FIVE DAYS
the life of a student
Planning for Now and for Eternity

Many of us have no doubt heard the old adage which says, “Those who fail to plan, plan to fail.” At PUC, we have taken this perennial piece of wisdom quite seriously as we get ready to embark upon what will become the most important foundational work of our institution this year — the task of Strategic Planning.

The act of strategic planning requires, first of all, strategic thinking as a good friend of mine who was a graduate of the Wharton School of Business always reminded me. In fact, in order for strategic planning to truly be effective, it must be preceded by strategic thinking and then followed by strategic acting.

But why spend almost a full year on the sometimes arduous and tedious task of strategic planning some may ask? The answer to this question is quite clear — PUC must by necessity have a deliberate roadmap for the next five years in order to fulfill its short-term and long-term goals, as well as to articulate a grander mission and bolder vision for its future. This plan must then be effectively operationalized through action steps and time lines, building in the type of accountability which will make PUC’s Strategic Plan a living, breathing document.

So, as the campus embarks together, as a collective learning community, on this exciting journey, our goal will be to align our mission and our vision for the future with what God surely has to fulfill the destiny our community of alumni and friends also invest in the work of this historic institution.

And so, as we recognize the extraordinary generosity of our donors during this past year, it is a reality, yet again, that without their continued philanthropy, PUC would simply not be able to carry out its sacred mission. As I have had the opportunity to meet with many PUC alumni as I traverse the state and the country, I am struck over and over again by their great love and loyalty to the campus on the hill. Many recount stories of fond friendships, love stories of meeting their lifelong mates, and their sheer love for this idyllic location. As PUC’s most senior male alum, Dr. Thomas Geraty, shared with me recently, “PUC is the perfect locale for a college education.” I most certainly concur.

I invite you then to take this journey with us. Share with me your hopes and dreams for PUC as we enter more fully into this New Year characterized by new hopes, dreams and possibilities. Continue to invest in a PUC education for our current students who continue to be heirs of the greatness of former students of the PUC community. I guarantee you that this will be an investment that will pay dividends into Eternity!

Heather J. Knight, President

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On the Cover
Jason Silber is a senior business major who is involved in a little of (almost) everything. Photos by Jason Silber and friends.
I went on through medical school to become a learning disability. Halfway through the quar-

ter, the student was barely passing organic chemistry. Working with Hemmerlin, the stu-

dent finished the quarter with a strong A, and went on through medical school to become a successful orthopedic surgeon.

It’s heartwarming to watch Hemmerlin tell stories like this, and he has many. He’s fierce-

ly proud of his students and visibly lights up when he talks about their success. And although the details clearly suggest that his en-
couragement and support was what prompted these students to succeed where they never had before, there’s never the sense that he’s proud of what he’s pushed them to achieve—rather, it’s awe and gratitude for the chance to be a witness to their success.

This is most evident when he talks about Richard Clark. Clark was a student of Hemmer-

lin’s at Union College in Nebraska in the 1980s. After teaching chemistry at several other Ad-

ventist schools, Clark was reunited with his old professor as a colleague at PUC in 2000. Toward the end of a long interview, Hemmerlin leans back in his chair. His voice takes on a low, reverent tone, as if he’s about to whisper a cherished secret. “It’s not my success story, but to watch Richard Clark get the Educator of the Year award made me feel really good,” he says. “He cares very much for his students, not just for their chemistry, but for their very souls. And to see him get that recognition, as humble a man as he is, that really was a great day.”

Clark, a professor of chemistry, is one of the few people on campus who has experienced Hemmerlin as both a student and a colleague. “As a teacher,” Bill will drive you to a high standard, but he’s very willing to help you to get there,” the younger professor says. “I see the way he works, the degree of or-
ganization, the degree to which he inspires his students, and it inspires me to want to do the same thing.”

It’s a common sentiment among Hemmer-

lin’s departmental colleagues. They’ve all learned from him, if not always in a formal way. “I attended his class every day for my whole first year,” says Ray Rajagakus, an as-

sistant professor of chemistry and the most recent addition to the department. “Just to see, just to watch his technique, to see how good of a teacher he actually is.”

“A lot of PUC’s no teaching experience and he has shown me how to teach,” he ex-

plains. “If students can believe that I really want them to learn, I think that means a lot psychologically.”

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He appreciates such accolades from his peers, but he also chuckles a bit. “My first few years of teaching I was green as can be! I learned far more than my students did,” he says. “I’m embarrassed for what I’ve put some of my first students through. So I don’t want to impose myself on any new teachers. But if they’re going to come in and ask, then I’m going to be flat-tred and humble.”

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dler, both Hemmerlin and his wife Darlene, a bel

gained successful local dentist, are among the school’s most consistent benefactors. In addition to their regular personal financial support, which goes toward worthy student schol-

arships, Darlene has been teaching PUC’s pre-dentistry orientation course for years, free of charge. “The level of involvement, for both Bill and Darlene, demonstrates a passion for excellence in Adventist education and a love for young people,” says Sadler. “Together they have made so many student experiences at PUC meaningful and memorable.”

For all these reasons and more, Hemmer-

lin’s presence will be missed around campus. “It’s going to be very hard to say goodbye to him,” says Pak, who has been his next door neighbor both in the office and at home.

Fortunately for Pak and the PUC communi-
ty, he won’t be far away. His home is in Angwin, and Darlene is still involved in dental practice. And while he is making some out-of-town re-

tirement plans—spending more time with his two sons and their families, visiting friends in Italy with Darlene—he plans to continue to be involved at PUC, at least unofficially. “If one of the chemistry faculty needs me to cover their class or something like that, I’d be happy to come in,” he says. “I promise not to annoy them with my presence regularly, but they’ll know that I’m still around.”
A WEEK IN THE LIFE
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### ViewPoint

**Spring 2010**

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Hanging out with Benji in his room.

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**Oh we’re going to the Hukilau**

learning hula in my education class

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**By Friday we have $133.80 for the Haiti relief effort**

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| **8:27 a.m.** | On my way back from the gym. It is still cold out and there is frost on the ground. |
| **12:50 p.m.** | Ten minutes of basketball drills. |
| **1:35 p.m.** | Rice (crunchy) at the cafeteria. |
| **5:45 p.m.** | Dinner consists of three pieces of bread dipped in oil and vinegar. |
| **6:30 p.m.** | *We may be a week late but we finally celebrate Michelle’s birthday. The cake looks like a burger before they put the rest of the frosting on it.* |
| **7:30 p.m.** | Michael and I work the scoreboard and books at the girls’ intramural basketball game. |
| **8:35 p.m.** | My first REVO meeting. I am really excited about this year’s projects. (REVO is a student humanitarian movement that started two years ago.) |

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**THURSDAY**

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12:20 p.m. — Back to school with sweats, flannel, and freshly washed clothes.

7:45 p.m. — Go Pioneers! There are few things I enjoy more than watching Aren shoot 3’s, Kameron block shots and dunk, and Brandon take it in like a beast!

9:40 p.m. — I can’t complain about thecaf’s hours of operation.

10:00 p.m. — Dorm worship. Brad Gienger talks about what it means to be a Christian.

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**Nuts & Bolts**

**A Glance at College Numbers**

There are always good feelings in the air on PUC’s ever-gorgeous campus, but one that’s particularly refreshing right now is due to numbers and stats moving in those upward directions that institutions are so eager to see. So when we started compiling an at-a-glance annual report of 2008-2009 for *ViewPoint*, we realized that showing last year’s stats reflects on last year’s economic pressures but not this year’s definite signs of improvement.

For this current academic year, expenditures are down and revenues are up; enrollment increased; retention improved; and, in general, the outlook has been positive in recent months — and we’re confident that this trend is only going to build. That’s why we’ve chosen to present a variety of stats here: Some show figures for last year, some show general areas of revenue and expense; and some show where we’re headed so far this year.

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### People at PUC

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### Financial Support

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<td>Unrestricted gifts (operating fund)</td>
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<td>Alumni contributions</td>
<td>$935,885</td>
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<td>Number of alumni donors</td>
<td>1,877</td>
<td>1,589</td>
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<td>Percent of alumni participation</td>
<td>11%</td>
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### Revenues, Expenses, & Aid

#### Areas of Revenue 2008-2009

- Tuition & fees: 68.7%
- Auxiliary enterprises: 10.7%
- Church subsidies: 9.6%
- Gifts & grants: 2.8%
- Miscellaneous income: 2.3%

#### Areas of Expense 2008-2009

- Instruction & academic support: 33.1%
- Student services: 6.4%
- Institutional support: 17.1%
- Operation & maintenance: 9.8%
- Scholarships: 18.6%
- Auxiliary enterprises: 15%

#### Sources of Aid for PUC Students 2008-2009

- Pacific Union College: $7,933,378 (31.2%)
- Philanthropic support: $2,738,350 (10.8%)
- Federal and state aid: $12,358,866 (48.5%)
- Total: $25,395,307

#### Endowment Fund

An endowment is a fund in which the principal is invested and the interest provides a perpetual source of income. One of PUC’s financial priorities is increasing its endowment to reduce vulnerability to economic trends and depend less on tuition.

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A child shepherd discovers education and the difference it can make

By Adugnaw Worku

From a speech Worku gave for the December, 2009, graduation ceremony at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas.

I was 6 or 7 years old. At age 15, I had a devastating accident that left me blind and disfigured in my left eye. The best medicine men and women of my village tried to help me with traditional medicine, but nothing worked. So my family decided to send me to a modern hospital. I walked to the nearest hospital with a group of merchants, and it took us two days to get there. That hospital happened to be a Seventh-day Adventist mission hospital in the middle of nowhere.

My family and I were not Adventists at the time but many of my mother’s relatives were. So, I knew a little bit about Adventists. When I went to that mission compound, I found three things—a church, a school, and a hospital. I have learned since then that Adventists have always done that wherever they go. In fact, that is how the Adventist Church began its work back in the early 1860s. It built a church, a sanitarium, and a college in Battle Creek, Michigan. While I was in that mission compound seeking treatment, I closely observed the school and the students there. I observed what they were doing, how they were dressed, and how they conducted themselves. I sensed immediately that they had something special that I didn’t have. I knew instinctively that education is inherently useful. I noticed 7- and 8-year-olds reading and writing. And here I was at 15, unable to even sign my name. I was an illiterate peasant, and I knew it.

Let me tell you what I was doing during those formative years of my life. At age 7, I became a shepherd, and I roamed the vast meadows and rolling hills of rural Northwest Ethiopia with goats, sheep, cows, and a few donkeys. This was my daily chore from dawn to dusk, and I did that until I was 12 years old. At age 12, I handed over the shepherding assignment to my younger brother and moved on to the family farm. I learned to plow the field with a pair of oxen and also learned how to plant, weed, and harvest. I learned the dignity of work very early in life and assumed progressively greater responsibilities with each passing year. We were subsistence farmers, and we grew everything we needed to live on. The work was back-breaking, and we lived by the sweat of our brow in a literal sense. What we did was not a matter of choice; it was a matter of survival.

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I decided right there and then to go to school. But I had two big problems. I didn’t have permission from my parents and I didn’t have any money at all. I had only the clothes on my back, literally. In my rural culture, parents wield considerable power and influence over their children. They choose their children’s careers, their spouses, their religion, and their place of residence. So, the very thought of going against my parents’ wishes weighed on me heavily. But that risk was taken by my intense desire to go to school.

I didn’t know how to pray formally in those days, but I remember praying a very short prayer over and over, “God, please help me. Dear God, please help me.” And you know what? The Lord heard that simple prayer and answered it. And the Lord’s children cooperated with Him and reached out to me. It became miraculously possible for me to be a proud first-grader in the middle of the school year. I was exceedingly happy and grateful, and I consider that day my second birth.

At age 20, I found an ever-loving and ever-forgiving personal God and joined the Adventist Church through baptism. I learned in my Bible classes and in Sabbath School and church that this personal God has very high standards and expectations. But He never casts out a repentant sinner from His presence. He forgives and says “go and sin no more.” But He never says “go away.” Never! That discovery has given my life direction, meaning, purpose, peace, and stability in the ups and downs of life.

At age 22, I graduated from the eighth grade—first in my class and in the state in the national examination. That was not bad for a peasant boy! That same year, I became a wonderland American missionary family from Southern California in that mission compound, and they took me in as one of their own. Dr. Harvey Heidinger was the medical doctor in the hospital. His sister-in-law, Camlyn Stuyvesant, was a nurse. She was also my eighth grade Bible teacher. Mrs. Elizabeth Heidinger was our mama at home.

This missionary family left the comfort and convenience of Southern California and came to that remote mission outpost in Northwest Ethiopia. I was thankful that they came there when they did, because they have made a huge difference in my life and in my family’s life. These missionaries educated me and my siblings all the way through college.

I graduated from high school first in my class and as class president at age 25. What a difference it could make. Most of you, if not all of you started first grade when you were 4 or 7 years old. At age 15, you were done with high school at age 18. By age 22 or 23, you graduated from college.

Meet the Workus

Adugnaw Worku is PUC’s director of library services. He’s a musician, writer, and activist and has earned master’s degrees in history, education, and library science. At the graduation ceremony where he presented the speech partially reprinted here, Worku was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Southwestern Adventist University. The doctorate was awarded because he

• has demonstrated the power of education to transform a man’s life;
• has experienced and articulated the role of Christianity in shaping education;
• and has committed himself to sustaining the Adventist educational system

Worku’s family also has a collection of educational ties to PUC, beginning with his own. He received his undergraduate degree at Avondale, but at that time PUC and Avondale were affiliated so his degree was actually from PUC. His wife, Zewuditu Yimer, is a ’92 PUC nursing grad, and his sons Danny and Tad both graduated from here as well. Danny has a BBA in finance in ’07 and Tad with a BBA in marketing in ’08. Danny is a licensed financial advisor and Tad is pursuing his music career (he performed for a concert at PUC in February).
difference education makes! And what a difference especially Christian education makes! After high school, these same missionaries sponsored me to go to Australia, and I attended Avondale College. I graduated from college at age 50 and came to this great country and attended Andrews University for graduate school. As you can see, I am a product of Adventist education through and through. And not only am I grateful for it, but I am also proud of it. It may appear that I was late for everything, but I got it done eventually. I got married at 38 and became a father at 40. Well, what can I say? Call me a late bloomer.

Our church commits enormous amounts of financial, human, and material resources to educate its youth. It provides young people with an opportunity to find a personal God in a safe and supportive environment, where they can ask about and explore the fundamental facts of life. In a nutshell, the purpose of Christian education is to help young people discover a loving and forgiving personal God and to develop an unshakable faith in Him. It is also to help young people become, and with the whole period of existence, and with the whole period of existence, and with the whole period of existence, and with the whole period of existence, and with the whole period of existence, and with the whole period of existence. Such character is not the result of accident, it is a plan. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world and for the higher joy of the wider service in the world to come.” Summarized in these statements are the thoughts of Ellen G. White, who wrote thus: “True education means more than preparation for a particular course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual.

A musician and an activist for his homeland, Ethiopia, Worku sometimes performs music and speaks for the people of his country. As you can see, I am a product of Adventist education through and through. And not only am I grateful for it, but I am also proud of it.

In our schools, we teach that we are all God’s children. If we accept God as our father, we cannot pick and choose who our brothers and sisters are. You are my brother and sister and I am your brother, no matter whether we are or where we come from. We don’t always live up to this lofty ideal, but it is our ideal. That is why missionaries cross the ocean and help people on the other side of the world. We are living examples of such brotherly and sisterly love. God tells us to love not only people who are like us but also those who are unlike us.

Let me remind you of one more thing we work for each volunteer. Students bonded over a singular purpose and worked together towards a mission. New goals were set: learn Spanish. Other new skills included learning to wrap blood pressure cuffs and to perform CPR. Students bonded over a singular purpose and worked together towards a mission. New goals were set: learn Spanish. Other new skills included learning to wrap blood pressure cuffs and to perform CPR.

Sister Maria Rosa. Niños—Nuevo Paraiso Village, the orphanage project of a nun named Sister Maria Rosa. They spent a day with the orphans and then three days taking the medicines packaged and labeled by students in the pharmacy. The medicines were donated by various organizations and brought to Honduras by the volunteers. Sophomore Carla 1. Working in the pharmacy was a good learning experience… After the trip, I was even more convinced that pharmacy was the right choice for me. Other new skills included learning to wrap blood pressure cuffs from LU Nursing student Elisa Flores. On the first day, the team provided medical service to 250 people. On the second day they served 365 people, and 250 again on the third day.

The Honduras medical mission trip was a meaningful experience for each volunteer. Students bonded over a singular purpose and worked together towards a mission. New goals were set: learn Spanish. Appreciation was renewed for the simple things: fluoride. And, a purpose as humans was revitalized: service.
Alameda Extreme

This past summer, student Robert Abdul-Karim began collaborating with Pastor Marshal George of the Alameda Seventh-day Adventist Church to take a unconventional approach to evangelism for Abdul-Karim’s theology degree. While working on a small group ministry on the Bay Area island of Alameda, they witnessed young children skateboarding down the former naval base with no particular purpose. So they planned a ministry in the form of a skate clinic called Alameda Extreme.

“We wanted to give the kids something to do,” says Abdul Karim. “To help them out, to encourage them.” Taking this approach, the PUC students who volunteered to join Alameda Extreme went to the skate park simply to interact with the young skaters.

At the bar, the PUC students socialized with the other skaters. With a few members of the Alameda church there to support them, Abdul Karim and the students distributed bags of chips and water bottles, then hopped on their skateboards and joined in. Young skaters, bikers, and roller bladers came over to see what Alameda Extreme was all about.

Fresnensk Royce Jones says he believes the simple act of being around the kids at the skate park is the most effective tool in witnessing for Christ in a place like Alameda’s naval base. “You could talk with one person for an entire week without mentioning God or Jesus or anything spiritual,” he says. “But if you just treat them like a good friend by showing them love and compassion, by the end of the week I guarantee you that they will give you an opportunity to introduce your faith.”

Presidential Inauguration

On April 15, PUC will hold the official inauguration ceremonies for Dr. Heather J. Knight, who this summer took the reins as the college’s 21st president. Since her appointment in the summer of 2009, Knight has been working to embark the college on strategic planning, to strengthen finances, and to move PUC into the next level of excellence. With her husband, PUC outreach chaplain Dr. Norman Knight, she has also represented the college across the country.

The inauguration will introduce a formal celebration of Knight’s new role at PUC. Dwight Nelson, senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church at Andrews University, will give the address. Ella Simmons, the first female vice president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will also be part of the program, along with Del Britton, mayor of St. Helena; Jonathan Brown, president of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities; and Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon.

The Power of Mentoring

Last winter, after education professor Margo Haskins spoke to the campus about “the importance of showing God’s love in tangible and real ways,” she got to thinking that she needed to bring something meaningful to the campus to get people involved.

Haskins was inspired by a program pastor Bill Lovelace started in Washington, D.C., to mentor at risk children. Haskins held an informative meeting and was surprised to see 26 students eagerly waiting to sign up to tutor at two local schools Howell Mountain Elementary and PUC Elementary. “We have pre-med students, history majors, all different kids of people,” Haskins says. “They’re all excited because it takes one hour once a week, and it can impact the life of a child forever!”

Haskins is a biochemist major. Anthony Yeo signed up last year and has found that mentoring helps him combat stress while helping in his community. This year, he’s mentoring a quiet fifth grader. “It’s almost like a game trying to get him to open up,” Yeo laughs. “But I really enjoy spending time helping him; it’s very rewarding.” He’s also received an unexpected side benefit: a potential career shift. “I’m now seriously considering a career in pediatrics,” he says. “And that’s something I hadn’t thought of before.”

Faith, Service, Team

The Pioneers varsity teams build family spirit

The scoreboard is important to any team that’s practiced hard, and PUC’s varsity teams have taken satisfaction in some good scores during this year’s season. But the Pioneers team members and coaches will tell you that there’s a lot more to a team than winning scores.

In November, the women’s basketball team traveled to Southern California for a tournament. Between four games in four days (they won two), the team took holiday spirit to a nearby senior living facility. For over two hours they mingled with residents, playing games and singing. “The atmosphere was filled with energy, laughter and smiles,” assistant coach Doug Wilson says. The students helped residents beat their “total hits” record in chair volleyball by over 200, and team member Vanessa Felder sang a solo to a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

The visit ended with hugs and even tears. The director of the home told the team, “There was such friendliness, good-natured humor and love shown by each of your players… It felt that we’d known you for a long time, instead of just a few short hours.” But the players felt they’d been impacted the most; and the experience fits perfectly with the program’s dedication to making a difference in the community. “It is so important to teach our student-athletes the value of giving back,” says Wilson. “We hope to do much more of this.”

The men’s soccer team also had a memorable season, partly because they ended in second place in the conference. This year, head coach Jesus Medina was joined by supporting coaches Carlos Medina and Hernan Granados. With extra coaching support and some other changes in place, the team’s confidence improved. “It took a lot of work, but it’s been a pleasure seeing ourselves become what we’d hoped to be,” says Medina.

But strong playing was only part of the story. Impressed that they needed to strengthen team spirit if they were going to represent not only PUC but also Christ, team member Jonathan Groschel started devotional before games. “It was a little strange the first time I took out my Bible in the locker room and asked everyone to quiet down,” Groschel recalls. “but they respected my request.” He found that sharing a common faith connected the team on a new level. “We were warriors on the field — but more importantly brothers in Christ,” he says. “Sports should be a way to show a godless world what it means to be men of character, men of Jesus. This year we tried to do that.”
Rallying in Response
Alumni respond to Haiti crisis

January’s disastrous earthquake in Haiti was followed by community after community around the world rallying to make whatever small difference they could. The PUC and Angwin community was no exception, with various stories of giving developing in the weeks that followed the quake. In immediate response, Angwin Community Services pledged $10,000 in matching funds to end to ADRA, and the community raised over $18,000 in response. A total of $28,395 was sent.

Two PUC alumni also mobilized to make a difference. On January 14, Scott Nelson, ’92, arrived in Haiti to set up an orthopedic surgical unit. Nelson works as a medical director for CURE International, and this team found many orthopaedic cases filling a hospital in the Dominican Republic and has worked as a medical director for CURE International, and this team found many orthopaedic cases filling a hospital in the Dominican Republic and has

Nicole Wilson, ’06, had just returned from Haiti when the earthquake hit. She and a group of Christian missionaries had been ministering to the medical, social, and spiritual needs of the people there in the wake of several hurricanes last year. This most recent disaster served as a call to Wilson, who is now in the process of developing an international organization devoted to providing care to people living in underdeveloped countries. Wilson plans to open the organization’s first center—which will contain a clinic, orphanage, and learning center—in Haiti, a place that has grown very close to her heart.

The quake also had direct impact for several students. The campus rejuiced with a student from Haiti, Pierre Jolles, who was finally able to speak with his parents and learned that they were alive and well. In the meantime, film and television major Timothy Wolfer and a friend from Andrews University were given airline tickets by an anonymous donor and went to help at the Maison des Enfants de Dieu (Children of the House of God) orphanage in Port-au-Prince, where many children had American families waiting for them but could not be evacuated. The trip included some filming, being interviewed by a television program, and finally accompanying its orphans who flew to Orlando on the 23rd.

Bob Paulson, physical education professor, finished his dissertation defense and completed his Ph.D. in leadership from the Andrews University School of Education. The title of his thesis is “Readiness for inter-institutional collaboration among Adventist institutions of higher education in North America: stages of change.”

Michelle Rai, communication professor, was a reviewer for the Marketing Public Relations textbook, recently printed by Pearson Prentice Hall. The book is for undergraduate public relations, new media, and marketing courses.

Alums Speak for Winter Revival

The 2010 Winter Revival brought the annual series of morning and evening programs to inspire spiritual growth among students with a new twist: The speakers were all recent PUC grads who have gone into ministry.

The revival took place during January and was themed “The Word from the Frontlines,” with alums Beray Kerweel, ’09, Dustin Comin, ’07, Brian Simmons, ’06, Zach Reliker, ’09, Godfrey Miranda, ’05, and D’Andre Campbell, ’07, presenting.

Each of the speakers brought PUC thoughts on where God is leading our church, especially through this generation’s leadership. Comin, pastor of youth and media for Calimesa (California) Adventist Church, talked about his basketball days at PUC, explaining that there’s a “big difference between being a player and being a fan.” In the three years since leaving PUC, he said, he’s noticed that some people become “spiritual fans” who are supporters of the cause of Jesus, but fail “to engage him in the dynamic relationship that he calls us to.”

He posed a question to the PUC congregation: “Are you a fan or are you a player?”

Nursing Program Expands

This year, PUC started a new program in collaboration with Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa, a hospital where many PUC students do clinical rotations and seek employment after graduation. QVMC is working to achieve Magnet Status, and their goal is to have 100 percent of nursing leaders and 65 percent of staff nurses have at least a BSN by the year 2013. The PUC nursing department offered to set up a special RN to BSN program that would allow the QVMC nurses to continue working while taking the evening classes necessary to earn them their bachelor’s degree.

“We have similar missions,” nursing chair Shana Ruggenburg explains. “We both come from a religious mission perspective.”

For the new program, PUC provides the courses and teachers, and QVMC provides classroom space and tuition support for their employees. The 12 students currently enrolled attend classes together throughout the program—which lends itself to a supportive family atmosphere as they work together. This group will finish in October.

Love of Old and New Earth

At the biennial Longo Lecture this year, Christianity Today Media Group editor in chief and vice president David Neff presented “Earth Day and the New Earth: In creation care in competition with second-coming Christianity?”

The Longo Lecture was presented on the evening of January 18, but in the morning professor and lecture coordinator Greg Schneider and environmental studies major Molly Reeves interviewed Neff for the coloscopy program. At that time, he talked about the founding of Christianity Today magazine by Billy Graham in the ’60s and also opened discussion about environmental stewardship and how Christians do and should address it.

At the lecture in the evening, Neff presented a more formal and thorough look at how the Christians with a strong ecologoical view have viewed the environment.

Neff proposed that, as Christians who look forward to Jesus’ second coming, “we can love both the planet as we know it and the world as God will remake it.”

academic highlights

Tammy McGuire, communication professor, presented two papers at the National Communication Conference in Chicago in November. One was “Negotiating spiritual dissonance: Approaches and strategies,” and the other presented for the “Stability and Change in the Study of Spiritual Communication” panel session was “Spiritual vs Religious: Differences that matter.”

Thomas Morphis, visual arts professor, curated a painting exhibition that was displayed January 31 through March 6 at the Santa Rosa Junior College Art Gallery. “Working With Wax: Contemporary Encaustic Painting in Northern California” featured 12 artists and approximately 65 paintings.
Rainy Days. Winter in Angwin brings the usual variable weather, with umbrellas blooming across campus.

SA Banquet. Held at a golf club in Napa, this year’s banquet made an Oscars-style celebrity of everybody, with everything from the red carpet to the paparazzi.

Fine Art Series. Six faculty musicians perform in a January concert.

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Reprise. In a show titled “Reprise,” the Rasmussen Art Gallery features the work of local community artists.
**Students Intern with Zoetrope**

During the fall 2009 quarter, two film and television majors got a chance to intern with American Zoetrope, the film production company of legendary filmmaker and Napa Valley local Francis Ford Coppola. Seniors Ryan Pulido and Tim Wolfer were accepted into an internship working at Coppola’s Napa Valley studio in Rutherford, about an hour and a half from PUC.

The work itself, as with many internships, was not very glamorous — but the two were able to gain some valuable insights into their future careers. “Seeing film making firsthand instead of reading about it was invaluable,” says Pulido. “It takes you from what you think it will be to what it actually is.” Wolfer was encouraged to dig deeper into his field. “It’s one of those things you’ve read about in a book but once you see it you’re like, ‘Uhh, I probably should have paid more attention to that book,’” he says. “Talking to the people that worked there, I realized most of them had at least one bachelor’s degree. Most of them spoke at least two languages. And some of them have technical training of top that.”

Wolfer and Pulido were originally hired on for just a short-term internship, but their performance was good enough to get them a job offer working on an actual film project — Sofia Coppola’s upcoming film Somewhere.

**Gospel Choir Reaches Out to All**

A gospel choir has joined the list of ministries at PUC. Meeting for two hours on Wednesday nights, the group prepares to sing for worship services not only on campus, but also at churches all over northern California. The PUC Gospel Choir, which members of the Black Student Union started at the end of fall quarter, underwent a rapid growth — Sofia Coppola’s upcoming film Somewhere that worked there, I realized most of them had at least one bachelor’s degree. Most of them spoke at least two languages. And some of them have technical training of top that. Wolfer and Pulido were originally hired on for just a short-term internship, but their performance was good enough to get them a job offer working on an actual film project — Sofia Coppola’s upcoming film Somewhere.

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Have you ever thought about what things you would want to gather together if there was a fire or earthquake? Then you have already done many of the things that are important in making an estate plan.

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**Class Notes 1960**

Bernhard A. Aason, ’67, ’69, an attorney who has had 15 years experience in business as president and owner of several companies, now heads Aeon Law Partners APC, in Angwin, Calif. Earlier in his legal career, Bernhard was legal counsel for a real estate development company, and later a law firm of a dozen attorneys. His current law firm, found at www.aeonlaw.com, focuses on estate and business planning and asset protection.

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**Class Notes 1970**

J. Gary Norman, ’72, who has been secretary/treasurer of the Nevada-Utah Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the past 10 years, has retired. Preceding his church service, Gary was employed at four Adventist hospitals. Gary says retirement will bring opportunity for travel with his wife Rosanne throughout the U.S. and abroad, perhaps even in one of the classic cars he has been rebuilding for some time.

Donald Thompson, ’73, is a candidate for the California State Assembly, with election on June 8. Donald ran for this office in 2008 but was defeated by a strong incumbent. Donald states that he is a candidate because he “has deep concerns for the people in his district and for the people of California.” You can write to Donald at dhoppi@comcast.net.

Mark Paccini, ’76, recently joined the PUC staff as the Housing Coordinator, overseeing student family housing and employee housing. Mark is also the chair of the Angwin Community Teen Center board of directors and serves on the Prep Board, the Board of Elders at the PUC Church, and the Silverado Credit Union Supervisory Committee.

Bryan Marshon, ’77, has worked for the County of Los Angeles Department of Mental Health since 1987 and has recently been promoted to District Chief for Child, Youth and Family Program Administration. The memo announcing his appointment explains that “he has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and excellent customer service” and that he has held positions including everything from forensic evaluation to HIV education and risk reduction.

Steve Case, ’79, ’80, noticed that few young people (and older ones as well) are reading the Ellen White classic Steps to Christ. The book was pivotal for his spiritual turn-around during his adolescence, so he rewrote it for today’s readers. Entitled Covenanter, the subtitle spells out its intention: “How to have a Relationship with God.” Pacific Press published the book and it’s available at ABCs or online at adventistbookcenter.com or amazon.com.

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**1980**

Keith Neegaard, ’83, was the 2009 Patroller of the Year at Heavenly ski resort in South Lake Tahoe. Neegaard, who is chair of the business administration department at PUC, joined the volunteer patrol team several years ago and spends about 30 days a year at Heavenly.

Craig Philpott, ’86, ’87, went on a photography trip in the fall to Maine and Nova Scotia. He and his wife, Linda, took pictures of fall colors, little villages and lighthouses. Craig was in PUC’s first photography program graduating class, he is PUC’s associate director of admissions and some of his photography is featured in this year’s PUC calendar. Linda works in the PUC music department. You can view Craig’s photos at photo.net/photos/phlipット or Linda’s at photo.net/photos/philipitto.

Sheil (McCutley) Seibold, ’86, whose Sheri Berry Design Studio creates designs and illustrations for a variety of manufactured products, found her “Swell Nest” collection of ornaments and other Christmas items appearing in the Holiday Lane section of most of the well-known Macy’s department stores throughout America during the 2009 Christmas season. Read
Nurses Notes Goes Online

All nursing alumni are invited to join the nursing department’s new online news source. “Nurses Notes,” which now has a new e-mail address, has transitioned from the print-and-mail version to an electronic version that nursing alumni can receive by e-mail or find online. To sign up to receive the e-newsletter, go to nursing@puc.edu. You can also find the current and previous issues at www.puc.edu/nursing.

In Memory

Richard Bernal, ’75, died December 23, 2009, in Greenville, Tex. He was born January 25, 1942, in Fresno, Calif. He had been pastor of Garden City Spanish, Great Bend Spanish and Dodge City Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Churches. Survivors include his wife, Michig; two daughters, Sara Elizabeth Stumpm and Michelle Angelica Bernal; a son, Jonathan Richard Bernal; a grandson; three brothers and three sisters.

Howard W. Carter, Jr., ’50, 83, died December 29, 2009, in Grants Pass, Ore. He was born June 23, 1926, in Lodi, Calif. He was pastor of the British Adventist Church in India, where his parents were serving as missionaries. He was a pastor, principal and teacher. When he retired in 1990, he served as principal of the Pakistan Adventist Seminary in Farooqabad Mondi. He is survived by his daughters, Bonnie, James and Elizabeth; his son, Mark; and five grandchildren.

John Kinzie Hardesty, ’53, 80, died December 29, 2009, in Glendale, Calif. He was born May 22, 1929, in Modesto, Calif. He had been a medical doctor and ran a family practice in Los Angeles until 2005 as well as serving on the medical staff of several hospitals in Glendale. He is survived by his wife, Sherman; two daughters, Susan and Veronica; and six grandchildren.

Lula (Fleck) Homing, ’33, an Adventist school teacher in Hawaii for 24 years, died December 30, 2009, in Hilo, Hawaii. She was born March 4, 1917, in Laton, Calif. Lula is survived by two daughters, Carol Leach and Lila Spooker; three grandchildren, a step-grandchild, and nine great-grandchildren.

R. Dale McCune, who served as FUC’s dean of students from 1973 to 1977, died December 4, 2009, at his home in Cameron Park, Calif. He was born January 9, 1935, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Dale had an incredible lifelong dedication to education, serving as a teacher, boys dean, principal and assistant at various academies; as dean of students at FUC; as a professor at Walla Walla College; as president of Atlantic Union College, and a professor at La Sierra University. He also served on FUC’s Board of Trustees for several years. Dale is survived by his wife, Betty; three children, Cheryl, Henry Richard McCune Jr., and Lianneh; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and also had a private practice within the California Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Churches. Survivors include his wife, Gail; three children, Al, Alwin and All; and eight grandchildren.

Vincent L. Morgan, ’46, died November 26, 2009, in Boulder, Colo., on October 19, 1994. He went on to become an international professor, medical director, and malpractice consultant, and also had a private practice and cared for nursing home

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Julie Morrell, ’01, in a 2009 psychology and psychology fellow with the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute. Julie, who earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from Loma Linda University in 2001 and did an internship at the Henry Ford Health Sciences Center, is a member-by-fellow in health psychology. Salvador Garcia, ’03, currently serving as a pastor at the Central Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church in Los Angeles, Calif., was ordained to the gospel ministry in late 2009. Salvador’s ordination followed his earning a Master’s of Divinity degree at Andrews University in 2008 and his service in several Los Angeles area Adventist churches.

Shara (Tomga-Gundy) Torres, ’03, went on from student teaching to marry Angelito Torres on December 22, 2003, at the St. Helena Spanish church. “We both worked as teachers until the birth of our son Orland in 2008,” the report. Roger still teaches high school Spanish. Shara, 31, is now a stay-at-home mom. They live in Lodi, Calif., almost with their Costa Rican kite fesina. Erica Davis, ’04, currently living in Carolbad, Calif., helped to Africa in a businesswoman to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, the first female paragliding to do so. Erica and her club was for the Challenged Athletes Foundation. They started on January 26 with two challenged athletes, a team of eight other retrievers (they’re very much a documentary) and climbers, and a crew of 15 porters to help with equipment. They summited on the 31st. You can read more at the club’s blog at theroots.com.

Melinda Fletcher, ’06, is currently in her fourth year of teaching kindergarten in the San Jose Unified School District with a class of 5-year-olds requiring a lot of energy, but it is also a lot of fun! DCP, which stands for the Degree in Clinical Psychology, was introduced by Debbie in 1998, although I had a business degree and marched time, I managed to finish a master’s degree and officially graduated in 2000. Since completing my master’s degree, I have served as a psyche.

Debbie Klimke, ’00, is about to complete her MBA in marketing. She first attended PUC right after graduatng from PUC Pue in 1998, but left PUC due to a very important injury. “By my early 30s I decided to take the Degree Completion Program for work and travel,” Debbie says. “Working full-time, I managed to finish a business degree and got married in 1998. I started completing my business degree in 1999, and then went on to increase product sales and marketing management in the profession work world.”

Joseph S. O’Hara, ’83, associate pastor of the Los Angeles (CAL) Central Kenneth Seventh Day Adventist Church in Los Angeles, Joseph has been active in youth and other ministries of the church since 2000.

At Law of Lewis and Clark College, and at the East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai, China. James Burnham, ’69, just published a book called The Fruit of the Falst. James, who currently is known as the author in Riverside, California, earned a master’s degree in school counseling and doctorate in education. His recent novel, published through Xlibris, is described as follows: “Will the fruit of the fallen bring destruction or salvation to the world? New book tells a gripping tale about a child of prophecy and the destiny she must fulfill.”

Terry Farris, ’91, now living in Gereley, Coles, is president of Complete Success, Inc., a business that teaches and trains in business ownership, and business coaching. A graduate of the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Kimberly has lived, studied and worked in South America, Europe and Africa. Clients of her organization benefit from seminars and coaching in numerous areas aimed at business success. Kimberly can be reached at complete-success.blogspot.com.

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Zoe Elie Mundy, daughter of Chuck and Hudy Mundi, of Angwin, Calif. Born 20-29-09.


Noah Scott Davidson, son of Kristians (Hoskins) and David Scott Davidson, of Minden, Nev. Born 12-8-09.

Annalise Marie Hill, daughter of Heidi and Timothy Hill, ’96, of Portland, Ore. Born 1-6-10.


Bennis, ’01, of Highland, Calif. Born 2-6-09.

Hayley Rachel Anderson, daughter of Ruth (Flitzpatrick), ’92, and Donald Anderson of Or, Ore. Born 11-9-09.


Zoe Elie Mundy, daughter of Chuck and Hudy Mundi, of Angwin, Calif. Born 20-29-09.

Janessa Eve Beinhauer, daughter of Kim (Shaw), ’98, and Dale Beinhauer, of Visalia, Calif. Born 10-22-09.

Bennis, ’01, of Highland, Calif. Born 2-6-09.

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Mark Richard Jewett
Exuberance for Life & Helping

Mark Richard Jewett, *’82, passed away on February 9, 2010, in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the age of 50. Mark had an adventurous exuberance for life and was devoted to his family, friends, and “all his other kids.” When not spending time with his family, Mark was always looking for ways to help others, whether it be church friends, students at his sons’ school, clients, or any one else who needed a boost — he was an equal opportunity “how to live life” coach. His 40-year law career provided him with the opportunity to share his passion of helping others. He spent the last 15 years in his own solo practice helping all who needed it, and many of his clients also became friends. His first and foremost priority was always what was best for them.

Mark is survived by two sons, Joshua and Aaron; his wife, Julie Dee May; his parents, Richard and Billie; a brother, David; sisters Julie Marie Colon and Jill McCreadie; and a large extended family.

Kathy (Ainsworth) Narbona, *’88, passed away on January 10, 2010, in Modesto, Calif. She was born on March 24, 1963. Kathy was born May 31, 1926, in Oakland, Calif. Barbara earned master’s degrees in clothing and textiles, public health, and religion. She taught elementary school and academy home economics and served as a women’s dean. She also taught in the home economics department at PUC, where she developed the early childhood education major and designed the preschool facility. Barbara is survived by her brother, Howard.

Barbara W. Simons, *’50, died on November 21, 2009. She was born May 31, 1926, in Oakland, Calif. She was born March 3, 1938, in Madera, Calif. With his wife, Myra, Ken farmed in Madera for many years; he later operated a construction business. Ken is survived by his wife; Myra; his son Ken; his daughter Shanu Raggeinsen; two granddaughters; his mother, Mary; and three sisters, Ida Moses, Sandra Ruiz, and Carolyn Miller.

Alice Yvonne (Smith) Purdy, *’49, *’50, passed away on November 23, 2009. She was born March 4, 1922, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. She earned a nursing degree and will be remembered for her passion for helping others. She is survived by her husband; Francis; her daughter Glenda; son Jim Goodman; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert Sheldon, *’58 died October 14, 2009. He was born January 21, 1935, in Bakersfield, Calif. He was a physical therapist for 40 years. He is survived by his three children, Steven, Cynthia, and Brandy Basier; his brother, Richard; and four grandchildren.

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Helene L. Haussett, Stiles, *’47, died on December 14, 2009. She was born in Santa Cruz, Calif., on February 28, 1929. Helene and her husband, Gene, served the Adventist Church in India for 15 years and the Pacific Press Publishing Association for almost 20 years. She is survived by her sister Marjorie Sundeen; her son Marvin GJ; her daughter Rani; and four great-grandchildren.

Lois Ann (Drummond) Stoops, *’46, died on December 23, 2009, in Beaverton, Ore. She was born on September 29, 1929, in Hilo, Hawaii. Lois taught English to returning WWII vets at PUC. She and her husband, Albert, taught at many western Adventist academies; and Lois also served as a dean of women for Walla Walla University and worked in the Heritage Room at Loma Linda University Library. Lois is survived by her daughter, Michele Stoops Engel; her son, Alan Drummond; two sons; and one grandchild.

Harold Beebe Stout, *’33, died on November 20, 2009. He was born January 9, 1913, in Hughson, Calif. Harold attended medical school and worked in Washington, serving as Douglas County physician and health officer. The Stouts helped found two hospitals and received several honors. Harold is survived by a son, Luwayne; a daughter, Luvon; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Melvin Graham Underwood, *’40, passed away on December 14, 2009, at the age of 88. He was born in St. Petersburg, Fla., on February 18, 1921. He served as a Surgical Technician in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Victory and Good Conduct medals. He worked at several hospitals, a veterans’ home, and Stuckton Developmental Center. Melvin is survived by a son, Larry; a daughter, Kathy Parsons; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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Remembering Friends

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

Join the Club or make one up

Through the decades (at least back into the 1940’s, PUC’s yearbooks have printed photos of student clubs from the International Relations Club and Future Teachers of America to the Metronome Guild and the Ski Club. This year, there are 28 registered clubs including Amnesty International, the Global Medical Brigade, and the Outdoor Club — to name just a few.

In the ‘80s, a spate of humor took over the club pages, advertising everything from the Procrastination Club (creative name) to the Perry Como Fan Club. We featured several of Funny Club Awards on Facebook this winter (such as the Silver Bullet, pictured above, who stated their membership qualifications: “Only hip people can join.”). Other unique clubs, however, were genuine and active.

1998, Alpine Club
“The clubs at PUC have attempted to provide an atmosphere where their members might enjoy educational recreation… The addition of the Alpine Club this year has rounded out the nonacademic club’s sphere of influence in a Christian institution.”

1980, Sons of the Titanic
“Organized by all living survivors of the infamous ship Titanic, this club is one of the campus’ lesser known organizations. Shown at right is the club’s third annual “Angwin Memorial Titanic Stroke-A-Thon,” where several of the survivors met to re-enact their fateful paddle to safety. Also shown at right is club president Carlyle ‘Skipper’ Manuos.”

1986, I Hate It When That Happens Club
“Size: 237 million and one. Description: People hate it when these things happen: getting hit by falling safes, flesh wounds, severed arms and legs, being killed, etc. Activities: quizzing nanas in our eyes… we hate it when we do that.”

1997, Parable Players
“Parable Players are ten energetic, dedicated thespians who share Christianity through drama. Some of our best memories include visiting the Vacaville California State Prison Medical Facilities.”

What’s your memory?

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letters

Hot Rod Hill

As I read of the 1930s auto-crossing in ViewPoint, it reminded me of my days at PUC. I lived at Altvia from 1946–1949 and as a faculty kid attended the college picnic down the road behind the elementary school. My cousin Bruce Anderson, who still lives at Angwin, built a house on the site. I remember a hill at the picnic grounds where ‘old’ cars (they were old even then) would race up to see how high on the hill they would go. We, and others, went to see them racing backward up the hill — I’m interested to see if anyone remembers “backward.”

– W. Malcolm Carson

Our family moved to Angwin in 1949, and I attended PUC Elementary, Prep and PUC up to 1956. I recall use of the picnic grounds on one or two occasions during my Prep years for dances, races and a picnic lunch. Attempts to drive up ‘Hot Rod Hill’ were frequent when the college held picnic ski days. I have never heard of anyone attempting to back up the hill but did hear of cars rolling over attempting to back up the hill after a failed attempt. As I recall most attempts to climb the hill were unsuccessful. I made the climb a couple of times using a war surplus jeep belonging to the farm during the summer I worked at the poultry division. Climbing the hill with the jeep in a WD was not difficult except the hill was so steep it was very difficult to see where you were going.

– Bill Wells

Recollections from the 1940s: At most gatherings out at the picnic grounds, several cars would attempt to drive to the top of the hill, only occasionally succeeding. I believe there may have been a few thrill-seekers trying to back down the hill. When I was a small child I remember my dad, Hensel Wheeler, trying to drive our 1938 Terraplane up the hill. I was impressed! In the late 1940s, Carlton Wagner’s parents had an immaculate late 1930s Chevrolet sedan. Carlton’s parents were out of town, and the car was to be used only in emergencies. Carlton, Dick Lewis, Don Wheeler and I drove to the picnic grounds and of course attempted the hill. We were unsuccessful and the Chevrolet gained speed backing down the hill, slowly rolled over and landed on its top. All four of us, uninjured, climbed out and righted it with only wrinkles on the fenders and roof. We weren’t around when Carlton presented the wrecked car to his parents.

– Gordon Wheeler

Several Points

Excellent issue. Excellent copy. Fine design.

I really liked the interview with President Knight. Great asset to our college. Bet her husband is too.

Not sure I liked the use of ‘great’ as the superlative in Julie’s editorial, but know what she means. The only truly great are humble, teachable, and circumstance by the grace of the Almighty. This is the PUC grads’ calling... the Advent calling to every race, Jew, Christian, and otherwise.

– J.R. Bevcut, Anthro/Health Communications

Write to Us

We welcome letters from ViewPoint readers, which can be e-mailed to viewpoint@puc.edu or mailed to ViewPoint at Pacific Union College, One Angwin Avenue, Angwin CA 94508. Published letters are subject to editing.

notes from facebook

February 5 excerpts

Pacific Union College: Guest Who: Can anyone guess this faculty member? This photo is from 1949.

Samantha Miles: Ha ha I was just thinking about the three point speech the other day. If I never remember anything else from college, I’ll still remember how to give a speech, James Chase style.


Dallas Anderson: Dr. Chase was always the very standard of positivity and authenticity in the uniting that like. I can honestly say it was a pleasure to have him as a teacher. None of that was staged. Regardless of the situation Dr. Chase always would find the best in it. Great educator!

issues in the Horn of Africa — and an appreciation for the peoples of the region, Muslim, Jew, Christian, and otherwise.

– ViewPoint

my viewpoint

Long-distance Relationships

When students come to PUC, unless they live in the Napa Valley, one of the first things to approach the campus is the long-distance relationship. Parents worry about how their child will survive so far away. Children exult (usually outwardly) in the distance that represents freedom they crave and weep (usually inwardly) that first night in the dorm when realizing that home is 100 miles away. Young couples agonize over whether to stay together when the distance is all but overwhelming and requires a better text-message planning. Whatever the situation, long-distance relationships are often painful.

My first experience with distance of any kind came when my family left rural Zambia (my father’s home) for Japan (my mother’s home), and we had to leave our fox terrier, Lucky Boy, on the farm. I was 5 years old. This was the 1970s, and Al Gore was still thinking about inventing the Internet. All non-emergency, long-distance communication took place via letter. I couldn’t write anything other than my name, but I remember asking my dad to write a letter to Lucky Boy, who, for obvious reasons, could not reciprocate. With that inauspicious and beginning, long-distance relationships became a part of my life.

One of the contributors to the success of the long-distance relationship is the opportunity it provides one to shape an identity and reality from a distance. Family and friends at home could now share the same place. Perhaps the moment we depend on the distance as a way to be more present and to present ourselves more positively without immediate emotions or dissonance to interfere, thereby enhancing the relationship. Granted, with the cell phone and Facebook, the distance doesn’t feel quite as long now.

One benefit of distance is that daily silliness can usually be a couple or a family who live together are less likely to notice it. Moreover, no one takes each other for granted if they know that their time together is now limited. When the distance from my parents, I realized how unapreciative I had been when I lived at home. I suddenly craved a home-cooked meal and would have given anything to hear my mother’s calming voice when I was stressed. My dad’s 6 a.m. off-key singing that had previously irritated me would have been a welcome substitute for my alarm clock in Graf Hall. I realized how much it physically hurt to miss my family, and when we did spend time together, bickering and fighting seemed less important than capitalizing on the moments we could now share in the same place.

Once again, I am in a long-distance relationship. My husband Morris teaches at California State University, Chico. We see each other about twice a month during the school year and spend our summers together as a couple or a family. Time together as a couple or a family is the one time we do not plan to waste on moments of pettiness or anger. It should be used to show our appreciation of loved ones, no matter the distance.

by Maria Rankin-Brown, ’93, PUC English professor
Our Cabins by the River

PUC’s Albion Field Station is reveling in its renovations, which have included private bathrooms, refreshed cabin interiors and exteriors, a renovated laboratory, and many other additions. The improvements have made these facilities, nestled beside the Albion River just minutes from the coast, one of the Mendocino area’s lodging treats.

Who Gets to Visit

Most people know that church, school, and other groups can reserve the facilities at Albion; but individuals and families can also make use of single cabins or rooms that are available throughout the year. Volunteers are also more than welcome to assist in the ongoing projects that keep Albion beautiful.

For more information:
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