religious warfare. The topic, says Trim, is particularly relevant to Americans today. "Everybody's aware that wars of religion are still with us," Trim says. "They had never gone away, but people in the Western world thought they had." Work on this book is consuming the largest chunk of Trim's time as Utt Professor.

Psychology Professors and Students Present at WPA

In April, 20 students and three teachers traveled to Southern California to take part in the Western Psychological Association (WPA) 88th annual convention to experience presentations of cutting-edge research and lectures by world-renowned psychologists. It was an opportunity for students to be exposed to the professional world of psychology and allowed them to interact with professionals in specialized fields of psychology, as well as make valuable contacts.

The students and teachers also shared their own research. Every year a few PUC students work closely with professors to develop professional papers to present at the convention. This year PUC students presented five papers, each co-authored with other students or professors. Senior psychology majors Juliane Da Silva and Sarah Gary and professor Bruce Bainum co-authored "Humor, Violence, and Memory: Effects of Television Content on Recall," which won awards from both WPA and Psi Chi, the national honors society in psychology.

Psychology professor Aubyn Fulton, who worked closely with several students to develop papers, calls the process the highlight of his year. "I have always found the time I spend working on these projects with students to be among the most rewarding things I do as a teacher here. ... To see students blossom and grow and not just do the work, but also the communication of it in a professional way is very gratifying."



Student Juliane Da Silva discusses one of her projects with a psychologist at the Western Psychological Association Convention.

Faculty Honored

"Our job as teachers is to make ourselves obsolete — to point you in the right direction and get out of the way." The words of Cynthia Westerbeck, English professor and 2007-2008 Educator of the Year, opened the annual faculty awards program at PUC on April 24.

At this program, faculty were honored for achievements and service that made them part of what Westerbeck described as "all simultaneously engaged in the quest for knowledge."

Twenty-four faculty members received awards for publishing, presenting, or researching original work in their field, outside of Angwin, in addition to maintaining their focus on undergraduate students. Seven faculty members received grants from the Herber Family Endowment, established in 2006 to facilitate teachers in their quest to achieve and sustain innovative, quality instruction.

The final awards presented, the Meritorious Service Awards, are only given in special instances of service. Lloyd and Jennifer Best, associate professor of mathematics and director of the Teaching and Learning Center, were honored for establishing and running PacificQuest, a program for academically advanced junior high and high school students. Greg Schneider, professor of religion and social science, was honored for establishing and sponsoring PUC's chapter of Amnesty International and for his major role in the play *Red*



Brian Wong, Floyd Hayes, Paul McGraw, Ray Rajagukuk, Maria Rankin-Brown, Mei Ann Teo, and Greg Schneider received Herber grants.

Books: Our Search for Ellen White. Mei Ann Teo, resident artist, was recognized for promoting intergenerational conversations about our Adventist heritage through the co-creation, production, tour, and DVD production of *Red Books*.

Making a Difference for Teens



Larissa Ranzolin (right) is one of several students who work at the Angwin Teen Center.

The Angwin Teen Center daily fills with junior high and high school students who benefit from a family atmosphere, mentorship, and lessons in practical skills. "Here," says executive director Tom Amato, "the relationship is not based on behavior, performance, or production. We'll be unconditional. We help [the teens] to realize we're family."

One thing that keeps the Teen Center going strong is that it draws in community members who can contribute in anything from lessons in electrical wiring to teaching teens how to knit and crochet. Several PUC students have become a part of this as volunteers or staff members. These students experience first-hand how the Teen Center can make a difference for the teens, and also how it impacts the volunteers and staff.

Student Larissa Ranzolin, who works at the Teen Center, explains how mentorship extends outside the Center. "It's outside of the Center where I've seen what an impact I've had on some of the kids that frequent it," says Ranzolin, a senior history and English major. "In turn, they are able to impact me, for I don't know what is greater than seeing that you've made a difference to someone, particularly to a young adult, as they are generally the hardest group of humanity to reach."

Psychology professor Charlene Bainum connects some of her upper division students with the Center for fieldwork, an arrangement that benefits all. That's how Georgiana Tutu first got involved with the Teen Center, and she stayed on as a staff member — and a big fan. "I definitely get something in return," she says. "I get to have the satisfaction of knowing that I made a difference that day. I also get to act as a big sister, which is so much fun. I love my job!"

Student Week of Prayer Looks at Adventist Beliefs



During the Student Week of Prayer each year, students hear stories and insights from their peers.

During the annual Student Week of Prayer in the spring quarter, 11 students shared their unique testimonies on 11 different fundamental beliefs and how they make up the fabric of Adventism. The theme was about understanding your reasons for believing. As student Krista Brieno put it, "It is important to know the faith you claim. I say I'm an Adventist, but do I really know what all that includes? The 28 fundamental beliefs really seal the deal in that respect."

It was evident in responses to the programs that hearing their peers express thoughts on the beliefs made them so much more poignant to the students. Student Bradley Cacho expressed the important unity he found in the week's messages, saying, "It was nice for us students to know that we're not alone in our walk with God."

Student Honored by Sheriff's Department

At a May 5 meeting at the Angwin Fire Department, Napa County Sheriff deputy Jon Thompson awarded PUC student Scott Roberts and Angwin resident Mike Real with a Sheriff's medallion in honor of emergency service they provided.

Roberts and Real were the first car to happen on a collision near St. Helena involving two patrol cars, one of which was burning. The two did an initial assessment of the situation and of injured Napa County Sheriff deputy Steve Paris.

When ammunition rounds started going off from the burning patrol car, Roberts and Real moved Paris away from the car and continued medical attention. With a nurse who also stopped, and blankets from people at the nearby apartments, the two kept charge of the medical situation for around 20 minutes until emergency personnel showed up in force.

To Roberts and Real, the experience was surreal — and all the fuss seems strange. "It's what we love to do," they said. "We were just doing what we were trained to do."

But Roberts' residence hall dean, Robert Kurtz, says that the honor is well-placed. "They do great work here in Angwin," he said. "We're really proud."



Scott Roberts and Mike Real were honored for emergency services they provided at the scene of an accident in St. Helena.

PUC Goes for Green



One Green Week activity was the community clean-up.

April 17-22 marked PUC's first Green Week. For six days students and community members enjoyed activities that informed, entertained and provided opportunities to care for our local and global community.

The week started with a colloquy presentation by Dr. Matthew Sleeth, a full-time minister in environmental conservation, who shared his journey towards Christianity and environmental awareness. Once an emergency room doctor and secular humanist, he now devotes himself exclusively to promoting ecological awareness and serving Christ.

Other Green Week events geared to educate and inspire people to care for the earth included an art contest for elementary students, documentary films, a community cleanup, an outdoor picnic, a guided hike, and an Earth Day Fair. The fair featured samples of organic apple juice, trash-to-treasure demonstrations, information about recycling and green cleaning products, a drawing for an electric scooter, and electric and hybrid cars on display. A thrift store encouraged people to purchase pre-owned goods, and the Green Club sold reusable tote bags for \$1. Also available were tours to PUC's cogeneration plant.



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Staying in the Loop

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Board, Faculty and Staff

Stephen Guptill, who served as PUC's development and public relations director in the 1980s, is now serving as president of the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies located at Silang Cavite, in the Philippine Islands.

Alumni

1920

At age 103, **Marge (Hodge) Jetton, '25, '45**, again finds her healthy lifestyle profiled, this time in a book from National Geographic, *The Blue Zone: Lessons for Living Longer from the People Who've Lived the Longest*. The author, Dan Buettner, and a team of researchers have unearthed four longevity hot spots on earth: the Barbaria region of Sardinia, Italy; Okinawa, Japan; the Nicoya Peninsula in Costa Rica; and the Adventist community in Loma Linda, California. Marge attributes her longevity in part to her daily exercising which includes mile-long walks, weight lifting, and pedaling six miles on a stationary bike.

1930

The congressional papers of U.S. Congressman **Jerry L. Pettis, '38**, and his wife, U.S. Congresswoman Shirley N. Pettis, have been donated to Loma Linda University. In a late 2007 dedication ceremony attended by some 2,000 persons at the university, a video tribute recounted the outstanding record of the two former members of Congress. Jerry Pettis died in an airplane accident in Southern California some years ago. One of a number of speakers at the dedication ceremony was former first lady Barbara Bush, who spoke of the close friendship that she and her husband had with the Pettis family in Washington, D.C.

1950

Norman Goodwin, '54, who has been Chief of Chaplain Service at the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., has retired after 24 years of service at the center. During his years at the medical center, Norman conducted a total of 5,567 military funerals, most of them performed

at the Riverside (Calif.) National Cemetery. Born in San Francisco, Norman and his twin brother **Leslie, '52**, were trapped in England as World War II began. They joined the United States Merchant Marines, and sailed back to the U.S., and Norman entered military service as a surgical technician. At the official retirement ceremonies, fellow Adventist chaplains and various dignitaries and officials expressed commendation for Norman's many years of outstanding services.

1960

Thomas and Janet (Wilson) Kahler, both '61, live in a rural area near Auburn, Calif., and have been active in a recent neighborhood effort to bring treated water to some 50 homes. Now in active retirement from her work as a credentialed teacher for home schooled students in several charter schools, Jan continues her long-time work of chording hymns into common folk guitar keys, while Tom, who worked for the U.S. Social Security Administration for 25 years, keeps busy in the family garden. "We enjoy eating, dehydrating, canning, freezing or pickling our garden produce, and the fruits of our fig, plum, persimmon, tangerine, and cherry trees — and have installed electric fences to protect the crops from the wild turkeys, raccoons, foxes, and deer of our rural area," they write.

Donald A. Kellogg, '61, retired from the Washington Conference in 2001 and, he writes, "after traveling for several years in our motor home have settled in sunny Yuma, Ariz." He taught at Loma Linda Academy and Milo Academy, worked in food business, pastored in several conferences, and worked as director of trust services for the Dakota Conference. He's now a resident chaplain taking the CPE program at the Yuma Regional Medical Center.

Gilbert "Gibby" Muth, '61, '67, PUC professor emeritus, exemplifies the virtues of loyalty, tenacity, and hard work in his five years working to complete an entire renovation of PUC's Albion Field Station on the California

coast. Gibby has fought his way through a myriad of governmental regulations, fund shortages, contracting agreements and other challenges to see improvements including private baths on all 24 cabins, new underground utilities, and street and sidewalk pavings. In addition to project manager Jim Grossman's stellar work, **Larry Provonsha, '66**, "has been my right-hand man through the long months of work and worry as one of my 'partners in crime,'" said Muth. Those wishing to enjoy Albion's cabins or make a gift to help finish the work can contact Gibby at gmuth@puc.edu, or by telephone at 707-965-2607.

Jon Dybdahl, '65, former president of Walla Walla College, is the author of a new book titled *Hunger* (Review and Herald), which tells of encounters with God through simplicity, solitude, worship, community and fasting. Much of Jon's time is currently being given over to his work as the general editor of an international editorial team of Adventist Bible scholars who have begun work on a new study Bible titled the *Andrews Study Bible*, a work designed for lay Bible students around the world.

Glen L. Bobst Jr., '67, has ended an over-10-year stint as PUC's director of Student Financial Services by accepting a position as an auditor for the Northern California Conference. Glen leaves his PUC position in the able hands of **Laurie Wheeler, '86**, who has been assistant controller of the college, and earlier was the payroll accountant. Glen, who was a 2006 Honored Alumnus, also worked as a chief in senior health care, and earlier worked at PUC for more than 15 years as campus business manager, director of student finance, and controller.

Gary Gifford, '67, who worked in enrollment services and degree completion at PUC, and **Stephen Thorman, '78**, who taught computer science, have won Daniel A. Augsburg Excellence in Teaching Awards at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.

1970

Jeanine (Howard) Kablanow, att. '71-'72, now works in a physician's office in addition to supporting her husband, **Wayne, '76**, in his ministry as pastor of the Hayden Lake (Idaho) Adventist Church. "In all the churches we have pastored, I have always been involved in some form of children's ministry," writes Jeanine. "I

am currently a teacher in the Earliteen division and am helping with Pathfinders." Their daughter, Crystal, has recently completed service as a student missionary in a closed country with Adventist Frontier Missions. Son Eric attends an Adventist academy in Montana.

Robert Sewell, '72, '75, a physician who has been involved in the area of child abuse pediatrics for some 24 years, has been appointed medical director at the KIDS Center, a regional child abuse assessment and prevention program in Bend, Ore. Prior to his being named to his current position, Bob did general pediatric medical care for nearly 28 years. Of his work at KIDS Center, he says, "It is a challenge due to the enormity of the problem of abuse and neglect."

Donald Thompson, '73, of Carmichael, Calif., is running for the 5th district Assembly seat of the State of California. He says he is pursuing this office because he has deep concerns about the state and the 5th district, and he encourages any alumni residing in the 5th district to contact him at 916-284-7309 or dthompst@comcast.net.

Larry Apigian, '74, and his wife, Leona, have left their home in Goldendale, Wash., and are serving as Adventist Volunteer Service personnel at Malamulo Hospital in Malawi, Africa. Larry is working in the hospital's "Project Fix It" while Leona is a financial consultant to the hospital.

Clyde Morgan, '74, who founded Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM) in 1985, has stepped down from leadership of the world-wide church-planting organization. "It has been a meaningful, wild ride for these last 22 years," said Clyde in turning over AFM leadership to new chief executive officer Dale Bidwell. During Clyde's AFM leadership, more than 500 career, short-term and student missionaries have served in church-planting from Mongolia to Papua New Guinea, and from Asia to Africa.

Bryan Henry, '76, an ob/gyn physician and marathon runner, made headlines in the *St. Helena* (Calif.) *Star* recently when he delivered his 6,000th baby. Other highlights of his life include the ascent of California's 14,505-foot Mt. Whitney, and his untrained running in Chicago's first Mayor Daley Marathon. In the 1990s Bryan served in the United States Air Force, and today has a limited medical practice

in St. Helena and works at a six-doctor practice in Cameron Park, Calif.

1980

Loree K. Sutton, '81, '85, now with the military's Defense Center of Excellence, was one of three participants in the May 1 internationally televised PBS news hour discussing the mental care of affected military personnel involved in overseas combat operations and its aftermath. A physician and a psychiatrist with wide-ranging experience both in the U.S. and in overseas military operations, Sutton is a colonel in the United States Army.

Editor **Lori (Tripp) Peckham, '84**, wrote a book titled *Guide's Greatest Narrow Escape Stories*, now available at Adventist Book Centers.

Basil Bell, '85, and **Jose Garcia, '89**, held religious meetings in early 2008 near Rajahmundry in East Central India, as part of a gospel-giving team that saw the baptism of 710 people into the Adventist faith. Bell is pastor of the San Marcos Adventist Church and Garcia is pastor of the Escondido Spanish Adventist Church in the Southeastern California Conference.

1990

Robert Luis Rabello, '92 is the author of two books, *The Edge of Justice* and *The Long Journey* and is writing on his third book in a series. He is an education specialist and operates his own business from his home in Sardis, British Columbia, Canada. "In addition, I teach online high school classes for West Coast Adventist School," he writes. Robert, his wife Benita, and their sons Tristan and Valerian are interested in social and economic justice, advocating for peace, sustainability, renewable energy and the hope of God's Kingdom. More information about Robert can be found at www.newadventure.ca.

R. Makala Anders, '95, has returned to the Napa Valley to open a dermatology practice in St. Helena, Calif. Makala had previously joined Dr. Richard Odom's practice in Sonoma, Calif. During his residency, Makala worked to remove tattoos for free from the underprivileged so that they could gain better employment, and he plans to set up the same kind of service in St. Helena once his practice is on its feet. He and his wife, **Brandie (Lamberton), '96**, have three children, Georgia, Tallulah and Jonah.

Mark Teh, '98, recently accepted a position as an Estate Planning Associate in the Amazing Facts' planned giving department. Prior to this position, Mark practiced law at a private property rights firm in Sacramento, Calif. Mark also directs the Western Youth Conference, which was organized by Adventist young adults in the Sacramento area. Their second annual conference was held in Weimar, Calif., in late June 2008 with the theme "Something Better."

2000

Michele Stotz, '00, is now serving as public relations director of the It Is Written television ministry, with headquarters in Simi, California.

Pamela (Ogle) Knorr, '01, has been appointed by the Alpine (Calif.) County Board of Supervisors as the first county administrative officer of Alpine County. Pamela has worked for more than 20 years in the public sector in child support services positions in Placer and Napa counties in California, and as a regional administrator for the Texas Attorney General's Office. Pamela has two sons, Alex, 16, and Kyle, 10.

Stacy Neria, '02, has left Berrien Springs, Mich., to teach at the Taipei Adventist American School in Taipei, Taiwan.

Scott, '04, and **Stacy Ann (Hermann), '07, Knight** are on the island of Palau in the Pacific Ocean, where Scott teaches computer and Stacy teaches English at Palau Mission Academy.

Tracy (Chavez) Owen, '05, is administrative secretary to Washington State Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen. She recently met John McVay, former PUC religion teacher and PUC Church pastor, and North Pacific Union Conference President Jere Patzer, when they visited Owen's office. When Tracy learned of Owen and Patzer's friendship, she took Patzer and McVay into the wings of the senate chamber where Owen was presiding over a session. Owen invited them to sit with him at the rostrum, and between regular business introduced them to the senators and led in an ovation for them.

Mi Yeon Kwon, '06, left his home in Windsor, Calif., to teach English/religion at the Korea Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes in South Korea.

Jae Suk Kim, '07, is teaching English/religion at the Korea Seventh-day Adventist Language Institutes in South Korea.



R. Makala Anders, '95



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What's Your Will? *By Karen Roth*

What is your "desire, purpose, or determination?" What is your "deliberate intention or wish?" In other words, what's your will?

People often think that their family knows their wishes, but do they really? If you don't make a deliberate statement of your intentions, it's hard to be certain that your wishes will be carried out. Perhaps you have always meant to leave part of your estate to your favorite charity. You may have even told your family to be sure and pay tithe to the church out of your estate, but have you put it in writing? All too often, it is the court that ends up deciding who will inherit. Depending on the established laws of inheritance in your state, it may or may not happen the way you intended, and the laws certainly do not allow for charitable giving. Many times the attorney's fees, court costs and inheritance taxes are so costly that only a portion of the estate survives to be passed on to the heirs.

The usefulness of wills goes beyond making a legal declaration of how you want your possessions distributed after your death. One example is a couple who died intestate, or without a will, in an automobile accident. They left behind two small children and quite a large estate. A court battle ensued between the grandparents as to who was going to have guardianship of the children. It was a sad situation that could have been avoided by establishing a will.

A will can also be used to set up something called a testamentary trust for someone who is not able to handle money for whatever reason, perhaps due to handicap or other incapacity, providing for their future needs.

In our office, we often talk to people about their need to make a will or living trust. Of necessity, the talk focuses on assets, because knowing something about them helps to determine whether a will or a trust is best in each case.

We feel we cannot emphasize enough the importance of establishing a living trust or will. Of course we would like it if you remembered PUC in your estate plan. Most of all, though, we would like to know we have helped you make your will, your "desire, purpose, or determination," known. **VP**

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obituaries

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Former Faculty and Staff

William "Bill" Hust, who taught in PUC's industrial arts department for 21 years, died on February 26, 2008. He was born on May 8, 1918, in Capitan, N.M. During World War II, he served as a surgical technician with the U.S. Army Air Force in the South Pacific Ocean area. Bill is survived by his wife, Patricia; and daughters Raylene and Patti.

Delbert Morel, '57, long-time manager of the PUC press, died on April 30, 2008, in St. Helena, Calif. He was born on August 25, 1934. Delbert joined the press staff in 1957, became production manager and then general manager, and retired in 1996. Delbert is survived by his wife Joanne; a daughter Lynda; a son, Dennis; and one grandchild.

Alumni

Carl M. J. Aagaard, '44, died May 11, 2008, in Morehead, Ky. He was born on March 18, 1922. Carl was a physician with the U.S. Army, the San Francisco Coroner's Office, and for 41 years in his own practice in Ukiah, Calif., also serving as pathologist for four hospitals and deputy coroner for two counties. Carl and his wife, physician Earla (Gardner), '42, retired to Morehead. Carl helped organize a volunteer fire department and became a certified fireman at age 76. Carl is survived by his wife, Earla; daughters Lola Jean Boram, '79, and Carla June Martir; sons, Earl, '69, '71, and Victor, '76, '81; a sister, Jean Katherine Turner, '50; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Steven Jacob Ahn, '66, died December 15, 2007, in Tracy, Calif. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 3, 1945. He was a missionary physician in Puerto Rico for three years. After completing an OB/Gyn residency in Dayton, Ohio, he moved to Tracy. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sylvia (Ammundsen); sons

Michael and Kevin, '02; and his mother, Bernice. **Lillian Elizabeth (Gonder) Andersen, SHSHSN '38**, a retired nurse, died February 15, 2008, in Sonora, Calif. She was born in Sonoma, Calif., on November 8, 1919. Lillian is survived by her sons Bruce and Lyle; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hollis Lucian Anderson, '49, died January 17, 2008, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on May 24, 1916, in Schaeburg, Ark. Hollis was an Adventist pastor in Southeastern California, led a youth camp, and served as a chaplain with the U.S. Navy for the church's National Service Organization. He is survived by his daughter, Marilyn; a son, Jim; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

James Delmer Baker Jr., '36, a physician, died January 11, 2008, in Lodi, Calif. He was born on June 28, 1914. James grew up in South and West Africa with missionary parents. He served as a U.S. Army surgeon with the "Bushmasters" of the 158th Infantry Regimental Combat Team and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and Silver Star Medal. He began a general medical practice in Stockton, Calif., and served as president and chair of several medical academies and societies. James is survived by his sons, Ken, Bob and Fred; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

William A. Butler, '54, died on February 23, 2008, in Angwin, Calif. He was born on February 3, 1925, and worked for the Adventist denomination for 35 years, including managing the Southeastern California Conference Book and Bible House. Bill is survived by his daughters, Deanna Simmons and Carmen Thomas; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His wife, Barbara Jane (Swem), preceded him in death.

Harold Maurice Chevrier, att. '51-'54, died March 9, 2008, in Aberdeen, Wash. He was born on April 2, 1933. Harold taught in Michigan, Texas, and California, and traveled with his wife, Charlotte (Briggs), '54, as the photo team for the Near East Institute and Archeological Museum. Harold earned a master's degree from Loma Linda University, operated a stamp business, served as mayor of Yachats, Ore., and was president of the American Stamp Dealers Association. Harold is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two sons, Harold Martin and Paul Russell; four grandchildren; and a brother, Ronald, '62.

Nettie Mildred (Post) Ensminger, SHSHSN '25, a retired part-time nurse and homemaker, died at age 104 on March 9, 2008. She was born on October 12, 1903, in Pueblo, Colo. Nettie was a dedicated volunteer for 22 years at the St. Helena Hospital. She is survived by her son, Robert; five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

H. Justine (Chittenden) Friedrich, att. '48-'51, died March 1, 2008, in Deer Park, Calif. She was born on September 13, 1929, in Cloverdale, Calif. Justine spent two years in Brazil with her husband, Dean, as a missionary. Later she taught home economics and P.E. at PUC Preparatory School. Justine is survived by her sons, Rodney and Roland; four granddaughters; a brother, Bruce; and a daughter-in-law, Margaret Friedrich.

Walter Lynden Fox, '41, died March 18, 2008, in Napa, Calif. He was born on August 5, 1916. Walter opened a public accounting business in Calistoga, Calif., served in the United States Army Medical Corps, and returned to develop his accounting business. In the '70s he sold his business and managed rental properties. Walter married Velma Brown in 1941, and some time after her death in 2000 he married Eula Bristow. He is survived by his two children, Shirley Cook and Charles; daughter-in-law Cheryl; and four grandchildren.

Robert Fuller, '59, who served as a missionary and regional medical officer for the U.S. Department of State, died October 10, 2007, in Placerville, Calif. He was born on April 15, 1930, in Placerville. Survivors include Robert's wife, Alice; daughter, Michelle; sons, Robert, Mark and John; and four grandchildren.

Melva J. (Clark) Hatton, '32, an organist and pianist, died on January 25, 2008, in Vallejo, Calif. She was born on June 17, 1914, in Saskatchewan, Canada. Melva is survived by her sons, Mervin and Delbert; her daughter Sharilyn De La Rosa; nine grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Robert Theron Hoover, '53, a retired physician who spent 38 years in obstetrics and gynecology and delivered more than 11,000 babies in Central Florida, died on April 23, 2008. Robert served in the U.S. navy as a flight surgeon and traveled to Haiti, Honduras, Thailand and Cambodia as a medical missionary. After retiring in 1998, Robert assisted in surgeries until 2007. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; and four sons, Frederick, John, Robert and William.

Eva M. Hoshino, '66, died March 5, 2008, at her home in Sunnyvale, Calif. A retired elementary school teacher, Eva co-authored the handwriting series *A Reason for Writing*, a textbook found in many Christian schools. She is survived by her son, Dennis; daughter Rita; two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

F. Ronald Jessen, '58, '79, a retired educator, passed away on August 22, 2007, in Sherman Oaks, Calif. He was born in 1934 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is survived by his wife, Marin; son Jeffrey; a daughter, Suzanne Taylor; a step-daughter, Camiel; and a grandson. He was preceded in death by his wife Maryan.

Clarence M. "Sach" Lai, '71, died July 23, 2007, in Danville, Calif. He was born on November 25, 1948. Clarence worked for the genetic engineering firms Cetus, Chiron and Novartis for 32 years before retiring. He is survived by his wife, Claudia; daughter, Cherie; sons, Caine and Clay; sisters Clara, Carolyn and Cathy; and brothers Cary and Chris.

Mildred E. (Lagreide) McConnell, '36, died November 27, 2007, in Citrus Heights, Calif. She was born on January 14, 1922, in Chicago, Ill. Mildred is survived by her husband, John; a daughter, Janet Egelmann; and a son, John Jr.

Deloris Jane (Bobst) Myers, '72, a former legal secretary and housewife, died March 30, 2008, in Roseville, Calif. She was born on December 10, 1951, in Willows, Calif. Deloris fought breast

cancer since 1997 with true grace and dignity. She is survived by her husband, Butch Myers; a daughter, Kimberly Price; a son, Jason; and two grandchildren.

Horace D. Orr, '31, '33, '44, died on March 24, 2008, in Apple Valley, Calif. He was born on July 8, 1913. Horace worked as a printer, U.S. Army physician, and in private practice in the high desert of Victorville, Calif., making house calls with his wife, Mary, as nurse. He served as chief of staff at local hospitals, physician for City staff, and surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad. His service was recognized by the California Assembly and the California Medical Association's Frederick K. M. Plessner Memorial Award. After retirement, Horace was a hospice program medical director. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a daughter, Mary Elizabeth; and a son, Fred.

Amy (Nakama) Sewake, '49, a retired teacher, died March 11, 2008, in Sacramento, Calif. She was born December 8, 1922. She was a teacher at Sacramento Adventist Academy and served with her husband, Pastor Lloyd Sewake, at the Sacramento Japanese and Carmichael Adventist churches. Amy is survived by her husband, Lloyd; and two daughters, Lavonne and Annette.

Maryann (Bauer) Stirling, att. '44-'45, died October 17, 2007, in Santa Rosa, Calif. She was born on November 15, 1923, in Vallejo, Calif. A prose and poetry writer, Maryann wrote a commentary on Revelation. She is survived by her husband, Jim; sons Charles, John, Paul and David; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Steven Jerry Trow, '54, a retired educator, administrator and consultant, died April 4, 2008, in Modesto, Calif. He was born on October 6, 1932. Jerry was a musician with the Army's Special Forces Band in Germany, a Fulbright Scholar, Assistant Superintendent of Stanislaus (Calif.) County Schools for Special Education, and a professor at National University. Jerry is survived by two daughters, Lori, and Cathy Quittmeyer; a son, Steven Jr.; and two granddaughters.

Justin Charles Wright, att. '99-'00, died at age 27 of a sudden heart attack. He was born on March 8, 1981. At age 12, Justin received a heart transplant at Stanford University's Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, and while recovering, a physician noted Justin's drawings and took him to visit the Pixar storyboard production company, where Justin was later employed as a storyboard artist. Justin is survived by his parents, Lloyd and Janet; and a sister, Holly.

Our condolences to families and friends

This section is our opportunity to honor and remember fellow alumni. We receive information from a variety of sources and it may not always be complete. If you are a family member with information on an incomplete obituary, please feel free to call 707-965-6303 or e-mail us at viewpoint@puc.edu.

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Hilary A. (Blount) Gregory, '00
Robert and Milli Stelling

Note: In the Spring 2008 *ViewPoint*, the gift by Norm Manzer for Patricia R. Reynolds, '69, should have been "In Honor."

announcements

Births:

Charles Amine, son of Suzanne Hutchinson-Khoury, '96, and Amine Khoury, att. '93-'96, of Napa, Calif. Born 5-2-07. (1)

Arianna Noelle Da Silva, daughter of Heidi (Atchison), '97, and Pablo Da Silva, '97, of Mission Viejo, Calif. Born: 12-26-07. (2)

Lindsey Anne Haskell, daughter of Karen (Mallinson), '00, and Mike Haskell, '99, of Bakersfield, Calif. Born: 7-9-07. (3)

Riley Sione Kamaloni, son of Tonya (Facundo) and Eric, '04, Kamaloni of Napa, Calif. Born: 12-30-07. (4)

Jeremiah Henry Vasquez, son of Lizelle (Henry), '03, and Daniel Vasquez of Angwin, Calif. Born 02-13-08. (5)



Weddings:

Jennifer Heald, '98, and Phil Matthew in Redlands, Calif. 11-24-07.



Have a birth or wedding announcement? Send your good news to ViewPoint@puc.edu. Be sure to include a photo.

president's message



Join Our Conversation | by Richard C. Osborn

Whenever I come out of my office at PUC, a banner attached to a light pole reminds me of a key mission of our college: *Thinkers Not Mere Reflectors of Other Men's Thoughts*. Ellen White, who helped establish our college 126 years ago, emphasized this important value that should be imparted to all students.

PUC is in the midst of preparing for a WASC regional accreditation visit over the next few months. As part of that process, four major themes were developed to emphasize throughout campus. One theme focuses on our desire to help students carry out this goal to be thinkers. We expressed it this way in our proposal to WASC:

Conversations about Faith, Learning, and Adventist Identity. We will encourage free, honest, and critical conversations, in and out of the classroom, about the relationships between faith and learning, and about the meaning and value of being a Seventh-day Adventist Christian in the twenty-first century.

While this goal is PUC-focused, this kind of discussion is also taking place among the board chairs, presidents, academic deans, and chief financial officers of the fifteen Adventist colleges and universities in North America. Several months ago we met as the constituency of the Association of Adventist Colleges & Universities to discuss the outcomes we'd like to see in graduates. Nancy Lecourt, our academic dean, served as a member of the drafting committee.

We now invite *ViewPoint* readers to join in our conversation about what we would like our graduates to be when they leave PUC. Please read the following brief description and give us your reactions. Are these points on target? Are we missing anything? Could some be eliminated or written in a different way? Our purpose is to have shared goals across all of our higher educational institutions in North America.

The Mission of Adventist Higher Education

Based on our commitment to Scripture, the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and present truth, colleges and universities inspire our graduates to practice the Way of Christ through:

- God's transforming Grace
- Careful, logical thought about ideas and faith
- Wholeness as physical, intellectual, and spiritual beings
- Educated servant leadership in community and congregation
- The pursuit of truth and the pleasure of learning
- Authenticity toward self and others
- Life work as divine calling
- Compassion, peacemaking, and the stewardship of God's creation
- The blessing of Sabbath rest
- Hope for the future, as a basis for witness and action

We look forward to adding your voice to this important conversation. Please send your comments to outcomes@puc.edu

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