Beginning Life Together

Couples that found lifelong love at PUC
president’s message

Funding the Dream

During the past seven months, the PUC community has worked both diligently and deliberatively to articulate our dreams for the future of this illustrious institution. All of this dream-weaving has culminated in a new Strategic Plan for the campus: The PUC Advantage, 2011-2016. Indeed, it is the role of this new Strategic Plan to serve as a roadmap for the important planning and budgetary decisions that will take place on campus over the next five years, as we work expeditiously to advance to the next level of excellence for PUC. And, as the old adage reminds us, “if you fail to plan, you plan to fail.” Of course, with God’s help, failure is most assuredly not a part of the equation for the new PUC, as we set an even bolder and more visionary trajectory for this premier Seventh-day Adventist institution of higher learning.

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Along with developing the dream, however, we must also take many critical steps to fully operationalize and realize the dream, and inevitably, those next steps involve funding. In other words, we must also fund the dream! It is no wonder that we hear this oft quoted mantra in higher education as well, “no money, no mission.” So, this issue of ViewPoint is designed to serve as a powerful love letter of appreciation to all of you who have given so generously of your time and means on behalf of and in service to Pacific Union College.

There are many, many stories of enormous generosity that I could recount, but two immediately come to mind. The first story involves PUC alumni, current and former faculty members, and staff and their friends who constitute a group known as the Friends of Albion. This committed group has spent hundreds of hours as volunteers and fundraisers, working tirelessly to renovate and beautify PUC’s satellite campus on the Pacific Coast—The Albion Field Station—so that it can not only serve as a part of the campus’ rich history, but so that it can be also enjoyed by current students and future generations of students and church members as well. Truly, without this type of extraordinary commitment on the part of the Friends of Albion team, one of the college’s most important resources may have been left to degenerate. Thank you, Friends of Albion!

Next, I think of a donor letter and monetary gift that I received from a PUC alum in her eighties this past summer. Despite a broken arm and the excruciating pain which accompanied it, this kind-hearted individual had taken the time to write me an encouraging note in which she enclosed her gift. Despite hard times of her own, she had not forgotten her school. She had kept Pacific Union College close to her heart, and it showed!

So, as we enter this new phase of planning and implementation, we thank you for your past generosity and ask you to continue to partner with us to fund the dream. We have big dreams for PUC, but these lofty and God-ordained dreams can only be actualized as we continue to work in partnership with PUC’s generous benefactors. Again, thank you!

Heather J. Knight
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President
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The Four-Year Guarantee

PUC unveils a new and improved scholarship plan Larry Peña

Four-Year Guarantee Scholarships

New and transfer students (not eligible for a President’s or Dean’s Scholarship) qualify for PUC’s Four-Year Guarantee Scholarship. The amount awarded in a student’s first year at PUC will renew at the same amount for each following year. New student award amounts are based on high school cumulative GPA. Transfer student awards are based on college cumulative GPA.

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After being named a best value in higher education earlier this year by *U.S. News and World Report*, Pacific Union College announced a new program to make an Adventist college experience even more affordable. Starting fall 2011, incoming PUC students will receive scholarships guaranteed for all four years.

The Four-Year Guarantee will award an incoming student anywhere from $1,000 to $7,000 per year, based on cumulative high school GPA for new freshmen and college GPA for transfer students. The amount awarded upon admission is renewable for the next three years, meaning a student could receive a total award ranging from $4,000 to $28,000.

Furthermore, students who boast both a high GPA and outstanding ACT or SAT scores will be eligible for the premium President’s and Dean’s Scholarships. These scholarships award students $32,000 to $36,000 over the course of four years.

“PUC is changing the way we award our scholarships so that right up front students will know that PUC is giving them substantial financial help,” says Scott Callender, PUC’s director of marketing and enrollment. “The fact that the scholarships are renewable will also make it easier for families to plan financially for the future.”

In addition to the Four-Year Guarantee, PUC is making significant increases to a variety of scholarships. Exceptional artists, musicians and athletes will be eligible for increased funding.

PUC will also offer the Adventist Mission Scholarship, which awards theology and education majors a special grant to help support those who are planning to serve in churches and schools.

Like the Four-Year Guarantee, all of these additional scholarships are renewable each year that the student attends PUC.

Besides these changes, PUC continues to offer its prestigious Maxwell Scholar Program. Five incoming freshman are selected to receive $15,000 per year, renewable annually, based on high academic achievement, student leadership, and Christian service.

“In this time of financial turmoil, it is imperative that our young people can continue to afford an Ivy League-quality Christian education,” says PUC president Heather Knight. “I hope that this improved scholarship program will show students and parents that Seventh-day Adventist college education is an attainable goal.”
Scholarships and Awards 2011-2012

Maxwell Scholar Program
The Maxwell Scholar Program awards $15,000 renewable scholarships to five winners and $12,000 renewable scholarships to five runners-up. Winners are selected based on academic success, leadership experience, and Christian service. Candidates must be incoming freshmen, qualify for the President’s or Dean’s Scholarship, and submit an application that includes an essay and letters of recommendation.

5 Winners
$15,000
(renewable with a 3.5 GPA)
4-Year Total: $60,000

5 Runners-up
$12,000
(renewable with a 3.5 GPA)
4-Year Total: $48,000

President’s and Dean’s Scholarships
The President’s and Dean’s Scholarships are based on a combination of high GPA and test scores. The scholarships are renewable each year. To renew, students must maintain the minimal GPA required for either category. Students eligible for a President’s or Dean’s scholarship are qualified to apply for the Maxwell Scholar Program. (Maxwell Scholar Winners and Runners-up will not receive President’s and Dean’s Scholarships.)

President’s Scholarship
3.75-4.0 GPA / 29+ ACT or 1900+ SAT
$9,000 / 4-Year Total: $36,000

Dean’s Scholarship
3.5-4.0 GPA / 26+ ACT or 1700+ SAT
$8,000 / 4-Year Total: $32,000

National Merit Award
This award is given to students who achieve a high score on their PSATs. This award cannot be used in addition to Maxwell, President’s, Dean’s, or Four-Year Guarantee Scholarships.

International Scholarship
International students who have a GPA above a 3.0 may fill out an application for the International Scholarship.

Mostert Christian Leaders Scholarship
The Mostert Christian Leaders Scholarship awards twenty-five renewable $2,000 scholarships to students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in their schools, churches or communities.

Adventist Mission Scholarship
Pacific Union College wants to help support the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by offering a renewable $3,000 grant to future teachers and pastors. To receive the award, students must major in theology or be actively pursuing a teaching credential for elementary or secondary education while enrolled at PUC.

Student Missions/Task Force Scholarships
Student Missions/Task Force Scholarships, based on the amount of time served, are available to qualified students who attend PUC the year following their term of service.

Arts Scholarship
Students who excel in visual arts or music may apply for an Arts Scholarship. Five renewable $3,000 scholarships will be awarded in each category based on skill level. Students must declare a music or visual arts major while at PUC to receive the scholarship.

Athletic Scholarship
Exceptional student athletes may be selected to receive up to $5,000 in scholarship money. Awards are based on performance in a specific sport; recipients must apply for the scholarship and also make the PUC varsity team. All scholarships are renewable provided that the student continues to play on the varsity team.

PUC Varsity Teams:
Men’s Basketball
Men’s Cross-Country
Men’s Soccer
Women’s Basketball
Women’s Cross-Country
Women’s Volleyball

Cash Tuition Discount
If total estimated costs (tuition, room and board) are paid in full by September 15 for Fall Quarter, December 15 for Winter Quarter, and March 15 for Spring Quarter, a cash discount of two percent will be applied.

Discounts
The Tuition Guarantee Plan
For students without need-based financial aid, the tuition (excluding room and board) is in effect when entering PUC will be frozen until the student graduates, provided full-time continuous registration is maintained and total estimated costs (including room and board) for the year are pre-paid by September 15.

Family Discount
An immediate family with two dependent students attending PUC at the same time will receive a tuition-only discount of $200 per student, per quarter; with three or more students, the discount is $250 per student, per quarter.

www.puc.edu/scholarships
As just about every person who's ever been a student at a Seventh-day Adventist school knows, academic excellence and a good institutional reputation are only a small portion of what parents look for in a college. The big factor for many parents, and one that doesn't show up on college rankings, is "Will my child find a nice Christian spouse?"

It's been a priority for nearly every Adventist parent since the denomination first established schools and colleges—the desire to bring together young people who share common beliefs and values, likely to join in a union that will result in a strong bond to the community of faith.

For all the generations of its history, Pacific Union College has been blessed to be a part of this beautiful tradition. Not only do students at PUC tend to find their lifelong partners here among a supportive Adventist community—but often so did their parents and in some cases so will their children. Additionally, a PUC alum who builds a family with another PUC alum shares another special bond: the cherished memory of those years on Howell Mountain.

The following are stories of five such couples. They are just a small segment of the many PUC alumni who have discovered both knowledge and love here, and who have thankfully maintained that connection with both their shared faith and their common alma mater.
Tim Mitchell & Carleen Sumpter

It was the height of the 1973 oil crisis, and the Chevron station in Angwin had no gasoline. PUC students, staff and faculty had to trek down the hill to St. Helena to wait in line for hours at the next closest station. Once there, drivers were faced with exorbitant rates for what little fuel was available. It was an unpleasant prospect—unless you were in love.

Tim Mitchell, a sophomore at PUC, wasn’t about to let the long wait at the service station go to waste. On days when he needed to fill up, his girlfriend, Carleen Sumpter, would hop in his car with him at the crack of dawn. “We’d get up early in the morning to go wait in line together.”

The two had met working together at Camp Wawona during the summer of 1972, and although they liked each other from the start, the relationship had not grown romantic until months later. “We’d write to each other, but it was platonic,” Tim says.

They began courting at PUC, and while gas lines were often the highlight of their week, dinners together in the cafeteria became the highlight of each day. Although they had few overlapping course requirements—Tim was a theology major, Carleen was a nursing student—they were able to get into a few general education classes together. “I was more distracted in those classes,” he says.

Tim was elected SA religious vice-president his junior year of college, and after the election flew to Texas for a conference of Adventist student religious leaders. When he returned, she was waiting for him at San Francisco International Airport. “Between thinking about how much I really missed her, and then seeing her there at the airport—I just put my arm around her and said, ‘Let’s get married!’” he says. He didn’t even have a watch to offer her, but she said yes. The couple married in 1975.

Tim’s parents had met at PUC in the 40s, and Tim and Carleen’s sons, Brent, att. ’02–’06, and Tyler, ’09, both met the women they would marry at PUC as well. It’s a legacy the Mitchells are proud of and eager to continue. “PUC is part of our tradition, just as it was for me and my parents,” Tim says. “When someone says ‘PUC’ it means beauty and opportunity, lasting friendships, Adventist culture and heritage. No explanations are necessary.”

Today Tim is head pastor at the PUC Church in Angwin, and Carleen is an administrator for a Bay Area medical group. The Mitchells take every chance they get to support the school that helped bring them together. “I love PUC for what it did for my parents, for us and for our kids. It has connected us for life,” he says. “We are blessed.”

Bill Abildgaard & Glenda Casey

Everyone knows good first impressions are important, but if you can’t do that, you’d better make sure you have backup plan. Glenda Casey discovered this her freshman year at PUC, 1971.

“When Bill met me the first time, I looked terrible!” she says. “Fortunately my ‘Funnybook’ picture turned out pretty cute.”

It was a good thing too. Glenda, who was recovering from an unpleasant high school dating experience, heard from a
friend that there was a guy on campus who might be right for her. Glenda was skeptical. But when the friend led her down to the athletic field to watch Bill play football, Glenda was struck. “He was really cute!” she exclaims, still giggling excitedly all these years later.

After the first encounter, Bill went back to his dorm room, looked Glenda up in the Funnybook, and decided to give her a call. For their first date, they attended an SA event together in Pacific Auditorium. From the beginning, Glenda was surprised at how well they meshed. “It went great! We just talked to each other very easily,” she says. “I remember coming back to my room afterward, surprised, and telling my roommate, ‘I really like this guy!’”

The two found they had a lot in common—things like shared values and similar family ideals. Glenda, whose family had only recently joined the Seventh-day Adventist community, was especially excited to find a man who shared her faith.

After that first date, Bill called her again…and again…and again. They dated continuously and exclusively for the next two years, making time for each other despite busy school schedules. “We loved to go over to the ocean, to Bodega Bay,” says Glenda. “Our most precious times together were at the beach.”

Although his parents were at first concerned that their medical school-bound son was getting too serious too soon, a professor who knew the couple well called and interceded on Bill and Glenda’s behalf. His father gave his blessing, and the two were married in December of their junior year.

“PUC is very dear to our hearts, therefore we wanted to give back,” says Glenda. “We have a lot of wonderful and romantic memories of fun times we shared on PUC’s campus. What a beautiful place to fall in love! We want to see that tradition continue in our family as well as thousands of other families.”

And so it has. Like Bill’s parents before them, the Abildgaard’s three sons, Mark, ’00, Scott, ’04, and Jeffrey, ’06, all attended PUC, where Scott met his future wife, Wendy, ’05.

**Godfrey Miranda & Debbie Phillips**

For most couples that courted at PUC, the college served as meeting place and catalyst. For Godfrey Miranda and Debbie Phillips, the story was a little different.

Godfrey and Debbie had been together forever. Both natives of Bakersfield, California, the two had been friends since childhood and started dating early in high school. They were an inseparable couple—or so it seemed.

A year apart in school, the couple experienced their first major separation when Debbie graduated from Bakersfield Adventist Academy and went on to PUC in 1999. Finishing his long senior year, Godfrey joined Debbie at PUC—only to find that the year apart had changed some things. “I was re-entering her world, so to speak, and she had already established herself,” he says.

The tension drove the couple apart for several months. Although bitter, the separation of this lifelong pair gave them time to consider the meaning of their relationship. The youthful stage ended, replaced with a new sense of purpose and commitment. “When we got back together it was with the sense clearly in mind that this is it,” says Godfrey.

With their relationship reborn, the couple began laying the groundwork for what would be their life together, taking advantage of PUC’s multitudinous ministry opportunities. Godfrey and Debbie served in close collaboration as SA religious vice president and assistant chaplain, respectively. “We really grew a heart for ministry together.”

At the end of 2004, Godfrey proposed to Debbie while overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, and they married the next August. Now, even though they’re in the thick of life—Godfrey pursuing ministry full-time at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Debbie working as a nurse, and together raising a newborn baby girl—they make a point to give back whenever possible to the place where their love was tested and proven. “It was a growing process, which is hard, but it really strengthened our relationship in the end,” he says.
**Bobby Peña & Julie Vasquez**

They say there are two sides to every story—and few two-sided accounts differ more than in a love story. Such is the case of how junior Bobby Peña and freshman Julie Vasquez met.

“We met in U.S. history. She thought I was a jerk. I thought she was cute, but I couldn’t get up the nerve to ask her out,” says Bobby.

“We met in badminton class. I thought he was cute, but he had a girlfriend and wouldn’t talk to me. But his friends kept teasing him about me,” says Julie.

However it started, they both agree that a mutual friend brought them together. After finding out that she would say yes if asked out, Bobby stopped by her work in the finance office to leave flowers and a note at her desk. He had heard she was shy and quiet, so he planned a day at Marine World Africa USA, full of activities to avoid any awkward silences.

It turned out to not be a problem. The two clicked instantly, and conversation came quickly and easily the whole day through. They spent most of the weekend together—vespers, church, the annual Warren Miller ski movie. Both knew right away that it was something special.

“We were taking a walk later that weekend, and I tried to hold her hand. She freaked out and pushed me down a mountain,” says Bobby.

“I had never really had a boyfriend before, and I was really into him. So when he went for it I was caught off guard and accidentally walked him off the curb,” says Julie.

Within a few months they knew they would marry and made it official at the end of that next year. Bobby followed her to Glendale, where she attended nursing school, and they were married in Simi Valley. Now living near Sacramento, Bobby runs a successful public relations firm, and Julie works as a nurse.

They prioritize supporting the place that has given them so many memories—even if those memories don’t always match up perfectly. “We can’t even talk about our history together without PUC,” says Bobby. “It’s a part of our life, and we want to stay connected to it.”

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**Lyle McCoy & Ruth Hansen**

It was 1941 and the students were filing in from their respective sides of PUC’s cafeteria, then in Graf Hall. The young ladies, as usual, entered from the doorway to the dormitory upstairs, and the gentlemen entered from the separate door facing Grainger Hall, the only men’s residence. A mutual friend introduced freshman Lyle McCoy and Ruth Hansen, a sophomore. “Something in my head just thought, ‘Boy, he’s a cute guy! I really like him!’” says Ruth.

Ruth and Lyle both had jobs in the cafeteria kitchen and gradually started “going together”—no simple enterprise in a time of gender-segregated cafeteria entrances. “We used to say that you almost had to get married to get acquainted with each other,” Ruth jokes. They made special arrangements with the seating monitor to sit together at meal times. Occasionally Lyle would even brave the reproving glares of teachers and administrators to walk Ruth to work. Their first Christmas together, Ruth came home to meet Lyle’s family. “They decided to keep her!” says Lyle.

During Lyle’s sophomore year his mother fell ill, and Ruth moved in with Lyle’s parents to help care for his mother. If they hadn’t welcomed her already, the close bonding time would make the McCoy family Ruth’s family too.

At the end of that year, Ruth and Lyle returned to PUC and married in Irwin Hall Chapel. That was 66 years ago. Now, after four sons, a variety of moves and careers, and a lifetime of memories, Lyle and Ruth McCoy live in Angwin where they first met and fell in love. With such a strong family connection to PUC, it was a natural choice to send all four of their sons there—as well as four grandchildren.

In addition to the love they have for each other, there’s a special place in their hearts for PUC. Although they’ve never been rich—Lyle spent his career as a teacher and volunteer firefighter, and Ruth as a nurse and homemaker—they have consistently been among the college’s most faithful supporters throughout all the years of their marriage. **VP**
**With Gratitude**

**Recognizing the decision to give**

Every year a great company of people whose lives have been touched by Pacific Union College make a very important decision to give.

They give of their funds—ten dollars in response to a PUC Fund postcard, or one hundred dollars toward improving campus technology, or thousands of dollars to start an endowed scholarship that keeps worthy students in school.

They give their belongings—providing cookies and drinks for student Phonathon callers, or donating medical supplies to PUC’s Health Services, or entrusting the college with real estate brimming with potential.

They give of their time and energy—volunteering hours to improve Albion Field Station, or lending their expertise as an unpaid guest lecturer, or donating their company’s time and effort for months to assist in major campus renovations.

In all these ways and more, this important group of people continued to give in support of Pacific Union College last year. Gifts to PUC increased in 2009-2010 and so far in 2010-2011 alumni and friends have given even more than last year. And for all these precious gifts, PUC is profoundly grateful. Without the support of generous friends and investors, this college could not continue its sacred work of preparing students for lives of service to God and mankind.

So on behalf of the thousands of students who have benefitted from that important decision to give:

Thank you.

*These acknowledgements reflect all gifts received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010. We always strive for accuracy, especially when saying thank you. However, if you notice any errors on this list, please let us know and we would be happy to correct our records and express our gratitude in a future issue of ViewPoint.*

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- Thompson
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College Dedicates Social Justice Room  Two PUC greats are honored for commitment to service

The new Social Justice room is dedicated to Gordon Madgwick and Evaline West (West pictured here, front row second from the right, with the psychology and social work faculty).

The Pacific Union College department of psychology and social work celebrated social justice on Thursday, November 4, in a dedication of the new Social Justice Room, Davidian Hall 106, to Gordon Madgwick and Evaline West. The event honored Madgwick’s and West’s promotion of social justice through their contribution to Adventist education.

The Social Justice Room is expected to function as a space for planning social justice activities and to serve as a reminder in class and departmental meetings of the relationship of social justice to the department’s core values of diversity, free inquiry, service to God and humanity, and responsible citizenship.

“We [want the Social Justice Room] to be a working space that [will] continually engage and challenge us to put our hands to whatever project is needed at the time... We hope that the students and teachers who are here 20 years from now will use this space to fight injustice as it is expressed then,” said PUC psychology professor Aubyn Fulton in his opening remarks.

Professor of religion and social science Greg Schneider spoke in memory of the late Madgwick, who served at PUC as vice president of academic affairs and academic dean. “Gordon Madgwick dedicated his life to ventilating our ... household of faith so that the Spirit might inspire his students, his colleagues and his children with a love of the divine gift of life and a passion that all human beings equally enjoy that gift.”

Professor of social work Monte Butler spoke in praise of West, who came to PUC in 1979 to teach in the behavioral science department. Within a year, she turned the major in behavioral science with an emphasis in social welfare into a bachelor’s in social work and saw the program through multiple accreditation processes. Butler credited the existence of PUC’s social work program today to West’s “hard work and skillful intervention.”

West, currently a professor emeritus, also spoke at the ceremony and urged the students present to “Embrace the person you are—the person God created you to be—and encourage every other person you associate with to do the same for themselves. And for goodness sake,” she begged, “don’t stymie anyone from being that person. If you’ll do that, I can tell you, you’ll have a very pleasant journey.”
Valentine’s Day  Student Services offered free cookies to PUC students—romance not required.

Internship Fair  PUC’s Career and Counseling Center invited dozens of professionals from a variety of fields to meet and interview internship-seeking students, February 10.

Winter Revival  Students packed the PUC Church for this quarter’s revival, featuring speaker Godfrey Miranda, ’05.

Education Days  Future teachers in the education program met and mingled with potential employers—directors and principals from across the Adventist educational system.

Physics Lab  Professor Vola Andrianarijaona provides instruction to two physics students.

Rasmussen Art Gallery  Art lovers enjoyed an opening reception for the gallery’s new exhibit, New Work, by PUC’s visual arts faculty.

Snow…  Angwin was dusted with snow for several days throughout January and February.
...and Sun  Several weeks of warm, sunny weather provided a mid-winter preview of spring.

College Days  High school students from Southern California caught a glimpse of their futures at PUC’s College Days, February 10-13.

(P)REVO  Teams of PUC students fanned out across San Francisco, February 19, to distribute meals and hygiene kits to the homeless.

Rich Man’s Banquet  Alum and rising star vocalist Tad Worku, ’08 performed at the SA Rich Man’s Banquet, February 20 in San Francisco.

Pioneers Basketball  PUC students packed the bleachers for a Pioneers home game against William Jessup University.
Biology Students Present Cancer Research

TWO PUC biology students presented new cancer research at a conference of the American Association of Cancer Research November 6 to 11 in Philadelphia, Penn. Juniors Peter Han (left in photo) and Robert Frey (right in photo) have been studying the effects of an herbal extract on cancer cells—a project that afforded them an opportunity to participate in their first major scientific conference.

“It helped us understand what academic science is all about,” said Han. “It’s about collaboration—you can’t do it by yourself; you need a base.”

According to the preliminary research that Han and Frey presented, an orally administered extract of the herb *plantago major* inhibited pre-cancerous cells in lab mice and also induced a self-destructive function called apoptosis in cancerous cells. The team plans to continue their research into the topic and eventually present a formal paper for peer review. If research continues to support these early findings, this new information could impact future cancer treatment—especially as patients attempt to avoid harsher treatments like chemotherapy.

This area of study is especially significant to Han and Frey, both of whom are considering medical school after they complete their undergraduate studies. “Going into the health care field, we’re going to have to know the newest treatments and the newest resources for patients,” said Frey.

A more immediate learning experience was getting involved with the scientific research community—a daunting situation for undergrads presenting to professional researchers. “There were certain people that were quite brutal to us, but there were others that knew we were undergraduates so they gave us good feedback and told us what we could do to improve our study,” said Frey. “A lot of [information presented by other researchers] went over our heads. But it was good to get immersed in that and get an idea of how fast the scientific community actually progresses.”

That rat race of new information is what keeps Han and Frey interested in their subjects—and what brought them to PUC in the first place, where programs from biology to psychology to communication encourage students to engage in hands-on research. “I like progressive science—seeing new things and new ideas,” says Han.

“It’s really nice to be part of an effort where you and your classmates, instead of working on a lab assignment or listening to a lecture, can do something practical. When you work together and figure something out for yourself, it’s a really exciting thing.”

Update: REVO 2010 Results Reach Ethiopia

LAST SCHOOL YEAR REVO PUC, an annual student-run awareness and fundraising event, raised over $5,000 to help combat podoconiosis, a debilitating foot condition that is especially prevalent in Ethiopia. Last month those donations reached the African nation and are already making a difference.

According to a recent letter from the Tropical Health Alliance Foundation, REVO’s partner on the project, over 2,000 Ethiopians are currently receiving treatment for the disease and 7,000 pairs of shoes have been donated in a matching program by TOMS Shoes, thanks in part to the student efforts at PUC.

Students involved with REVO spend much of the year planning a major event each spring, to benefit a special philanthropy project chosen each year. The event raises funds through student donations and a sale of donated goods. It also generates awareness for the chosen issue through an all-year publicity campaign and a variety of smaller events throughout the school year.

In addition to the funds raised by REVO, PUC also hosted a visitor participation booth at last summer’s Seventh-day Adventist General Conference session in Atlanta, Ga. Visitors to the booth allocated over $1,300 in additional funding to go toward the project.

“It goes to show you how a group of college students who just want to change the world really can,” says Tyler McCulloch, one of REVO’s student organizers. “As we are already in the midst of REVO 2011, this is great news to keep us going.”
Film Student’s Documentary Premieres Online
Mattoid Entertainment picks up student work for distribution

It was 5:52 p.m. on January 12, 2010, just one hour after a massive earthquake had hit Haiti, and Timothy Wolfer wrote an impulsive but sincere post on his Facebook page.

“Any one want to help a poor documentary film maker buy a ticket to Haiti?”

For most other people, the comment would have been nothing more than an offhand shot in the dark. But Wolfer, a Pacific Union College film and television major with experience filming in humanitarian crisis zones, was so serious that immediately after posting, he began packing his bags.

Six hours later, an anonymous donor supplied Wolfer with two airplane tickets. Recruiting a friend to assist, Wolfer headed to the airport that weekend. All flights to Haiti were cancelled, so he did the next best thing: landing in the Dominican Republic, Wolfer hitchhiked with his camera equipment across the border into Haiti—a wasteland of devastation and uncertainty.

Now exactly one year later, the resulting film, Adopting Haiti, was released to a nationwide audience online on Wednesday, January 12. Mattoid Entertainment screened the film exclusively on www.hulu.com.

The documentary follows the story of Maison des Enfants de Dieu, an orphanage in Haiti. Through a friend's connection Wolfer had been invited to stay at the orphanage. When he arrived, he unexpectedly found himself in the middle of a developing story. In the wake of the earthquake's destruction, the U.S. State Department was trying to evacuate the orphanage's children out of the disaster zone. The situation had stirred up media frenzy, as Fox News and CNN descended upon the orphanage.

Wolfer captured more than 20 hours of footage, chronicling the plight of the orphans, the efforts of the orphanage staff, and the eventual military evacuation of those children who had American families waiting for them. Some of his exclusive footage was used on news broadcasts from Haiti; the rest he carefully sorted upon returning to PUC and began editing into a documentary initially called Taking Haiti Home.

His first screening of the work in progress, at the Cameo Theater in nearby St. Helena, was a big hit. The film was well received, and Wolfer invited Greg and Tawnya Constantino, adoptive parents who were featured in the movie, for a spirited and informative question and answer session.

Not long after, Wolfer was afforded a serendipitous opportunity. By chance, a friend and colleague met one of the heads of Mattoid Entertainment, an independent film distribution company founded by entertainment industry veterans Andrew Robinson, Jenna Edwards and Jeremy McGovern. Mattoid was seeking to acquire and distribute new documentary films. The colleague couldn’t give enough praise for Wolfer's film, and by the end of the conversation Robinson asked for an introduction.

The resulting conversation and film screening impressed Mattoid Entertainment. “We...felt that it had a lot of heart, was well put together and really took you inside the world of those going through the aftermath of the Haiti earthquake,” says Edwards. “It is a heartfelt documentary that takes you into the trenches and was made by a wonderful filmmaker, so we are all very excited...to get the film out.”

Wolfer and Mattooid reached an agreement, and the company took over marketing and distribution while Wolfer retained rights to the film and final cut approval. Having worked with online distribution before, Mattooid felt that an online release would be the best outlet for the film to remain timely and to receive the broadest possible audience.

Wolfer’s next priority is to finish school and complete his bachelor’s degree in film and television at PUC. But in the long term, he plans to develop more documentaries—“something adventurous,” he says, that involves more travel and more opportunities to experience different cultures.
Winter Revival: Alum asks students to take ownership of their faith

Pacific Union College enjoyed a week of spiritual rejuvenation as Winter Revival took place on campus. The quarterly revival featured PUC alum Godfrey Miranda, ’05, a pastor from Central California and a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological seminary, who brought the campus together in prayer and worship in a series of meetings held from Wednesday, January 19, through Sabbath, January 22.

Student Association religious vice president Mark Monterrosa invited Miranda to be the first of a group of speakers he hopes will challenge people on campus to develop a closer relationship with God. “This quarter, we’re going to learn to actually take ownership of ‘you and God’; not let somebody carry you through it or just going by observation,” said Monterrosa.

Miranda encouraged the campus to continue the revival past the single week by devoting time daily to build a closer relationship with Christ. “God’s goal for the week is to teach us how to keep having personal revivals,” he said. “If there is one thing we need to keep this up, it’s time with God.”

“When we think we’ve seen everything about God, there’s nothing left to learn and worship becomes stale,” he said. “There’s always something to see about Him that we haven’t seen before.”

Each meeting was well attended in spite of scheduling conflicts with intramural sports, classes and an overall busy quarter—a fact Monterrosa attributes to Miranda’s straightforward style. “He has substance, and I think that’s what the campus is asking for this year,” Monterrosa said. “Godfrey gave us a cognitive week of prayer that will encourage all of us to make our beliefs our own.”

Doukhan Presents Heubach Lecture on Creation

Noted Biblical scholar Jaques Doukhan presented the semi-annual Heubach Lecture on Sabbath, February 19, to a packed audience in PUC’s Scales Chapel. Doukhan is a professor of Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Studies at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. His lecture topic was “Yes’ to Creation: More Than ‘No’ to Evolution.”

Using the literary structure, the historical context, and the original Hebrew language of the text, Doukhan explained how the creation story was written as a literal, historical account. Furthermore, he examined the different but complementary descriptions of the Creator God offered by the two accounts in the first and second chapters of Genesis. These differences, he said, suggest a hybrid form of worship: reverence for the cosmic Creator and joy that God is near. He discussed how these elements show their impact on the Seventh-day Adventist faith, illustrating that “we need to join both—to be both human and holy.”

Wills, Trusts, and How to Choose

People often ask which type of estate plan is right for their circumstances. Knowing some of the differences between a living trust and a will can help you decide on a plan.

One of the first differences to understand is probate. Probate is the legal process by which the court oversees the distribution of an estate as provided for by a will. Probate can be a time-consuming, frustrating, and expensive ordeal. The assets within a living trust are not subject to probate. For this reason, many individuals decide to create a living trust.

Many states have set a dollar amount that determines whether an estate must pass through probate or not. For example, in California any estate with a net value of $100,000 or more would be required to pass through probate unless the owner of the estate has placed the assets in a living trust. Knowing the limit mandated by the state where your will or living trust would be administered may also help you to know which is the better choice for your circumstances.

Another difference is privacy. After an individual dies, his or her will becomes a matter of public record while a trust remains a private document. If you are concerned about privacy, then a living trust may be your best option.

A trust also simplifies distribution process. Because no probate proceeding is necessary for a living trust, the trustee can simply distribute the assets without further cost. The state in which your trust is to be administered may have a mandatory waiting period that must pass before distribution of an estate may be made. Be sure to check the laws of your state if you have any questions.

In addition, financial matters may be streamlined by administering your assets through a trust. Ownership of assets may be transferred to a living trust which can then be managed personally, by a bank or other institution, by a family member, or a friend.

For some or all of these reasons, you may find that a living trust fits into your future.

For more information on wills, estate plans, and other types of planned gifts, please contact Eckhard Hubin at the Office of Planned Giving.

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Class Notes

1940
Three of this year’s four recipients of the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s Charles Elliott Weniger Award for Excellence are PUC alumni. They are Niels-Erik Andreasen, PUC religion professor from 1970 to 1976, and now president of Andrews University; George Harding IV, att. ’47-48, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, Loma Linda University School of Medicine; and Loree K. Sutton, ’81, a U.S. Army brigadier general who was founding director of the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury.

1950
A new museum at Sao Paulo (Brazil) Adventist University has been named the Paulo Bork Biblical Archeology Museum in honor of Paul F. Bork, ’50, who contributed many of the items of the museum’s collection. Bork, an emeritus professor of religion at PUC, traveled with his family to Brazil for the ceremonies surrounding the opening and naming of the museum. Bork was born and raised in Brazil.

1960
After 47 years in Adventist ministry, most of them in Northern California, Earnest and Dorothy Toppenberg, ’63 and ’62, are retiring—a second time. Five years ago the Toppenbergs had their first retirement from active ministry, but since then they’ve served in four pastorates of the Northern California Conference of the church. Now, having really retired, they’re moving to Edmor, Mich., to be close to their children. —From the Pacific Union Recorder.

C. Rueben Basconcillo, ’64, who has retired as the highest ranking Filipino manager in the Los Angeles County (Calif.) Department of Public Social Services, stays active with the county’s Filipino American employees organizations. His volunteer activity, according to the National Asian Journal, helps Filipino American employees attain their full potential in the county’s workforce.

The Riverside (Calif.) Press-Enterprise announces that Wendel Tucker, ’66, ’69, superintendent of the Alvord Unified School District, will retire in June of 2011. For nearly 20 years Wendel has served as a middle school principal in the district, and as assistant superintendent for operations before being named superintendent two years ago. Earlier he served as vice president for university advancement at La Sierra University.

Jerry Zappia, ’68, a teacher at El Dorado Adventist School in Placerville, Calif., has received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation in 2010. Jerry, a math teacher at the school, has been teaching for 42 years in Adventist schools, public school, community college, private tutoring and corporate training. He has also served as a Master Teacher in a university teacher-training program. —From the Pacific Union Recorder

1970
MEPE (Movimiento Estudiantil Pro-Education), ’72-’83, the precursor to today’s SOL (Student Organization of Latinos) Club, will hold a reunion for former members and friends living in Southern California, July 29-31, 2011 on the campus of Loma Linda University. For more information, contact Nancy Jacobo at PUC’s Teaching and Learning Center.

Dan Sems, ’79, writes, “After six great years working at the Northwest HQ of Seventh-day Adventists God called us to the fastest growing mission field in North America—the Dallas-Ft. Worth metro area. We’re based at the Richardson Seventh-day Adventist Church and have 6.2 million people within 70 miles of us and 700 members who are rapidly mobilizing in ministry. God keeps bringing new people into the church every month with amazing stories of changed lives.”

1980
Clinton Wahlen, ’84, is currently an associate director of the Biblical Research Institute at the world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Silver Spring, Md. Earlier Clinton and his wife, Gina, ’82, ’84, served at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines—he as a professor of New Testament, and she as an editor and writer. Still earlier, the Wahlsens served in Russia. Gina is currently a writer, editor and consultant for professional writing and editing services.

Carrie Knittel, ’86 and Lonnie Sherman, ’88, who were married in 2005, now live in Everett, Wash. Lonnie is an engineering project manager at Boeing. Carrie’s nursing management career is on hold
for the time being, as she is a stay-at-home mom with their 8-month old twins, Amelia Elizabeth and Reese Andrew.

David Steward, ‘88, switched careers from being a prosecuting attorney with the Riverside (Calif.) District Attorney to being a full time evangelist with Amazing Facts. He is also president of ARME Bible Camp, which empowers people to deeply study God’s word and experience the power of God through prayer.

1990

Ryan J. Bell, att. ‘91, recently accepted the 2010 North American Division Innovative Church of the Year award for the Hollywood (Calif.) Seventh-day Adventist Church where he serves as pastor. The church has adopted the surrounding one-mile area of the community, designing a mural, developing a park, providing vegetable gardens, creating a film production company, and providing a podcast and workshops.

Jonathan J. Park, ‘92, has been named a vice president of the Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for Asian/Pacific ministries. Before being named to the church post, Jonathan was associate pastor of the Loma Linda (Calif.) Korean Seventh-day Adventist Church. Earlier he had served in the Northern California and Chesapeake conferences of the church.

2000

Christian Anderson, ‘01, who after graduation served for a brief period as a computer services instructor at PUC and was the college’s webmaster, has recently moved into application development at the George P. Johnson agency from his earlier position as manager of the agency’s technology services. George P. Johnson is a worldwide event marketing agency.

Nathaniel Gamble, ‘09, currently pursuing a master’s in theology at Denver Seminary, has been appointed research assistant to seminary president Mark Young, Ph.D. He will specialize in researching the interaction between New Testament and second century Christianity, early Christian history from the second through the fourth centuries, and early Latin and Greek patristic theology.

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In Memory

Lorna Margena (Bailey) Qualia-Easton, ‘22, died September 5, 2010, in Angwin, Calif. She was born on February 12, 1913, in Williamstown, Mich. Lorna is survived by her daughters, Arlene Ermshar and Raeline Qualia; and three grandchildren.

Truman James Reed, ‘38, a Seventh-day Adventist school teacher for more than 40 years, died on November 21, 2010, in Deer Park, Calif. He was born on November 19, 1913, in Modesto, Calif. Truman is survived by his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Lyle and Ruth McCoy; and his nephew and wife, Scott and Kathi Blum.

David J. Bailey, D.D.S., a retired dentist, died November 27, 2010, in Washington, Ill. He was born November 22, 1916, in Gwinn, Mich. After serving in the U.S. Navy as a military dentist in World War II, he and his wife Judy settled in Peoria, Ill., where he ran a dental practice until 2004. He was active in his community, leading in youth and music ministry and supporting to aid the homeless. He is survived by Judy, two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Alice Kuhn, ‘39, a nursing instructor at Loma Linda University, died on October 9, 2010, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born on September 21, 1918, in Hankou, China.

Elmer Bryson, ‘40, a former family practice physician, died February 5, 2011, in Pioneer, Calif. He was born March 28, 1913, in Leenoer, Calif. Elmer was preceded in death by Merle, his wife of 70 years. He is survived by his children— Dale, Jim, Timothy, John and Elizabeth—and their families, including 19 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Melvin Graham Underwood, ‘40, a psychiatric nurse, died December 14, 2009, in Lodi, Calif. He was born on February 14, 1921, in St. Petersburg, Fla. Melvin is survived by his daughter, Kathy Parsons; his son, Larry, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mervyn G. Hardinge, ‘41, a pioneer in the field of vegetarian nutrition and a widely known medical educator, died on September 20, 2010, in Brewster, Wash. He was born July 29, 1914, in Calcutta, India. He is survived by his son, Fred; daughter Jean A. Ekvall;
five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

David Lin, ’41, a man who exhibited unusual courage and endurance in the face of religious persecution by China’s Communist regime, died on February 10, 2011, in Loma Linda, Calif. Serving as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor and administrator in China, David was arrested in 1958 on charges of “counter-revolution activities,” and was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment. In 1991, he was exonerated by the Chinese government of all charges. David has said of his long ordeal, “…I praise God for His providential care in making all things work out for the good of all those concerned.” David is survived by his wife Clara, and children Flora, Roger, ’88; and Angelina, ’85–’88.

George Francis Huttenberger, a chicken rancher, died December 26, 2010, in Hanford, Calif. He was born May 20, 1923, in Baltimore, Md. George served as a medic in the Army National Guard before attending PUC on a G.I. Bill. He was active in the church, serving as an elder in both the Armona and Hanford Seventh-day Adventist congregations. He is preceded in death by his wife Esther; he is survived by his daughters Cheryl and Debbie and their families.

Milton L. Bates, a retired laboratory technologist, died October 16, 2010, in Tracy, Calif. He was born March 22, 1920, in Swatow, China, where he lived with his family until he was 18. He was drafted into the U.S. Army not long after his family returned to the U.S. in 1938. As a technologist, he established several laboratories throughout the state and worked in the California prison system for 20 years. Milton is survived by his son Leonard and daughter Lorna; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Norma May (Wagstaff) Hunter, ’43, a medical assistant and nurse, died February 2, 2011, in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was born December 19, 1920, in Salt Lake City. She worked for 30 years in the dental office of her husband, Vaughn Hunter, before becoming registered as a licensed vocational nurse. She is preceded in death by Vaughn; and is survived by her children Judi, Brenda, Shauna, and Vaughn Jr.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A. Graham Maxwell, ’43, who taught religion at Pacific Union College from 1944 to 1961, died November 28, 2010, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on November 28, 1921, in Watford, England. After leaving PUC, Graham founded the School of Religion at Loma Linda University, and later served as professor emeritus. He is survived by his wife, Rosalynd; daughters, Audrey Zinke and Alice Lucas; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Virginia Mae (Van Keppel) Hughes, ’45, a retired elementary school teacher, died November 4, 2010, in Forestville, Calif. She was born in 1925 in Forestville. She worked briefly at a Los Angeles hospital before returning to Forestville to start a family and a teaching career that would span 34 years. She was intimately involved in the Forestville community, which her family had helped settle in the late 1800s. Virginia and her husband Louis shared a passion for travel, and especially sailing. He preceded her in death in 2002; she is survived by her daughter, LuAnn; her sons, Louis and John; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Marge (Hodge) Jetton, PUC’s oldest alum dies at 106 years of age

Marge (Hodge) Jetton, ’25, a former nurse and missionary, and PUC’s oldest alum at 106, died February 15, 2011, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born September 29, 1904, in Yuba City, Calif. After training as a nurse at PUC, Jetton put her husband James through medical school at the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, Calif. They opened the first clinic in the small community of Fallbrook, Calif., living upstairs where their two children were born.

They became a military family when James joined the Army Reserves, and subsequently lived in Georgia and Arkansas, where Jetton served as an army nurse. After World War II, James left the service and the family returned to California. Jetton opened a small business, saving up $20,000 to buy James into his first medical practice near Long Beach, Calif. They were involved in the raising of Woodruff Community Hospital, where James spent the remainder of his medical career.

The Jettons served as medical missionaries in Zambia and Ethiopia. After her retirement, Jetton worked at the Loma Linda University Medical Center library and volunteered in a variety of ministry and community service efforts. Her active lifestyle, lasting into her 100s, garnered international attention when National Geographic profiled her in an article on the Adventist centenarian community in Loma Linda. In the article, Jetton credited her remarkable longevity to God’s grace and a healthy lifestyle.

Jetton is preceded in death by James. She is survived by her daughter Jane; her son James; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Merrill L. Enright, ’48, a former church pastor, Adventist evangelist, and university religion teacher, died August 28, 2010, in Orlando, Fla. He was born on April 17, 1930, in Fresno, Calif. Merrill is survived by his wife, Alberta; his daughter, Marriilee McCain; and sons, Paul, and John.

David Chong, ’52, a former teacher and mentor, died April 5, 2010, in San Leandro, Calif. He was born on November 24, 1923, in Honolulu, Hawaii. David is survived by his wife, Lila; daughter, Lynette Tautz; sons, David James, Alan Edward, and Robert Douglas; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Vera Bergmann, ’53, a retired nurse anesthetist, died on November 29, 2010, in Eckert, Colo. She was born on May 28, 1929, in Aurora, Ill. Vera is survived by a sister, Ina Haugen; and her niece, Wanda Kaiser.

Benjamin Henry Westphal, ’53, a general physician and surgeon, died November 3, 2010 in Anderson, Calif. He was born November 1, 1928, in Punta Grosso, Brazil. He earned his medical license at the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda,
Former GC President Dies
Wilson served church around the world

Neal C. Wilson, ’42, former world president of the Seventh-day Adventist church, died on December 14, 2010, in Silver Spring, Md. His official career in Adventist ministry spanned the globe over 45 years, peaking with his leadership of the denomination from 1979 to 1990.

Neal was born in Lodi, Calif., on July 5, 1920, to a family heavily involved in Adventist ministry. After attending schools in Zambia, Malawi, South Africa, and India, he returned to California to complete his undergraduate studies at PUC. Upon graduating from the Adventist Theological Seminary, he served the church in Egypt from 1944 to 1958. He then was an administrator in California and Maryland before being appointed president of the church’s North American Division in 1966. He served in that post until his election as Adventist world church president in 1978.

During his tenure as president, Neal oversaw the adoption of the church’s official statement of Fundamental Beliefs, the creation of Adventist World Radio and Global Mission, the relocation of the world church headquarters, and even the establishment of an Adventist seminary within the Soviet Union. After his retirement in 1990, he continued to serve as an advisor to the denomination’s Euro-Asia Division.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; daughter, Shirley; and son, Ted N. C. Wilson, who has followed in his father’s footsteps as the current world president of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

Calif. He then served in the U.S. Navy and at the Adventist hospital in Puerto Rico. He was instrumental in the birth and growth of the Anderson Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was survived by his wife, Elaine; children, Dennis and Susan; and four grandchildren.

Francis K. Hammer, ’55, who was manager of the Pacific Union College Press for nearly 30 years, died September 24, 2010, in Victorville, Calif. He was born on April 18, 1920, in Pottsville, Pa. After serving as a combat medic in World War II, Francis and his wife, Dorothy, were missionaries in Hawaii. He began working in the PUC press as a student, and shortly after graduation was named manager. Francis is survived by his daughters, Eileen Dorothy Lewis and Judith Francine Metzen; a son, Timothy Earle, a granddaughter; and a sister, Eleanor Hammer.

Shariene J. (Johnson) Shepard, ’55, a retired nurse, died on June 24, 2010, in Glendale, Calif. She was born on March 15, 1935, in Douglas, Wyo. Shariene is survived by her husband, Norman; daughters, Sherrri Carich, Sandra Swiridoff, and Stacey Baker; her son, Stann; and 10 grandchildren.

John Freeman, ’61, died on December 11, 2010 in Parksville, British Colombia, Canada. He was born on July 5, 1937 in Fullerton, Calif. In 1998, John retired from a 30-year career as a molder and coremaker for iron foundries throughout California and Oregon. Much of his retirement was spent designing and building complex kites, a hobby he shared with Marzlie, his wife of 53 years. John is survived by Marzlie; two daughters; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his sister Lorna Freeman Burdick, also a PUC graduate.

Roger W. Coon, who served from 1967 to 1978 as PUC’s director of college relations, and as a professor in the religion department, died on February 2, 2011, in Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Coon was an associate secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate at Adventist world headquarters and the senior pastor of the Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. For 12 years he served as a missionary in West Africa, where he was a co-founder of the Adventist College of West Africa, today known as Babock University. Roger is survived by his wife, Irene; a daughter, Susan McDaniel; and a son, Donald.

Dianne “Dee” (Snyder) Machock, died in November 2010 in Fresno, Calif., after a long illness. She was born in Manteca, Calif. She is survived by her husband Gene; her sons Kevin and Kerry; and three grandchildren.

Cynthia “Cyd” Rogan, ’06, a former accountant and a nurse in Windsor, Calif., died October 14, 2010, while visiting family in Oregon City, Ore. She was born in 1958. Cyd was active in ministry at her local church and loved participating in water sports. She is survived by her husband, Richard; her mother, Shirley; her three sons, David, Christopher and Michael; her stepchildren, Jonathan and Rachael; her daughter-in-law Tiffany; and two granddaughters, Chloe and Fia.

Douglas Abbott, ’10, a correctional facility nurse, died on February 1, 2011, in Sonoma County, Calif. He was born December 20, 1971. A lifelong resident of the Napa Valley, Douglas had only recently graduated from PUC’s RN program, and was continuing on to a bachelor of science in nursing while starting his career in Santa Rosa, Calif. He is survived by his parents, Beryl and Estelle; brothers Daniel and David; and sister Julie.

William John Blacker, former PUC Board chairman, died September 27, 2010, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born on January 10, 1914. In addition to his service as president of the Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, William established the Philippine Publishing House, was general manager of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, and vice president for finance of Loma Linda University.

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; and the names we receive are also read each year at Homecoming.

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back in the day

A Bunch of Good Sports A brief history of PUC intramurals

One of PUC’s most popular extracurricular activities is the intramural sports program, which gives anyone on campus a chance to play. Generations of PUC students, as well as faculty and staff, have come together on the court, the field, or the diamond to enjoy a little friendly competition.

Today, PUC’s intramurals program includes basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, flag football, team handball, floor hockey, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, badminton, pickle ball, and indoor soccer, or futsal. In a given quarter, about 50 percent of all PUC students are involved with one or more sports, and the number of registered teams has grown steadily each quarter for the past decade.

1969 Wallace Specht comes down from a massive spike in men’s volleyball.

1978 A jump shot under the Covered Wagon.

1986 A battle for the puck erupts in front of the goal, in this iceless PUC version of hockey.

1994 Nathan Chan makes a quick step out of the pocket in an intense game of men’s flag football.

2005 Sam Han and Daniel Tesfaw chase down a ball in a game of futsal, an intense indoor version of soccer adopted in recent years.

2010 Jennifer Cho sprints past a “tackle” in women’s flag football.

What’s your memory?

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the interview

Spotlight on Timothy Wolfer

Just one year ago, Timothy Wolfer was a film and television major at Pacific Union College with some solid student projects in his pocket. He also had a pipe dream: he wanted to be a professional filmmaker. Fortunately, Tim was born with a winning combination of talent, ambition, and an adventurous spirit. It was those qualities that landed Tim in the aftermath of a natural disaster 3,200 miles from home and in the midst of a story that was begging to be told. Twelve months later, Tim had a documentary, backing from a production company, and distribution on the website Hulu.com. He talked to ViewPoint about Haiti (read more on page 23), trusting his instinct, and what’s next on his map.

Q: When did you first know you wanted to be a filmmaker?
A: I have wanted to go into storytelling ever since I took an internship at a PBS station when I was in high school. It was something that just made sense: I got to be creative and create while entertaining, informing and moving people.

Q: You began your college career at Andrews University. What brought you to PUC?
A: Adventist Education is something I value, and PUC is one of our two Adventist schools that offer film. As much as I loved Andrews University, I needed to be at a place that taught me how to tell stories.

Q: Where were you when you first heard about the Haiti earthquakes?
A: My roommate and I were procrastinating on homework and decided to take a drive to Napa. During the NPR news update, they had a blurb about the earthquake.

Q: Your first reaction was to get to Haiti, and you posted on your Facebook wall a request for someone to sponsor a way for you to get there. In that moment, what was going through your mind—and are you usually so impulsive?
A: I was thinking about all the stories that could be told and other possible ways that I could get to Haiti. It was one of those times where I was not going to let anything stop me. Impulsive decisions tend to be higher risk but at the end of the day what have I got to lose? I think it’s better to jump in both feet first, rather than let your fears control you. So yeah, I tend to make impulsive choices.

Q: Speaking of impulsive, you had to improvise your travel plans by flying to the Dominican Republic and then hitchhiking to Haiti. Tell us about that trip.
A: When I landed in the Dominican, I had no plan of how I was going to get to Haiti. So my friend and I just started poking around the airport asking people how they were getting to get over. We ended up improvising by hiring a taxi to get us to the border, bribed a border guard, crawled under a barbed wire fence and took a bus into the capital city of Port au Prince.

Q: How did your time in Haiti change you?
A: This experience taught me to really follow my gut. When I have an idea, I need to follow through with it. People might tell me it is a bad idea or how to do something. But at the end of the day, I am the one that has to live with myself, so I just try what I think is best.

Q: What is your dream job?
A: Running my own company and traveling the world making films.

Q: If you couldn’t do film, what would you be doing?
A: Something in small business that both makes me money and can benefit whatever community I am living in.

Q: What is next?
A: Start looking for my next story and finish school.
my viewpoint

The Best Investment Ever!

At PUC I encountered professors like none I’d ever met before. What kind of school has instructors who are willing to answer your questions after class and then invite you over for dinner Friday night? Dr. Sherman Nagel spent 23 years as a surgeon at a mission hospital in Nigeria. Upon his return to the States, instead of retiring, he came to PUC to teach anatomy for another 26 years. Where else can you get a surgeon with international experience to teach Anatomy 101 for undergrads? Can you put a price on credibility and dedication?

When it all comes down to it, friends and family are what really matter in life. I found both at PUC, at least eventually. The friends I made in those formative years really helped to shape what I aspired to be. Discovery was a collaborative process. Thanks in large part to them, I learned to love someone other than myself. Friends kept me accountable. They pushed me to become more than merely comfortable. How do you get a self-centered single guy to get up early Saturday morning and sing songs to the bedridden elderly ladies at St. Helena Hospital? Peer pressure is powerful.

I graduated from PUC before I ever met my future wife. Though Holly and I overlapped three years in Angwin, we still cannot pinpoint a moment when we directly crossed paths. The closest I ever got to meeting her was placing a cryptic red asterisk by her picture in the 1993 Funnybook.

While I was busy playing, she was busy working (things are different now). She held down three jobs to put herself through school. I should have known that the best place to meet smart and godly girls would be in the math/physics/religion departments where she graded papers.

It would take ten years, a mutual PUC friend and an act of God to bring us together. Despite not ever having met before, we found that we shared common beliefs, values, and even memories. Our parallel experience at PUC was a catalyst for us to communicate, connect, and commit to each other. I often wish we had met while we were still students, but God’s hand kept us apart until we were both mature enough (me in particular) to make it work. Had I met her any earlier I would have woefully unqualified to handle such an incredible gift. When it eventually happened, PUC was the right place at the right time after all. We hiked to Inspiration Point on our first date.

What kind of opportunities have you had because of PUC? Do decisions that you made then impact your life now? Where would you be if you had chosen differently? For me, the life lessons, the friendships and the memories of PUC are high yield-dividends that have enriched my life to this very day.

“I was compelled to explore a deeper understanding of creation and for the first time, seek a personal and meaningful connection with the Creator. How can you put a value on meeting God?”

Shelton Hsu, ’96, is an orthodontist practicing in Sunnyvale, Calif. He and Holly (Cha), att. ’93-’97, are the proud parents of one-year old Cailley, ’31.
In the last decade, more Loma Linda University medical and dental school graduates have come from Pacific Union College than any other institution.

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