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AT THE **HEART** OF COMMUNITY

Expanding the Definition of Service

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# editorial viewpoint



ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES | by Lainey S. Cronk

This year, I enjoyed commencement from the busy environs of the PR/info booth at the Grove, where I could smile at the pomp and general celebrating but didn't have to sit still the whole time. It was an ideal way to experience graduation ceremonies, except for one problem: I couldn't hear Julius Nam's commencement address at all. Oh, a few words here and there in between supplying people with water, but that was it.

So I was delighted to get my hands on the graduation DVD and listen to the entire address, and later see the transcript of it when we decided to include portions of his thoughtful, relevant remarks in this issue of *ViewPoint* (see page 11).

One of the members of the Class of 2007, a friend of mine and fellow dialoguer on topics of Adventism, culture, and relevant faith, remarked on one of Nam's ideas that really struck home for her: that the church of today, which many graduates have problems with, doesn't have to be the church of the future. "In other words," she explained, "we have the power to change the church for the better."

Nam's words in that part of his address were directed to, and resonate with, these twenty-somethings just departing from a Christian college. But it's true that all of us, from the current student to the most mature alumnus, all relate to the Adventist church in our own personal way. Many of us have things we'd like to see be different, from all points on the spectrum. Some of those things conflict with each other, of course, and that's when we have to engage in dialogue.

That's where Nam's remark and my friend's comment on it come into play. Instead of leaving when we don't like the church's direction, and instead of complaining, labeling people, or shaking our heads in disbelief and disapproval, let's roll up our sleeves. The church is not some independent entity that we're chained to. The church is us. Regardless of where we stand on issues, debates, and questions, our stance creates the church.

This is true within Adventism at PUC, and it is true of the college itself. We, the alumni, faculty, staff, and students, make up this institution. When we have vision, PUC has vision. When we seek integrity, connection with God, and a vibrant life, that's what PUC becomes. That's what our homes become, our churches, and our communities. We see this happening with the alums profiled on pages 4-10, as they roll up their sleeves to make an impact in their own spheres, through their day-to-day work.

Which, after all, seems to be the basic principle of Christianity: using the skills and gifts we've been given to make the atmosphere a little clearer, a little brighter.

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# AT THE HEART OF COMMUNITY

## Expanding the Definition of Service

—By Lainey S. Cronk—

The ability to think straight, some knowledge of the past, some vision of the future, some skill to do useful service, some urge to fit that service into the well-being of the community—these are the most vital things education must try to produce.

—Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve  
*college professor and dean*

Service is often painted in a collage of doctors forging through remote jungles, heroes giving up their careers to fight for a cause, volunteers devoting countless hours of unpaid labor.

These serve truly. But that is not the only style of giving. A true heart of service does not have to break out of the boundaries of career, location, or skills, but rather uses any and all resources to “fit that service into the well-being of the community.” Their heroism is not always as visible. But it’s what our alums do best and most naturally. In fact, it’s almost redundant, because anytime we feature alums, they’re pretty much doing

the same thing: giving of themselves and their talents and skills to make the world a little better.

The fact that there are so many of them doesn’t lessen the impact of what they do—on the contrary, it’s all the more powerful. Sarah Patton Boyle, a civil rights activist and author, said, “Service... is love in action, love ‘made flesh’; service is the body, the incarnation of love. Love is impetus, service the act, and creativity the result with many by-products.” And so, on these pages, we introduce you to a few of your fellow alums, their communities, and how their daily lives are gifts in the places they live and work.

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## On the Napa Streets: Gary Simpson

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He just retired from 20 years as the Napa County Sheriff, which followed 17 years with the Police Department; but Gary Simpson, '65, isn't done with his work in the community. Now he's running for a position as county supervisor. "Aside from the fact the wife wants me out of the house," he says in his deep voice, "I'm one of those guys that always needs something to do. And I also don't have much use for people whining and sniveling about what's going on; I'd rather be in a position to have some kind of influence."



Gary Simpson, pictured in his office during his last term as Napa County Sheriff, was one of PUC's 2005 Honored Alums, recognized for the years of service he gave and continues to give in his community.

After getting his PUC degree and spending three years in the Army, he came back looking for a job in the Napa area. His father had been an officer, so Gary was familiar with law enforcement, and when he noticed that the Napa Police Department was looking for officers, he thought, "I'll do this a couple years until I decide what I really want to do."

A couple turned into 17, as Gary went up from patrolmen to lieutenant. "I've always liked a structured environment," Gary says. "So I found that it was good for me!"

In 1986 Gary ran for sheriff. After that first term, nobody ever ran against him. Which, he chuckles, "may be because nobody else wanted the job."

Working with the police and sheriff departments has obvious value for a community. "I think for everybody, all the officers I know, there's a part of them that wants to do something good for the community—otherwise they wouldn't go into that business. There's a certain amount of excitement and they like that, but they also want to get the bad guys off the street and make life safer for people."

On top of that, though, Gary got involved in some projects that gave back to the community in other ways. The Sheriffs



Gary participates in ceremonies at the opening of a new sheriff department facility, along with the Board of Supervisors and CEO Nancy Watt.

Activity League (SAL) is a national volunteer-powered program that gives kids safe, positive activities for after school. After being on the Boys and Girls Club board, Gary was inspired to bring SAL to Napa. There are now about 650 kids in the program, mostly from lower-income families that can't afford to put them in soccer leagues or other programs.

Now with its own facility, SAL offers such activities as boxing and soccer programs, a full gym, computers, teachers to help with tutoring, a bike-riding team, and dance classes. "It's been a good program," Gary says.

Another program, which Napa is the first in this part of the country to put on, is the Citizens Academy. Each course runs for several weeks, and Napa has a full class about twice a year where, as Gary says, "We show people everything there is to know about law enforcement, give them a better idea of what we actually do. It's pretty much an eye-opener for a lot of people who watch too much CSI!"

So even though Gary is no longer the sheriff, these programs will continue giving to the people of Napa, as will Gary through his involvement in local leadership—very practical gifts in a real-life community.

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## In a Nigerian Hospital: Gail (Muir) & Herbert Giebel

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On two different continents, two little missionaries were born. Herbert, att. '81-'83, was born in Pakistan to missionary doctor parents and was certain by the time he was 5 that he wanted to be a teacher, preacher, missionary, pilot, and carpenter when he grew up. Gail, '81, also a missionary child, lived in Peru and Bermuda and got a kick-start as a biologist by exploring God's creation in the Amazon, Andes and Atlantic.

Neither of them came to live in the States until college, when Herb went to Southern Missionary College and Gail came to PUC, the alma mater of her father, Wellesley Muir, '47. Gail was 16 when her family brought her to the campus and headed back to Bermuda. Fortunately, people like Mrs. Hagar and Mrs. Jessie Pluhovoy, who were her bosses in the housekeeping department and dorms, took her under their wings. "These ladies encouraged me in so many ways and helped me to adjust to life at PUC," she remembers.



Herb and Gail Giebel and their daughters, Melissa and Tami, have spent the last nine years in Nigeria, where life is in some ways very different from what most of us experience in the United States.

Gail's curiosity from her childhood explorations of nature motivated her biology studies until she was old enough to start the nursing program, a route inspired by her nurse mother. She earned her A.S. degree in nursing and then continued her biology studies. She was also a part of the Far Eastern Academy (FEA) club. A few months before she headed to Cedar Lake Academy, Michigan, to do student teaching and work as the school nurse, Gail met Herb in the FEA club.

Herb had transferred to PUC to be a bio-physics education major, which it turns out wasn't offered! So he altered course a little: "I decided that I could always teach if I studied medicine, but couldn't be a doctor if I studied to be a teacher."



The Giebels' work focuses on training young doctors at the Ile-Ife hospital but also includes community projects, such as village outreach in a country where half the population is Muslim.

His adventures at PUC included a planned dry-ice "smoke" prank that turned into a real fire (it was a good thing the fire department had been in on the joke and was there to take care of the real emergency!); participating in a triathlon followed by eating two trays of cinnamon rolls from the Market under the shower; and Rex Edward's appeal at a Friday evening vespers program, which made Herb sense a call to serve God in Turkey.

Herbert headed to the Loma Linda University School of Medicine without getting an undergraduate degree, since he had too many physical education credits and not enough history and religion. Gail also headed to Loma Linda to pursue a master's in biology and began working in the Home Health Department. She and Herb improved on their earlier acquaintance and married in 1986.

While working on his epidemiology master's degree, Herb did a research project in Uzbekistan, a country filled with Turkic people. The family planned to go back to Turkey as missionaries, with Central Asia as a backup plan. "Both of us felt a burden for Muslim evangelism," Gail explains. "In a surprising twist, we ended up arriving in Nigeria on January 1, 1998. Africa had never been a place we had envisioned going. However, God was leading, and to our surprise we learned that half of the population of Nigeria (Africa's most populous nation) is Muslim."

Their focus in Nigeria has been on training. Herb has been the director of the only Adventist post-graduate medical training program in Africa, based at the Ile-Ife

Seventh-day Adventist Hospital, where alumnus and professor emeritus Sherman Nagel, '35, and his wife pioneered the medical work.

Through this program, the Giebels work to train and nurture well-qualified front-line doctors in family medicine who are also instilled with a vision for mission. "We thank God that in spite of many challenges, the program is working," they say. "It is also very much faith-building to witness first-hand miracles that God performs every day in our hospitals here. We have so little as far as equipment and resources, but God uses the little we do have to achieve great things!"

A month after Herb and Gail arrived in Nigeria, war broke out between two communities in their city. The dividing line between the two factions was the road the hospital is on, and both sides used the hospital walls as they shot at each other.

"Through all of this, God's hand was seen in so many ways," Gail recounts. "In spite of repeated threats to destroy the hospital, at the end of three years of fighting, the hospital was the only place left on the section of road dividing the two communities without significant damage. Resurrecting a hospital in the aftermath of the communal war offered many challenges, but God is good—he has been here each step of the way."

Even when there isn't a war going on outside, daily missionary life has its unique characteristics. "Our life in Nigeria is definitely different from what most people experience," Gail says. "Through the years, our daughters have run a 'nursery' for civets, pangolins, genets, giant gambian pouched rats, dormice, bats, antelope, squirrel, snakes, a donkey, and birds!"

Recent years have brought changes for the Giebels, including a battery backup system for their house using big truck batteries, so that they can operate lights and computers during the frequent electricity outages. Mobile phones and Internet service have made communication much easier.

But what's most exciting for the Giebels is seeing work pay off. "Our biggest rewards have been seeing people and systems grow in capacity and become better equipped to fulfill their mission of service to others and pointing individuals to the Source of hope," they explain. "Seeing people you have mentored become leaders and seeing people meet Jesus and have their lives transformed—these are the things that bring the most joy."

As they bring hope to the community, the Giebels are motivated by seeing how many people live without that hope. "Seeing other people catch the vision of service and become agents of hope to their own communities motivates us to continue."

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## On a College Campus and a Million Other Places: Robert Kurtz

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Robert Kurtz, '84, is a king of lists. Ask him to list the places he's studied, and it goes like this: Pacific Union College, Andrews University Seminary, Arizona State University, Mohave College, Napa College, Pima College, Los Rios College, Sonoma State University, and Los Medanos College. He's studied theology, science, mathematics, and law enforcement. "My education has barely started," he says. "I really look forward to graduate study."

Next, you can ask him for the list of what he's done besides study: He's been a pastor, deputy sheriff, jail chaplain, math teacher, Emergency Medical Technician, critical incident debriefer, writer, development director, firefighter, wellness lecturer, dog trainer, bodyguard, and dean, and worked in financial services and computer sales, repair, and database management.



Robert Kurtz has been everything from deputy sheriff to wellness lecturer and, now, men's dean. "It is most difficult for me to decide what not to do when I grow up!" he says.

"It is most difficult for me to decide what not to do when I grow up," he says by way of explanation for these lists. "There are too many opportunities for our short lives."

As a pastor, he's served nine congregations in Arizona and Northern California. He also served nearly 16 years in law enforcement as a chaplain, deputy sheriff, campus cop, and K-9 officer. Most recently, he was a corporal at the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department, where he was an advanced officer first-aid instructor and taught tactical communications.

Robert's range of adventures is wide. But in all his roles, there has been a unifying theme: loving people. "It is fascinating to love people in wildly diverse contexts," he says. "Not prepositional love. Not love as metaphor. In the pulpit, patrol car, dean's office, or while lecturing my philosophy class, I look at any person and realize they are after exactly the same thing I am: make more good feelings and less bad ones. By whatever means, no matter how we dress it up, there's no way around that. I look, knowing this—considering this person deliberately—actively loving, saying silently, 'I love you.'"

Many of Robert's jobs have allowed him to interact with people in a very direct way, spurring them to take positive direction in their lives. That direct interaction is something he looks for. "I like to challenge people to be honest, to be better, to become more of what their Creator intended. Times of great intensity seem to offer best receptivity. I find myself drawn to these situations."

His current work at PUC as a contract instructor in philosophy, theology, ethics, and math and as a men's dean, gives him a chance to bring these challenges to students. "My passion is to reduce suffering, share hope, and help as many people as possible live on purpose with passion, joy, curiosity, courage," he says.

And he's not planning on slowing down. "It is exciting to imagine unlimited study and experience beyond this life."

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## In an Asset Management Firm: Jane Couperus

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Jane Couperus plays a practical and somewhat behind-the-scenes role in the world of stocks and high net worth clients. What she finds most rewarding is being able to help grow the assets of people who use their wealth philanthropically.

Driving up to PUC with her parents to start college, Jane Couperus, '92, didn't exactly envision herself in a world of stock portfolios. As a daughter and granddaughter of physicians, pre-med was an obvious possibility.

"Do you realize how much science you're going to have to take?" said her father, Jim Couperus, '63, who knew Jane hadn't exactly enjoyed biology and chemistry in high school.



When Jane graduated from PUC (pictured here with Todd Gladwill and Brian Rouse, both '92), she didn't foresee working with small investment counseling firms, but she's found the journey to be a good one.

During orientation, new students were grouped by major and given advisors. Jane was placed in a group with other "undecided" students and advisor Henry Kopitzke, now professor emeritus of business administration. "You shouldn't be undecided," he informed her. "You ought to take business."

"So," Jane says, "I started as a business major, and never looked back!" Kopitzke, as well as professors Lary Taylor and Richard Voth, became mentors to Jane at PUC.

After graduating from PUC, Jane became the business manager of Mountain View Academy. The school's principal, the late John Richard Hamilton, '67, was a key figure in Jane's life and career direction. "He was my biggest cheerleader, and encouraged me to spread my wings and go back to grad school and seek to further my education." She ended up at Arizona State University, earning her MBA degree. "I think God places people like that in your life for a reason," she says.

Jane serendipitously stepped into the investment management industry after managing a student investment fund with other MBA classmates at ASU. "I never set out to join the investment industry after grad school; I just wanted to have a decent job in the corporate finance department of a large company. Instead, I have worked for small investment counseling firms, and I feel very lucky that my life took that direction."

Investment counselors manage the stock portfolios of high net worth individuals or on behalf of religious organizations, foundations, and employee retirement/pension plans. For eight years in Phoenix, Jane was an equity analyst,

helping select stocks for clients' portfolios. But two years ago when she moved back to California, she also moved to another aspect of investment management. Now, working at Knightsbridge Asset Management as a managing director involved with client servicing and marketing, her role involves frequent interaction with organizations like the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association, which provides aid to firefighters and their families.

Investment counselors like Jane help grow the capital of such non-profits or high net worth families, indirectly enabling them to give more money to charity or to spend more on services and programs. "It's very fulfilling to help somebody with their investments when you know they will be doing good in the world with the fruits of your labor," Jane says.

It's a unique form of service. "I hear about my friends Jake Scheideman ('90) working in Nicaragua or Tom Arntson ('93) teaching in a public elementary school and I'm like, 'You know, what I do is pretty minor...'" Jane admits. "Those people are heroes to me." At the same time, she knows that true life service is about giving back from the gifts God's given us—in any area, form, or career. So, making her way through the doors God has opened, she strives to make her own work an area of service. "As long as the ship is pointing the right direction and I'm trying to help out people who have a higher purpose, I hope I'm doing what's pleasing to Him."

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## With a Retirement Community Company: Chip Gabriel

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Small boys often make grand plans to be firefighters and astronauts when they grow up. Chip Gabriel, '86, also knew what he wanted to be: a businessman. Intrigued by a Chicago cousin who was a successful businessman, Chip set his eye on that as a career.

Years later, with a PUC degree in business under his belt, Chip was working on his master's degree at the same time his father-in-law was developing a retirement community. Chip based many of his class projects on the community. During Chip's last year of grad school, his father-in-law, Wendell White, and Wendell's business partner asked if Chip would like to work with them. Chip accepted, and almost 19 years later is still with Generations LLC. He's now the president of the company, which develops, owns, and operates retirement communities.

Chip's day-to-day business, such as coordinating the company's architects and construction company or putting finances in place, are part of a bigger picture, and it's related to community in a unique way: Chip is not only trying to give back to communities—he's actually working to *create* communities.

The company has focused, in recent years, on doing larger communities with 200 or more units. "With that we're really trying to create a whole sense of community in the project itself," Chip explains. "We really want to be able to create an environment for the whole person, where they can better themselves physically, spiritually, socially, mentally, occupationally."

The emphasis on creating a full, well-balanced community means a lot of great facilities, from Olympic-size swimming pools and health clubs to banks and full churches. "People are active no matter where they're at in the aging process," Chip says. "They can really create their own lifestyle."



Chip Gabriel participates in the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Paradise Village retirement community with the rest of the Generations family—Chip (right) with his wife, Melody; father-in-law Wendell White and his wife, Betsy; and brother-in-law Rob White and his wife, Jennifer.

But it's not just about keeping people busy. "The spiritual component is a big piece of it," Chip says. He explains how the residents of these communities, in which only 18 to 19 percent are Adventist, get to experience a life that's enhanced holistically. That experience includes the presence of staff chaplains, churches in the communities, and the Adventist influence that shows up in areas of health and Sabbath.

"The majority of the population is non-Adventist, but they get that sense of spirituality. To me it's a wonderful

opportunity to share that Adventist lifestyle in a commercial business setting,” Chip says. There have even been a number of baptisms over the years.

Recently, Chip went back to Ellen White’s “red books” and re-read them. “You forget what’s all in there but it’s amazing how right on she was; it’s all kind of become in vogue through spas and water treatments.” He says it’s rewarding to be able to bring some of these principles to their communities. Chip’s especially grateful for the several projects they’ve been able to do with Adventist Health. “We’re very lucky that we’re able to run [these projects] with the same mission as the Adventist Church.”

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## On the Pages of a Small-town Newspaper: Jesse Duarte

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Jesse Duarte is at home in the small town of St. Helena, where his reporting has become an integral part of the community—and he likes it that way.

Forget the hectic newsroom of the *New York Times*; Jesse Duarte, '05, is happy just where he is. Instead of the glory of national reporting, Jesse would much rather serve his local community. He prefers small-town America—one reason he’s now a top news reporter of a weekly newspaper in the little town of St. Helena, California.

News writing was not Jesse’s first love; growing up he wanted to be a sports writer. After graduating from PUC with a degree in public relations and journalism, Jesse took the first job he could get—a news-reporting job for the *St. Helena Star*. But it turned out to be much more than a convenience job: Diving into the world of the *Star*, Jesse discovered a passion for reporting.

While uncovering stories and following leads is rewarding for Jesse, it also serves the community by keeping it in the loop of local events and sometimes revealing important backstories. “I serve as a watchdog for the community,” says Jesse, who has reported on several hot local issues. “One time I uncovered a case in which the local government spent a whole bunch of money to build an elevated road without doing any environmental research. The road flooded and the road had to be removed, costing a lot of taxpayer money.”

His work at the paper has given Jesse a definite niche in the community. “People always recognize me because they’ve seen my work in the paper. People thank me for my work, and it’s really rewarding to be thanked by the community.”

Local community members aren’t the only ones recognizing Jesse’s hard work. Recently, the *St. Helena Star* was named one of the state’s best newspapers by the California Newspaper Publisher Association. This is the second year the *Star* has been recognized in this way.

One of the several awards that the *Star* received was for general excellence for a small weekly paper, for which the publication competed against about 80 others. Three December issues of the *Star* received the award; these issues featured front-page stories on lack of flood funding and a local environmental dispute and trial. All three articles were written by Jesse.

“Who was responsible for that award? Jesse Duarte is responsible, first and foremost,” wrote *Star* publisher Doug Ernst in an editorial about the honor. “Jesse is an exceptional reporter, who can ask public officials the toughest questions in the nicest way. He understands the need to ask difficult questions, but he also proves daily that reporters can obtain information without being difficult.”

Jesse credits his education as being one of the elements behind his success. “There is nothing like real-world experience,” he says, “but I loved all my teachers, the small class size and the peaceful environment at PUC. The Christian education stays with you.”

While Jesse obviously has talent for news reporting, he’s not pursuing a big-time news-writing career. He envisions carrying on life as a small-town reporter, continuing his unique and valuable service as an integral part of a community’s day-to-day life. **VP**

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# The Power of One

by Julius Nam



FROM THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DELIVERED AT PACIFIC UNION COLLEGE, JUNE 2007

Does the name Teruhiko Okohira ring a bell? Yes, it's a Japanese name. Okohira was born into a wealthy, influential family in Satsuma at the southern tip of the Kyushu Island, known for its Samurais and sweet potatoes. Okohira was born ambitious, just like his father. He had this fiery zeal to be successful in life and to increase his parents' wealth many times over. Not only did he want to be successful in Japan, but also around the world. He had an uncommon vision for doing business in the global setting before many in Japan had thought of it. Had Teruhiko Okohira been born a few decades later, you and I might now be driving an Okohira car or downloading videos onto a Teruhiko hard drive.

He was that kind of a man—full of energy and great dreams. And it was his dream that led him to enter a business college—not in Tokyo—but in the United States at the age of 18 in 1883. However, it was there that he began hanging out with the wrong crowd, the type that his father disapproved of: Christians. When Okohira senior learned of his son's conversion to Christianity, he cut off all financial support for his son, forcing him to find whatever job he could just to survive. So, on account of his Christian convictions, Okohira spent the next nine years in this foreign land, uncertain of his future.

But 1892 represented a real turning point in his life. While working at a hotel in California, Okohira accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith. When he became an Adventist, everything seemed to come alive again. In the teachings of Adventism, Okohira found a new purpose

and meaning. So the same year, he made yet another momentous, life-transforming decision of his life. He quit his job and enrolled at Healdsburg College (which would later become Pacific Union College) to work in meaningful service for God.

To many of his 250 or so peers at Healdsburg, Okohira was an oddball; he was older (he was 27), stuck out big-time as probably the college's only Asian, and spoke with a thick Japanese accent. Yet everyone could see that he had an uncommon fire in his belly. During the first two years he was at Healdsburg, Okohira traveled to San Francisco on weekends to teach English and Bible to the Japanese community, which resulted in the establishment of the Golden Gate Japanese-English School in San Francisco.

But Okohira's growing passion lay elsewhere. In 1894, he asked to speak for a Friday night vespers program towards the end of the school year. In his less-than-perfect yet impassioned message, Okohira appealed to the student body for a volunteer to accompany him in returning to Japan to share the gospel message in his homeland, where there were no Adventists.

None of the students responded to Okohira's appeal. But someone else did: William C. Grainger, president of Healdsburg College since 1886. Grainger had been Healdsburg's second faculty member, arriving just three months after the founding of the college on April 11, 1882—125 years ago—and now the second president of the college. According to PUC historian Walter Utt, he was a Lincolnesque figure who was more of a big brother to



Teruhiko Okohira

the students than an authority figure. Students hung out in his home regularly, showing up unannounced for food and friendly conversation. Utt calls his presidency “days of glory.”

President Grainger responded to Okohira’s appeal and two years later, the two sailed to Japan as the first Adventist missionaries to the Land of the Rising Sun. They first started with an English Bible school in the heart of Tokyo, which led to the opening of the first Adventist church in Japan. Today, there are 15,000 Adventists in Japan in 120 churches.

Why am I telling you this story?

First, the story of Okohira and Grainger embodies what PUC is all about. Pacific Union College is a small school with a big dream for the world. Yes, some graduates have overtly religious, missionary dreams for the world like Okohira and Grainger did. And they must take that calling seriously and responsibly. But for others, it’s more about making this world a more disease-free place; and for others, the dream is to extend peace and social justice in places of conflict. Whatever our dream might be, it must be a dream that is bigger than our own selves—to use our gifts and accomplishments also as a means of compassion.

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William C. Grainger

their church desperately needs them—just the way they are. We need them to challenge some of the lifeless, rigid, calcified remains of the past that they see in our church. We need them to help us grow into a community that can be meaningful, relevant, transformative in the world. The Adventism that some of them see and despise doesn’t have to be the Adventism of the future. This is a growing, changing, expanding, progressive church that is waiting to be shaped by them.

Second, the story of Okohira exemplifies the power of one. Now, more than ever, helped by the internet and satellite communications, it takes just one person with passion and commitment to make meaningful changes in the world. What difference will you make in this world—as that one person? What will be your meaningful contribution?

We experienced the power of one in a real way when Jake Scheidemann, ’90, gave a colloquy presentation last year on his home-building project in Nicaragua. That project began with one grateful person doing one act of gratitude for one town. And then it spread. During the colloquy, Pastor Tim Mitchell, ’76—again, one person—felt moved to appeal to students, and they responded. As a result, Maria Luna and her two sons have a warm, dry home to live in.

It took just one person who said, “Yes, I’ll go to Africa to take video footage of the health care work in the nation of Chad.” As a result, Paul Kim, ’04, has a film, *Unto the Ends*, that is shown each year to hundreds of students entering Loma

## PUC graduates who believe in the creatorship and lordship of God have to be champions for the environment, for public health, for social justice, for community development.

Linda University, and right now dozens of students are volunteering at various hospitals in Africa, including two students at the Bere Adventist Hospital in Chad.

It took just one recent PUC alumnus who said, "I want to examine my Adventist heritage better and study the life of Ellen White." That led to the original production of "Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White," a theatrical exploration that has touched so many of your lives this school year and will go on to do so for years to come. It just took one person, Mei Ann Teo, '02, to give voice to voices that have not been clearly heard in a generation. She has shown many of you the possibility that there are multiple ways of being Adventist and that ultimately "no doctrine or dogma can prevent" your connection with God or this community.

On April 24, 1882, just 13 days after the establishment of Healdsburg College, Ellen White spoke to a gathering of Adventist leaders in the Bay Area about the college. Quoting a newspaper article, White said, "The greatest want of this age is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold, men who are true and honest in their inmost souls." These are the kind of graduates she envisioned for Pacific Union College. Over the past 125 years, that vision has become a reality, and it continues today—one by one!

Third, this story shows how we all are historically, existentially, and organically connected to each other. Let me tell you the rest of the Okohira-Grainger story. Through their work in Tokyo, a young soldier named Hide Kuniya became an Adventist and joined the work of the church. In May of 1904, two Koreans in Japan—waiting for their ship to Hawaii in a few days' time—met Kuniya and became Adventists. One went on to Hawaii, but the other returned to Korea. On the ferry back to Korea, the man, Mr. Sohn, met an educated gentleman named Mr. Lim, who became an Adventist by the end of the voyage. Lim established the first Adventist church in Korea and his ministry resulted in a Mr. Kim becoming an Adventist. Kim shared Adventism with another Kim, who introduced Adventism to a Mr. Bon, who became an evangelist and went around Korea preaching the Sabbath and second coming of Jesus—including to a Mrs. Lee, who passed on Adventism to her three children—the eldest among them, my mom. So here I

stand today because of the uncommon passion and service of Okohira and Grainger.

You and I don't need Kevin Bacon and his six degrees of separation to tell us how deeply and closely interconnected we all are. That sense of deep connectedness heightens the sense of responsibility that we feel about our words and actions (as well as inactions). Because we're so interconnected, we cannot ignore the great inequities of the world with regard to access to health care, opportunities for financial security, housing and education. PUC graduates who believe in the creatorship and lordship of God have to be champions

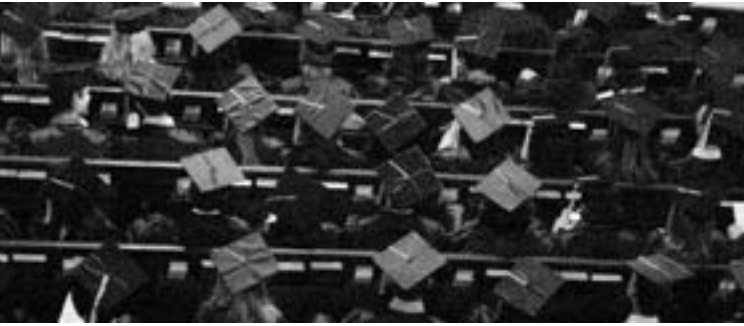


In this group of missionaries and Japanese workers, Okohira is second from right, back row, and Grainger is fourth from right, back row.

for the environment, for public health, for social justice, for community development. Why? Because we're all in this together and to paraphrase Martin Luther King Jr., "Not only is injustice anywhere a threat to justice everywhere, but also pain and suffering and despair anywhere is a threat to wholeness everywhere."

For 125 years, PUC has been nurturing independent, radical, countercultural, vibrant, ever-growing people whose lives make a positive impact in big and small ways—"those who will not be bought or sold, those who are true and honest in their inmost souls, those who will stand for the right though the heavens fall." I'll be the first to confess that I'm not that person. But I humbly take up the challenge to grow into such an individual.

To paraphrase Christ's words to Peter, we are a people of the Rock. Through us, Christ will build and grow his kingdom of peace, justice and reconciliation. **VP**




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# THE CLASS OF 2007 MARCHES OUT

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*By Kimberly Weeks*



Friends and family gathered to honor the 325 graduates of the Pacific Union College Class of 2007 during the weekend of June 15 to 17. During the course of the weekend, family and friends took part in a busy schedule of programs and ceremonies for a weekend of recognition and celebration.

To prepare for the commencement ceremony, seniors attended a graduation practice session Friday morning. Later that day, seniors and parents were able to celebrate together during the senior/parent buffet. The evening ended with the Consecration Service, presented by the Class of 2007, honoring PUC's alumni and rich history.

Sabbath morning's highlight was Don Schneider, president of the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists, addressing graduates during the Baccalaureate program. Father's Day was not forgotten in the excitement: Graduate Darrin Thurber and his dad, Mic Thurber, former senior pastor of the PUC Church, delivered a tribute to fathers. Later that day, Kristie Brandt spoke to students about the future during the Nursing Graduate Recognition Service.

On Sunday morning, graduates arrived at Commencement Grove donning billowing black or white robes, weighed down by multiple leis, candy necklaces, and other forms of congratulation. The weight was not enough however, to keep graduates from tossing corn tortillas high in the air, a tradition that students partake in as an expression of their jubilation.

Julius Nam spoke to graduates about dreams, saying, "PUC has taught you to have dreams that are bigger than yourselves." (See Nam's address on page 11.) When the ceremonies were over and each graduate was the proud bearer of a green diploma case, families and friends gathered on and off campus for celebratory meals—and, in some cases, a little last-minute packing as the graduates took their leave of Pacific Union College. **VP**







## Sharing Around the World

By Morgan Chinnock & Kimberly Weeks

In a nation of more than 75 million people, the Egyptian Seventh-day Adventist Church has only 834 members, as of January of this year. Such a small group needs a lot of outside encouragement, which is why 17 PUC students and three sponsors set out for Egypt during PUC's spring break, March 22 to April 2. The students were energetic about their goal: an eleven-day trip that aimed to support and invigorate the churches of Egypt through VBS, Pathfinders, and musical programs.

During their time in Egypt, the group stayed in Cairo for two weekends and visited small villages in Upper Egypt during the week. They led church services, donated money to the churches they visited, and spent a lot of time with church members in their homes. "We drew a crowd. Foreigners aren't common in the villages we were in," said Laura Irwin, a social work major at PUC and one of two student leaders.

According to Samir Berbawy, the president of the Egypt Field of Seventh-day Adventists, the most important part of the trip was the personal interaction PUC students had with church members. "They infused some life into the churches they visited," Berbawy says of the PUC group.

The PUC students felt the benefits of personal interaction as well. "We didn't speak the same language most of the time, but being with the kids and seeing their excitement was incredible," Irwin says.

The short-term mission trip to Egypt fed several churches' greatest needs, and Berbawy is thankful for

that: "Our people truly felt that they are a part of a big, loving, alive family."

PUC students and faculty organize a short-term mission trip every spring break. In past years, they have gone to Russia and Peru. Other students, faculty and staff often participate in mission trips during Christmas and summer breaks as well. This summer the outreach and worship pastor of the PUC Church, Jessica Shine, '01, traveled to another country east of the Atlantic, India, with the Ultimate Workout India.

The program was sponsored by the non-profit organization Maranatha Volunteers International, which sponsors dozens of mission trips each year. This particular trip, however, was commissioned with two specific purposes: to develop leadership skills in people who already have some experience in mission trips, and to give practical training in evangelism outreach.

The group spent most of their time in the province Andra Pradesh. During the course of the trip the group connected with the young people in the area, worked with blind children at the Bobilli School for the blind, and painted a government hospital.

Shine found that her time spent in India helping others had a profound affect on her own life and called her trip "rich, meaningful, teaching, difficult."

Shine was also deeply touched by what she saw in the people of India. She said, "The spirit of love and the hospitality is something we only preach about in the states. I feel like I've sacrificed so little and gained so much." **VP**



## Teeing off for Scholarships

By Michael Skinner

Pacific Union College's 15th annual Malcolm Maxwell Golf Classic, a charity event that raises funds for PUC scholarships, took place at the Silverado Country Club May 16. The tournament, which is PUC's biggest community event, raised \$50,000 for the second year in a row.

In recent years, the Malcolm Maxwell Golf Classic, named for a president emeritus of the college, has become a major source of funding for PUC student scholarships. Proceeds go to "Golf Scholarships," which are awarded yearly to students based on need. The day-long event is funded completely through donations and sponsorships, allowing all proceeds to go directly to student aid.

One hundred and thirty-five golfers teed up in teams of four beginning at 10:30 a.m. and rotating holes until they had all finished the course at around 4 p.m. Teams kept their own score throughout the 18-hole tournament and the scores were tallied while the golfers ate and took part in live and silent auctions. When the results were in, the winners were announced and given their prizes.

PUC holds the event for more than fund-raising purposes alone—the community connection is a valuable resource for the college. "This has been one of our best ways of involving the community," said Dick Osborn, PUC president. "Many people from the local community look forward to coming every year."

Some of those who brought out their clubs were themselves sponsors, but many played courtesy of a

donor. For these lucky participants, the event was a chance to enjoy the spring weather on the greens and fairways of one of the Valley's finest courses.

Andy Bishop attends PUC and played on the student team, sponsored by Triad Communities, LP. "I'm excited to be out here," he said. "It's a nice course and the weather is great. It is a privilege to be able to participate."

Awards were given for lowest team scores, longest drives for both men and women, and closest to the cup on all par 3s. Putting enthusiasts could also test their mettle in a 25-foot putt competition.

Winning teams received a \$100 Silverado gift certificate for each team member. Individual players won from \$10 to \$25 in the drive and putting competitions. Players who did not prevail on the courses could join a raffle at the awards ceremony for a chance at winning gift certificates for local businesses.

The only trophy up for grabs was the Service Club Championship perpetual trophy, given to the top Napa Valley service club foursome. When asked if the trophy rotated every year, a member of the St. Helena rotary remarked, "Well, it doesn't really rotate. We just hang onto it." His prediction proved correct as his club took home the trophy for the sixth year in a row. **VP**




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## Books & Food: Business Revisions

By Julie Z. Lee

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In August, PUC began working with Bon Appétit Management Company for the campus's food service needs. Bon Appétit is an on-site custom restaurant company that provides café and catering services to corporations, colleges and universities and specialty venues.

At PUC, Bon Appétit serves a vegetarian menu with foods prepared from scratch, using local produce as often as possible, and providing ingredient lists and real dishware.

"The daily service of great food to PUC students is of utmost importance. In our search for the right management of our food service, we looked for a company with a mission that we could share. Bon Appétit's commitment to sustainable food service along with their quality food is what convinced us to work with them," said Lisa Bissell Paulson, vice president of student services.

Bon Appétit currently serves over 17 colleges and universities, and also provides food services for the deYoung Museum in San Francisco and The Getty Center and Villa in Southern California. Bon Appétit is known for their culinary expertise and commitment to socially responsible food sourcing and business practices, and strong partnerships with respected conservation organizations.

The decision to work with Bon Appétit follows the departure of Gloria Roberts, food service director at PUC. Gloria and her husband, Nick, who also worked

in the dining commons, will be moving to Washington to be near family.

Most of the current dining commons staff will continue to work at PUC as employees of Bon Appétit, under the leadership of Bon Appétit's on-site manager.

Also in August, Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc., took over the management of the PUC Bookstore. The agreement allows the bookstore to offer improved services such as access to the nation's largest used textbook wholesale company, and is also integrating more efficient applications, including a sophisticated textbook management system. The bookstore will also continue to respect the Sabbath hours.

"It is an honor to have been selected to operate the bookstore at Pacific Union College," said Max J. Roberts, president of Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc. "We look forward to providing outstanding customer service to the faculty, staff and students."

Founded in 1873, Barnes & Noble is one of the nation's largest booksellers. Barnes & Noble College Bookstores, Inc. is a privately-held sister company to Barnes & Noble, Inc. and Barnes & Noble.com. The company operates more than 600 campus bookstores for many of the nation's top colleges and universities, including Yale and Harvard. **VP**

## PUC Receives Gift from The Darling Foundation

The Hugh and Hazel Darling Foundation has made a \$60,000 grant to Pacific Union College to fund student scholarships and a capital campaign readiness effort for the college.

Richard L. Stack is trustee of the foundation, which was started in 1987 by Hazel Darling after the death of her husband, Hugh. Stack visited PUC in May and expressed an interest in helping the College fulfill its mission to provide Christian education in California. The Darling Foundation has funded major projects such as the UCLA law library and the law library at USC, Hugh Darling's alma mater.



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Darling was also known for his service as a city councilman and mayor of Beverly Hills.

"We appreciate the commitment of the Darling Foundation, which will make it possible for several students to attend PUC over the next two years who would not otherwise be able to attend," PUC President Richard Osborn said of the gift. "The Foundation's investment will also help PUC prepare for a capital campaign to expand and renovate our library, which will become the major learning center on campus."

## Professor's Artwork Installed in Golf Museum



**Palmer, right, who turns 79 this year, signs a print of "Gratitude."**

For the first time in the 23 years he's taught at Pacific Union College, communication professor James Chase skipped this year's graduation, but for a special purpose—to attend the U.S. Open in Pennsylvania to film a special segment with golf legend Arnold Palmer.

The event was a result of Chase's work on a portrait of Palmer, which has been selected as the centerpiece and focal point of the Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History at the USGA's museum in New York. Chase's unique composition "Gratitude," is a portrait created entirely out of words. The 22,719 words that comprise the portrait represent story lines drawn from Palmer's gracious and compassionate life. Chase explained, "I wanted the content to become the form—to turn Arnie's story lines into Arnie's facial lines."

Chase spent his time during the tournament weekend this year filming a segment on how and why he chose to create the portrait of Palmer, and this segment will be part of a touch-screen multi-media exhibit that features the portrait.

While his artwork has garnered Chase considerable recognition, his goal was nothing of the sort. "I want young people to be inspired to have patience and perseverance and to do something truly extraordinary in their lives," said Chase.

# Ecovillage Project Application Filed with Napa County

With strong support and commitment from the Pacific Union College Board of Trustees, PUC and Triad Communities announced on July 19 that they have filed a development plan application with Napa County on the Angwin Ecovillage project.

"The application demonstrates our intent to pursue the project. As the public review process continues, we remain committed to being engaged with the community, faculty and students to make this the best project possible for PUC, Angwin and Napa County," said Richard Osborn, PUC president.

Filing of the application is a procedural step that marks the beginning of a lengthy entitlement process. That process includes a comprehensive Environmental Impact Review, which is expected to be completed in 2008. Additionally, reviews and public meetings are required by the Napa County Conservation, Development and Planning Department, and the plan will be considered by the Napa County Board of Supervisors.

The Ecovillage proposal arises from PUC's need to build its endowment and provide for its future in a way that is consistent with its core values and respectful of the Angwin community. An endowment will provide a permanent source of revenue for the College, allowing it to award scholarships to needy students, pay competitive faculty salaries, and meet other needs that cannot be satisfied through fund raising.

The Ecovillage is envisioned as a compact community located entirely within the Angwin Urban Bubble on land already zoned Planned Development. It is intended to be a model for green building, alternative energy and other environmentally sustainable practices.

"The Ecovillage concept reflects the healthy lifestyle principals and goals which form the foundation of our faith-based college," said Osborn.



## Young Students Solve Crime

In July, 25 young students spent a week on the campus, solving crime, debating issues related to global trade, and creating artistic masterpieces. This renaissance of activities was part of the PacificQuest program, an annual event inviting young students, grades 7-10, to participate in college-level courses.

This year, the program's core class was on genetics. Bryan Ness, professor of biology, taught students how forensic scientists use genetics and biology to analyze crime scene evidence. Ness even fabricated a "whodunit" scene and asked students to employ their newfound knowledge of genetics to solve the crime.

Students also took a second course, choosing the areas of global business or digital art. In Global business, taught by business professor Dan Madrid, students learned about trade between nations, national corporations and how the world of business changes society. In the art course, taught by graphic design professor Cliff Rusch, students received hands-on training in the digital arts.

The nights were no exception to learning and creativity, featuring various interactive activities from learning about the Ethiopian culture to putting on a talent show, where

students displayed talents that ranged from harpist to stand-up comic to contortionist. Finally, on Thursday night, Pacific Quest held its farewell luau where students were greeted with leis, enjoyed the pool, and learned to dance the hula.

Students completing the course received one hour of college credit and a \$500 scholarship that can be applied to freshman year tuition at PUC.



## PUC Welcomes New Vice President

Julie Z. Lee, who has been PUC's director of public relations since January of 2006, this summer accepted the position of vice president for marketing and enrollment services. This administrative role is a part of the college's growing emphasis on cohesive, proactive marketing and recruiting in an increasingly competitive atmosphere. The change also included the relocation of the public relations office to a space adjacent to the enrollment office, creating a more efficient arrangement for collaborative projects and receiving visitors.

Before her work at PUC, Lee worked at Maranatha Volunteers International. "She brings an emphasis on service and mission back to her alma mater," said college president Richard Osborn. Osborn noted that Lee is also an alumnus of the college, Class of 1998, and while studying here "was known for her student leadership abilities."

Lee is married to Milbert Mariano, '91, who is currently the chair of the visual arts department at PUC. They have a 1-year-old son, Diego.



## Quicksilver Showcases Student Work



On a June afternoon, more than 70 students and faculty filled the Alice Holst Theater in Stauffer Hall to celebrate the release of *Quicksilver*, the annual student art and literary journal at Pacific Union College.

At the event, guests indulged in homemade ice cream and strawberries while *Quicksilver* contributors gave a poetry reading. Zach Dunn, a senior film and television major, acted as master of ceremonies for the event. He wore sunglasses and black clothes in classic beatnik style and led the audience in snapping their fingers after each reading.

This year, student editor Elizabeth Rivera decided to publish the journal with a color cover. She wrote to alumni who were published in past *Quicksilver* journals, requesting donations. Alumni, along with Main Street Books in St. Helena, donated \$600 toward the publication.

For Rivera, the most rewarding part of editing *Quicksilver* was "seeing people pick it up and read others' works slowly, seeing that there is an artistic community at PUC, and being able to encourage that."

*Quicksilver*, established in 1933 as *Crater Verse*, features poems, short stories, essays, collages, paintings, and photography. While it is a student publication, faculty and staff poetry has been featured in past issues.

## PUC Hosts Nurse Educators Conference



For the first time, the annual Seventh-day Adventist Nurse Educators Conference was held at PUC. Nursing instructors from several Adventist institutions traveled to PUC to participate in this year's conference, entitled *New Directions: The Changing Face of Nursing Education*, which was held June 26-28. The annual event is structured to offer nursing

educators practical resources that they can develop to help students, inform them about developments in media and medical technology in the field of nursing, and allow them to network with one another.

During the course of the conference, nursing educators heard from various presenters. Presentation content included information on media advances in the field of nursing and panel and group discussion on "Politically Charged Issues," with an emphasis on dealing with students who fail nursing programs.

Barbara James, Dean of Nursing at Southern Adventist University, said she felt the conference gave the "opportunity to dialogue together, realizing we are more alike than different. We have many of the same issues." She added that the conference helped improve nursing education by allowing educators to "collectively learn from the wisdom of each other."

## PUC Marks 14th Year as “Best College”



For the fourteenth consecutive year, *U.S. News & World Report* named Pacific Union College as among the best educational institutions in the country. PUC ranked 14 in the top tier for Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor's, western region, in the 2008 “America's Best Colleges” issue.

The category is for institutions that focus on undergraduate education and offer a range of degree programs. High scores are based on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial

resources, and alumni giving.

Aspects of PUC that contribute to its high score include its proportion of classes with fewer than 20 students, a high percent of faculty who are full-time, alumni giving, and solid freshman retention rates.

“It is always a pleasure when others recognize PUC's academic excellence,” said Nancy Lecourt, vice president for academic administration and academic dean. “We cannot help but be pleased that the quality Christian liberal arts education we offer here will be more widely known, and more students and parents will become aware of the great value PUC really represents. The steadiness of our standings—fourteen years without a break—is also a statement about our commitment to teaching and learning.”

## Senior Film Festival a Success

For the first time, PUC held its annual Senior Film Festival at the Cameo Cinema in St. Helena. Both of the June 3 screenings, which featured five short films written and produced by seniors in the film and television program of the visual arts department, were filled to capacity. Use of the local movie theater as this year's venue allowed the students to showcase their work to a broader audience.

Stephen Eyer, instructor in film and television commented, “There is something magical about experiencing movies together as a community. It was great to see students, faculty, and staff from the college, as well as many local community members coming together to enjoy these stories.”

Also on display was the program's new 20-foot mobile production trailer, which is outfitted with the necessary equipment to perform multi-camera and off-campus shoots. “People were amazed and astounded at what PUC has done with the film program and with the trailer,” said senior film



and television major J.R. Rogers, who produced the festival, referring to the trailer and the numerous awards that student films have won this year.

## Summer Abroad Explores Art and Culture

This year's Honors Program summer term abroad gave 16 PUC students an experience of Europe, art, and history. Based at Istituto Adventista Villa Aurora, an Adventist school in Florence, Italy, the group spent four weeks on the seminar entitled “Beauty,” adding travel and arts exploration to the typical Honors workshop discussion format. “We looked at different concepts of beauty within the Western aesthetic tradition and the value of beauty, particularly within the visual arts,” said program director John McDowell. “Florence is a good place to see the shift from the classical models of the Renaissance period and what

happens later. In Venice, we looked at modern art.” For the final exam, students were asked to define a code of beauty.

In addition to studying the arts, students had a good dose of history and local culture. “The places we visited are also the places of Galileo, Dante and Machiavelli,” McDowell said. “Students enjoyed the different pace of life: the gelato, coffee and cafes. We encouraged them to explore.”

In addition to exploring Florence and visiting Venice, the group spent time in Rome and several medieval towns like Volterra, Sienna, and Chincaterra.



# class notes

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## Former Faculty

**Norman Wendth**, English professor at PUC from 1974 to 1991, has been elected president of Atlantic Union College (AUC) at South Lancaster, Mass. A 1968 graduate of AUC and former English department chair, Wendth also taught English in Japan and at Loma Linda (Calif.) University. Prior to his election as AUC president, Wendth was dean for academic affairs at Kettering College of Medical Arts in Kettering, Ohio. Two other former PUC faculty members are currently serving as presidents of Adventist universities: **Eric D. Anderson**, former professor of history, 1975-2005, is president of Southwestern Adventist University in Texas; and **Niels-Erik Andreason**, former professor of religion, 1970-1977, is president of Andrews University in Michigan.

## Alumni

### 1920

**Herbert M. Westphal, '27**, a retired physician who now lives in Cleburne, Tex., was recently honored as the oldest living graduate of Glendale (Calif.) Adventist Academy as it celebrated its 100th anniversary. Westphal, who is celebrating his 101st year of life, graduated from the academy in 1924.

### 1930

**Sherman A. Nagel, '32, '35 and '39**, was a PUC faculty member for 26 years and has spent a lifetime in medical missionary service. Friends recently honored Sherman and his wife, Edith, at a "Nigerian Weekend" in New Jersey, a day-long celebration of the Nagel's long and fruitful missionary service in Africa. Plaques presented to the couple attested to the quality and success of their service, sometimes rendered under dangerous war-time conditions. The Nagels now make their home in Langley, British Columbia, Canada.

### 1950

**Vernon, '53**, and **Velma (Harris), '54, Gomes** live in Mountain View, Calif. Velma has retired from a career in her parents' home-building business and on the Hewlett Packard assembly line in California's Silicon Valley. Vernon has retired from a career of teaching, military service in Germany, and 30 years as a building and planning official for the city of Los Altos, Calif. They have two children, **Valerie Minder, '81**, and **Vicki Driver, '77**.

### 1960

**Merle Whitney, '64**, is currently the senior pastor of the Anaheim (Calif.) Adventist Church, with his wife, **Alice (Cartwright), '64**. Merle's service has included serving on the Adventist hymnal committee, serving as a youth-camp associate director, doing church building planning, and serving as president for community ministerial associations. Alice and Merle are the parents of Barbara, **Karen '91** and Timothy.

**Robert K. Krick, '65**, author of 14 books, has recently had another one published. *Civil War Weather in Virginia* recounts the weather during Civil War operations with anecdotal descriptions found in soldiers' diaries. Krick is the former chief historian of the battlefield park that preserves the sites of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness and Spotsylvania. Widely recognized as the top historian in modern times on the Army of Northern Virginia, Krick is also a popular lecturer and battlefield tour guide.

**Gary and Marla (Palmer) Marsh, both '68**, make their home in Berrien Springs, Mich., and both serve at Andrews University. Marla is a secretary in the imaging and applied technology department; and Gary, a professor of aviation technology, was recently honored for 30 years of service at the university.

**Lawrence Downing, '63**, has retired from his position as senior pastor of the White Memorial Adventist Church in downtown Los Angeles. Larry has also pastored in Washington, Pennsylvania, and California. He holds degrees from PUC, Andrews University, and a doctorate from Lancaster Theological Seminary. Larry has also served as an adjunct professor for the school of business at La Sierra University.

## 1970

**John Facundo, '77**, a sixth grade teacher at El Dorado Adventist School in Placerville, Calif., was honored by the Alumni Awards Foundation in Arizona in February with an Excellence in Teaching Award. "His deeply spiritual nature is demonstrated in the methods he employs to reach his students and inspire them to achieve higher academic levels," said El Dorado principal Larry Ballew. John taught at Sierra View Junior Academy in Exeter, Calif., for 20 years before coming to Placerville.

**Sharon (Faiola) Petersen, '75**, has been named marketing copywriter for the Guidant Financial Group of Bellevue, Wash. In her position with the firm, which is a facilitator of self-directed IRAs, Sharon will write feature articles, website content, advertising copy and client educational materials. Previously Sharon was in marketing and academic administration, most recently at Bastyr University, where her copywriting won two Council for Advancement and Support of Education awards for the Seattle-area university.

**Candice (Haas) Hollingsead, att. '74**, is currently dean of the School of Education at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Ind. Candice has received a U.S. Department of Education Institute for Education Science grant of some \$520,000 to demonstrate the effectiveness of electronic performance support systems tools with secondary students who have been identified as having mild disabilities, in order to improve their academic behavior and transition outcomes. Candice is collaborating with two universities in the project.

**James Pedersen, '74**, president of the Northern California Conference, recently made a grueling trip to remote Ilagan, Isabela, in a northern Luzon province of the Philippines, to serve as the speaker for a series of evangelistic meetings. The series concluded with the baptism of 136 persons, including 12 from the local prison.

**Teryl Loeffler, '75**, who had been serving as the principal of Hawaiian Mission Elementary and Intermediate School in Honolulu since 2002, has been named superintendent of schools for the Hawaii Conference. Teryl, who has taught from California to Tennessee, replaces **Deloris (Kinsey) Trujillo, '66**, who has returned to the U.S. mainland with her husband **Arnold Trujillo, '65**, previous president of the Hawaii Conference and now vice president of the Pacific Union Conference.

**Paul Dostie, '77**, has an article featured in the June/July 2007 issue of *Forensic Magazine*, titled "Case Number 03-0929: Murder In Mammoth Lakes." The article details a homicide case that Dostie has been heading up, in which new forensic science has been utilized. The continued work of experts and scientists has led the case closer to a possible identification of the victim. Another article in the issue, written by two of the scientists who have worked on the case, looks at some of the technical aspects of the process.

**David Gemmell, '78**, now serving as the associate director of the North American Resource Center of the Adventist church, is producer of "Pastor's DVD," a continuing education service that reaches some 80 percent of the roughly 5,000 Adventist pastors in North America. The service shares new and innovative ideas for church ministry and evangelism.

**Steve Case, '79**, has been working with youth, from serving as a youth pastor to teaching youth ministry classes at Andrews University Seminary. In 1992 he started Piece of the Pie Ministries for young people and has been

speaking at youth events, conducting training seminars for youth leaders, leading Maranatha Volunteers International mission trips, and creating resources for youth and youth leaders, including the recently published *What About...? Q&A with Young People about God and Life*. Recently, Piece of the Pie has changed its name to Involve Youth.

## 1980

**Chris, '80, and Yolanda (Cervantes), '84, Blake** live in Lincoln, Neb., where Chris serves as associate professor of English and communication at Union College, and Yolanda teaches second grade at Beattie Elementary School. Chris's latest book, *Swimming Against the Current*, has received excellent reviews and is a sequel to his best-selling *Searching for a God to Love*, now published in five languages. This past spring Chris was awarded Union College's Teacher of the Year honor for the second time. Yolanda recently completed her administrative degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Constance (Clark) Gane, '86**, assistant professor of archeology and Hebrew at Andrews University in Michigan, has been appointed acting curator of the Horn Archaeological Museum at the Andrews Theological Seminary. Her husband, Roy Gane, '77, is professor of Hebrew Bible and ancient Near Eastern languages at the seminary and serves as director of the seminary Ph.D. and M.Th. programs.

## 1990

At the culmination of St. Helena (Calif.) Hospital's recent Nurses' Week celebration, the institution presented its first DAISY Award to **Norma Zavala, '98**, who has been a staff nurse at the hospital for 10 years. "Norma is the best of the best here at St. Helena Hospital," said Chief Nursing Officer Mary O'Leary.

*Business News Wire* reports that **Ward Sparacio, '92**, has been appointed vice president of sales of Confirma, a leader in computer-aided-detection for medical imaging. Before

joining Confirma, Ward was director of sales for SonoSites, a manufacturer of ultrasound equipment. Ward managed SonoSites' domestic sales organization, clinical operations and administrative functions. Ward also served as director of corporate business development, managing relationships with industry group purchasing organizations and integrated health networks.

**Rochelle (Ward), att. '95-'98, and Shem Aguila, '03**, who were married in April of 2004, are both physical therapists and have been living and working in Monterey, California for the past four years. They will be taking a year off, starting in August of 2007, to travel the world and do short-term mission trips.

## 2000

**Erica Davis, '04**, is featured in the *Lodi News-Sentinel* (Calif.) newspaper. Paralyzed from her waist down in early 2006 by a rare blood vessel condition, Erica is now in a rehabilitation program in San Diego, Calif. While determined to regain the use of her legs, she "runs" competitions in her handcycle, in which she placed first in her division in the PossAbilities Triathlon in Loma Linda, Calif., and received special encouragement from fellow competitor and movie actor Robin Williams in the recent San Diego Triathlon.

A recent feature in the *St. Helena Star* (Calif.) newspaper recounts the struggles and triumphs of **Esther (Miller) Gardiner, '07**, before and during the completion of her PUC nursing degree. She headed a single-parent home, served as a volunteer firefighter and training officer for the Angwin Volunteer Fire Department, and regularly spent 52 to 66 work-study hours a week for PUC's nursing program.



**Rochelle (Ward) and Shem Aguila**

# giving



## **Looking Back on Their Journey** *By Karen Roth*

After finishing with the Navy, Ivan Reeve had thought of a career in electronics. His Uncle Les changed his mind, however, when he told him, "You've always been an exceptional student; you need to take medicine." And so, with the support of his wife, Elizabeth, the journey through pre-medicine and medicine began. Neither of them could foresee just how bumpy the ride was going to be.

Ivan and Liz arrived on the PUC campus in 1953 and lived in the village with their first child, Randall. During their time at PUC, Ivan became discouraged and was ready to quit. Liz had just had a miscarriage, and their grief made it hard to keep up with the classes and workload. It was PUC's business manager, Robert Strickland, who encouraged them and counseled Ivan to stick it out. It was also Mr. Strickland who helped Ivan obtain the scholarship that enabled him to graduate from PUC debt-free. Through hard work and perseverance on both their parts, Ivan made it through medical school and set up his first practice in Marysville, California, where he and Liz worked side by side, even though by this time they had five children.

Years later, retired and wanting to slow down, they decided to sell the two vacant lots they owned near their home in Blue Jay, California, and use the funds to create a charitable remainder trust. The trust would give them a little extra income each month, and the remainder would go to fund a College Loan Fund in their names at PUC. The Loan Fund targets married or single parents in financial need. Liz recalls how hard it was trying to put Ivan through school with small children and says, "We want to help other parents who are struggling with the same situation."

Ivan and Elizabeth Reeve have been giving of themselves for many years through Ivan's practice and also by opening their hearts and home to students and young people. Often there would be a group of as many as 15 students from La Sierra College enjoying a break from classes at "Aunt Liz and Uncle Ivan's house." Now, because of their foresight, the Reeves will continue giving to students even after they are gone.

If you would like information on how you can set up a charitable remainder trust to benefit students at PUC, please visit our website at [www.pucestateplanning.org](http://www.pucestateplanning.org) or call the Estate Planning office at 707-965-6596. **VP**



# obituaries

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## Former Faculty and Staff

**Andreva Hamp**, who until her retirement this year was a PUC financial aid technician and cashier, died August 11, 2007, in Victorville, Calif. She was born in 1932. Andreva is survived by her husband, Mel; three daughters, Melody Payne, Carol Rose and Candy Olson; a son, Glenn; nine grandchildren; her sister, Rene Craven; and a brother, Rod Schultz.

**Margaret R. Huse**, a medical doctor who served as a PUC health education lecturer from 1988 through 2004, died May 27, 2007, in Paradise, Calif. She was born in Whitehaven, England, in 1930. She was evacuated in her childhood from London to the countryside and moved eight times in two years to escape the bombings of World War II. While in medical school in 1956, she married Wilfred Huse, a physician who gained wide recognition as a heart surgeon. They moved to Glendale, Calif., and then to Loma Linda, Calif., where Margaret was on the medical staff of the Parkview Hospital in Riverside, Calif. Margaret is survived by four daughters, Rosemary, Christine, Patricia and Valerie; a son, Richard; and seven grandchildren. The Margaret R. Huse, M.D., Research and Education Fund has been established in Margaret's honor in the PUC biology department.

**Alban W. Millard, '38**, who died on November 27, 2006, in Calistoga, Calif., was born near Paradise, Calif., on May 11, 1913. During his long service with the Adventist Church, Alban served as director of student counseling and later the first dean of students at PUC, serving from 1956 to 1964. He is survived by his wife, Julia; and children Bill, Ruth, and Roslind.

**Raymond S. Moore, '38**, a member of the PUC education faculty in the 1940s and 1950s, died July 13, 2007, in Camas, Wash. He was born on September 24, 1915. Moore was a pioneer, author, and spokesperson for the homeschooling population. He served Southwestern Junior College as president, the General Conference Education Department, and Loma Linda University. He is survived by a daughter, Kathleen; and a son, Dennis.

**Roland Werner**, who from the '60s until 1991 was foreman of PUC's carpentry shop, died July 26, 2007, in Orlando, Fla. Born in Grover, Colo., Roland was a medic during World War II. In the 1950s and 1960s, Roland and his wife, Evelyn, owned a floor-covering store in Greeley, Colo. Roland is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a daughter, Sharon Kay Werner; brothers Art and Rueben; and a sister, Lola Nussbaum.

## Alumni

**Mark L. Blue, att. '02, '05**, died May 22, 2007. He was born on February 10, 1951. Mark worked for the Northern California Conference. He is survived by his wife, Christy; a daughter, Noelle Alyson; and a son, Mark Christopher.

**Edwin Earl Bowen, '72**, an army chaplain with rank of lieutenant colonel, died June 4, 2007, in Texas. He was born December 12, 1948, in Loma Linda, Calif. While at PUC, Edwin served in student missions in Lebanon and East Africa. He later pastored in Ohio and New Jersey. Then Ed became the first second-generation Adventist Army chaplain, following the long, distinctive service of his father, Glenn Bowen. Ed's assignments took him to Germany, New Jersey, Georgia, Hawaii, Washington state, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Texas. His military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star Device, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. Ed is survived by his wife, Joan Petersen Bowen; son, Jason; daughter, Jodi Pennington; five grandchildren; a sister, Shirley Fenneman; and parents, Glenn and June Bowen.

**Eleanor June (Culhane) Casebeer, '36**, a retired reading specialist, died April 28, 2007, in Walahalla, S.C. She was born on June 23, 1914. Eleanor is survived by two daughters, Francene Burr and Jacquie Davis; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**L. Harold Caviness, '40**, a retired physician, died November 25, 2006, in Angwin, Calif. He was born on April 10, 1920, in Washington, D.C. Harold is survived by his wife, Anne; two daughters, Nancy Caviness Avila and Cherie Caviness; two sons, Lewis and Kenneth; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Leland H. Cottrell, '38**, a retired elementary school teacher, died April 12, 2007, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on January 28, 1913, in Glendale, Calif. Leland is survived by his wife, Dale; daughters, Janice Thomlinson and Patricia Grant; and a son, Robert.

**Sheila (Birkenstock) Delaney, '52**, a retired speech pathologist who made her home in Calistoga, Calif., died on August 4, 2007. She was born on April 18, 1930. Sheila is survived by three daughters, Carel Mountain, Diane Katz and Elizabeth Stephenson; and a son, Robert Sanders.

**Emma Whalin Drake, SHSHSN '28**, died May 6, 2007, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born on February 9, 1907, in Oakland, Calif. Emma is survived by a daughter, Marianne Isaeff; a son, Fred; two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

**Patricia (McDowell) Ferguson, '45**, died on January 16, 2007. She was born August 11, 1920. She married Dr. Howard M. Ferguson in Angwin, Calif., in 1955 and moved to Shady Cove, Ore., where she lived until her death. Howard died in 2002. Patricia is survived by her two children, Brian Ferguson and Patti Ferguson-Wilcox.

**Della V. (Hemme) Habenicht, '36**, a retired teacher who taught at Adventist schools in Redwood City, Porterville and Fresno, Calif., died March 22, 2007, in Carmichael, Calif. She was born on December 22, 1915, in Chowchilla, Calif. Della is survived by daughters Hilda Blanchard, Arla Clapp, and D. Carol Dodrill; a son, Fred; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Julianne (Weaver) Hanscom, '50**, died in Fletcher, N.C., on June 28, 2007. She was born in Bridgeport, Conn., on September 16, 1920. She was a nursing supervisor and educator at White Memorial Hospital, and during their 55 years of marriage, she and physician Alfred Hanscom lived in Maine, New Hampshire, California, Michigan, and North Carolina. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Carol Haney; three sons, David, '75, Robert, '78, and Alan, '79; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Wilburn Ingham, att. '52**, a dentist, died June 7, 2007. He was born on April 2, 1930. Wilburn is survived by two daughters, Kelly McHan, who teaches nursing at PUC, and Kathy Bolejack; a son, Kendall; and three great-grandchildren.

**Basilia M. (De La Cruz) Kerwitz-Ede, '93**, a nurse who made her home in Burbank, Calif., died January 15, 2007, in Burbank. She was born on June 19, 1940. Basilis is survived by her husband, Richard; daughter Kristin; and two sons, Dominich and Eugene.

**Gwendolyn Juneve Gepford Lacy, att. '46-'47**, an author and poet who lived in Tucson, Ariz., died July 17, 2007. She was born on October 2, 1928, in Indianahoma, Okla. Gwendolyn is survived by her husband Merton; daughters Judi Hewes and Lianna Fettes; sons Pat and Tom; a sister, Nancy Small; a brother, Jon Gepford; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Verlene "Lynn" (Leener) Lorenz, '63**, who lived in Brownsville, Calif., died May 8, 2007, in Chico, Calif. She was born on August 4, 1940, in Corona, Calif. Verlene is survived by a son, Chip Davis; and one grandchild.

**Clarence W. Medeiros, '67**, died December 22, 2006, in Fair Oaks, Calif. He was born on September 21, 1917, in Honolulu, Hawaii. Clarence is survived by his wife, Ruth; daughter, Lorna Herlache; son, Nick; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Melissa J. (Leary) Pahn, Att. '72-'74**, an occupational therapist, died July 29, 2007, in Oregon. She was born on August 13, 1954, in New Orleans, La. After graduating from PUC, Melissa earned a master's from Loma Linda University. She is survived by her husband, Andrus; two sons, Trevor and Christopher; her parents, Elsie and Jack Leary; sisters, Shawna Unser and Jenanne Leary-Rodriguez; and a brother, Kevin Leary.

**Alicia Procter, att. 1920s**, died June 26, 2007, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born in Huntington Park, Calif., founded the Channel City Nurses Registry in Santa Barbara, Calif., and worked as a licensed vocational nurse at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. Alicia is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Steffes and Suzanne Hebert; two sons, Ray Robinson and Rich Milliron; a stepdaughter, Sylvia Hebert; 13 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

**William Roesler Jr., '69**, died February 27, 2007, in Eureka, Calif. He was born on October 26, 1946, in San Diego, Calif. William worked in law enforcement and was involved in many volunteer groups. He is survived by a son, Jeffrey Roesler; sisters Mary Lou Richards and Lorraine Basista; brother Eldred; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and a great-great niece.

**Alma Rouse, att. '24-'25**, died in Auburn, Calif., on May 22, 2007. She was born on July 22, 1906, in Ukiah, Calif. As a child Alma used to walk and camp each summer with her parents from Angwin to Ukiah, Calif., where they harvested fruit. A resident of Angwin, Calif., for more than 80 years, Alma is survived by her daughter, LaVeve Field; two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Robert F. Thompson, '44**, died January 5, 2007, in Placerville, Calif. He was born on October 7, 1918, in Westport, Ind. Robert pastored several

churches and served as the home missionary secretary of the Northern California Conference. He is survived by a daughter, Linda Judd; a son, Hollace; and one grandchild.

**Harold Daniel Utt, '56**, a dentist, died July 6, 2007, in Napa, Calif. He was born October 18, 1933, in Berkeley, Calif. After graduation from PUC, Harold served from 1956 to 1958 in the Army, before completing his dental education at Loma Linda University. He practiced dentistry for 40 years. Harold is survived by two brothers, Richard and Ted.

**Thomas E. Wileman, '49**, a medical doctor, died May 24, 2007, in Dinuba, Calif. He was born on June 17, 1926, in Cutler, Calif. Thomas is survived by his wife, Maralyn; four daughters, Lonna Petsch, Becky Bearg, Loralyn Horning, and Beth L. Loredo; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## Commemorative Gifts



**Milton E. Davis, '28**  
Thomas P. and Lupe Chagoya

**Emma W. Drake, '28**  
Patricia A. McGiffin

**Peter E. Hare, '54**  
Herbert and Anita Ford

**Margaret Huse,  
Former Faculty and Staff**  
Maureen H. Bull  
Cardiology Consultant of Napa Valley  
Eloise D. Clark  
Paul and Rosemary Dibben  
Herbert and Anita Ford  
Hernan and Amanda Granados  
Robert D. Huse  
Gordon R. Osborn  
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**Eileen J. (Bolander) Maxwell, '55**  
D. Gordon Anderson  
Eloise D. Clark  
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Enid S. Hands  
Patricia Hare  
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### In Appreciation

**Leonard and Josephine, '51, Turner's  
50th Wedding Anniversary**  
William and Angela Bruckart  
Mary Evelhoch  
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Leonard and Josephine Turner

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Runa Schlaffer  
Kent Seltman  
Jacqueline Skoda  
Claude and Doris Sterling  
Lary and Kathleen Taylor  
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# announcements

## Births:

**Andrew Martin Keoni Fortner**, son of Sandra (Rodriguez), '95, and Cory Fortner of Los Angeles, Calif. Born: 11-11-06. (1)

**Sophie Hyunah Ha**, daughter of Sonia and Jimmy Ha, '91, of Napa, Calif. Born: 6-21-07.

**Sage Dae-Young Kim**, son of Teri and Elbert Kim, '97, of Pasadena, Calif. Born: 7-21-07.

**Josie Lyn Littler**, daughter of Lyndi (Carr), '95, and Bill Littler of Troy, Idaho. Born: 5-27-07. (2)

**Blake Hutchins Peterson**, son of Krista (Hutchins), '93, and Todd Peterson, '91 and '93, of Hercules, Calif. Born: 4-26-07. (3)

**Dagfinner Hwie Sung Chang Wick**, son of Jana Wick, att. '89-'91, and Richard Chang, '92, of Angwin, Calif. Born: 4-14-07. (4)



## Weddings:

**Marisa Marlow**, '01, and **Michael Brantley**, '00, in St. Helena, Calif., 5-27-07. (1)

**Laura Taylor**, '00, and Neal Alto in Angwin, Calif., 6-3-07.

**Grace E. Chu**, '03, and Isaac Kim in Loma Linda, Calif., 6-17-07.

**Tricia Kam**, '99, and Christopher Song in Kapolei, Hawaii, 3-25-07.

**Joy Cha**, '90, and **Daryl Proctor**, att. '89-'91, in Glendale, Calif., 8-5-07.

**Lillian Kim** and **John Lee**, '99, in Loma Linda, Calif., 6-17-07. (2)

Melanie Wong and **Frank Randall**, '04, in Loma Linda, Calif., 7-15-07. (3)

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

# president's message



MODELING SERVICE | by Richard C. Osborn

When I think of PUC graduates who model service, the first person who comes to mind is my brother-in-law, Larry Geraty, '62. He just retired as president of La Sierra University after a remarkable 44 years of service to the church.

As our wives, who are sisters, busily looked for bargains in the antique stores of Orange, California, Larry and I patiently waited amidst the "treasures," and I asked Larry how PUC had contributed to his desire to serve.

He talked about his father, Thomas Geraty, who attended his PUC 70-year reunion last year, and his mother, Hazel, who met Thomas at PUC, and how much they meant to Larry's legacy of service. Thomas and his brother and three sisters came from a humble working-class family in San Francisco with a Roman Catholic father and a mother who was determined that all her children would go through Adventist schools. Three of her children, after graduation from PUC, became missionaries, which became a model for Larry.

The setting of PUC motivated Larry to get a Ph.D. in Syro-Palestinian archaeology and Hebrew Bible at Harvard University, passing ten language exams and winning a Fulbright Scholarship.

He mentioned loving such theology department professors as Paul Quimby, W. T. Hyde, Louis Hartin, and Carl Coffman, who modeled their religion as a practical outgrowth of the theology they taught.

Larry came to PUC from a background of rigid black and white terms: It was either right or wrong. For the first time in his life, he encountered professors like Ted Benedict and Walter Utt, who respectfully yet loyally probed alternate ideas, just as Ellen White, one of PUC's founders, encouraged members to be thinkers and not mere reflectors of other people's ideas. While Larry was editor of the *Campus Chronicle*, advisor Ruth Wheeler was a profound influence as she helped by not being overbearing but by asking questions and letting her young editor ultimately decide what would be best.

Classmates such as Charles Teel Jr., Larry's roommate, Bob Dunn, Larry Stump, and Larry Downing helped round out the culture that enabled Larry to pursue service as a pastor, professor at Andrews University, and president of Atlantic Union College and La Sierra University. In church meetings, Larry served as a conscience in speaking out on topics of controversy that could have hurt his career.

Larry is known for taking the service values of the church beyond the campus and to the broader community, which culminated in the last few years in his election as president of the American Schools of Oriental Research, the world's leading organization for archaeology, and president of the Riverside Chamber of Commerce. He was even named Riverside Citizen of the Year in 2007.

Those of us in Larry's broader family have personally experienced his service to us through his constant care, attention, and encouragement. His two children now model what Larry learned from his parents, who picked up this culture of service at PUC. Brent graduated from Yale Law School and works as the General Counsel at Andrews University when he could be making a lot more money in the corporate world. Julie is a full-time homemaker who has focused on issues of peace and social activism in schools in Lafayette, Colorado. Throughout these years of service, Larry's wife, Gillian Keough, has provided a strong anchor of support.

Each of us begins a web of service, and for many that began at PUC, as seen in the Geraty family. May God continue to bless our current students as they begin their lives of service.



Photo by Haley Wesley

The 2007 Pioneers Women's Volleyball team kicked off a new season in early September. There are many new faces on the team, including a new coach, Robert Castillo, '97 (not pictured). Castillo, director of athletics at PUC, recently picked up the "California Pacific Team Sportsmanship Award" for the second year in a row at the California Pacific Conference Convention. PUC athletics has been gaining momentum in several different areas in the past few years.

For more information on the women's volleyball team and other Pioneer activities, visit [www.puc.edu/Pioneers/](http://www.puc.edu/Pioneers/)



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