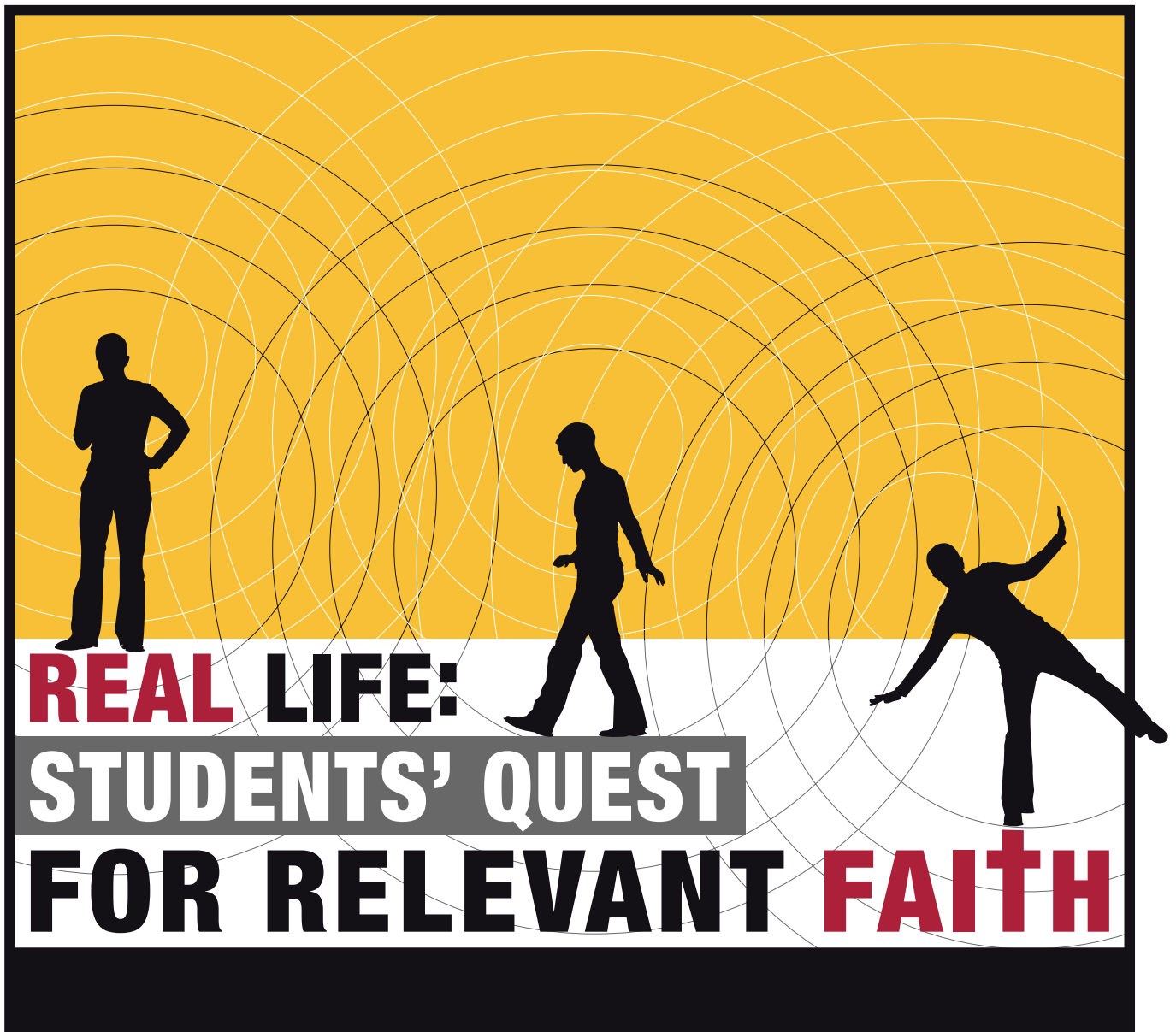


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ASKING HARD QUESTIONS | by Lainey S. Cronk

Sometimes people worry about me. I can see something like a wince when I ask certain questions. I can sense that under their intelligent debate about possible answers they're thinking, "Oh dear, she must be struggling with her faith!" and "Where is this questioning going to take her?"

The years during and just after college were full of questions for me in terms of religion. How to work them out? How to apply them in real—or at least post-college—life in a way that I could grasp and deeply, honestly believe?

My first year out of college, I was part of a group brainstorming ideas for a new primary Sabbath school class. We got to talking about the changes in culture and religion facing these young kids. Our family pastor, Norma Osborn, and Julius Nam, a religion teacher at the time, talked about a book called *A New Kind of Christian*. When I got my hands on a copy, I was blown away just by the introduction. "Yes!" I shouted in my head. "This is exactly the kind of stuff I'm dealing with!" Brian D. McLaren eloquently articulated what I—and, I believe, many of my friends and classmates—had been struggling with: a culture that is moving into what he calls the "postmodern" era, and a religion that is still deeply rooted in the "modern" era.

PUC gave me an education that was solid and contemporary—and, consequently, largely postmodern. My English and Honors classes asked me to analyze life through the lenses of postmodern perspectives, such as the relative, holistic, altruistic and communal values that we'll talk about a bit more in the "Real Life" story on page 4. They opened up new areas of thought, challenging me to ask hard questions, to look at life from a variety of perspectives, to take many things into account.

That was marvelous. What wasn't so marvelous was the gap between those questions—which

inevitably spilled into every area of my life, including God and all things spiritual and religious—and the answers offered by my religion, which was functioning in such a different plane.

My trail through these woods has been a process of figuring out how to integrate my faith into the postmodern world in which I work, shop, travel, and make friends. "I'd say that 30 to 40 percent of your generation is modern," says McLaren, "with the majority being postmodern. That's why it's so important—if you're going to have any impact at all on your generation for Christ—for you to deal with these issues, as lonely a road as it can be in the church at times."

As today's students try to figure out and apply the teachings they've learned in a changing, fast-paced world, their "religiousness" might not always look exactly the same as religiousness has looked in the past. But there are many young people who are dead serious about keeping in step with their Savior and making a difference in the world. We'll talk about their quest for a relevant faith in this issue.

Meanwhile, I'm hoping that the experienced Christians around me won't worry quite so much when I ask hard questions. For some people, a solid spiritual footing means they don't have to ask those questions. For me, it means that I can ask those questions, certain in a God who's real, relevant and reasonable regardless of what answers I do or don't find.

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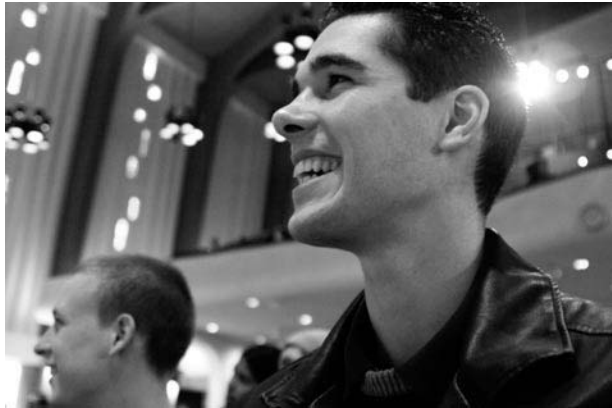
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CELEBRATING  
THE SPIRIT  
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# REAL LIFE:

By Lainey S. Cronk



## A QUEST FOR RELEVANT FAITH

At 23, Uriah Smith became editor of the *Review & Herald*, serving as its editor, proofreader, business manager, and bookkeeper. At 17, Ellen White received her first vision. At 21, John Nevins Andrews, who later became the first Adventist-sponsored foreign missionary, began his work as a minister. At 23, John Harvey Kellogg began working at the Adventist health institute at Battle Creek, and at 24 became the medical superintendent.

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young,” the apostle Paul said. He must’ve known that the vision and vigor of the young generation were a powerful part of the church.

Adventist colleges were established a long time ago to keep that young power in the movement—to make sure that the upcoming generation had the tools to live and serve as Christians, and to make sure that their passion and energy continued to be a part of Adventism. Today, the vision and style of the young still has a huge impact on the church.

So here at Pacific Union College, surrounded with a new set of young visionaries, we can see first-hand how the big, life-directing questions young Christians ask are being dialogued, decided, and acted upon now. *ViewPoint* takes a look at the questions facing today’s students, at their push for practicality, and at their style of experiencing and expressing faith in small groups and intergenerationality.

### PROVING GROUNDS

It’s a given that the young generation will be asking major questions about their faith and religion (along with pretty much every other aspect of their lives). At PUC, they’re doing this in the midst of the intense pressures of college life.

Levi Gore, a senior nursing major and a residence assistant in Grainger Hall, says that college life provides equal opportunities for faith building or faith crashing. “The majority of college students are being stretched to the max,” he says. “Between studying for classes, making friends, being involved in extra-curricular activities and managing a spiritual life, students feel like they have little time to focus on specific faith-building moments.”

Jessica Shine graduated from PUC five years ago and is now the pastor for outreach and ministry at the college. “I think at this particular stage in life you begin to assess your faith in such a way that if something doesn’t change, you’re going to,” she says. “This is the time of life where college students decide to drop it or stay with it.” As they deal with questions and try to decipher God, she says, “the pat answer, the little kind of flowery song may not do it for them. I think by and large there’s this kind of proving ground.”

<p>One aspect of this process of exploration is the fact that Adventists are currently facing a world that many describe as moving into a new historical era. It's often referred to as the "postmodern era," and it follows the modern era of 1500 A.D. to about 2000 A.D. The postmodern culture increasingly departs from many characteristics of the modern era. "Postmodernism entails a rejection of the emphasis on rational discovery through the scientific method, which provided the intellectual foundation for the modern attempt to construct a better world," writes Stanley Grenz in <i>A Primer on Postmodernism</i>.</p> <p>Robert Webber, in <i>Ancient-Future Faith: Rethinking Evangelicalism for a Postmodern World</i>, adds, "Indications of a postmodern world-view suggest that mystery, with its emphasis on complexity and ambiguity, and community, with its emphasis on the interrelationship of all things, and symbolic forms of communication, with an emphasis on the visual, are all central to the new way of thinking."</p> <p>These are not just fashion trends or secular issues, but rather a sweeping change in how people think about things—and it reaches across the board, including religion and faith in its scope. In his book <i>A New Kind of Christian</i>, Brian McLaren explains how religion in the modern period</p>	<p>was characterized by Protestantism and institutional religions, but that kind of religious mindset is being challenged and changed. "Rather than condemning, I am simply noticing that our systematic theologies are themselves a modern phenomenon," he writes. "Medieval theologians had different</p> <p><b>“Will you continue to live loyally in the fading world, in the waning light of the setting sun of modernity? Or will you venture ahead in faith, to practice your faith and devotion to Christ in the new emerging culture of postmodernity?”</b></p> <p>questions, concerns, and approaches; so did ancient ones and biblical writers and characters."</p> <p>These are large-scale issues that many thinkers and authors are reflecting on at length. But what does it mean on the PUC campus? One of McLaren's characters tells a group of college students, "Most of your peers live in a different world from you. They have already crossed the line into the postmodern world. But few of you have. Why? Because you want to be faithful to the Christian upbringing you have received, which is so thoroughly</p>	<p>enmeshed with modernity. One of the most important choices you will make in your whole lives will be made in these few years at this university. Will you continue to live loyally in the fading world, in the waning light of the setting sun of modernity? Or will you venture ahead in faith, to practice your faith and devotion to Christ in the new emerging culture of postmodernity?"</p> <p>Are today's PUC students venturing ahead in faith?</p> <p><b>MAKING IT REAL</b></p> <p>It appears that they are. One building block in this forward movement is found in the theme of much of their religious questioning: relevance. Students are staring the world in the face and trying to figure out how their faith works in context. "We grew up in this Adventism that teaches us certain things," says Pastor Shine, "and then when you hit the real world you find out that things are not quite as what they were pictured. I don't mean to say that we were lied to, but what I do mean is that we were never taught along the way how to step aside and say, 'How does this affect the people down the street?'"</p> <p>In their discussion of such questions, our students are beginning to reflect postmodern lenses. In a presentation to Adventist communicators, Miroslav Pujic, communication director for the Trans-European Division, listed some examples: relative (I am okay, you are okay), holistic</p>	<div data-bbox="1610 64 3024 614"> <p><b>YOUNG PEOPLE</b> are looking around and seeing individuals with high values, committed to their families, working for humanitarian causes, generous, intelligent—and <i>non-religious</i>.</p> <p><b>“What’s the difference?” they ask.</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1610 614 2094 1949"> <p>(integrity of life), altruistic (helping other people), and communal (returning to community), among others. <sup>1</sup></p> <p>In the spiritual survey completed by last year's graduating seniors at PUC, 71.9 percent agree that most people can grow spiritually without being religious, and a remarkable 91.7 percent agree that non-religious people can lead lives that are just as moral as those of religious believers. Young people are looking around and seeing individuals with high values, committed to their families, working for humanitarian causes, generous, intelligent—and non-religious. "What's the difference?" they ask.</p> <p>There's no easy answer, and some of us shy away from the questions. But today's young people want to know. Roy Ice, campus chaplain at PUC, gives his perspective: "I think this generation is finally coming to the question—and they're brazen and bold and released enough by the previous generation to ask—is it real? It's allowing them to truly prove what we've known all along: That this spiritual undercurrent has to be present in everything they do."</p> <p>As young people look for this kind of authenticity, they aren't going to settle for a "no discussion" answer—and these are questions that deal with the foundations of their identity and faith. So, Pastor Shine says, we need to be dialoging about the quest for relevance. "Those kind of conversations need to take place," she says, "because if they don't, who are they going to have to bounce those ideas off of? People may very strongly disagree with me</p> </div>	<div data-bbox="2094 614 3024 1562"> <p>for this, but I think it's more valuable to say, 'Yes, we're having those conversations' than it is to say 'Are we really producing people who will remain Adventists for the rest of their lives?'"</p> <p><b>ROLLING UP SLEEVES</b></p> <p>With all this emphasis on relevance you might expect to see a lot of youngsters sitting around demanding to know how faith is meaningful—and, of course, that happens. But for many of today's Adventist young adults, the big questions don't disable them. What plenty of them are doing instead of (or in addition to) debating is rolling up their sleeves and making their faith applicable, from the dorm room to the world.</p> <p>Levi expresses this when he talks about the prayer group he and other residence assistants have started in Grainger. "Students only get so much from their teachers and from church, because they are in a 'see it to believe it' era," he says. "There is something in the daily grind that makes students want to see results fast. In the midst of this daily grind, we have a prayer group that is dedicated to putting their 'see it to believe it' faith into tennis shoes. We pray to make things happen. When things don't happen like we expected, we keep praying. The prayer is there so that their faith can grow from the manifestations of their request."</p> <p>Scores of other students are working on the synthesis of their faith by serving. This year, the Student Association religious vice president is senior theology major Justin Torossian, a tall young man with a phlegmatic smile. He expresses the idea of service solidifying faith: "When you go minister to people in the community, when you feed the homeless in Berkeley or take kids out there and try to share, looking for opportunities to share Christ with kids who don't know him—when you do all those things in outreach, it enhances your personal walk with the Lord."</p> <p>Maybe that's why on the spiritual survey, 42.2 percent feel it's essential or very</p> </div> <div data-bbox="2094 1562 3024 1949"> <p><b>For many of today's Adventist young adults, the big questions don't disable them. What plenty of them are doing instead of (or in addition to) debating is rolling up their sleeves and making their faith applicable, from the dorm room to the world.</b></p> </div>
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important to follow faithfully the laws and rules taught by their religion, but 73.3 percent feel it's essential or very important to improve the human condition.

Maybe that's why the chaplain literally has students coming into his office once or twice a week saying, "Hey, I've got this ministry idea" or "Here's something I'd like to do."

## THE PUC PICTURE

Though there seems to be an emphasis on humanitarian projects and social awareness, students recognize the importance of Christian fellowship and spiritual support. Many on-campus ministries are started and run by students themselves, geared toward the needs and lifestyles they see on campus.

Ketita Quinteros has started a Sabbath school class for in-depth Bible study. Robert Abdul-Karim has done door-to-door praying in the dorm. Students go to Lift on Wednesday nights to pray, listen to music, and maybe hear a testimony of what the Lord did for someone during the week. Yvonne Polk leads a women's Bible study in Winning Hall. Students obviously feel a need for that spiritual support. One day Justin sent out an announce e-mail at 4:30 about a Bible study that would start at 6:30; despite the fact that most people disregard announcements, ten people showed up!

The church office did a survey two years ago and discovered that they have 101 different reservations for church room

use every week! That includes things like classes and church services, but also students reserving it for their private prayer meetings, the Korean group or the Black Student Forum having worship together, groups having band rehearsals for leading worship songs, and groups of students who just want to meet and pray.

Martin Surridge, a junior serving as one of this year's assistant chaplains, has started a monthly program called Ultimate Goal, geared toward what you might not always think of as the most "religious" group—athletes. Pastor Ice has been impressed by this ministry. "It's incredible," he says. "It's really exploring spiritual growth from the athletic mindset. It's really neat to see how there just seems to be this real blending of daily life with spiritual life. They're proving that you can't separate the two and be real."

Perhaps, after all, that's how students can reconcile their quest for relevance and their busy schedules—by finding spiritual relevance in the flow of everyday life.

## WORKING AS A TEAM

As we watch students on our campus, certain elements tend to characterize the ways they express their faith. One of these is the small-group phenomenon.

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That's exciting to Pastor Ice. He sees it as a new philosophical shift that says "It's not about me." Instead of focusing on one leader, it's about the individuals belonging. So he sees teams leading out in ministry much more than single individuals.

KidzReach is a ministry that took off last year with Luke and Maria Hamilton coordinating Sabbath activities with a group of Yountville kids from rough backgrounds. The ministry has continued to thrive this year despite the Hamilton's graduation; a leadership team of four or five students now heads up KidzReach. This summer, education major Tiffany Anders worked closely with two other PUC students and a La Sierra student to plan and run a brand-new summer camp program in Micronesia (see page 12). In the dorms, Levi has banded together with fellow RA's to form a prayer group that collects requests from the residents and prays for them.

In the eyes of Tim Mitchell, the down-to-earth senior pastor of the PUC church, this teamwork approach goes beyond the boundaries of ministry leadership. Today's students, he says, are "local" in their definition of church. "The TV show *Friends* may not win our moral approval, but it does represent the way that this generation deals with spiritual issues," he explains. "Truth and relationships are united in the informal small groups. They eat together,

drive to Napa together, join each others' sports teams. They aren't exclusive cliques—they're happy to have other friends flow in and out. But a huge amount of meaning is found in the small group of friends." You can see it in how they come to church. Waiting for each other and sitting together is the most important part of the experience. "They're coming to be with God," Pastor Mitchell reflects. "They want the spiritual experience. But they don't separate that from their eight or 12 friends."

"I think the students here at PUC are looking for a worship service that is relevant and that is focused to them on their level," says senior Brian Savino. "This doesn't necessarily need to be a church service. Often times I hear from my residents that their most spiritual moments come from small group Bible studies. Students today seem to have an urge to connect spiritually with each other on a more personal level, not necessarily a corporate one."

Justin thinks that small groups are what students enjoy the most and grow from the most. "If there's a Bible study going on and there are ten people there, they can talk with people, they learn, they make new friends—it's a comfortable setting, and they grow closer to the Lord." Personally, Justin sees value in both small group interactions and more traditional, large-scale services. But he admits he really enjoys the small-group setting, being able to share and interact personally. That's why, he says, students are forming their own small groups.

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For Justin, those personal interactions have had the most impact on his spiritual walk during his college years, especially older students who have acted as mentors to him. “They were a few good friends that are older than me and have been real good influences and mentors. There’s nothing cooler than for a senior or junior, if they see potential in someone or someone who maybe needs some guidance, to just be a friend to them.” These relationships have shaped Justin’s spiritual experience. “I think if it weren’t for God sending them into my life, I’d be in a different place for sure.”

### FORGET THE GENERATION GAP

Another theme observed in today’s teens and young adults is that they aren’t bent on evading the “older folks.” Perhaps it’s the age of helicopter parents, the emphasis on relationships, or the need for synthesis—whatever it is, they seem willing to integrate. Pastor Mitchell says there are two things that are consistent in his conversations with students. One is that their problems and worries are just the same as the worries of 30 or 100 years ago (with a few differences such as technology). The other is that “they’re much more tuned in to multigenerational existence.” He recalls a presentation to faculty a couple years ago about how freshmen answered certain questions about the people in their lives. The students listed their grandparents as the people

they admired most, and when asked who their closest friends were, they said it was their parents. “This generation is more attuned to the family relationships and intergenerational existence,” Pastor Mitchell surmises. “There’s no generation gap like there was in my generation. They still think we don’t know anything—but they want us around, so they don’t say that we don’t know anything!”

The PUC church has been making a push for generational integration. Taking advantage of the increased tolerance from the younger set and the emphasis on relationships, from mentors to small groups, the pastoral staff has been working to make students feel like they belong. “We want to empower young people to really honestly believe that this is their church,” Pastor Shine explains. “Not because it’s the kind of music they like, not because it’s the kind of speakers they like, but because they know people in the church, they feel loved in that church, and they connect with something during the service.”

One example of how this joint effort plays out is when students come back from missionary work full of energy, excitement, and vision. The goal is to connect them up with ministries or resources that are already established in the church. “For most of those ministries,” Pastor Shine says, “there’s already a counterpart that we can say, ‘You guys have this vision, this drive, this passion; now here’s some people who have the connections, who are already doing some type of what you want to do.’”

There’s also a more spontaneous kind of teaming, such as long-time Angwin resident Elisa Stevens and Homeless Ministries. Pastor Shine details how Stevens heads up Neighborhood Table, an Angwin meal program that runs every Thursday. She also does classes at the women’s clinic in a nearby town, is a birthing coach, and helps with bilingual couples. She’s constantly giving. But when she saw what was happening with Homeless Ministries, she took her own initiative and started going with them to Berkeley. “Here you have this elderly woman who’s out there with these awkward teenagers who would normally just kind of sit there and hand out food, and she’s there engaging them, and inviting them to go and share conversations with the people they’re ministering to,” Pastor Shine says.

And, as Justin reflects, “When people give you responsibilities, you have to step up to them and you grow and learn from them.” A friend asked him to speak once a week at a retirement home. “That really made me realize, ‘Man, I need to step it up.’ So I guess when people give you responsibility, when they consider you able to do something that maybe you didn’t consider yourself able to do, it really gives you something to strive for.”

### LOOKING FORWARD

Today’s PUC students are busy making transitions. They’re clustered in small groups. They’re knee-deep in questions. And

they’ve got the guts to take real-life Adventism into a real-life world and make a difference for their God.

Maybe that’s why students are taking their small-group culture and using it as a ministry base. “Isn’t it appropriate that they take what they are and use it for God?” says Pastor Mitchell. “If they’re accustomed to small-group type ministry, doesn’t it make sense that when they get into a church they’ll do that?” He reflects on concerns and changes facing the North American Adventist church—the financial situation, the difficulty in getting young people to attend conventional services, the older generation worrying, “Look at this great thing we built—how is the next generation going to support that?”

The real question, he says, is “How will the church of God survive?” He thinks it goes back to the early Christians: “If you wonder how it can happen in a small-group oriented task-driven group like young people are, read Acts 2. That’s my punch line: This generation fits Acts 2. They met in small groups, they prayed together in small groups, they cared about mission projects for the poor. And then they went to the temple for teaching. But it wasn’t the temple that they built the movement on. It was the small groups... I’m not worried at all!” **VP**

<sup>1</sup> Miroslav Pujic. “The Church and the Changing Society.” Society of Adventist Communicators Conference. Baltimore, MD. October 2006.



# SIX ISLANDS AND A SUMMER GIFT

by Lainey S. Cronk

The setting is palm trees and sand. The subject, suicide. Children from 8 years old to 16 and some parents, all concentrate their gaze on a Fijian man and his 17-year-old Chuukese translator. “Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem,” Pastor Eliki Ravia tells them.

Tiffany Anders, a student missionary from California, takes it all in. She knows there’s not a family on the island unaffected by suicide. She knows that children, angry at parents, take their lives out of revenge. As silence holds the group in attention to Pastor Ravia’s words, Anders feels God’s powerful presence and knows this is crucial message. Even the memory of it, months later, will give her goose bumps.

This was an afternoon program for Camp Micronesia, a brand-new project that Anders and twelve fellow La Sierra University and Pacific Union College students dreamed up and took to six different Micronesian islands. Bethany Morse, a 2006 LSU graduate who was a student missionary on Chuuk, had the original camp idea. Anders, a PUC student and student missionary to Palau, immediately jumped on board. The two worked all year, Anders taking over trip arrangements while Bethany coordinated the daily camp program. Resources came from many directions, including a \$15,000 creative evangelism grant from the Pacific Union.

Camp Micronesia came true for the eight weeks between June 20 and August 15. Each day started with worship, songs, a lesson from the camp nurse and a memory verse before campers headed for activities: archery, drama and games, crafts, sports, snorkeling and a low ropes course. Group games and lunch under the palms was followed by a story from PUC student Andy Riffel. Most of the campers were not Adventist, though about half attended Adventist schools; some had never heard the Bible stories. Riffel would leave them with a cliff-hanger: “And then—well, we’ll find out tomorrow!” The campers would cry, “No, no! Tell us now!”

Another round of activities concluded with a “campfire” of humorous skits and songs transitioning into big-topic discus-

**Campers keep busy with activity rotations.**  
**BOTTOM: Tiffany Anders with two camp friends.**

sions. The staff was a little skeptical when Pastor Ravia, youth director for the Guam-Micronesia Mission and their camp sponsor, suggested issues like suicide and premarital sex. But most of the kids have a friend or relative who has committed suicide, and there might be an 11-year-old girl down the street who just got pregnant. Nobody talks to them about it. So the

friend in the hospital, a Chuukese nurse asked her why she was on the island. “I’m staying at the Adventist school right now,” Anders replied.

“You’re with the summer camp program!” he exclaimed. “Everybody’s talking about it, so many kids are excited about it. Are you guys going to come back?”

During the two weeks that Anders



**Camp Micronesia went to six islands, including Kosrae.**

camp staff took on the big topics; and as camp went on, they could sense the need for these messages.

Generally speaking, the student leaders had a pretty good idea of how to address island culture, what with Anders’ student missionary experience on Palau, Morse’s year on Chuuk, and fellow team-member and PUC student Katie Craig’s work on Pohnpei. But some of the other participants were a little more surprised by the isolated atolls and honeymoon-quality beaches, bucket showers, cockroaches the size of a large man’s thumb, and the giving, people-oriented culture.

Having a camp program was big news on the islands, where there’s no such thing as a YMCA or recreation programs. Yap aired a radio announcement about camp. In Chuuk a welcome banner for “Chuuk’s first summer day camp” met the students. “In just a few days of knowing these people, we feel like they will never forget us,” says Riffel.

Everywhere she went, Anders discovered that people were talking about camp. When she visited a local

stayed after camp, children ran up to her in the streets, showing her that they remembered the memory verse motions and wanting to sing camp songs. “They see tourists lying out in their bikinis and getting the nice kayak rides,” Anders explains, “but it’s exciting to them to see Americans who want to spend time with them.”

On Kosrae, several of the children

who came to camp are now attending the Adventist school. They said that camp was the most amazing thing that ever happened in their lives, and they wanted to learn more about what was told to them at camp.

“I think that’s really what it was about,” Anders muses. “We were there to plant seeds, to nurture seeds that had already been planted, and in a couple of cases to harvest seeds that had been planted a long time ago.”

When camp was over, Anders found herself weeping, sad that it was ending and amazed that it had actually happened. But in addition, she felt a sense of loss. “What am I going to do now?” she asked herself.

So she’s planning again. Morse is hoping to run Camp Micronesia again next year. Anders, meanwhile, wants to expand on it: She hopes to do something similar, but just in the Palau islands, with a core of college-aged student missionaries and a team of local youth who can be trained to carry on the mission. She’s also working on a spring break mission trip for Adventist students in public high school. “That’s what’s so exciting to me now,” she says. “Not so much going on mission trips, but making them happen—giving other people the opportunity. I feel like that’s what I’m good at, what the experiences God has given me have prepared me for... and I think it’s what I’ll be doing for a while!” VP



**The low ropes course gives campers a fun challenge.**





# ADDING TO THE ALBION STORY

by Christopher Togami

Sitting at the bottom of a 200-foot gorge in Happy Valley, surrounded by majestic redwood trees and innumerable species of wildlife, today’s Albion Field Station has quite a different appearance than it did 60 years ago. Today, the location and property, discovered by Harold W. Clark and his wife Hazel during a journey to the Mendocino Coast in 1946, has neither the deafening ambiance of the original lumber mill nor the overwhelming fragrance of the subsequent sheep pasture.

Many current and former PUC students are familiar with the opportunities that Albion provides its guests: canoe trips up and down the adjacent Albion River; bird and whale watching expeditions with friendly camp directors David and Ruth Wiebe; and the rustic confines of the camp’s several cozy cabins. While a post-sundown journey to the community restrooms has certainly been an inconvenience, the allure of Albion far outweighs any shortcomings. The camp’s abundance of both plant and wildlife has drawn people closer to nature who would be opposed to camping in a tent.

While most visitors tended to realize that Albion would never be on par with the Four Seasons or the Ritz, there were those who desired comforts and conveniences similar to their homes. It was for these people that Friends of Albion, a group of individuals concerned with the preservation and sustenance of the field station, met one weekend nearly five years ago to discuss the possibility of adding bathrooms to each of the cabins. Also discussed were additional improvements and upgrades to prevent the aging camp from becoming obsolete.

By the end of that weekend, the Friends of Albion had raised in excess of \$100,000 and were eager to turn their excitement into tangible results. In order for the camp to obtain the necessary building permits from Mendocino County, the plans and proposals needed to first be scrutinized by the California Coastal Commission, as the lands were part of the Albion River estuary and a fragile ecosystem. This past spring, after years of waiting and jumping through regulatory hoops, the plans were approved and work finally commenced on the bathrooms and other improvements.

The renovations have come in phases since the project has depended primarily upon volunteer labor; but now a majority of the work is either complete or near completion. A total of 24 bathrooms were added to the camp, necessitating the installation of a 5000-gallon septic system. These new bathrooms will be welcome additions to the field station, where the winter months have made for cold, wet walks to the old facilities. David Wiebe, who along with his wife, Ruth, has managed the camp and its activities for the past fourteen years, sees the new bathrooms as improving the experience for younger and older visitors alike. “For families visiting with children, parents don’t have to worry about accompanying those children to the bathroom at all hours of the night. And our older guests can enjoy the beauty Albion has to offer without feeling like they left all conveniences at home,” says Wiebe.

In order to give the project a jumpstart on the coast’s rainy season, the camp held a ten-day work bee in August, during which a total of forty volunteers worked on leveling, pouring cement, framing, and installing plumbing and electrical lines, as well as other finishing work.

Other work on the camp, in addition to the bathrooms, includes a newly paved “main street” that runs directly through the middle of the camp, wiring to the cabins to allow for telephone and wireless Internet use, and upgrades to the interior and exterior of the



Renovation work required the tearing up—and later repaving—of the camp’s “main street.”  
RIGHT: Nancy Lecourt, academic dean, and Richard Osborn, president, pitch in with shovels.

Lonicera cabin. Lonicera, one of the larger family cabins, was the recipient of new cabinetry and quality furnishings.

As 2007 begins, it is becoming harder for individuals—whether because of necessity or due purely to choice—to remove themselves from a modern lifestyle in which cell phones are glued to hips, laptops with wireless Internet capabilities reside in bags slung over shoulders, and news in an actual newspaper is already old news. When the Friends of Albion met some five years ago, the group recognized that Albion would need to meet the needs of its contemporary visitors if the field station were to remain a popular destination in the years to come.

Gilbert “Gibby” Muth, a former professor in PUC’s biology department and editor of the Friends of Albion e-newsletter, has been a driving force

behind the improvements to the field station. After making his first visit to Albion as a student in 1958, Muth developed a special connection with the biological station in Albion and has had difficulty prying himself away from the coastal retreat ever since. Whether it’s meeting with county inspectors to obtain building permits or jumping into the trenches to expedite the digging process, Muth is no stranger to the long hours of mental and physical labor this project has required.

Digging ditches may seem like mundane work, but Muth relates an exciting

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incident that occurred this summer while installing some new pipe for the camp. “We were digging with a backhoe and picks, looking for two pipes: a four-inch pipe and a two-inch pipe. We

found the larger one relatively quickly, but had a harder time locating the smaller, high-pressure line. I started exploring—carefully of course—near the larger pipe, hoping the two-inch pipe would be close. Well, it was, and as soon as my pick split it down the middle, water began shooting twenty feet into the air. We had to cover it up with the backhoe’s bucket and it took several minutes to turn off the source.”

PUC administration, including the president and the college’s vice presidents, made its annual visit to the field station this summer and spent some time in the trenches. The primary goal of the retreat was to focus on strategic planning, but the six administrators spent one of the days helping Albion prepare for the work that was yet to come. Pam Sadler, vice president of alumni and advancement, said that the day was fun and definitely “a great way to contribute to such an important



Volunteers put in many hours to build individual bathrooms for the cabins.  
LEFT: Erik von Blankenburg and Jeff Weston pour concrete pads for the bathrooms.





From demolition to installing pipes to roofing, volunteers have worked hard to improve the field station. CENTER: Pam Sadler, vice president for advancement, and Lisa Bissell Paulson, vice president for student services. RIGHT: John Hewitt, summer art instructor.

“Albion is a place where you can spend time with God’s second book of nature.”

project. It was inspiring to work side-by-side with volunteers who have given countless hours to Albion.”

Selfless volunteers have almost completely eliminated the need for costly outside labor, making it possible for the college to avoid using PUC operating funds for the project at all. This project has been made possible entirely by generous donors who care about Albion.

While a majority of the renovations are near completion, Albion is still seeking to improve its offerings. Facility-wise, Muth says that a new boat barn and docking facility are in the works, with both structures to be built on an adjoining property purchased for the field station by a generous alumnus. The parcel, which sits immediately up the river from the field station’s primary property, will allow the camp to expand

its operations and is currently being examined by the California Coastal Commission in order to receive the appropriate county permits.

Currently, Albion offers watercolor, digital photography and natural history classes, as well as seasonally organized outdoor education classes and bird and whale watching trips. The Wiebes hope to broaden the range of the existing classes offered at the field station, and one of these possible classes is a video workshop for high school students. This program would allow the young scholars to get a taste of PUC’s graphic arts department, specifically the film and television major. Another idea is to create a class geared primarily for recently retired individuals and focus on the basic, yet nonetheless important, skills of using digital cameras and organizing photos on a computer.

As California’s urban sprawl consumes land that previously teemed with wildlife and the smell of dew-covered plants, the former lumber mill and sheep pasture that Harold Clark found some sixty years ago still provides its guests with an opportunity to escape the daily grind. Whether it’s spending an afternoon paddling up the Albion River, watching for magnificent blue herons, or searching for migrating whales during the winter months with the Wiebes, Albion has always been a place to relax and enjoy a rustic retreat. Ruth Wiebe may have said it best: “Albion is a place where you can spend time with God’s second book of nature.” **VP**



Albion may not look quite as peaceful when it’s a bustling construction site, but the renovations promise a refreshed field station ready to welcome many new guests.

## Spreading the Message for SAFE SURRENDER

by Julie Z. Lee



Brian Bazemore, hospital president and CEO Steve Moreau, Senator Robert Dutton, and Jackson Boren at the film’s premiere.

Last year, a high school student, who had been hiding her pregnancy, delivered her baby in a bathtub, cut her own umbilical cord, and then proceeded to wrap her baby in a plastic bag. The infant was later found dead under her bed.

Each year, an alarming number of young women hide their pregnancies, then abandon their newborn babies, or worse. While many infants survive, others have encountered devastating fates. The situation is especially tragic considering there is a law in place to protect those unwanted babies. Since 2001, the safe surrender law (also called Safe Haven or Safely Surrendered Baby) allows parents to anonymously give a newborn to a hospital, police or fire station within 72 hours of the baby’s birth, without criminal implications.

The problem is that the majority of young people don’t know the law exists.

“A lot of education has gone to health-care workers and adult audiences,” says Jaynie Boren, vice president for strategic planning and business development at San Antonio Community Hospital. “What’s been missing is information geared toward junior high, high school, and college audiences.”

But that is about to change. This past summer, Brian Bazemore and Jackson

Boren, senior film and television majors at Pacific Union College, were looking for an internship. Serving as coffee runners on a set looked like the only options, but then a phone call from San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland, California, changed their luck. The hospital asked Bazemore and Boren to film, direct, and edit a public service film for teenagers on safe surrender.

Boren and Bazemore took up the challenge and dived into an intensive education session. They met with physicians and nurses at the hospital, law enforcement officials, defense lawyers,

and public health educators. “It was a big responsibility to present the law in an accurate light and make sure you don’t blur the message...because this is something that can save lives,” says Boren.

Seven weeks later, the students handed in a finished product focusing on the message of “no shame, no blame, no names.” On October 11, 2006, San Antonio premiered the film to over 200 health educators, public officials, and law enforcement officers. Among the special guests were California Senator Bob Dutton, who drove the bill to extend the Safe Haven Law permanently (it would have expired earlier this year), and Debi Faris-Cifelli, founder of Garden of Angels, a non-profit organization for the prevention of infant abandonment.

The hospital hopes to work with Senator Dutton on distributing the film to schools and perhaps making it part of the statewide curriculum.

This is Boren and Bazemore’s second partnership in a film production. Last year the two worked on a documentary called “Everyday People,” which received a special jury prize at the 2006 SonScreen Film Festival. “Safe Surrender” is also garnering good reviews and plenty of local press. But for the two aspiring filmmakers, their personal success is secondary to a cause that only months ago they knew little about.

“I was just telling Brian a week back, if our names weren’t attached to this film, I would be just as happy,” says Boren. “It’s not about us. It’s about the young girls and getting the option out there. Just knowing it can save lives is good enough for me. **VP**



Jackson Boren and Brian Bazemore with a team of nurses at San Antonio Community Hospital.

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# RIEGER YEARS

by Lainey S. Cronk

On October 7, 2006, a special concert commemorated the 25th birthday of the Rieger organ at Pacific Union College, with Del Case, professor emeritus of music, on the organ and guest musicians on the violin and harp.

Almost from the very beginning, PUC had a pipe organ. The chapel in old Irwin Hall had a small organ built by Murray Harris of Los Angeles, an early West Coast builder who made a number of significant organs. This first organ was altered and enlarged a number of times. But by the mid '50s the organ was in poor condition, leading to the nickname "Old Windy."

Conversations about a new church and organ were ongoing. In the early '60s, church plans were drawn, a site prepared and an organ contract signed. But the plans changed with the death of the senior pastor and the transition to a new college president. The church plans were altered and the organ contract laid aside.

At this point Del Case arrived as the PUC organist and inherited a now very poor "Old Windy." In 1967 it was beyond use, and a new Casavant organ was installed in the recently finished Paulin Hall auditorium.

By 1971, Case was given the go-ahead to work on plans for an organ in the new church. That summer he spent seven weeks in Europe, inspecting various organs and interviewing their builders. The college also considered several builders in Canada and the United States. They finally settled on Rieger Orgelbau from Austria. Case determined the tonal design, headed the fundraising effort, and supervised the installation and voicing of the organ.

The Rieger organ was installed in the spring and summer of 1981, culminating over 30 years of dreaming and planning by organists Warren Becker, Lowell Smith and Del Case. The organ cost \$380,000



when it was installed; if the college were to replace it today, it would cost at least \$1.5 million. With four manuals, 58 stops, 85 ranks and over 4,700 pipes, the organ remains the largest mechanical tracker action pipe organ in the Western United States today.

"Having a high quality instrument of this magnitude has had a very positive impact locally and in the broader musical community," Case explains. In addition to its role in campus musical programs and worship services and in teaching a broad range of organ literature, the instrument has brought the college recognition in the organ world. Musicians from around the world come to see and play the organ, with many of the United States' and Europe's best-known organists performing concerts at the college. The Napa Valley Symphony has brought several of its concerts to the campus in order to utilize the organ, and three recordings have been produced.

Case and current organist and music professor Bruce Rasmussen agree that the organ plays a lead role in the religious environment of the campus. "For many, the Rieger has played a dynamic role in worship leadership," says Case. For Rasmussen, experiencing that potential is exhilarating: "There's nothing like the thrill of using it for congregational singing."

But even when nobody's listening, the organ's immense sound and range of expression hold a unique power, experienced by visiting organists and "regulars" alike. For Case, playing the organ takes on a restorative quality: "Many times I have gone to the church to practice at 8:00 p.m. feeling tired, and left two hours later full of energy." VP



## news

### Napa County Honors PUC



Chairman Bill Dodd presented PUC with a proclamation honoring its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

On October 24, PUC was presented with a proclamation from the Napa Board of Supervisors in honor of the college's 125th anniversary. Supervisor Bill Dodd presented the proclamation to Richard Osborn, president of PUC, and John Collins, vice president for financial administration. Also present at the Board of Supervisors meeting in Napa were Pam Sadler, vice president of advancement, and Herb Ford, professor emeritus.

Chairman Dodd congratulated PUC on its momentous anniversary and commended the college for providing its students with out-

standing opportunities. In addition, the proclamation states, "there are more than one thousand graduates of Pacific Union College currently occupying positions of service, rank and trust throughout Napa County, thus contributing significantly to Napa County's betterment." The proclamation further praised PUC in fulfilling its mission of "preparing students for productive lives of useful human service and uncompromising personal integrity," as well as for being the only four-year, co-educational institution of higher learning in Napa County.

### Angwin Sends Team to Relay for Life

A sunny Sabbath morning in September found a group of Angwin residents, including several Pacific Union College faculty and staff members, holding their Sabbath school class in an unlikely location: a high school track in Calistoga. But they weren't the only people there; a Relay for Life was in full swing, with members of about 50 teams walking or running laps in an event that celebrates survivorship and raises money to help the American Cancer Society.

The TLC4 Sabbath school class, a group started and led by PUC education professor Jim Roy, '77, signed up a team for the 24-hour event. "We felt it was a good way to spend our time and energy," says Maggie Roy, the team captain and a social work department staff member. The team had a member on the track at all times, while holding their Sabbath school class and running an on-site fundraiser.

The team's creative fundraiser won them a "Best Use of Humor" award

during the event. They had paper bras and boxer shorts pinned to a large umbrella, and when people came up to ask what they were all about, they were told that for any donation amount they could take the paper underwear and design them any way they wanted, and then write on them the date of their last mammogram or prostate exam. At the end, the class had gathered over \$500 in donations, and the relay as a whole raised over \$150,000 for the cause.

The TLC4 Sabbath school class is based on the four C's: Care, Communication, Connection, and Choice. Maggie Roy explains, "We look for service opportunities because we want Adventists to have a positive role in community and not be off in a secluded group." She adds, "And you get more of a blessing than you give in that sort of thing! There isn't anybody [on the team] who hasn't been touched by it in some way."



The PUC Church sabbath school class helped to raise over \$150,000 for cancer research.



Faculty Create Fibromyalgia Documentary



On November 28, 2006, PUC faculty Daneen Akers, '98, and Stephen Eyer, '98, premiered their documentary film, "Living with Fibromyalgia," at Chapman University's Folino Theatre in Orange, California. More than 150 people attended the showing, which was hosted by the National Fibromyalgia Association (NFA).

Akers and Eyer, who are married, were first introduced to fibromyalgia, a chronic pain and fatigue condition, when Akers' mother was diagnosed with it in 2001. Watching their family hunt for good information and struggle with the implications of a chronic illness convinced the couple to make a film in order to help others dealing with the same situation. The filmmakers sold their house in San Diego to finance the documentary, and then they spent the next two years researching, filming, and in production.

The finished film features Akers as she tries to understand her mother's illness. She interviews her mother and six other patients, as well as doctors and health-

care providers. "I didn't originally think I would be in the film," Akers said. "But it ended up making sense—it really was our family that was the motivation for the film."

Response to the documentary has been overwhelmingly positive. Lynne Matallana, president and founder of the National Fibromyalgia Association, who is also interviewed in the film, is happy to finally have a story about fibromyalgia on film. "'Living with Fibromyalgia' is the first documentary to explore the most intimate feelings and life-altering experiences of seven individuals living with the daily challenges of fibromyalgia," said Matallana. The film is available on DVD and partial proceeds from sales will go to the NFA. For more information on "Living with Fibromyalgia," visit [www.LivingwithFM.com](http://www.LivingwithFM.com).

Currently, Akers teaches in the English department, and Eyer is an instructor in television and film in the visual arts department. Both graduated from PUC in 1998.



Top: Akers (R) featured her mother, Darlene Akers, (L) in a new documentary. Bottom: Akers and Eyer spent two years producing their project.

PUC Hosts Culturally Rich Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival was held in PUC's Pacific Auditorium on November 5. The Asian Student Association, business club, French club, and many others took part in the event, which raised funds for the respective clubs and provided students with the opportunity to sample ethnic cuisine as well as enjoy other non-gastronomic forms of entertainment.

One of the largest attractions was the "Islands of Polynesia" show, presented several times throughout the night by the Polynesian club. Cultural dances of Tahiti, Samoa, Fiji, Hawai'i and New Zealand were performed by student members of the club, who graciously offered dancing instruction to several members of the crowd during each show.

Also present for the afternoon and evening festivities were approximately 350 high school seniors from 16 academies in California and Hawaii. The prospective students were invited to PUC for the weekend and given the opportunity to experience the spiritual, academic and social activities that the campus offers. Tyler Len, a senior from Hawaiian Mission Academy and the brother of junior aviation major Chris Len, particularly enjoyed the Polynesian club's show. "It was really well done. Everybody looked like they were having a lot of fun," said Len.



Annual Phonathon a Success

Pacific Union College's annual Phonathon ran from the beginning of October through the first week in December. A total of 34 students staffed the phones in order to reach this year's goal of \$165,000, an amount that will be allocated to scholarships, residence hall renovations, and faculty development through PUC's annual fund.

Tonya Kamaloni, associate director of alumni and advancement, is excited about the generous support from alumni. "We received a steady number of gifts each evening and are confident that next year's Phonathon will build on the success of this year's campaign," says Kamaloni.

Phonathon was originally supported by faculty and staff volunteers. When the first Phonathon took place 31 years ago, 20 phone lines were set up in the side rooms of the dining commons for the volunteers to make their calls. Now, Phonathon employs nearly twice the number of callers and has become a student-driven affair, a characteristic unique to the college's fundraising campaigns, and one that provides the students with an opportunity to directly contribute to supporting PUC and its future.



Pioneers Receive Sportsmanship Award

The Pioneers sports teams of Pacific Union College received the "California Pacific Conference Team Sportsmanship Award" for the 2005-2006 season. The award was presented to Robert Castillo, director of athletics, at the annual Cal Pac Conference convention at Dominican University of California on August 27, 2006.

The sportsmanship award is presented to the member institution that displays outstanding sportsmanship and exemplifies the true spirit of the "Champions of Character" program set forth by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Since it was first presented after the 1999-2000

season, coaches from the member institutions have determined the award through a voting system and presented the award at the Cal Pac convention each fall.

This is the Pioneers' second time to receive the award; it was also presented to PUC for the 2002-2003 season. Other recipients have been Simpson College (now Simpson University, Redding, Calif.) and Menlo College (Atherton, Calif.).

PUC is one of 10 institutions that make up the Cal Pac Conference. As a member of the NAIA, the Pioneers compete in the conference in women's volleyball, men's soccer, men's and women's cross country, and men's and women's basketball.

Keep up with PUC

The alumni office is pleased to introduce PUC Post, the new alumni newsletter. PUC Post is chock-full of student and alumni stories, news from the campus, and reports from the alumni office and estate planning. The electronic version of the Post is sent monthly by e-mail and posted on the alumni website, and a print version goes out twice a year.

To sign up for PUC Post, visit [alumni.puc.edu](http://alumni.puc.edu) and check out the Newsletter link under "Stay Connected." You can also contact the alumni office at [alumni@puc.edu](mailto:alumni@puc.edu) or 707-965-7500.







# class notes

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## 1930

**Alta Robinson, '30**, from Apopka, Fla., remembers when a solemn procession of black-clad Men of Grainger, accompanied by muffled drum beat, passed Graf Hall. "They carried a small box and were singing, 'Did you ever think, when the hearse goes by, that you could be the next to die?'" recalls Alta. "Some days before a small forest creature had been captured by a Grainger man. Evidently the poor creature had died and the solemn procession was carrying it to a resting place in the forest... In memory I can still hear that solemn drum beat. I still visualize those men of Grainger—marching, marching, marching in slow and stately tread."

## 1940

Now retired in Chatsworth, Calif., after a 28-year career as a technical editor for Atomics International, **Carol Mayes, '43**, continues her life-long writing of poetry. The hymn "We Give This Child to You" in the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal is just one example of her writing skill. She also takes special interest in the Mayes Music Ministry Scholarship at PUC, which honors the memory of her late husband, **Albert E. Mayes, '54**.

With the recent production of the film "Flags of Our Fathers," **Maurine (Block) Mitchell, '43**, has been in international television promotions and spin-off documentaries for her comments about her brother, Harlon Block. The film reenacts one of the most famous news photographs of World War II, that of Harlon and other Marines raising a U.S. flag on Mt. Surabachi. **Herb Ford, '54**, an academy classmate of Harlon's, recalls being knocked flat repeatedly in football games by the athletic Harlon, who died fighting on Iwo Jima.

Retired **Pastor Richard Rentfro, '43**, ministers to thousands in Kittitas County

through his "Keeping the Faith" column in the Ellensburg (Wash.) Daily Record newspaper. "Some of the happiest days of my life were spent at Pacific Union College!" writes Dick. "It was there I met Rose, my 'Miss Universe.' I dedicate my gift this year as a PUC 'Founder' to her loving memory."

## 1950

**Harold, '50**, and **Sonja, '53**, Shull recently returned to the centennial celebration of Sahmyook University in Seoul, where they began teaching immediately after Sonja's PUC graduation. "When we first arrived the place was a shambles from the recent Korean War," writes Harold. "We lived in a house riddled with bullet and shrapnel holes, devoid of electricity or plumbing. There were fewer than 200 students then. Now there are over 5,000." After Indian Health Service in the U.S. and 10 years teaching at Loma Linda University, the Shulls returned to Sahmyook to teach from 1988 to 1996.

**Frederick Deiss, '51**, a physician, is now a clinical assistant professor in the family practice residence program of the University of Wyoming-Casper. After PUC, Fred graduated from Loma Linda University's School of Medicine in 1957.

More than 150 friends who ran with him in the annual Northern California "Dipsea Footrace" were on hand to help **Jack Kirk, '53**, celebrate his 100th birthday in Mariposa, Calif., on October 1, 2006. Jack participated in many of the grueling races and won honors in several. Among those helping Jack mark his centennial birthday were **Warren Meyer, '54**, and **John Hemphill, '71**.

**James M. Phang, '59**, a 1999 PUC Honored Alumnus, is a 2006 Loma Linda University School of Medicine Honored Alumnus. He is the author of more than 120 medical science

publications and has been associated as a researcher and leader with the National Institutes of Health for many years.

## 1960

**Lawrence T. Geraty, '62**, president of La Sierra University, has announced plans to retire at the end of the current school year. "There's never a good time to retire, but after 45 years of service to my church, including 22 years as a college/university president, the last 14 at La Sierra University, that time has come," said Geraty.

Earlier this year **George Knight, '65**, Andrews University professor emeritus and PUC Honored Alumnus, was a keynote speaker for a North American Division Teachers' Convention in Nashville, Tenn. "The health of Adventism is in a large degree in the hands of Adventist education," Knight told the educators.

**Robert Wong, '69**, is now serving as junior youth ministries director of the Southern California Conference. He is also the director of the conference's summer youth camp at Cedar Falls.

## 1970

**Nancy Ann (Neuharth) Troyer, '70**, along with her husband, Don, has recently retired for a second time. Don and Nancy first retired from U.S. military chaplaincy in 2000 when they moved with their daughter Stephanie to Frankfurt, Germany, as volunteers to run the Adventist Military Support Center there. In late 2005 they moved into full retirement to Banning-Sun Lakes, Calif., to be near Nancy's parents, Nancy and **Ruben, '58**, Neuharth. Ruben has retired from being the manager of various communities' Chambers of Commerce.

**Brenda (Bond) Kis, '71**, is now serving as assistant to the personal director for Adventist Frontier Missions in Berrien Springs, Mich.

**Mickey N. Ask, '72**, leads the addiction medicine fellowship and undergraduate addiction medicine training in the department of preventive medicine of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine.

**Richard D. Catalano, '73**, chief of general surgery in Loma Linda University's School

of Medicine, has played an important role in teaching and upgrading surgical services at Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, as part of the university's initiative to administer and assist the hospital in its recovery efforts.

**Candice (Haas) Hollingsead, '74**, is moving from her position as chair of the department of teaching, learning & curriculum at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. She has accepted the position of dean of education at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind.

**Neal Jay Woods, '78**, and his wife, **Paula (Rose), att. '75-'77**, recently returned to PUC to enroll their daughter. Neal and Paula work as real estate brokers with David Lyng Real Estate in Capitola, Calif.

**Leonda (Stickney) George, '79**, and her husband, Kent, are church-planting among the people of Palawan in the Philippines. The Georges have served in the Philippines since 1995. Mail may be sent to them at 5305 Brookes Point, Palawan, Philippines.

**Dawn (Lindquist) Holbrook, '79**, and her husband, Tim, are supervisors of Adventist Frontier Missions projects in South Asia. Their address is P.O. Box 1401, Collegedale, Tenn., 37315, or timholbrook42@hotmail.com.

**Gary R. Stier, '79**, a faculty member in the department of anesthesiology of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, is now the program director of critical care medicine in the department, and is responsible for directing critical care medicine as well as the anesthesiology training of 42 residents. **John Lenart, '80**, is associate program director in the department. Also serving in the department is **Richard L. Applegate II, '79**, who not long ago gave transesophageal echocardiography workshops at the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

## 1980

As director of philanthropy services at Portland (Ore.) Adventist Medical Center (PAMC), **John Korb, '80**, is now in the final stage of a \$6.2 million fund-raising campaign to endow the hospital's chaplain department. John's fund-raising work for PAMC has played a significant role in a \$110 million

construction expansion of the hospital in interventional cardiology.

**Richard Wellington Sanders III, '80**, now a vice president of Janzen Johnston & Rockwell, Marina Del Rey, Calif., an emergency department management company, recently chaired a gala that raised \$175,000 for the Glendale (Calif.) Adventist Medical Center, and will be serving as chair of the White Memorial Medical Center Foundation (Los Angeles) during 2007.

The artistry of pianist **Elena Casanova, Att. '84-'87**, is displayed in her latest recording, "Recordando: Remembering the Maestros of Cuban Classial." Elena's musical educational background includes study at the Alejandro Garcia Caturia Music Conservatory in Havana, Pacific Union College, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and a degree in piano performance from the University of Redlands (Calif). Her new album showcases four Cuban composers.

**D. Duane Baldwin, '87**, and **Paul D. Lui, '80**, both members of the division of urology of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, are far out on the cutting edge of medicine as they make use of a da Vinci operating robot for complex laparoscopic urological procedures. "These exciting cutting-edge modalities put Loma Linda urology at the forefront of minimally invasive urology practice and cancer treatment," notes Herbert C. Ruckle, of the division. In addition to his robotic medicine interests, Baldwin is director of urology research for the division.

**Homer, '87**, and **Debra (Webb), '86**, Curry, members of the Adventist Frontier Missions corps of missionaries, have been church planting among the Malinke people of Mali, West Africa, since 1999. Mail reaches the Currys at BP 49, Kadiolo, Mali, West Africa, or by e-mail at Malinke.Currey@AFMOnline.org.

**Scott Reiner, '87**, who has been serving as president and chief executive officer of Glendale (Calif.) Adventist Medical Center, has been named senior vice president of Adventist Health beginning in 2007. Scott will chair the boards of two hospital complexes and oversee business development, physicians strategies, acquisitions and divestitures.

Eleven PUC alums were among the 48 individuals recently elected to the 2006-2010 Executive Committee of the Pacific Union Conference. Among those elected were **Angelina (Gonzales) Camacho, '88; Rockne Dahl, '65; Dale Galusha, '82; Lawrence Geraty, '62; Cheryl (Simmons) Horner, '80; Larry Innocent, '82; Kenneth Lockwood, '65; Jim Pedersen, '74; Jorge Soria, '74; Arnold Trujillo, '65; and Charles White, '66**. PUC president Richard Osborn was also elected as a member of the committee by virtue of his educational leadership position.

**T. Kent Denmark, '89**, is now the pediatric emergency medicine residency program director in the department of emergency medicine at Loma Linda University's School of Medicine. He also directs the simulation center in the School of Medicine, a unique educational environment filled with sophisticated mannequins and clinical training applications.

**1990**

**Jake Scheideman, '90**, whose work in a Nicaraguan village was featured in the summer 2006 ViewPoint, continues his work in Empalme de Boaco. In public auctions held in St. Helena in the past two years, more than \$600,000 has been raised for the project.

One of Games magazine's 100 best board games, "Brain Chain" is the creation of **Scot Blackburn, '93**, and friends, including PUC's chaplain, Roy Ice. "Creating a game was a lot of fun," says Scot, "and PUC gave me the tools I needed to succeed and the confidence to use them." Scot cites the teaching of PUC professors Henry Kopitzke, **Richard Voth, '64, Keith Neergaard, '84, Rodney Hardcastle, '77**, and Marcia Toledo as giving him an understanding of the theoretical and practical business world and of instilling in him the confidence and drive to be an entrepreneur.

Now serving as a general surgeon at the Seventh-day Adventist Clinic in Guam is **Hugo Alfredo Leon, '93**. Hugo and his wife, Yolanda, took up their new responsibilities in March of 2006.

**Sherry (Perez) Nuqui, '93**, who now lives in Bakersfield, Calif., is a telemetry nurse at San Joaquin Community Hospital in

that city. She has a leading role in use of Adventist Health's Project IntelliCare, a new technology that allows health care professionals online access to medical records, lab results and pharmacy support.

**John J. Kim, '95**, known as one of the "Robot Boys" in the department of obstetrics and gynecology of Loma Linda University's School of Medicine, has been involved in the application of a recently purchased da Vinci robotic surgery platform. The new tool is being used with reported excellent results in benign gynecologic cases.

**Brenna L. Gustafson, '96**, has joined the department of anesthesiology faculty at Loma Linda University's School of Medicine. She was previously a pediatric fellow at Denver (Colo.) Children's Hospital.

Since the birth of his son, violinist **Jack Krumbein, '98**, has become impassioned with music beyond his own understanding. He recently appeared on the Michael Zavala Show's Indie Spot. He is also working hard on a didactic video, has been recording for various studios in Hollywood, and will begin working on an album that he expects will be available in 2007.

Sharrah Dunlap Sawyer Inc., an engineering services firm in Redding, Calif., has recently added **Samuel B. Heier, '99**, to its project administration team. Samuel and his wife, Jodel, make their home in Redding.

**2000**

Among honorable mentions for the Adventist Review's "Top 20 in Their 20s" was **Kristi Tungesvik, '01**, currently a deputy district attorney for Sacramento County, Calif. Despite her busy professional life, Kristi serves as head greeter, adult Sabbath school chorister, chair of the nominating committee, earliteen Sabbath school leader and a participant on the social committee of her church.

**Kimberly Osborn, '04**, was recently featured as one of the Adventist Review's "Top 20 in Their 20s." Kimberly was selected from among many readers' submissions of outstanding Adventist "twentysomethings." A former intern with the Adventist Development and Relief Agency, Kimberly notes

that she has plans for "giving a voice to those that society has locked away and forgotten."

**Jordan Wareham, '04**, now of Phoenix, Ariz., was an instructor for Regional Airline Academy until his recent hire by American Eagle Airlines as a First Officer. "Even just starting out [at the Academy], I was assigned to teach the most complex material at the school—an absolute credit to Nathan Tasker, Bill Price, and everyone at the Flight Center," Jordan writes. "Not to mention our great communication department that gave me the skills needed to present myself in a very complex and competitive workforce."

**Michelle Price, '05**, has recently accepted the position of town clerk for the town of Yountville, Calif. Previously, Michelle was a deputy clerk for Napa County for eight years and for a time also served as a deputy clerk for the City of Napa.

**Former Staff**

**Stan and Jan Hendrickson** are in their ninth year of service with Adventist Frontier Missions in Albania. The Hendricksons are church planting among the Tosk people of Albania. Mail will reach them at Kutia Postare 4329, Vlore, Albania. Stan previously served on the women's dorm maintenance team at PUC and Jan was an assistant dean in Graf Hall.



# obituaries

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## Former Faculty and Staff

**Walter D. Cox, '51, '64**, professor emeritus of technology, died October 12, 2006, in Angwin. He was born November 7, 1922, in Sioux City, Iowa. Wally served in the U.S. Army as a surgical technician during World War II. He earned degrees from PUC and Texas A&M University. After teaching in Southern California, he served on the PUC faculty from 1968 to 1987. A widely recognized teacher and administrator, Wally was also a talented wood carver, sign maker and house builder. Wally is survived by his wife, Grace; a daughter, Christine; sons, Barry and Kenneth; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jean Hyde.

**Milton Davis, '28**, who was a printer at the Pacific Union College Press and later served as a minister and teacher, died in Placerville, Calif., on September 17, 2006. He was born in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on July 4, 1906. He is survived by his daughters, Marlene Gramlich and Elizabeth Cornish; sons, Edwin and Delmer; 17 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

At age 101, **Ray Warren Fowler**, who served as president of Pacific Union College from 1955 to 1963, died on October 26, 2006, in College Place, Wash. Born on April 20, 1905, in Stanley, N.D., Ray had a long career as an educator, serving as an instructor, dean and principal at several Seventh-day Adventist academies, and as business department chair at Union College in Nebraska, before coming to PUC in 1954 as academic dean and then president. Ray returned to Union College in 1963 to serve as business manager and then president. Though retired in 1970, he taught for eight more years at Walla Walla. Ray is survived by foster daughters Stacia Merickel and Vivian Black; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Eleanora Herr**, the wife of the late PUC history professor Elmer Herr, died November 8, 2006, in St. Helena, Calif. She was born in Sioux City, Iowa, on January 24, 1921. Eleanora served in the PUC business office and then was the administrative secretary for college presidents Jack Cassell and

Malcolm Maxwell. Eleanora is survived by her niece, Bonnie Miller; several great nieces and nephews; an "adopted" daughter, Ronna Sato; and an "adopted" sister, Ruth McCoy. Those wishing to memorialize Eleanora's life may do so by making a donation to the Elmer Herr Endowed Fund through the PUC Advancement Office.

**Gordon Madgwick**, academic dean from 1976 to 1983, died on November 11, 2006, in Maryland. Gordon served as graduate dean at Andrews University, dean of students at Columbia Union College, professor of English and dean of students at Southern Adventist University, and academic dean at PUC. Before his retirement he was secretary of the Board of Higher Education of the General Conference. Gordon is survived by daughters Candi, and Fiona Bullock, associate professor of social work at PUC; and two grandchildren. Those wishing to memorialize Gordon's life may contribute to the Gordon Madgwick Endowed Social Work Scholarship through the PUC Advancement Office.

**Betty Rockwell**, who worked in the PUC bakery in the 1970s, was born Serpuhi Mazlumian in Istanbul, Turkey, on October 10, 1921, and died October 12, 2006, in Takoma, Wash. After marrying Daniel Guirguis and immigrating to America in 1947, they changed their family name to Rockwell. The family moved to Angwin in 1962 so their children could attend Adventist schools. In 1990 Betty and Dan moved to Washington. Betty is survived by three daughters, Frances Crunk, Darlene White, and Carolyn Withrow; a son, Richard, who is a professor of mathematics at PUC; and seven grandchildren.

## Alumni

**Chandos C. Angell, '31**, a retired teacher, died May 2, 2006, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was born January 26, 1911, in Golden, Colo. Chandos is survived by daughters Beth Dunn and Jane Markoff; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Bender L. Archbold, '35**, former president of the Inter-American Division, died August 12, 2006, in Orlando, Fla. Born June 12, 1908, in Old Providence, Columbia, Bender served as a colporteur, teacher, dean, department director, conference president and college president, in addition to his church division presidency from 1970 to 1980. Bender is survived by his wife, Frances; daughters, Betty McDonald and Frances Lawton; a son, Audley; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Sue (Taylor) Baker, '47**, a retired English professor of Southern Adventist University, died in Collegedale, Tenn. She was born on October 16, 1916, in Fort Worth, Texas. Sue is survived by her husband, Ray.

**Rose-Nell (Gavin) Brandt, '47**, who lived in Oroville, Calif., died September 22, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Allen; and children Kelton, Rodney, Bryon, and Colleen.

**Edward E. Cochrane, '72**, who was born November 5, 1949, in Walla Walla, Wash., died in Loma Linda, Calif. Edward is survived by his wife, Janine; and son, Ryan.

**Dennis Lavel Crosby Jr., '64**, died on July 11, 2006, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born June 7, 1942, in Nashville, Tenn. Dennis is survived by his daughters Kelly and Kim.

**Charles Mayhew Giddings, '38**, a pediatric dentist in Chula Vista, Calif., for over 45 years, died June 2, 2005, in San Diego, Calif. He was born November 4, 1918, in San Diego. Charles is survived by his wife, Sylvia; daughter, Cathleen Sabatino; sons Charles and Leland; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Claris R. "Jack" Halliwell, '37**, a consul in the U.S. State Department's foreign service, died September 5, 2006. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; and four children, Valerie, Robert, Nancy, and Beverly.

**Charlotte G. Kinzer, '44**, died February 18, 2006, in Springfield, Ore. She was born July 9, 1924, in Lafayette, Ind. Charlotte served for 36 years as administrative secretary of the Loma Linda University Church and in the chaplain's department of the university's Medical Center. She is survived by daughters Patty Rouse and Connie Jessel; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Erwin W. Lewis Jr., Att. 1940s**, died July 4, 2006, in Lakeport, Calif. He was born June 29,

1922, in Burbank, Calif. After serving as a medical technician during World War II, Erwin attended PUC and Loma Linda University. He served as a clinical laboratory technician at Lakeside Hospital for more than 50 years. Erwin is survived by his wife, Katherine Falconer Lewis; a daughter, Marna Sildve; two grandchildren; a sister, Lucile Lewis; and a brother, Glen.

**Thomas McMeekin, '51**, a retired educator, has died on Camano Island, Wash. He was born January 11, 1911, in Winnipeg, Canada. He is survived by daughters Alice and Lucille; and two sons, Donald and Thomas.

**Bernita L. (Rasmussen) Miller-Smick, '58**, a retired nurse, died September 15, 2006, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born December 19, 1927, in Berkeley, Calif. Bernita is survived by her husband, Raymond; daughters, Karen Ryan and Kathryn Weis; five grandchildren; and a sister, Trudy Long.

**Arthur (Art) E. Mitchel, '49**, a retired educator and pastoral worker who lived in Carmichael, Calif., has died. He was born January 12, 1921, in Yuba City, Calif. Arthur is survived by sons Daniel and Larry; and two grandchildren.

**Robert Pierre Porter, '63**, a commercial artist, died April 25, 2006, in Venata, Ore. He was born in Woodland, Calif., on May 14, 1927. Robert saw U.S. Army service during the Korean war. He owned a sign company and worked at others. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; and a sister, Ruthe Fowler.

**Thomason (Tom) Norman Steele, Att. '50-'53**, died September 17, 2006, in Big Bear, Calif. He was born May 6, 1932, in Santa Monica, Calif. A world-class sailor, motorcycle racer, trumpeter and marathoner, Tom was president and lead trumpeter of the PUC concert band and later was lead trumpeter for several famous orchestras. He was listed for a time as the #1 motorcycle racer in the United States. Tom worked as a rancher, marine biology researcher, multilevel marketer, and auto repair center owner. He is survived by a son, Scott Thomason Steele; a sister, Madeline Steele Johnston; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

**Arnold F. Storz, '39**, a retired minister who made his home in Lincoln, Neb., died November 10, 2006. He was born on July 13, 1915. Arnold is survived by four daughters, Arlene, Karen, Sherri and Kathleen.



**William F. Storz, '35**, a retired minister, died December 11, 2005, in Sacramento, Calif. He was born on August 31, 1913, in Klamath Falls, Ore. He is survived by his daughter, Phyllis.

**Doris M. Scheideman Tonn, '43**, a retired nurse, died in Redding, Calif. She was born on January 17, 1919, in Schaffer, Kan. She is survived by her two sons, Michael and Stanton.

**Ruby P. Lodahl Walker, '41**, a retired nurse, died in Keene, Texas. She was born on May 23, 1915. Ruby is survived by her husband, Hampton; a daughter, Jeanne; and a son, Hamton.

**Erwin Walla, '45**, a physician who practiced medicine in Napa County, Calif., for 35 years, died September 23, 2006, in Portland, Ore. He served on the staffs of St. Helena Hospital and Queen of the Valley Hospital and was a founding doctor of Napa Medical Group. He was born on August 16, 1921, in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Erwin is survived by three daughters, Laurie Gunby, Carla Chaney and Janice Mattison; and five grandchildren.

**Vernon H. Ward, '50**, retired after service with the Porterville Development Center in Mariposa, Calif., died on March 19, 2006, in Mariposa. Vernon was born on March 27, 1926, in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Joseph Westphal, '69**, a nursing home administrator who lived in Mira Loma, Calif., died August 7, 2006. He was born in Brazil on September 5, 1927. Joseph is survived by his wife, Esther.

**Marvin Wilson, '59**, a long-time educator, died September 19, 2006, in Grass Valley, Calif. Born on May 28, 1934, in Sacramento, Calif., Marvin taught for many years in Adventist schools in Oregon and California. From 1986 until his retirement in 1996, he served with the Adventist Book Center. Marvin is survived by his wife, Joanne; daughters Julie Steuer and Terri Mulvihill; three grandchildren; a sister, Yvonne Palmer; and a brother, Gene Wilson.

## Commemorative Gifts



**Lily Y. Arakaki, '51**  
Kellie J. Lind  
Kiyoshi Nakashima

**Walter M. Bolinger, '34**  
Kellie J. Lind  
Sharon D. Penna

**Rose-Nell Brandt, '47**  
Kellie J. Lind

**Walter D. Cox, '51**  
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**Milton E. Davis, '28**  
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Kellie J. Lind

**Lois E. Johannes, Att.**  
Kellie J. Lind

**Thomason N. Steele, '54**  
Kellie J. Lind

**Erwin Walla, '45**  
E. Kash Rose

### In Memory of Former Faculty and Staff

**Eleanora Herr**  
Mary Lou Herr  
Kellie J. Lind

**Gordon A. Madgwick**  
Kellie J. Lind

**Joseph Maniscalco**  
Kiyoshi Nakashima

**Robert M. Reynolds**  
Norm Manzer

# announcements

## Births:

**Elizabeth Ann and Jackson Reith Adams**, daughter and son of Theresa (Ortuno) and Don Adams, '93, of Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Born: 6-14-06. (1)

**Sophia Isabella Leslie Camacho**, daughter of Laura (Aagaard), '02, and Leslie Camacho of Lincoln, Neb.  
Born: 9-22-06. (2)

**Luke Daly Decena**, son of Heidi (Holm), '02, and Jason Decena, '02, of Escondido, Calif.  
Born: 7-31-05. (3)

**Jonas Jaklich**, son of Agape Hammond-Jaklich, '01, and Philip J. Jaklich, '01, of Madison, Wisc.  
Born: 8-13-06. (4)

**Riley Scott Payne**, son of Aileen and Matthew Payne, '97, of Montrose, Calif. born. Born: 11-28-05. (5)

**Samuel Chong-Tautz**, son of Lynette Chong, Att. '85-'85 and '88-'89, and Tim Tautz, '89, of Sacramento, Calif. Born: 2-9-06. (6)

**Rosemary Brooke Vasquez**, daughter of Lizelle (Henry), '03, and Daniel Vasquez of Angwin, Calif.  
Born: 9-19-06. (7)

**Madison Riley-Mei Wesley**, daughter of Haley (Fenderson), att. '98, and Richie, att. '98-'00, Wesley of Angwin, Calif. Born: 7-11-06. (8)



## WEDDINGS:

**Heather Osborn, '01**, and Patrick Ng in Belmont, Calif., 7-1-06. (1)

**Minnette Roth, '01**, and **Ben McCart, '98**, in Yucaipa, Calif., 7-2-06. (2)

**Jorely Ocampo, att. '96-'98**, and **Nathanael Gibson, '98**, in La Jolla, Calif., 10-14-06. (3)

**Kristi Amato, '02**, and Mark Brown in Angwin, Calif., 11-18-06. (4)

Have a birth or wedding announcement? Send your good news to [ViewPoint@puc.edu](mailto:ViewPoint@puc.edu). Be sure to include a photo.



## How IRA Charitable Rollovers Can Help You & PUC

In 2006, President George W. Bush signed the H.R. 4, also known as the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Among the many changes implemented by this legislation, the Pension Protection Act now gives individuals over the age of 70 the opportunity to transfer a contribution from their IRA to a charity of their choice. By making a donation from your IRA, not only will 100 percent of the pretax amount benefit the organization, it will also deduct the full amount from your adjusted gross income for that year.

This is good news for individuals who have been thinking about making a charitable contribution to Pacific Union College from an IRA account. When you bequest your IRA to PUC, you bypass income and estate tax, and 100 percent of your gift goes to the college. If you were to bequest your IRA to your family, the amount will receive multiple tax bites, including Federal Estate, State Inheritance, and Federal and State Income. For example, if you were to leave a \$1,000,000 IRA to your family, only \$300,000 would actually reach the beneficiary after taxes. It is clear that retirement planning incentives have been designed to create funds for retirement, but they were not designed to create funds for inheritance.

The opportunity the Pension Protection Act offers is great. But you have to act fast because the IRA charitable rollover is only available through the end of the 2007 tax year.

Every gift you make to PUC has a great impact on Christian education. By making a charitable contribution to PUC, you can help to provide endowed scholarships, residence hall improvements, and academic enhancements for departments on campus. When you give, the possibilities are endless for PUC and for our students.

To learn more about the great opportunity available or for questions about making a gift to PUC, contact Pam Sadler, vice president of advancement, at (707) 965-7500 or Eckhard Hubin, director of estate planning, at (707) 965-6596.

# president's message



## ESSENTIAL TRAITS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS | by Richard C. Osborn

A story is told of grandparents overhearing their son and daughter-in-law express frustration because the college teachers say their child's high school preparation was terrible and that's why he isn't successful in college.

Four years earlier the high school teachers had blamed the junior high; before that the junior high blamed the elementary school. Finally the grandparents said to the parents, "We told you that you never should have had children!"

Experts argue that many traits needed to be a successful college freshman are required to be successful in the workplace. It is estimated that poor preparation in high school results in \$17 billion spent each year in the United States on remedial classes. One report says professors and employers estimate that "four out of 10 graduates are not prepared for college or good jobs." This is not the fault of K-12 schools. It grows out of factors including our culture, changing demographics, and less time for conversation in families.

So Gordon Bietz, president of Southern Adventist University, Larry Geraty, president of La Sierra University, and I made a presentation to the recent North American Division Teachers' Convention. We surveyed faculty and campus leaders collated the results into ten essential college student traits.

**Three essential academic abilities** — writing, reading, mathematics

**Spirituality** — We need students committed to a lifelong spiritual journey through an ongoing faith relationship with Jesus Christ, focusing on conversations between faith and learning.

**Intellectual curiosity** — We need students willing to seek knowledge with passionate curiosity and become "thinkers and not mere reflectors."

**Self-motivated learners** — Students need to be engaged with a teachable spirit, going beyond the minimum by taking responsibility for their learning.

**Service** — We value students who show empathy, caring, and compassion for their fellow human beings through service to God.

**Moral integrity** — Students should have a strong concept of honesty, self-responsibility, self-management, self-efficacy, and altruism.

**Study skills** — Students need a willingness to read instructions and assigned material, take notes, outline, and manage long and short-term assignments.

**Respect for others** — Our students appreciate ethnic, gender, income, and religious diversity and are able to understand people who seem different from them.

**Participation in school activities** — We want students who show an interest in a variety of activities, including music, sports, service, witnessing opportunities, clubs, student government, and the local church.

**Time management skills** — Today's students need to lead a balanced life, finding time for academics, co-curricular activities, and spiritual, physical, and social development.

These are ten traits students begin developing at PUC and build upon in a lifelong quest for continued development. Pray that as we continue the process with current students they will be prepared for a life of service to God and those around them.

"Closing the Expectations Gap 2006: An Annual 50-State Progress Report on the Alignment of High School Policies with the Demands of College and Work." Achieve: February, 2006.

# HOMECOMING 2007

April 20-22, 2007

Join us in celebrating our 125th year as a college of excellence,  
faith, and service at the 2007 Homecoming Weekend.

## Schedule of Events:

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Soup & salad dinner .....6 pm, Dining Commons  
Homecoming registration ..... 7:30 pm, Sanctuary foyer  
Vespers ..... 8 pm, Sanctuary

### SABBATH, APRIL 21

Continental breakfast ..... 8-10 am, Fireside Room  
First service .....8:30 am, Sanctuary  
Alumni Sabbath School.....10 am, Sanctuary  
Paulin Hall Sabbath School..... 10 am, Paulin Hall Choir Room  
The Gathering ..... 11 am, Sanctuary  
Alumni pasta luncheon..... noon-1:30 pm, Pacific Auditorium  
Honored class photos ..... 1:30-3 pm, Pacific Auditorium  
"Let's Talk" broadcast ..... 3-4 pm, Dauphinee Chapel  
Vernon Nye art exhibition .....1-5 pm, Rasmussen Art Gallery  
Campus tour.....1-2 pm, Prayer Chapel (meeting place)  
PUC nostalgia museum.....2-4 pm, Alumni/Advancement Annex  
Wilmer C. Hansen Collection.....2-4 pm, Clark Hall, May Pavillion  
Nursing dept. open house ..... 2-3:30 pm, Davidian Hall  
English dept. reception..... 4-5 pm, Stauffer Hall, second floor  
History dept. reception ..... 4-5 pm, Irwin Hall, room 203  
Friends of Walter Utt .....5 pm, Irwin Hall, room 203  
All School Strawberry Shortcake Reception.....6 pm, Dining Commons

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

Professor Emeritus Brunch, Ivylyn Traver.....8 am, Fireside Room

For more information about Homecoming 2007, visit [www.alumni.puc.edu](http://www.alumni.puc.edu) or  
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