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by David Smith, Union College President

Teenagers get all the bad jobs—the ones nobody else wants. For my first job as a teenager, I worked for a hospital in dining and janitor services. I served food to the patients, washed dirty dishes, cleaned the hospital, helped hospital employees move and did whatever my very creative bosses thought up for me. It was often difficult, and at first, unrewarding work.

I dusted phones in administrator's offices; dusted light fixtures poised precariously above the heads of helpless patients lying in their beds; donned mask, gloves and gown to scrub isolation units; cleaned the morgue; burned waste sent down from medical surgical floors; swept stairways; and washed hallway walls.

I often questioned the purpose and the value of my work assignments. Over time, however, I learned that no matter the job, I helped the hospital accomplish its mission—to help people in need. Through a *thank you* from a patient or visitor, a commendation from a boss, and the joy I saw in the people I served, I learned that even the most menial job can make a difference in someone's life. In essence, I gained a glimpse into the joy of serv-



David Smith, Union's president, learned the value of service in his first job as a teenager. Now he helps instill that same mindset in students at Union.

ice, which launched a lifelong process of discovering fulfillment in ministering to people facing physical, psychological and spiritual challenges.

In this issue of *CORDmagazine*, you will read about medical providers, trained at Union College, who have also discovered the joy of service. In the name of God and under His guidance, these health care professionals are making a very important difference in the lives of people whose overwhelming circumstances have forced them to be dependent on others.

I am proud of the students and alumni of Union College who provide medical care to those in need. They are wonderful ambassadors for Jesus, the Master Physician, who not only healed so many people during His time on earth, but whose healing power still restores and gives hope to the sick.

At Union, we hope to introduce every student to the joy of service and enable them to develop a habit of helping others, whether it is taking care of the feet of Lincoln's poor, checking IVs in an overcrowded Haitian hospital or just taking time to pray with someone.

I trust that your appreciation for Union College students and alumni will grow as you read about their experiences. If you know someone considering a career in the medical field who hopes to make their career a ministry, encourage them to give Union a call. **A**

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Union receives accreditation for another 10 years

by Tiffany Doss

In October 2009, Union College received another 10-year accreditation from both the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and the Adventist Academic Association (AAA).

A decade is the maximum accreditation term granted by HLC, one of two commission members of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the north central region of the United States. "Accreditation shows the quality of a school," said Malcolm Russell, Union College's vice president for academic administration, "Without it, our students couldn't receive federal loans or grants and our nursing, physician assistant and education graduates wouldn't be certified or able to teach."

The HLC accreditation process began

with Union preparing a self-assessment report outlining how the college upholds its mission and values, student outcomes and progress made since the last accreditation visit. An HLC team then visited campus to interview students and employees and evaluate the self study. The AAA team, made up of Seventh-day Adventist administrators and educators, arrived shortly after the HLC team. "Adventist Academic Association approval means that we've met educational standards and expectations in regards to the Adventist church's objectives," Russell explained.

Both teams commended Union for its strong sense of community, dedicated employees and compliance with federal regulations. Like in any evaluation, Union also received several suggestions to make the college stronger. The HLC team recom-

mended updating campus computers and integrating more technology in the classroom, having more faculty with terminal degrees and developing a stronger enrollment plan. "Many of the suggestions HLC presented were things we were already working on before their visit," said Russell. "We recognize those are areas we need to work on and are already taking action to strengthen them."

Russell believes this accreditation affirms Union's academic strength and is a seal of quality. "However, this school will not sit idly for the next nine years waiting for the next accreditation," he said. "We will continue our trend of making active improvements on campus." This mindset has proven effective for Union, allowing the school to receive the maximum accreditation time since 1961.

by Michael Rohm

Homecoming 2011 to feature Warriors Reunion

The 2010-11 school year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of varsity athletics at Union College. Homecoming 2011, April 8 – 11, will feature a special reunion event for Union College Warriors.

All alumni of Union College's varsity athletic program are invited to this Warrior Reunion, celebrating Union's varsity sports: women's volleyball, men's golf, and men's and women's basketball. "The Warriors Reunion is an opportunity for former players to reconnect with friends, remember the 'good old days' and create new memories," said Ric Spaulding, Union College's athletic director.

Since its formation in 1986, the War-

riors athletic program has been designed to complement the quality education offered at Union. "Our coaches have always sought to help student athletes develop sportsmanship and academic excellence," said Spaulding. "Through many opportunities both on and off the court, players learn to be leaders while cultivating a spirit of teamwork and service."

The weekend will feature a Warrior golf tournament and volleyball games on Friday afternoon, followed by men's and women's basketball games on Saturday night. For more information or to register for the Warrior Reunion, visit www.uccollege.edu/advancement/homecoming



photo: Steve Nazario

Union experiences enrollment increase

by Ryan Teller

A picture may be worth a thousand words, but Union College has found a visit may be worth ten thousand more. Although all indicators pointed to a third straight year of declining enrollment, Union saw an expanded campus visit program play a significant role in increasing the fall 2010 enrollment head count to 901 with a full-time equivalency of 818—up two percent over the previous year.

"This increase points to a bright future for Union College," said David Smith, college president. "God has blessed and we praise Him for what He has done. We look forward to a great school year and many good school years to follow."

After peaking at 1,015 (909 FTE) in fall 2007, Union's enrollment had been on a steady decline, dropping to 883 (802 FTE) last fall. "Five year predictions indicated a continued decrease in enrollment based on economic factors, population shifts and shifts in high school population," explained Nadine Nelson, Union's vice president for Enrollment and Student Financial

Services. "College leadership and the board felt it was prudent to build a budget based on an enrollment of 750 FTE, down more than 50 from last year."

While Nelson believes the enrollment staff's renewed focus on customer service and relationship building influenced the trend-bucking numbers, she also credits the increase to a campus-wide effort. "When we expanded the visit program, everyone on campus got involved in creating a visit experience that is authentic to Union College," she explained.

Union's campus visit program provides an opportunity for prospective college students to get a taste of college life through a free, three-day stay. "Students can come to one of our special preview weekends or they can schedule an individual visit," said Becky Dewey, guest experience coordinator. "If they apply and send in their transcripts, they are also eligible for up to \$250 reimbursement for gas or a plane ticket."

Dewey transitioned to her newly created position in January 2010 and welcomed more than 450 prospective students last school year. "Our main goal is to introduce them to the culture of Union College so they can find a place to belong," said Dewey. "Visitors are immersed in the life of a college student, experiencing residence halls, classes, worship services and social activities. Many students who didn't know about Union find they fit in and belong right here."

More than overall head counts and numbers, the fall enrollment showed a significant increase in students taking full-time loads and living in residence halls, both of which translate into a stronger financial position for the college. "These numbers point to a strong enrollment for the near future," said Smith of the 168 first-time freshmen, 20 more than the five-year average. "I believe these signs all indicate we will continue to grow and offer the strong academic programs and vibrant campus life that Union is known for."

Enrollment at a glance

Total Students	901
Full time equivalent	818
Countries	23
States	45
Male/Female Ratio	41/59

Graduation 2010

The large freshman class helped offset the sizable number of graduates who received degrees during Union's commencement ceremony on May 9, 2010.

Union College conferred 211 degrees to 197 students, including 23 students graduating with a Master of Physician Assistant Studies. Union's class of 2010 represented eight countries, 28 states, and one U.S. territory. Of the degrees conferred in 34 areas of study, the most popular major was nursing with 39 graduates and business administration with 31. Rachel Welsh of Columbia, Md., became the first student to graduate with Union's newest major, fitness and wellness.

CAMPUS NEWS

Student author turns mission blog into book

by Scott Cushman

Returned missionaries and international volunteers quickly learn to tell the stories their audiences want to hear—stories filled with triumph and divine leading—and filter out the rest. But when they get together, the experiences they share are filled with both more laughter and more sorrow. These stories of cultural gaffes and inescapable self-doubt are the cathartic release of intense loneliness and longing. In her book, *Honestly, I'm Struggling*, Heather Bohlender breaks down the wall between the sound bites shared with the uninitiated and the complex realities reserved for confidants.

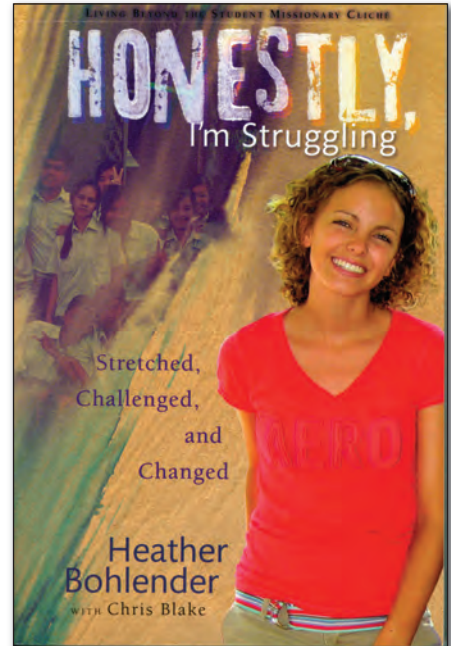
Now a senior English education major at Union College, Bohlender based the book on blog entries she wrote as a volunteer teacher in Cambodia during the 2007-2008 academic year. With a gift for introspection, she leads the reader through her journey of becoming a teacher and mentor in a devastated country while fighting her own battles against an eating disorder, a sexual assault, and the inability to fit

into the society around her.

Despite the difficult subject matter, *Honestly, I'm Struggling* is a book filled with hope. Amid Bohlender's loneliness and depression are many small victories—finding a counselor, building friendships, finally reaching students. Throughout, she maintains a frank dialogue with God and discovers a new perspective on life.

"I am so proud of Heather for her brave honesty," said Rich Carlson, campus chaplain. "Each volunteer sent overseas has a unique experience, but the themes of Heather's story are universal—from culture shock and feelings of inadequacy to the disconnect from their familiar support and constant reminders of being an outsider. I believe her testimony will help us better prepare future volunteers and their families for the enormity of what lies ahead."

Honestly, I'm Struggling is available at Adventist Book Centers and Amazon.com. To read an interview with Bohlender and learn more about her book, visit Union College's website: www.ucollege.edu.



Heather Bohlender, a senior elementary education major at Union College, wrote a book based on blog entries from her experiences as a student missionary in Cambodia.

Back by popular demand: Homecoming 2010 meatballs

by Kelly Phipps

Sometimes it's smaller details that create the biggest memories. For alumni who attended last year's Homecoming Weekend, that memory is tofu meatballs.

"Alumni weekend was wonderful," said Janya Mekelburg, director of alumni activities, looking back on the weekend's events. Then with a chuckle she recalled the Friday night banquet. "At the banquet there were a number of people asking for the tofu meatball recipe."

While you probably don't want the recipe that serves 300 people, LuAnn Davis, vice president for Advancement, has kept her promise to get a practical take-home version of the beloved recipe for all.

Homecoming Meatballs

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Tofu Meatballs

- ¼ pound Saltine crackers
- 1 tablespoon onion soup mix
- 2 tablespoons Trio gravy mix
- 2 teaspoons garlic, fresh, minced
- ¼ cup onion, fresh, minced
- ½ teaspoon red pepper, crushed
- 12 ounces tofu, firm, mashed
- 12 ounces Morning Star Griller Crumbles
- 1 ½ cups whole almonds

Crush almonds and crackers together in food processor. Mix almond and cracker mixture together with other ingredients and form into balls. Fry in a skillet with vegetable oil until heated through.

Apricot Sweet & Sour Sauce

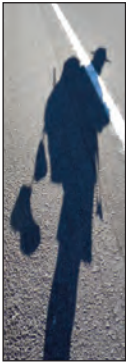
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 2 1/2 cups apricot preserves
- 2 cups ketchup
- ½ cup fresh onions, grated
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons oregano

Add all ingredients together in a sauce pan and bring to a boil, stirring constantly. To give the meatballs a clear glaze appearance, pour hot sauce over hot meatballs and serve immediately.



Freshman walks to college in Nebraska ... From Oregon

by Ryan Teller



Many a parent and grandparent has regaled eye-rolling children with tales of walking many miles to school every day (uphill both ways of course). But few can top Michael Rohm, a freshman at Union College, who decided to make the trip

from his home in Oregon on foot.

Rohm started his two-month journey in early June after deciding to enroll in Union College's international rescue and relief program. Just back from volunteering in Africa, he set out on foot because he "wanted to experience the country of my birth firsthand," he explained. "My parents are very active and we have done a lot of hiking and camping growing up."

For Rohm, the choice to study IRR at Union was easy. After returning from nine months at Riverside Farms in Zambia where he helped build nearly 90 churches in the Southern Africa nation, Rohm knew what he wanted to do with his life. "I want to spend my life overseas," he said. "I would like to work in refugee camps and orphanages—somewhere with lots of people who need help."

Union's international and relief program provides the perfect preparation for such an endeavor by combining medical, survival and rescue training in a baccalaureate degree emphasizing one of four areas: paramedic, project development, pre-med or pre-physician assistant. The degree program includes a summer session learning rescue techniques in Colorado and a semester providing training and medical care in under-served regions of Central America.

Packing light, Rohm embodied the survival spirit that IRR students learn during the course of their training. Carrying

only a tent, a sleeping bag, a couple of changes of clothes, an extra pair of boots and his cell phone, Rohm stopped at grocery stores along the way to buy fixings for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. He occasionally splurged on some fruit or vegetables. "It's a lot cheaper than buying fast food," he said. At night, he left the road and pitched his tent in a field. If he stopped in a town, he usually connected with local law enforcement to get permission to camp in a city park. "Most were very surprised, but very supportive," he said. Public libraries provided a good place to cool off, check e-mail and charge his cell phone.

Rohm admitted he didn't plan his route very well in the beginning. "My dad was eager to help me plan," he said. "We planned the first 200 miles to get me through Oregon." Originally intent on hiking through Wyoming, Michael changed routes when he realized how far he'd have to walk between towns. He opted for mountainous Utah and Colorado instead.

Normally, the car trip from his home in Canby, Ore., to Lincoln is 1,600 miles. At 17-25 miles per day, Rohm estimates that he walked nearly 1,000 miles by the time he reached Craig, a small town in northwestern Colorado. He woke up early on a Saturday morning in order to attend worship services at the local Seventh-day Adventist church. "I always wanted to go to church on Sabbaths during my trip," he said. "But a lot of times I ended up in a town with no church or in the middle of nowhere."

Rohm arrived shortly before the worship service began and introduced himself to the six people present that day. "One lady asked me if I could do public speaking," he remembered. "When I said yes, she asked me to give the sermon."

Michael Rohm, now a freshman international rescue and relief major at Union, encountered all types of terrain on his trip across the Western U.S., from the desert of Eastern Oregon (right) to the mountains of Colorado.

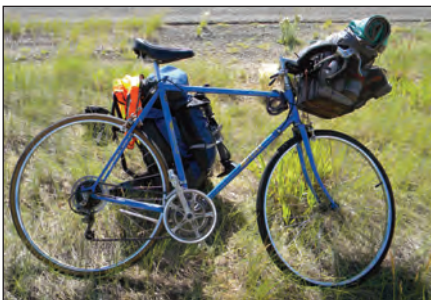
When he visited an Adventist church in Craig, Colo., one of the members gave Rohm a bike (right), greatly speeding up the last third of the trip to Nebraska.



Michael Rohm's 55 pound pack carried everything he needed for the trip Union.

After he spoke for 30 minutes about his experiences in Africa, the same woman invited him home for lunch. Afterwards, her husband presented Michael with a gift. "He gave me a bicycle," said Rohm. "He fixed it up for me and got it going."

Rohm made good time riding his bike across eastern Colorado and Nebraska—arriving in Lincoln three days before orientation. "I accomplished what I set out to do—to meet people and see the country," he said. "I know this experience will help me in my studies because I had to learn to be self-sufficient, creative and live in tough circumstances—all things I will have to do in my IRR training."



photos: Michael Rohm

CAMPUS NEWS

Union College installs high-tech medical simulation lab

by Tiffany Doss

He blinks. He talks, moves and breathes. His heart beats, his pupils dilate. He sweats, cries and even bleeds. But he's no ordinary patient. Sim-Man 3G, the latest in patient simulator technology, has become the core element of Union College's new medical simulation laboratory for nursing, physician assistant and international rescue and relief students.

Today, many hospitals require applicants to pass a standard written test and demonstrate application of their knowledge on a high-tech mannequin similar to the 3G. By acquiring this technology, Union has the tools to better prepare students in medical fields for the fast-paced and ever evolving job market.

In the past, students practiced on static or low-fidelity mannequins. "Those mannequins basically just lay there," said Theresa Flowers Stimson '94, associate professor of nursing. "They may make a sound, but over all, are not extremely useful." Now, students fine-tune their skills, reaction and intuition about a patient's symptoms in a safe environment. Patient symptoms not commonly seen during clinical rotations, such as cardiac or respiratory distress, are easy to simulate on the 3G and allow students to better understand symptoms and appropriate responses.

As students respond to the 3G's symptoms, a computer records each reaction. "If the student administers a drug to him, it's recorded," explained Stimson. "If they take his pulse, check his pupils, give him chest compressions, basically whenever he is touched, it is recorded on our computer. This allows us to debrief when the scenario is complete, and helps the students understand what they did well and what they should do differently."

Wireless operation frees the 3G for more realistic training. "We wanted to simulate a scenario where a nurse might find a patient on the floor of their hospital room," explained Stimson. "What would you do? What do you check? This would have been a difficult task with other mannequins, but it isn't a problem with this one."

The Sim-Man 3G is located in the new annex for the Division of Health Sciences. A \$50,000 grant from the Abel Foundation launched the renovation of a campus stor-



SimMan 3G, the latest in patient simulator technology, gives teachers the ability to test nursing students' responses to all types of medical emergencies.

age area into a high-tech simulation laboratory. Purchasing the Sim-Man 3G was made possible through support from organizations and private individuals including leadership gifts from Adventist Health System, Marlyn ('58) and Sharon '66 Schwartz, Bruce Bacon '49 and Hanford Community Medical Center.

Before purchasing the Sim-Man 3G, the nursing faculty carefully considered how to best use the donors' gifts to support both their curriculum and that of other fields of study. "We chose the Sim-Man 3G because it is full of possibilities," said Stimson. "It is an investment that will have lasting benefits, not only for nursing majors, but for physician assistant and international rescue and relief students."

Union received one of the first 3G simulators ever shipped to the U.S. in October 2009. In December, it officially moved into its home in the newly renovated nursing annex on the north side of the Don Love Building.

Teachers are currently working on incorporating the simulator into their course curricula. Faculty members anticipate this technology will be used in all entry-level nursing classes in the future. **A**

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Union College Teaching Learning Center offers life coaching

by Tiffany Doss

I entered the Teaching Learning Center (TLC) ready to report on the department's new life coaching service, and left with a newfound motivation for my own work. For more than 30 years, the TLC has helped students overcome difficulties to succeed in college—whether physical disabilities, learning differences or academic apathy.

I'm usually a good student, but I confess I sometimes fall into that final category. During the course of my interview, Debbie Forshee-Sweeney '94 and Elizabeth Anderson helped me change that.

For both Anderson and Forshee-Sweeney, life coaching certification from the International Coaching Federation is only one of many qualifications they hold. Both are experienced academic coaches and tutors and are trained in disability testing.

As a social work graduate from Union College, Forshee-Sweeney has a particular interest in the success of the TLC. She later attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned her master's degree in education administration with emphases in higher education and special education. In 2001, she returned to Union to earn an education degree and was offered the job as TLC director. Jennifer Forbes, the former director, had been impressed by Forshee-Sweeney throughout the years and was certain she would be an asset for the program.

Anderson's path to the TLC started when Forbes spoke at her church about Union's learning programs. She was impressed with the strategies and assistance offered and later applied for a position. With a degree in speech-language pathology and audiology and a master's in special education, Anderson has been a vital part of TLC for the past 13 years.

The power of life coaching is most easily understood by experiencing it, so during the course of my interview, Forshee-Sweeney led me through a mock session. It turned serious when I divulged my apathy toward writing a 2,000-word paper that was due the next day.

"What do you want to get by completing this task?" Forshee-Sweeney asked.

"A good grade," I replied.

She looked at me skeptically, and with a shake of her head and a raised eyebrow, she leaned in, "Really?"

I sighed. "No, I have to complete the paper in order to prove myself competent." Smiling, she relaxed in her chair. With two simple questions we had discovered the real goal and the drive that would allow me to finish the assignment. She began jotting down a list of what I felt was necessary in order to achieve my goal. The paper became filled with words and lines as she pointed me in a new direction. Then, we discussed what I could realistically accomplish in the allotted time.

She sent me out the door confident in my new action plan: eat supper, go to the library, eliminate distractions by turning off the Internet on my laptop, type for an hour, then take a ten-minute break, repeat. The plan was simple, but having addressed

and again near the end of a student's work with a coach to gauge improvements.

Life coaching differs from counseling by sorting out information a person already knows, rarely focusing on the 'why' behind a problem. It concentrates on asking the right questions, which leads students to a solution and action steps on their own.

According to their research, Forshee-Sweeney and Anderson are the only on-campus academic coaches in the nation who are also life coaches. Many higher education facilities hire outside marketing companies to do life coaching on their campuses.

"Our students are so important to us and we both want to be better coaches for them," said Forshee-Sweeney. "After working here for so long it felt like we were still missing something. We think life coaching will help bridge that gap and allow us to



Debbie Forshee-Sweeney, director of Union's Teaching Learning Center, now offers life coaching to students and employees (with Emily Carlson '10).

the issue and knowing why I needed to accomplish the dreaded task made all the difference.

The first coaching session covers goals and an action plan best suitable for the student's personality. Campus Tool Kit, an online assessment program, is then used to monitor stress, personality, learning and communication styles, which help indicate an individual's strengths and weaknesses. This assessment is taken at the beginning

better prepare them."

"Life coaching will help us to better focus our efforts on the needs of our students," said Anderson. "Our training has already helped us ask better questions and create more effective action plans that steer the student in a clearer direction. Everyone should have the opportunity to achieve his or her goals and we hope to continue giving insight and support to accomplish them." **A**

Called to Serve:
Union's Physician Assistant
Program Emphasizes
the Ministry
of Healing

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04



Compassionate service and clinical relevance. This is the spirit of health care embodied by the more than 240 graduates of the Union College Physician Assistant Program now serving in the United States and beyond.

This spring marked the tenth class to graduate from Union's physician assistant (PA) program, and the fourth to complete the program with master's degrees. And while the program has always had a reputation for turning out highly-qualified health professionals, recent classes have proven the program keeps getting stronger. In four of the past five years, 100 percent of graduates passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination on their first attempt. So it's no surprise that Union College's PAs are in high demand.

"Teaching responsible servanthood is our foremost goal, and our graduates are taking that into the field in a way that makes them stand out from their peers," explained Mike Huckabee, Union College's PA program director. "Employers recognize that, and some even contact our program to list their jobs among the new PA graduates. They want our graduates because they show compassionate integrity that goes beyond what they normally see in the profession." In fact, 100 percent of Union's PA graduates have jobs within just three months of graduation.

In 2010, the PA program earned the maximum seven-year accreditation from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA), the national PA accreditation association. This is an exceptional honor, as less than 10 percent of the schools who earned continuing accreditation from 2004-2008 were awarded the maximum seven-year term. "These numbers show the real accomplishments of our graduates, the hard work and effort they put in and the training our program gives them," Huckabee said.

Union's physician assistant students' emphasis on compassion and skill has also earned recognition from the National Health Services Corps (NHSC). The NHSC scholarship is a highly sought-after government program which pays tuition and living expenses in exchange for students' commitment to serve in a high-need area that has a shortage of health professionals. Six Union College physician assistant students have earned this coveted scholarship, including graduates Larry Sluiter '08 and Roberta Yoshimura '04.

While the NHSC is a federal program available to medical, dental, nurse practitioner and physician assistant students at accredited public and private colleges and universities throughout the United States, their emphasis on compassionate care for the



Larry Sluiter '08, a recipient of the NHSC scholarship, now runs a medical clinic in the small town of Onida, S. D.

underserved fits right in with Union College's physician assistant program's goals. "We teach our whole curriculum from a Christian viewpoint," emphasized Huckabee. "We engage scripture and we focus on the life of Christ. His was a ministry of healing, and we understand that the Bible teaches us how to respond when we approach life and death. It's a holistic approach and we feel our students and their future patients are best served because they're called to make a difference. They're called to serve God and man."

A Burden for Rural Health Care

Larry Sluiter, a 2008 Union College PA Program graduate, currently serves in Onida, South Dakota. He is the only full-time health professional serving Sully County, and with the closest hospital more than 35 miles away, his small clinic provides vital services to the more than 700 local residents.

Sluiter began his career as a medical technologist in southeast Kentucky and in Michigan. While in Michigan, the hospital Sluiter worked at was closed down because of budgetary constraints. "I got to see firsthand what hardships come to communities that are robbed of health care," he says. "That really left an impression on me and I saw what the lack of health facilities does to the community and what great need there is for health care in underserved communities."

Colleagues encouraged Sluiter to grow his medical expertise and become a physician assistant, and he found a home at

Union. "I had been working in the medical field since 1985, so I had a broad clinical knowledge base. I talked with Mike Huckabee, the program director, and found that Union College has a passion to find physician assistant candidates who have

unique talents and well-rounded experience in the health care field. I chose Union because their philosophy was in line with what I wanted to incorporate with my personal beliefs and professional background."

His years of experience in the medical field and his training at Union give Sluiter the ability to effectively practice in an area ignored by other health professionals. "I've always had a burden for rural health care," he said. "My beliefs prompted me to turn down job offers from larger health care centers and accept this position at a stand-alone clinic in a small town that had a great

One hundred percent of Union's PA graduates have jobs within just three months of graduation.

need for medical professionals.”

Sluiter has found that serving a community so far from the bright lights of large cities is filled with opportunity. He explained, “It’s rewarding and challenging, and I wouldn’t have it any other way. There’s a real importance to my being here, and I’m constantly growing as a professional. I’ve even seen rare situations that rival those at large hospitals.” Along with routine checkups at his mainly family practice, Sluiter treats accident victims from farms, performs basic lab tests and X-rays, completes physicals for truck drivers and deals with internal medicine issues. He’s even had a patient who, after several months of collaborative study with four different neurologic clinics, was diagnosed with a debilitating syndrome on the National Institutes of Health’s list of rare diseases.

He’s grateful for the NHSC loan repayment scholarship which has rewarded him for practicing in an area of great need, but financial rewards aren’t what drive Sluiter’s commitment to service. “Medicine is not a career but a calling,” he affirmed. “It takes an internal drive and personal devotion to practice medicine in areas that some consider not worth the financial payback or regard as having a lower quality of existence. For me, being a physician assistant is all about giving back and being there for the people that need you most.”

A Cyclical Journey

Tacoma, Wash., may not be a place you’d expect to find a medically underserved population. But there in the immigration detention center, thousands of detainees rely on just a handful of health care professionals to diagnose, treat and prevent illnesses.

Roberta Yoshimura’s journey started in 1998 during her three-month medical assistant externship in a small village in Guatemala, where she helped two young doctors treat the local population. At the doctors’ urging, she decided to go back to school to become a physician assistant; and after graduating from Union, Yoshimura accepted a position treating migrant farm workers in California’s San Joaquin Valley. Later, when she saw the call for a female physician assistant who spoke Spanish to screen and treat female detainees at the immigration detention center in Tacoma, Yoshimura knew it was a natural fit.

Yoshimura’s career has afforded her the unique opportunity to see the cyclical journeys of many patients. “I started in that poor village in Guatemala, and I saw how the people had little access to health care and jobs. Many of my female patients told me their husbands had come to the United States to work, and I saw why firsthand. They’re desperate, their children are dying of preventable diseases and infections, and they need a way to feed their families,” she explained. Then, as a new PA in California,



photo: courtesy of Roberta Yoshimura

NHSC scholarship recipient Roberta Yoshimura '04 now treats patients at an immigration detention center in Washington.

Yoshimura treated migrant day laborers and field workers. “It was hard, intensive labor, and they suffered from disease and illness, but they were proud to do the work,” she remembered.

Now, in the immigration detention center, Yoshimura treats patients on the final leg of their journey, as they are sent back to their home countries. “They often say to me, ‘I don’t know how I will feed my family now.’ I see their despair, and I truly understand where they’re coming from because I’ve been to the place many of them come from,” she said. “It’s a government facility, so I can’t give them Christian counseling, but I can reassure them that they’re going to get through because God has a plan for them, and I pray for them every day.”

The NHSC strives to identify and reward health care professionals who are dedicated to service and are willing to work in underserved areas, providing health care to those who need it most. Yoshimura embodies that spirit. “I’m a Christian and my desire is to serve others. That’s why I served in Guatemala, decided to become a PA, and why I’m still serving in underserved areas,” she says. “From my original interview at Union College where I told them my goals until now, and for as long as I can see into the future, I have been and will be serving the underserved.” **A**

Union College PA program receives \$792,000 grant *by Tiffany Doss*

Union College’s physician assistant program will receive a \$792,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which will be used to award scholarships to new PA students over the next four years.

Each year, between 2011 and 2015, the grant will fund five scholarships for new Union PA students. These \$22,000

scholarships will cover tuition and other expenses and can be renewed for a second year. This funding will help expand the program by five additional slots to a class of 30 by the 2011-12 school year.

As part of the Affordable Care Act, congress set aside \$30 million for a five-year initiative to fund the training of more than 700 PAs pursuing a career in primary

care medicine. Union is one of only 28 PA programs in the nation to receive this award.

“Having Union College’s grant application chosen for this award emphasizes the strength of our program,” stated Mike Huckabee, PA program director. “We are very excited about what this means for the program’s future.”



PA student plans career of service

by Ryan Teller

“Why would you want to come to the reservation?” the old man asked in surprise.

The question haunted Shane Merchant, now in his first year of physician assistant studies at Union College. As he helped treat the retired Winnebago man at the reservation clinic, Merchant shared his dream of becoming a physician assistant and serving on the reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

“I want to help your people,” he replied. “But I don’t know if I can make a difference.”

“When you throw a rock into a lake, it makes a ripple,” the old man smiled. “And that ripple makes a difference.”

More than 20 years after graduating from Norfolk High School, Merchant enrolled in college for the first time, intent on becoming a physician assistant to provide primary medical care services in rural Nebraska. “I could see the lack of adequate health care providers in rural areas,” he said. “That’s why I decided to become a PA.”

Finding a home at Union

Union College’s graduate program in physician assistant studies proved to be the perfect fit. Merchant earned a degree in medical technology from the University of South Dakota, and he intended to continue his training there. But while visiting other nearby PA programs, he found a home at Union.

“I wanted to come to Union because of their involvement in the community,” he said. “Helping those in need is part of their philosophy.” From giving seminars on sexually transmitted infections at local high schools to staffing a foot clinic for Lincoln’s homeless citizens, Union’s faculty find many ways for Merchant and his fellow PA students to sharpen their skills by serving the people of Lincoln.



Shane Merchant, in his first year of Union’s PA program, plans to use his medical knowledge to serve on the American Indian reservations of Nebraska and South Dakota.

But as a non-traditional student from rural Nebraska, Merchant also appreciates Union’s small class sizes, personal attention and Christian atmosphere. “At Union, I can see the important role that faith plays in healing,” he explained. “And the professors and students are like a family. I felt like they would do anything for me—and they have.”

A passion to serve

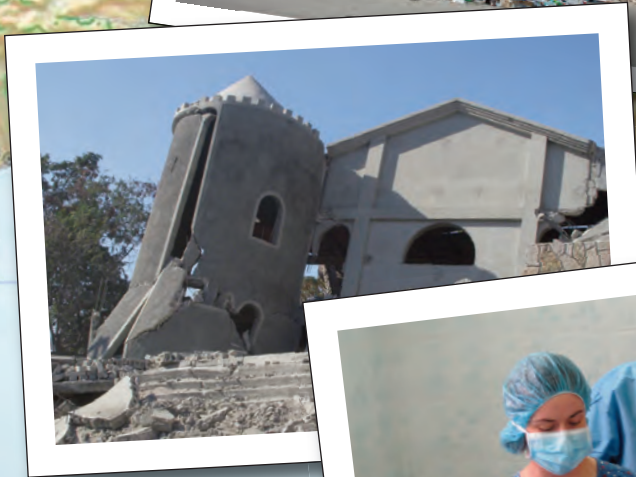
Since putting off his dream of a degree in medical technology after high school to join the army, medicine has been in Merchant’s blood. Maybe not literally, but during his time as an airborne military police officer, Merchant used his emergency medical technician training to volunteer at the base clinics in his free time. When a parachuting accident forced him out of the army, he continued to use his skills to serve as a first responder in the steel mill and trailer factory where he worked for several years.

Merchant also joined the volunteer rescue squad based near his home in Randolph, Neb. Now that he studies in Lincoln, he makes the nearly four-hour drive home each weekend to see his wife and three sons, but also continues to volunteer on the rescue squad. “I feel everyone should give back to their community in some way,” he said. “My community has given a lot to me and this is one way I can give back.”

Merchant’s career goal came into focus after he began shadowing PAs and volunteering at clinics on several reservations while studying at USD. “I have seen American Indians suffer so many injustices and live in appalling conditions,” he said. “As a PA, will I be able to change that? Probably not. But I can make a difference in their health, one person at a time.”

MISSION: HAITI

Four Union College team members reflect on what they saw and what they learned while aiding the relief effort in Haiti following January's devastating earthquake.



Brittany Nunez helped at the Adventist hospital.



Jason Warren checks a patient at a mobile clinic.

TEAM 1: ARRIVED JANUARY 18

Sarah Sexton, now a senior international rescue and relief major, along with three other students and an instructor, arrived in Haiti on January 18, less than one week after the devastating earthquake rattled the already impoverished nation.

“The whole house collapsed on top of my family. My only son was crushed by a slab of concrete while we tried to get to him. My nephew has been trapped for a week under the rubble. Can you save him?”

I blinked under the hot sun and focused on the woman standing in front of me. Seven days earlier, the catastrophic 7.0 earthquake hit Haiti and I was still trying to process the idea that I was standing in Port-au-Prince surrounded by building rubble, dead bodies and chaos.

When we saw the images from the decimated country on the news, many international rescue and relief majors wanted to go help. We were told our program directors were in contact with ACTS World Relief, an organization that Union had partnered with in past domestic disaster relief operations, but it might be up to a month before the arrangements were made to send students into Haiti. But the next evening the phone rang. “Sarah, you speak French, right?” my instructor asked. “Can you be ready to leave for Haiti by Sunday?”

In a whirlwind of a few days, I found myself on a plane headed to Florida with three fellow students and one of our directors. We were told we would fly into Haiti with the first team from ACTS World Relief to scout out the possible locations and work out logistics to set up a base of operation for future relief teams. That sounded pretty doable, and I felt somewhat capable despite the apprehension of arriving at such a large-scale disaster. En route to Florida,

however, we received another surprise call—“You packed your rescue gear and equipment, right?”

We were asked to investigate the many reports of people still trapped in buildings. *I haven't been trained in search and rescue yet!* I thought, my confidence now shaken. *We didn't bring any equipment! These are real lives we'll be dealing with!*

After jumping through a million hoops in Florida trying to get rescue gear and flights to Port-au-Prince, our small team, with a group of doctors and surgeons, boarded a private jet bound for Haiti—the second plane chartered by ACTS. Soon we circled the city, but waited hours for clear-

ance to land amid the many other planes flying about. We finally touched down just after dark but found less-than-ideal accommodations. We didn't dare stay in the earthquake-damaged terminal, and we could not leave because of a citywide curfew, so we slept on the tarmac that night.

Most of us got a decent night's rest in spite of the giant military transports planes taxiing a mere 25 feet away. In the morning, we rumbled through the streets of Port-au-Prince toward the Adventist Hospital of Haiti in the back of a dump truck, led by a United Nations security truck. The sights, sounds, and smells in Port-au-Prince brought back memories of the year I spent in Africa, working at a remote Adventist hospital. During my time in Chad, I lived in much of the same conditions I now observed around me. And it was in Africa that I learned some French—a skill that became so valuable in a few short hours.

As we rolled into the hospital compound, the ACTS director ran through the chaos to our truck, yelling, “Good you're finally here! We have reports of people still alive that are stuck.

You need to gather your gear and head out immediately!”

Within the hour, the five of us tromped through the city with a K9 rescue team, a surgical team to help with extrication, and more than a hundred locals, eager to be our manpower. First, we were led to a collapsed school and restaurant. We found no entry into the rubble or any signs of life. After interviewing the neighbors more extensively, we discovered the noises they heard from the building had ceased a few days earlier.

An employee from the Adventist hospital pleaded with us to come to her flattened home. As we packed up our gear and followed her, she explained her eight-year-old nephew was still trapped alive somewhere underneath. He had been communicating with them for most of the week, describing the locations of several other victims, which the family had located. The boy had survived so long by drinking water from a leaking pipe that was dripping on him, but the last time she'd

heard him make noises was just the night before. We sent the search and rescue dog, Zeus, to scope out the area. Trained to distinguish between live and dead victims, he soon circled the area where the boy was thought to be, and promptly lay down. We sadly explained to the lady that he was signaling there was a dead body there. Despite her grief, she thanked us profusely for giving her peace in knowing he no longer suffered.

The rest of the day, we wandered around the city answering more calls for help, but we soon realized that most were just hoping someone was still alive.

As we drug into the hospital that evening, down from a long



The first team to arrive in Haiti: John Thomas, Ginger Hany, Jeff Schall, Justin Woods and Sarah Sexton.

day with no happy endings, we were immediately engulfed by the chaos of the courtyard. Patients lay everywhere and doctors shouted orders left and right. We soon joined the fray, starting IVs, bandaging wounds, organizing supplies and whatever else the doctors needed.

They told us the airport had been shut down right after our team arrived, so none of the nurses made it. We decided to stay at the hospital—they clearly needed all they help they could get. It felt like back home in Africa—speaking French with the patients, triaging all the inflow of injured people, learning to splint the myriad of broken bones, assisting in surgeries, scrubbing surgical tools and just filling in wherever needed over the next five days.

Aftershocks regularly rattled the hospital, including the news-making 6.0 rumble that woke us up early one morning, jolting the hospital back and forth like a rocking horse. The ACTS director came to us once again, tasking us as the only ones with any technical experience, to evaluate the structural integrity of the hospital after each earthquake. As I walked around with my notebook, rating the cracks that started appearing in the walls, I faced the thought that hounded me constantly, *I'm not trained to do this!*

But as I lay on the hospital floor each night waiting for sleep to overtake me, I realized even if we weren't trained to do these specific things like inspect damaged buildings for structural damage, we have been taught qualities that became so important in a disaster situation. We have been taught to be flexible, how to deal with stressful situations both physically and emotionally, how to survive in tough situations, how to support of each other and, most importantly, how to intently care about the lives around us. But ultimately, there is no training like just being there and doing it.

I would not trade this experience for anything. Heartache surrounded us in Haiti, but so did smiles, goodness and miracles. As I worried about the patients I helped treat, I reminded myself that God cares for each of them individually so much more than I ever could and I must trust He will work for their best. Haiti reaffirmed my trust in a God that is good. Now I excitedly look forward to the future when I can be involved in long-term disaster relief and medical mission work.

TEAM 2: ARRIVED JANUARY 28

David Skau, senior pre-med/international rescue and relief major, traveled to Haiti with three fellow students and two recent IRR graduates. They arrived in Port-au-Prince on January 28 and stayed for five days.

A week and a half after the earth (mostly) stopped shaking Port-au-Prince, I received the news. “You have been selected for the second IRR response team,” my instructor reported.

The first team had returned with stories of an intense week spent keeping the Adventist hospital in Port-au-Prince running. Their training had been stretched by constant urgent needs: sterilizing surgical instruments, keeping IVs running and wounds clean, assessing the building's safety after the frequent aftershocks and many other skills learned on the spot. I knew my experience would be different, but I expected to be similarly

stretched and needed.

God's plans definitely stretched me, but in ways I certainly did not anticipate. Despite the challenges, my team helped treat more than a thousand patients in mobile clinics. We also organized a pharmacy depot to hold all the donated medications.

But we were asked to tackle a much more challenging task. For two days we dug through a flattened multi-story apartment building looking for bodies—sometimes with the aid of heavy equipment—but mostly with our bare hands. It's hard to feel useful when so many living people need help, but the four bodies we uncovered helped bring closure to grieving families.

Back at Union, I wrestled with the overwhelming feeling that I had done very little—unsure if my service there was worth the expense and effort of the trip. Thousands of patients still clamored for a chance to see a doctor. If no one else took up the task of organizing the pharmacy, the volume of incoming unsorted donations would soon re-



Senior David Skau joined Union's second team (with Brittany Nunez).



David Skau took notes on the assignments for the day.

turn the small room to a state of utter chaos. And what difference did uncovering four bodies make in a city where hundreds of thousands died?

The black cloud surrounded me through my first two days back in class. The realities of catching up on more than a week of schoolwork kept me busy, but the thoughts still poked through. The second night home was Wednesday, when my friends usually hold a Bible study in an apartment near campus.

“I know how busy you are,” I could hear God saying. “I know

about the makeup work and the tests coming up over material you missed. But I also know you need to go to Bible study.”

The text for that night was Philippians 2:4-8

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!”

Then it hit me. Jesus didn’t come to this earth saying, “I’ll only do it if one thousand will repent.” He would have come, lived, suffered and died for just one. And if that was good enough for Him, then I don’t have to change the world either. It is enough to reflect a little of His love to even one of His hurting children. And with that, I had peace.

TEAM 3: ARRIVED FEBRUARY 11

Doug Gatz graduated with a degree in international rescue and relief in 2009. He traveled with Union’s third team to Haiti, which arrived in Port-au-Prince on February 11. While the team spent only a week in Haiti, Doug stayed on for a total of six weeks at the medical clinic.

Normally, I live in a world that revolves around me. I live life oblivious to most of what happens around me—often even God’s attempts to reach into my world. But He used my experience in Haiti to get my attention. I first found out about the earthquake on January 13 after emerging from a sea of NCLEX (registered nurse certification) study questions I had been living in. After reading more than 200 Facebook status updates about Haiti, I wanted to be one of those people who say, “My heart went out to those people and I knew I had to do something.” But truthfully, I read some news articles about the earthquake and went back to studying for the NCLEX test scheduled in three weeks.

But the next day my phone rang. “So when are we going to Haiti,” asked one my fellow IRR graduates. “How can we get down there?” I am glad God doesn’t need or ask for perfection, just willingness, because on February 11, I, along with the rest of the third Union College relief team, set foot in Port-au-Prince.

Exhausted, we fell into bed after a flight into the Dominican Republic and a six-hour bus ride into Haiti. But around 4 a.m. we felt the rain, even inside the large, green, MASH-type army tent where we slept. Nobody got any more sleep after that. Note to future travelers: when you decide to get involved in a disaster response, pack a Ziploc plastic bag with at least one pair of dry clothes, some earplugs and more than a pound of flexibility (for all those around you).

The next morning I met the medical group at a clinic that had been set up by ACTS World Relief and Operation Hope for the Children of Haiti, a local non-governmental aid organization. The clinic had been seeing around six hundred people a day, not including mobile clinics that operated throughout the city when they had enough staffing. By this time, the medical staff had transitioned to providing more primary care instead of the acute injuries treated in the two weeks immediately following the earthquake.

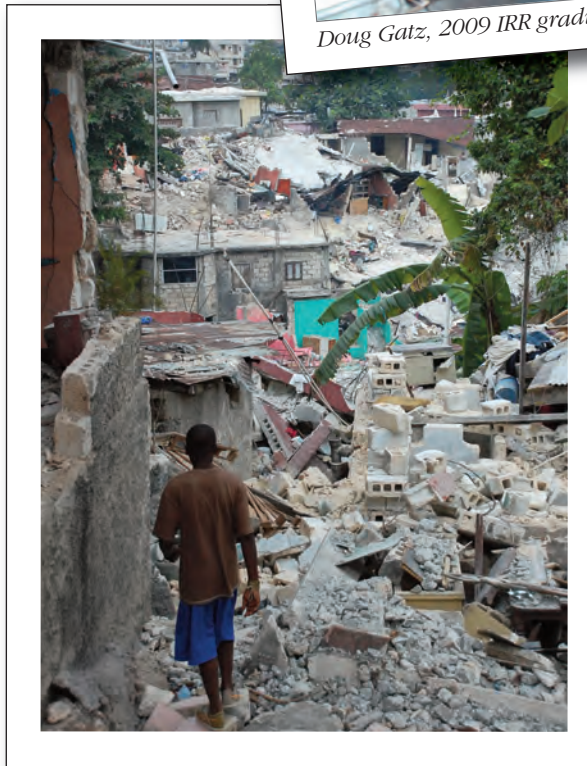
I had recently become a registered nurse, but did not have a job waiting for me at home, so I stayed in Port-au-Prince and worked as a medical provider after the Union College group returned to Lincoln. When I first arrived in Haiti, one of the workers told me that the physical (temperature, sleeping arrangements, etc.) and mental strain made an eight-hour day working in the medical clinic feel more like a 12-hour

day back home. I found this to be true. Along with the fatigue, I began to struggle with the idea that we were not doing enough. It is hard to work all day and know that beyond the 600 people you helped are thousands or maybe millions more. After working on the medical staff for a few weeks, I transitioned to a logistical role (I guess people saw me as a “veteran” or “old-timer”) to support all the volunteers. God brought some amazing volunteers through the clinic during my six weeks in Haiti—people from every background and belief. A few proved to be answers to prayer by providing both perspective and an outlet to share the joy and heartaches of the job. But I consider each of them my friends.

One of the grief counselors told a story that has stuck with me. He



Doug Gatz, 2009 IRR graduate



spoke with a father who had been holding his young son in his lap when the earthquake hit. The wall of their house had fallen on top of them, pinning the man's arms and legs and his son against his lap. Over the next several days, he felt his son slowly stop moving, stop crying and eventually die. "How could you possibly understand what I went through?" the father questioned the counselor. "How can this ever get better?"

"I don't know," replied the counselor with tears in his eyes. "But I know Someone who does." He told the grieving father about how God had watched His son die, and He understands.

Some may think the counselor's response trite, but to a man who had lost everything, it was hope. In the midst of overwhelming suffering, we often miss the miracles. Each morning I woke up to the singing voices of the locals as I prepared for a long day of treating hundreds of hurting people. We drove past the rubble of a church and saw a thousand people having a vibrant worship service. You can't help but be changed by the spirit and resilience of people who have lost so much.

I am still processing my experience in Haiti and how it has impacted my life. The truth is, I have never come back unchanged from a service trip. But as time goes by, it is so easy to lose perspective and go back to thinking the universe revolves around me. When that happens, though, God always sends something along to help me remember—such as writing this story.

TEAM 4: ARRIVED MARCH 11

Kathy Bollinger '71, associate professor of education, traveled to Haiti with the fourth Union College team to serve the devastated country. Originally planned as a mission trip to Belize, the spring break trip allowed more students to go without missing classes. A total of 34 students, employees and medical professionals departed on March 11 and spent a week working in hospitals, medical clinics and playing with the children. Bollinger and two elementary education students joined the team to care for children while their families sought medical attention.

Our bags chock full of crafts and other activity supplies for children, two education majors and I disembarked with the medical team in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, ready to play school with hundreds of young earthquake victims. I quickly discovered laughs and giggles sound the same in Creole as they do in English, a hug takes your breath away in any language and all little boys and girls love to have fun.

We spent most days sitting under a shade tree cutting, pasting, weaving, coloring, gluing, playing and singing while Haitian moms and dads stood in line to be treated at one of the medical clinics staffed by Union College volunteers. I was amazed that



Kathy Bollinger, an education professor, joined the fourth team.

amid the chaos ruling the lives of so many, the children always acted with gentleness and politeness. The older siblings carefully tended to younger ones' needs—helping them create little novelties with our stickers, cups, pipe cleaners and paper. I loved how the children smiled and sweetly snuggled up to me, their tiny arms stretching around my waist while shy grins danced across their faces. We quickly discovered a game of London Bridge causes shrieks of laughter and tennis balls can provide just as much entertainment on hardened clay roads as they do on manicured tennis courts.

The children focused with a joyful vengeance on the "school-work" we brought for them—coloring, weaving, designing and creating—and then proudly displayed their creations to anyone who stopped to look. The pride in their eyes as they surveyed their masterpieces was a gift to me as paint-covered hands gifted parents with newly created items of beauty.

Children are God's gift to us—similar in every culture—wanting to love and be loved. Little Sebastian, a fixture around the hospital compound after losing his leg in the earthquake, snuggled up to me after completing one of the activities. "Thank you, teacher," he beamed as he proudly showed me one of his works of art.

We gave out lots of clothing and toys to the children. After receiving a gift, one little boy hugged me and we danced and danced a little jig and laughed and laughed. That moment was one of pure, whimsical joy. Each evening I lay on the ground under the shelter of a gigantic army tent, wrapped in my sleeping bag surrounded by twenty (or more) fellow travelers, each processing his or her own memories of the day. I knew this was where God wanted me at that moment, and though I probably didn't change lives of these children forever, I did for that one day. **A**

Financing the Trips

The first three trips to Haiti were financed entirely by gifts from alumni and friends of Union College, who donated more than \$26,000 to pay for travel, food and supplies.

Originally planned as a mission trip to Belize over spring break, the fourth trip to Haiti cost each participant \$1,500. Most students raised the money from churches, family and friends, who gave nearly \$43,000.

Thank you to each of you who

helped support these disaster relief trips. If you would like to provide funds so Union's international rescue and relief students can continue to respond to disasters, please contact the Advancement Office at 402.486.2503 or www.union.edu/advancement



Her KIND of service

by Michelle Current

As a dental hygienist, Julie Collett '81 loves teeth—or at least working on them. Now, as director of Kids In Need of Dentistry (KIND), a Colorado not-for-profit organization that provides dental work for children who can't afford it, she has found her life calling.

"I was making one of my first presentations as executive director, and a prominent businesswoman interrupted me with tears in her eyes," Collett remembered. "The woman said, 'I know all about KIND. KIND is the reason my son can smile.'"

Twelve years before, the woman and her husband were out of work and living with her parents. A friend gave them tickets to an amusement park so they could have a family outing, but the fun ended when her little boy tripped and broke his front tooth.

"She didn't have insurance and she couldn't afford to pay," said Collett. "She went online to find someplace she could afford. That's when she found us." The next day her son had an appointment, and the tooth was fixed within a week. Collett was surprised to hear the 18-year-old remembered the help he received and had asked his mother to thank her.

These experiences make Collett thankful she chose this path. While attending high school in Nebraska, she couldn't decide whether to study dental hygiene or nutrition, so she sought advice from a guidance counselor. "She told me if I went into nutrition I would be stuck in the basement of hospitals," said Collett, "right then I decided dental hygiene was for me and I never looked back."

Collette graduated from Union College in 1981 with an associate's degree in health science and then went to dental hygiene school in Pueblo, Colo. While working as a dental practitioner in



Julie Collett '81 runs Kids in Need of Dentistry, which provides dental care for children in the Denver area (including the mobile clinic below).



Colorado, one of her friends asked Collett to fill an opening in KIND's Chopper Topper Program.

"My favorite part is the kids," Collett said about the program, which works with elementary schools to place sealants on the molars of second graders. "I got to be their best friend for the week. They are all so sweet, I'm glad I could do something that helped them and their future."

Collett worked for KIND for two and a half years before taking a break to learn more about the not-for-profit world as executive director of the Alumni Awards Foundation, an organization dedicated to raising funds to support Adventist education.

In 2007, Collett returned to KIND, which at the time had a \$250,000 deficit. The auditor told the board it would take the organization three to four years to turn the deficit around. As executive director, Collett did it in nine months.

Now that the organization is on solid financial footing, Collett has ambitious goals for the future. She wants to expand KIND's current services and ultimately become the dental provider for all the school systems in the metro Denver area. "I know right now it is not possible to help everybody," Collett said. "But I also didn't think it was possible to turn a \$250,000 deficit around in less than ten months. We can do anything we can

imagine with the right help."

Collett ultimately found fulfillment in life through serving others. "I love my job," she said. "These last few years have been rewarding. I can go home at night knowing this organization makes a difference in the lives of children. The best part of this job is that it combines both of my passions: dentistry and philanthropy." ▲

Kids in Need of Dentistry

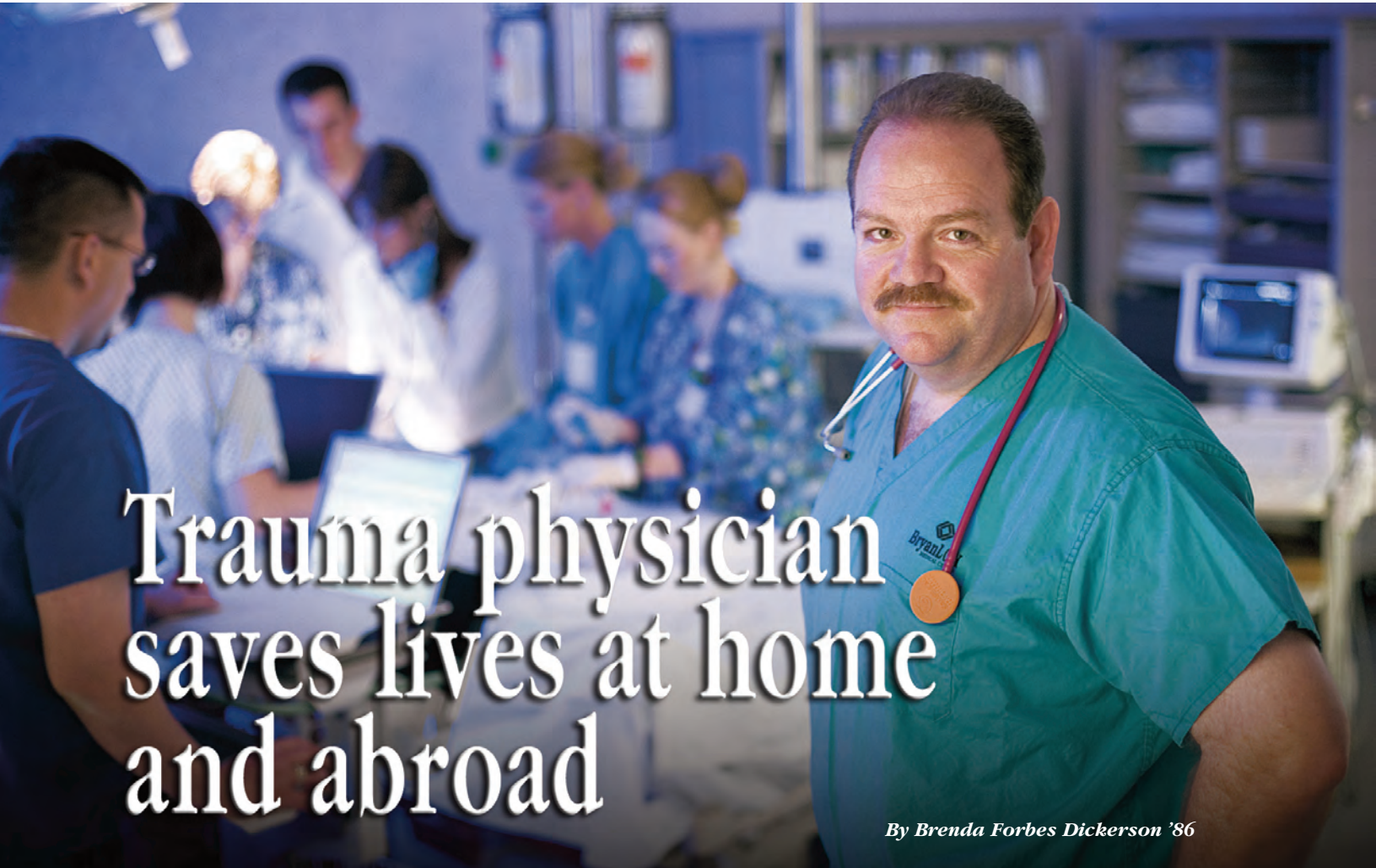
Kids In Need of Dentistry was started in 1912 by a group of dentists who saw a need for dental care among the low-income miner's and railroader's children in Colorado. Today KIND has three dental clinics: two in the metro Denver area and one in Colorado Springs and a wide range of services for kids.

The Chopper Topper Program works with elementary

schools to place sealant on the molars of second graders. Dental hygienists do oral health education, dental screenings and place sealants. This program targets second graders, because as their first molars erupt, the sealant helps prevent cavities.

Miles for Smiles is a 36-foot dental clinic on wheels. The bus spends a month at a time at Denver's clinics for low-income families, making it easy for people to take advantage of both services.

photos: courtesy of Julie Collett



Trauma physician saves lives at home and abroad

By Brenda Forbes Dickerson '86

“Wounded warrior, you are now on U.S. soil. You are safe!” These are the first words injured soldiers hear when they arrive at Landstuhl Medical Center in Germany. And volunteer trauma surgeon Dr. Reg Burton '83 from Lincoln, Neb., is helping make those words a reality.

Patching up the wounded

In February Burton traveled to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, the largest American hospital outside the continental United States. Located in northern Germany, Landstuhl is where wounded soldiers from Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom come for medical care within 24-36 hours of being injured. The American College of Surgeons coordinates with the military and the American Association of Surgical Trauma to provide the Visiting Distinguished Surgeons program. Their role is twofold: to assist military surgeons with current surgeries and to present continuing education lectures. The permanent staff coordinating the operations at Landstuhl are specialists, but the doctors actually performing the surgeries are general surgeons deployed short term. Every three months there is a whole new team, requiring a continual process of education.

“It was an outstanding experience—a real honor—for me to be able to go to Landstuhl,” Burton said. “Most trauma cases in the U.S. are someone driving recklessly, getting drunk and jumping off a balcony or doing high-risk sports. But these guys weren't doing anything except protecting me and my country. It's a totally different feel.”

During his two-week stay Burton received a “wounded warriors” military coin from the commander of the base for saving the life of a soldier who couldn't breathe.

In July Burton returned to Landstuhl in response to an urgent call for help. July was the highest month to date for casualties from the war in Afghanistan. Because of an increase in the use of explosives by the Taliban, many U.S. soldiers suffered severe injuries to the lower body, often losing one or both legs.

Burton stayed another two weeks to help treat the increased number of wounded soldiers at the hospital before returning to Lincoln.

Constant trauma isn't easy

The high stress world of trauma surgery often burns out the faint of heart. But amid the constant pressure, Burton enjoys his work and finds time to share his talents across Nebraska, not just around the world.

Since 2002, Dr. Burton has been the director at the Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Center for BryanLGH Medical Center in Lincoln. He serves as the Region 2 trauma director in the Nebraska Statewide Trauma System, chair of the Nebraska Statewide Trauma Performance Improvement Committee (and author of their training workshop materials) and chair of the Rural Trauma Committee for the American College of Surgeons. Burton also helps train young surgeons as a clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Nebraska.

As director of the Trauma Center, Burton constantly works with patients who are dying or in critical condition. When people ask how he maintains a positive attitude in such an environment, Burton replies that the key is focusing on performance improvements. “We always seek ways to do things better and faster. We look for new research to improve methods so we can save the next person.”

Getting trauma victims to medical facilities more quickly is one of Burton's objectives. Every Thursday his team conducts "Trauma on the Road" training events in outlying communities to teach medical staff how their pre-hospital services can be done more efficiently. Dr. Burton also teaches trauma care workshops across the country. "I'm on the road quite a bit on national lecture-ship tours," Burton said. "This year was really busy."

"I always wanted to be a doctor"

From the beginning, Burton's career path has been straightforward. "I always knew I wanted to be a doctor," he said. "I was the kid cutting up dead toads to see what was inside and what they had eaten. I always wanted to know how things worked." When Burton was eight years old, his grandfather suffered a heart attack on a farm in the middle of nowhere. "I promised God then that if He would save my grandpa I would grow up and serve others," said Burton.

When he arrived at Union College, Burton found a dedicated team of professionals in the sciences who helped make his aspiration a reality. He particularly remembers Walter Page, Gilbert McMillen and Barbara Goyne. "They were not only very smart people, they were personable," he recalled. "They knew who I was and took an interest in me."

It wasn't only the science faculty who connected with Burton. Jim McClelland, long-time professor of art at Union, became a close friend. "Mr. McClelland is not only a fantastic artist, he's also a great person. We share a love of birds and orchids," Burton added. While Burton was in medical school at Loma Linda University, McClelland staged an art show in California. "I loved his paintings, but of course I couldn't afford them. He basically gave me one of his paintings," Burton said. "I knew he was proud of me for being there. Now that I can, I buy his paintings."

Service doesn't end after surgery

From his professors, Burton received a model for mission and service that he has personally developed as part of his career. Last year he and his wife, Dr. Jamie Snyder-Burton, started the Burton Trauma Foundation to assist trauma survivors. Burton knows most young people don't get to be trauma patients because they have their lives together and are heading toward their goals.



Dr. Reginald Burton '83 (second from left) directs BryanLGH Medical Center's Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Center.

It's often kids with issues who start doing drugs and get into situations that land them in the emergency room. Burton points out it's easy for trauma surgeons to become judgmental and think, *This is just another kid on drugs*. But he believes that if you judge people at their lowest point, you've missed an opportunity because that is when they're most open to change.

"We have an active trauma program where we help put the bad stuff behind and start exploring goals," Burton said. "If they haven't finished high school, we help them get a GED. If they have, we get them into college programs where they can reach some goals. We're helping quite a few kids and we realized we could help many more if we used pre-tax dollars," Burton explained.

"That's why we formally started the foundation."

A passion for mentoring

Although Burton serves on a dozen committees and his office walls are ringed with certificates and awards (including the 2009 Trauma Champion Award), mentoring young people is his passion. In addition to their three biological children, the Burtons have five "adopted" children. He speaks with satisfaction of his "other kids" and their accomplishments. "I do a lot of counseling with kids I try to help. There's a lot of dysfunction and sometimes kids just need understanding." Burton tells them wisdom is making a mistake and learning from it, but they don't always have to make their own mistakes. It's much less painful to learn from someone else's.

Dr. Burton regularly gives this advice to students: "Find something you're really interested in, that you can be excited about every day. Then if another opportunity comes that looks interesting, do that to the best of your ability. If you don't know what you want to do, attend a liberal arts college where you're exposed to a lot of different things. Give everything a chance and do everything to the best of your ability each step of the way. If you're just doing it to get a grade you may be missing an opportunity for your life's calling. You never know where life is going to take you, but try to find a career that stimulates you to be your best; look for a life partner who brings out the best in you; and raise your family so they're the best they can be."

Throughout his life—from his grandpa's heart attack to saving the lives of wounded soldiers—Burton has been handling high adrenaline moments. He believes having "a firm foundation of your beliefs in God and your mission in life is what gets you through." **A**



Burton twice traveled to Landstuhl, Germany, this year to treat wounded soldiers.

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1940s

John Stevens '49 has spent the past 40 years working in the field of religious freedom. He has represented freedom of religion alongside government leaders in various countries including Brazil, England, Kenya and Russia. He founded two religious liberty organizations, including the Council on Religious Freedom, and has seen his bills supporting religious freedom passed into law. His articles have appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today* and *Signs of the Times*.



John Stevens

He has served as guest chaplain in the U.S. House of Representatives and most recently published a book entitled, *The Abortion Controversy: Will a Free America Survive? Will You?*

1960s

Charles Prowant '61 and his wife, Mollie Sue, recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on the Oregon coast with family and friends. Following his graduation from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry, Charles practiced for five years in Grand Island, Neb., before setting sail on a Norwegian freighter bound for Karachi, Pakistan, where they served at the Karachi Adventist Hospital. Their 20 years of mission service continued in Okinawa, Japan, where Charles was instrumental in building the dental clinic at Naha Adventist Hospital and Hong Kong Adventist Hospital. Following 12 years in private practice in Overland Park, Kan., they returned to mission service in Moscow, Russia, where Charles served as director of the Adventist health center. Now retired in Whitney, Texas, they remain active in their community and enjoy time with their children and ten grandchildren.



Charles and Mollie Sue Prowant

Wayne Judd '64 is retiring as assistant vice president for mis-

sion and spiritual care at Adventist Health West after serving in this capacity for 16 years. Wayne began his health care career in 1984 working in marketing at the corporate office in Glendale. In 1989, he began work at Glendale Adventist Medical Center as associate director of behavioral medicine in product line development, marketing and management. He also spent five years working as a health care consultant. Joining the corporate office again in 1995, Wayne worked as a strategic planner for Adventist Health before adding mission and spiritual care to his portfolio. Prior to entering the health care field, Wayne, an ordained minister for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was a college professor. He taught religion and history courses at Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., as well as serving in administrative roles at Columbia Union College and Loma Linda University. Wayne is an accomplished musician who has led several musical groups at Adventist Health. Among other things, he has led the BrAHvo Concert Band and has sung with the AHmen male octet. A resident of Roseville, Calif., he and his wife, Audrey, have two adult children as well as three grandchildren. Audrey continues to work at Adventist Health as an executive assistant.

1970s

Lynn Johnson '71 has recently retired as a partner with Dixon Hughes, the largest CPA firm based in the southeast. At the time of his retirement, Lynn was the managing partner of the Hendersonville, N.C., office. He still lives in Hendersonville with his wife, Erika. He will continue to be involved part time with Dixon Hughes, while also a vice president of a local manufacturing company and serving on the boards of eight community organizations. Lynn and Erika

have three married sons and four grandchildren.

1980s

David Crane '86 of Hinsdale, Ill., has been elected treasurer of the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council's Board of Directors. Crane is president and chief executive officer of Adventist Midwest Health and Adventist Hinsdale Hospital. He previously served as president and chief executive officer of Littleton Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colo., and has also served at other institutions such as St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center and Mercy Health Partners in Toledo, Ohio, and Centura Health in Denver, Colo. David earned a master's degree in business administration from Crummer Graduate School of Business at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

Charles Jaster '87, from Fairfield, Penn., earned a master's degree in finance and accounting from Regis University in the fall of 2009. Charles is currently the chief financial officer at the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, where he oversees the finance and accounting. He had two grandchildren born in 2009.

1990s

Ken '90 and Tami Cox '91 Bieber, are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Bailey Elizabeth. She was born Oc-



Bailey Elizabeth Bieber

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tober 22, 2010, weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 19 ½ inches long.

Mark Smith '90, former faculty and his wife **Jacque**, former Union College director of public relations and communication teacher, moved to the Dayton, Ohio, area in May 2010. Mark is the vice president for finance and operations of Greene Memorial Hospital in the Kettering Health Network. After 10 years at Union College including more than eight years as director of public relations and former *CORDmagazine* editor, Jacque is now pursuing some freelance communication work while staying at home with their 19-month-old son. Branson Conley Smith was born April 12, 2009.



Branson Smith

Suzanne Beranek '91, recently accepted the position of director of communications for policy and philanthropy at the Colorado Health Foundation. Most recently, Suzanne worked as an independent consultant and owner of Beranek Communications. She also led communications efforts for institutions of higher learning and non-profit organizations including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Coalition for the Homeless and Florida Hospital.

Joseph '92 and Julie Fults '95 Fralick just moved into a beautiful home in the country. They are enjoying their three acres and a river flowing behind the

house. Joe is principal at Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School and Julie teaches part time at the same school. All four of their children currently attend SVAES. Their oldest will graduate next year and attend Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Jeanie Drake '93 has served for three years as principal of A Plus Elementary, voted preschool for 2009 by the city of Glendale, Calif.

Lee Bowes '97 has been named southwest regional manager for Duncan Aviation. In this position, Lee will help operators in Nevada, Arizona and southern California become more familiar with the capabilities and services offered by the company. He began his career with Duncan Aviation in 1999 as a marketing specialist. He is an instrument-rated pilot, has done more than 100 skydives, and enjoys playing music locally and regionally.

Rhonda Purkeypyle Mazlumian '97 and her husband, Pablo, were blessed with a daughter, Alexa Noelle, on Feb. 19, 2009. The family lives in Shawnee, Kan., where Rhonda is a stay-at-home mom with Alexa and her big sister, Gianna. Pablo is director of tennis at Clayview Country Club and an automotive journalist for European Car Magazine.

Nick Bock '98 and James Bowen and their company, Five Nines Technology Group, in Lincoln, Neb., have been named the Nebraska Small Business of the Year for 2010 by the United States Small Business Administration. Previously, Nick worked with the Nebraska Heart Institute in IT support before serving as IT director for the Nebraska Urban Medical Center in 2002 and as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Pfizer. In 2004, he founded Nebraska IT, a client-focused IT support and counseling firm. Three years later he joined

James to form Five Nines. Nick is on the board of directors for the Lincoln Children's Museum, a member of the school board for SDA Schools of Lincoln, and a Union College Business and Computer Science mentor.

2009 s o s

Torrey '00 and Donene Caster Braithwaite '00 welcomed Ezekiel "Zeke" Cole on July 12, 2010, at 6:32 a.m. Zeke weighed in at 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.



Ezekiel Braithwaite

Greg ('00) and Amber Doolaard '99 Johnson were blessed with a baby boy, Drew Gregory, on Sep. 9, 2009. Drew joined big sister Claire at home. The family lives in Comstock Park, Mich., where Amber is a physical therapist and Greg is a computer network consultant.



Drew Johnson

Josh Huenergardt '01 and his wife, Becca, welcomed Natalie Rose on Aug. 11, 2010. She was 6 pounds 14 ounces and 20.5 inches long.



Natalie Huenergardt

Dean '01 and Laura Rumsey '03 Poblete are the proud parents of a baby boy, Isaac Allen, born April 16, 2009. Laura is a registered nurse at Florida Hospital, and Dean is the art director at Try-Foods International.



Isaac Poblete

Tyrel '02 and Klarissa Brownlee ('03) Blanchfield were married in August 2006. They welcomed Javen Zachary Blanchfield on Feb. 24, 2009. Tyrel is currently the finance manager for Dunn County Rural Electric Cooperative.

Stefan '02 and Crystal Schauer '02 Kaiser were blessed with a daughter, Carisse Denae, on Jan. 22, 2008. They

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live in Loma Linda, Calif., where Crystal is a registered nurse and Stefan is in a medical residency at Loma Linda University Medical Center.



Carisse Kaiser

Christine Pfeiffer '02 married Don Allison on September 6, 2009 at the Chehalis Adventist Church in Chehalis, Wash. They make their home in Randle, Wash.



Christine and Don Allison

Heidi Hiebert '03 married Dustin Jones on June 29, 2008, in Bonner's Ferry, Idaho. They live in Colton, Calif., where Heidi is the associate director of public relations at Loma Linda University.



Heidi and Dustin Jones

Todd Hoyt '03 graduated from Union College with a major in communications. Since graduation he has pursued a successful career in sales in the fields of marketing and recruiting. His latest endeavor is delving into the challenging and rewarding field of real estate.



Todd Hoyt

Bill '04 and Tasha Reynolds '03 Heinrich welcomed Colton Keith on Dec. 1, 2009.



Colton Heinrich

He weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long. They currently live in Orlando, Fla.

James Goddard '04, staff attorney at Nebraska Appleseed, presented a case before the Nebraska Supreme Court to help restore Medicaid benefits to more than 400 low-income parents unlawfully dropped from the Employment First program by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. He successfully represented the members of the Employment First program in this class action lawsuit.

Jessica Jorgensen Cress '05 and her husband, Barry, welcomed a baby boy, Owen William, on June 15, 2009. He joins big brother, Caleb, at home. The family lives in Zanesville, Ohio.



Owen Cress

Miguel ('05) and Katie Inman ('08) Nunez are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Eli-



Elijah Nunez

jah Miguel. He was born May 6, 2010, and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Elijah is the grandson of Miguel and Mary Nunez Aguilar and Mike and Deb Inman.

Josh ('06) and Shelly McLean Kittleson '06 are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Martin Douglas Ora, born on Nov. 11, 2008. They live in Lincoln, Nebr., where Shelly is a senior accounting clerk at Christian Record Services, and Josh is a skip trace specialist at Nelnet.



Martin Kittleson

Stephanie Rick '06 married Jeff Lind on February 20, 2010, in Daytona Beach, Fla. They both recently finished their MBA degrees and are ready to take on the world together. Stephanie is working as senior sales and marketing manager at Florida Hospital and Jeff is director of communications at Waterman Communities.



Stephanie and Jeff Lind

Caleb '09 and **Codi Davidson '05 Jahn** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, **Conner Caleb**. He was born April 29, 2010. They live in Shawnee, Kan., where Codi is a sales representative for Pac-Van, and Caleb is a pilot for Flight Express.



Conner Jahn

2010s

Grace Escobar '10 interned with Street Team, a group that worked in Lincoln to pave the way for the arrival of the Special Olympics athletes in July 2010. Awareness was the key to Grace's work; Street Team's main focus was on building a better understanding about people with disabilities and the Special Olympic movement.

Angela Washington ('10) served as a volunteer intern at the People's City Mission in 2009. During her time in that position, Angela helped with the Halloween Food Drive and co-founded the Amazing Grace Food Drive, coordinating more than 100 volunteers and raising more than a ton of food to feed the homeless. On Wednesday, August 11, 2010, Angela was awarded the Governor's Point of Light Award by Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy and First Lady Sally Ganem.



Angela Washington

People Placements

Andrea Ahrens is the new annual giving director for Union. Ahrens received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1999. She earned an MBA from the University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business, 2009. She is married to **Michael '00**.

Tina Booton is the new cashier; she previously managed a local restaurant. She and Gary, her husband of 18 years, have two children, Aimee and Will.

Teresa (Smith) Edgerton '01 took over as Career Center Coordinator, in Feb. 2010. Edgerton graduated from Union with a degree in business administration. After graduation she and her husband, **Thaddeus ('01)** moved to St. Louis, Mo. where she started her career as an office manager at a small construction company. She later worked as a staff accountant at Barnes-Jewish Hospital. Before coming to Union she worked as the controller at a construction company in Lincoln, Neb.

Kristine Follett, a clinical instructor in childbearing and family community health nursing at Southern Adventist Uni-

versity, moved from Colledale, Tenn., to Union College as an assistant professor in the nursing department. Follett received her BSN from Southwestern Adventist College and her MSN from Southern Adventist University. Her husband, **Kalvin**, works at Christian Record Services as an audio engineer and technician. Their children, **Nathan** and **Jannah**, attend Helen Hyatt and are in fourth and sixth grade.

Tracy Cash Hagele '93 is now Union's simulation lab coordinator. Hagele graduated from Union College with a BSN and has enjoyed 16 years of nursing in a number of states including California, Alaska and most recently Colorado, where she developed and ran the Pre-Admission Testing Nursing Department for Parker Adventist Hospital. She met her husband, **Greg '92**, at Union College. They have a five-year old daughter.

Brian Hauff came to Union College in 2010 as the EMS coordinator and an assistant professor in the international rescue and relief program. He graduated from the University of North Texas in 2003 with a Master of Science. Prior to coming to Union College, Hauff spent seven years as a firefighter and paramedic for the City of Cleburne Fire Department in Texas. He is nationally certified as a paramedic, firefighter, and emergency medical services and fire instructor. Hauff is married to **Krystal**, associate professor of health and human performance and has two children: daughter, **Riley**, who is six years old and son, **Brady**, who is 18 months.

Krystal Lakoduk Hauff '98 is a new associate professor of health and human performance. Hauff graduated from Union College with a degree in exercise science. In 2000, she earned a Master of Education degree in exercise physiology from the University of Ne-

braska-Lincoln and a Ph.D. in health study from Texas Woman's University in 2006. Before coming to Union, Hauff worked at Southwestern Adventist University as a teacher in the kinesiology department. She is married to **Brian**, assistant professor of international rescue and relief at Union, and has two children: daughter, **Riley**, who is six-years old and son, **Brady**, who is 18 months.

Karla Navarrete is the new enrollment coordinator. Before coming to Union in 2009 as a nursing student, Navarrete worked with handicapped children and adults in Los Angeles, Calif. She is currently a part-time student in Union's nursing program and is anticipating graduation in 2011.

Jonathan Rickard recently became the new student accounts manager at Union College. Rickard attained his double major in history and government and business administration from Pacific Union College and later earned an MBA from the University of California Riverside. Before coming to Union, he lived in Loma Linda while working for the US Census Bureau. His wife, **Amy**, is a new professor in the biology department and they have a 2-year old son, **Benjamin Reid Utt-Rickard**.

Frankie Rose '02 graduated from Union College with a bachelor of science degree in biology and is now assistant professor of biology. Rose earned a Ph.D. from the department of molecular microbiology and immunology at the University of Missouri and just completed a one-year post-doctoral fellowship doing biomedical research within the same lab. His wife, **Ellen '02**, has a BSN.

Ben Tyner, a new assistant professor of history, graduated from La Sierra University in 2002 with a degree in history. Tyner is currently working on

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his dissertation to complete his doctoral studies. Prior to Union, Tyner worked as an adjunct teacher at several schools, including Asheville-DeBunch Technical Community College in North Carolina. He and his wife, Jenny, have a four-year old son, Gabriel.

Amy Utt-Rickard is a new assistant biology professor for the Division of Science and Mathematics. She graduated from Loma Linda University in 2010 with a master's in animal behavior and conservation. In 2001 she graduated from Pacific Union College with a bachelor of science in biology. Before making the move to Union College, she worked at San Bernardino Valley College and La Sierra University. Utt-Rickard is married to Jonathan Rickard, Union's new student accounts manager, and has a 2-year old boy, Benjamin Reid Utt-Rickard.

Ryan Veness '10 graduated from Union College with a degree in international rescue and relief with an emphasis in project development. Veness is now a full-time staff assistant for the department after working overseas last year. He is newly married to Heidi Morse Veness, who plans to graduate from Union this year with an IRR degree.

Michelle Younkin has assumed the role of Director of Records. She joined the staff in June after relocating from Glendale, Calif., where she worked at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Michelle received her bachelor's degree from Southern Adventist University and her MBA from La Sierra University.

Transitioned:

Sherri Gregory transitioned from her position as office manager for the Division of Human Development to the admissions and progression coordinator for

the nursing program. Gregory is developing systems to track students who move through the nursing program and the activities of the faculty who serve them. Her position will evolve into coordination of the nursing program, supervision of the office staff and serving the health sciences division chair, nursing program director and nursing faculty. This position became full-time on Nov. 1, 2010

Jill Morstad has expanded her role at Union College. While still working as an adjunct English professor, Morstad is now Union's assessment director in which she coordinates with the academic programs to determine their effectiveness.

Aaron Kent '08 graduated with a degree in international rescue and relief returned to Union as a staff intern while completing his master's program through Southern Adventist University. Kent is now working as a full-time IRR faculty member.

IN MEMORY

Death dates and/or obituaries have been received for the following individuals.

Roger Runck '31, Grand Junction, Colo., died Dec. 20, 2009, at age 97. He was born May 24, 1912, in Dolores, Colo. After graduating from Union College with a degree in pre-med, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Colorado and a Master of Science in Metallurgy from Stevens Institute of Technology. While an undergraduate, Roger won a national award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. Later, he worked for Metal and Thermit Corporation, Battelle Memorial Institute, the Department of Energy, and served as the founding president of International Precious Metals Institute. He is

survived by his sons, Robert and Robin; daughters, Lahna Rogene Neely and Rhonda; sisters, Mildred Beck and Ruth Smoot, and four grandchildren. Theodora, his wife of 69 years, preceded him in death in 2003.

Harold Singleton ('31), Silver Spring, Md., died Feb. 8, 2009, at age 101. He was born in 1908 in Valdosta, Ga. After graduating from Oakwood College, he continued his education at Union College in 1931 and later at the Adventist Theological Seminary. Harold served as president of the South Atlantic and Northeastern Conferences and later worked at the Southern Union Conference. In 1962, he was elected regional department secretary at the church's world headquarters. Upon entering the ministry, Harold gained a reputation as a church planter, pastoring churches in Tennessee, Florida, and the Carolinas. He is survived by Mary, his wife of 71 years, six children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Esther Sonnenberg '32, Loma Linda, Calif., died March 18, 2010, at age 98. She was born Dec. 5, 1911, in Winside, Neb. Esther's life was devoted to teaching and helping others. She taught at Union College, Walla Walla University, and was dean of women at Loma Linda University. She is survived by her sister-in-law, **Alma '38**; nephews, Craig and Mark, and nieces, Diane and Karen.

Audrey Anderson Johnson ('33), Turner, Maine, died Jan. 22, 2010, at age 95. She was born Aug. 8, 1914. Audrey taught nursing, piano and organ. She is survived by her husband, Melvin and daughter, Lynette Johnson-Fisher.

Harold Schmidt ('36), Apopka, Fla., died Jan. 2, 2010, at age 99. After finishing college, he began pastoral work in the Missouri Conference. He also served in Illinois, Minnesota and Florida. While serv-

ing as pastor of the Miami Temple Church, he was named president of the Florida Conference, a post he held for eight years. He then served as president of the Southern Union Conference for the next 15 years until retiring in 1980. He is survived by his son, H. Lane; twin daughters, Barbara Fowler and Beverly Garner; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by Doris, his wife of 60 years.

Anabelle Mills Hills ('37), Loma Linda, Calif., died Feb. 3, 2010, at age 93. She was born June 4, 1916, in Bravo, Mich. She graduated from Natrona County High School in Casper, Wyo., attended Union College and Columbia Union College, and graduated from the School of Nursing in Paradise Valley, Calif. She began her nursing career in 1945 at White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles. In 1955, Anabelle earned a master's in nursing from the University of Colorado. She then became an associate professor of nursing at Loma Linda University. In 1978, Anabelle married **Floyd '37**. She is survived by her daughters, Carol Huddle, Betty Woods and Cindy Ford; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Kathryn Mills, Alyce Fund and Madalyn Lathrop.

Delwin Blue '39, Boulder City, Nev., died Jan. 28, 2010, at age 91. He was born March 18, 1918, in a farming community near Lincoln, Neb. He earned a degree in chemistry from Union College where he met his future wife, **Eloise Laugen '40**. They moved to Boulder City in 1954 where Delwin served as director of the Bureau of Mines Metallurgy Plant until his retirement in 1975. He was also an expert and published author on the subject of aluminum processing. He served the Boulder City community for 16 years and was a dedicated member of Rotary. Delwin loved boating on Lake Mead and exploring the

Colorado River. He is survived by his wife, Eloise; son, Wayne; sister, Myrna Koundoriotis; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Craig.

Fern Seamount Nelson '39, Loma Linda, Calif., died March 4, 2010, at age 93. She was born Jan. 25, 1917, in Green River, Utah. She is survived by her son, Steven; daughter, Barbara Baring; and four grandchildren.

Arthur Heinrich ('41), Eustis, Fla., died Feb. 17, 2009, at age 93. He was born Oct. 7, 1915, in North Dakota. Arthur was a member of the Umatilla, Fla. church. He is survived by his wife, Eldina; sons, **Milo '80** and **Arlo '81**; daughters, **Sharon Werner ('69)** and Cynthia Darcy; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Marie Sanders Rowland '42, Lincoln, Neb., died February 29, 2009, at age 91. She attended Campion Academy and graduated from Shelton Academy. 1936 was her first year at Union College. The years 1937 to 1940 found her back home teaching the same country school she had attended as a girl. In 1940, Marie continued her studies in teacher education/biology and immersed herself in offices such as Sabbath school secretary and was chosen as an honorary cadet captain of the Union College Medical Cadet Corps. She married **Neil '47** on February 3, 1943. During the two years Neil was in the army, Marie worked as registrar, librarian and biology teacher at Campion Academy in Loveland, Colo. In 1977 Neil received a call from the General Conference to teach at Mountain View College in the southern Philippines. She is survived by her husband, **Neil**; daughters, **Janice ('66)** and husband, **Ed '72 Seltmann**; **Bonnie ('74)** and husband, Kurt Schindler; son, **Dale '70** and wife, Colleen; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her brother, Edward.



Marie Sanders Rowland

Helen Bliss Mathis '44, Center Point, Iowa, died April 21, 2010, at age 91. Helen was born Sept. 20, 1918, near Marion, Iowa. Helen earned a degree in home economics while at Union. On July 13, 1944, she married Dale Mathis. Helen taught at Linn County country school for two years. She also worked as a social worker for 17 years at the Department of Human Services in Cedar Rapids. She loved to travel and cook, and was known for incredible pies. Helen is survived by include her husband, Dale; sons, **Edwin '70**, **Vern ('74)**, and **Norman '81**; six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter and a brother, Harold.



Helen Bliss Mathis

Oliver Johnston '45, Loma Linda, Calif., died Feb. 19, 2010, at age 92. He was born Aug. 25, 1917, in Horine, Mich. Oliver

served as pastor in Texas, Minnesota, Michigan, South Dakota, and California. He is survived by his wife, **Eunice Skadsheim ('45) Johnston**; sons, Oliver and Robert; daughter, Eileene Madden; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Vera Jordan McWilliams '45, Nashville, Tenn., died Nov. 17, 2009. She was a member of the Madison, Tenn., campus church. She is survived by her son, Darrell, and his wife, Linda.

Betty Yearwood Seal '46, Somerset, Ky., died March 30, 2010, at age 86. She was born May 2, 1923. She was a kindergarten and head start teacher for 15 years, a radiology transcriber for 15 years, and a co-owner of Southwest Portable X-ray and EKG Service for 11 years. She is survived by a son, Richard; daughter, Linda Thorman; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Betty Yearwood Seal

Lois Cummings Haas '48, Littleton, Colo., died June 10, 2010, at age 85. She was born Dec. 28, 1924. Her life's work was spent as an elementary school teacher, wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, **Harry '48**, daughters, **Diane Rasco ('70)** and husband, Jerry; **Sheryl Hasenauer '74** and husband, **Bruce '74**; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Patricia Carter Zima ('48), Cleveland, Tenn., died Oct. 5, 2009, at age 81. She was born

Dec. 13, 1927. She is survived by her sons, Bob and **Jeff '78**; and daughter, Nancy Zima-Gentry.

William Brumfield '49, Denver, Colo., died Feb. 13, 2010, at age 88. He was born in 1921 in Pierce, Colo. He is survived by his daughter, RaeNell Mittleider and two granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Olivet Atwood Brumfield ('49)** and son, John.

Delphine Watson Gates '49, Grand Junction, Colo., died Feb. 24, 2010, at age 91. She was born May 27, 1918, in Montrose, Colo. She graduated from Campion Academy and earned a bachelor's degree from Union College. During her career, Delphine was a teacher and administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist school system. She enjoyed music, reading, traveling and the outdoors. She is survived by her husband, **Lee Gates, Jr. '49**; son, Garry; daughter, **Sandra Drobny '69**; brother, **John Watson ('37)**; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Lee Gates III.

Timothy Ling '49, Loma Linda, Calif., died June 10, 2010, at age 95. He was born Feb. 19, 1915, on Kulangsu Island in South China. After graduating from the China Training Institute, Tim served as teacher at the Bee Hwa School. He graduated with bachelor's degrees from St. John's University in Shanghai and Union College before pursuing graduate studies in political science at the University of Nebraska. In 1951, Tim began his career at the United States Information Agency in its Voice of America operations. He was committed to sharing global news with those behind the Iron Curtain, particularly in China. In 1983, Tim and his wife moved to Loma Linda to be closer to their children and enjoy the warmer climate. He is survived by his daughter, Julia Miller; son, Benjamin; and one granddaughter.

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He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene.

Larry (Bogdanovich) Stevens '49, Lakebay, Wash., died April 18, 2009, at age 82. He was born April 16, 1927, in St. Louis, Mo. After earning a master's degree in higher education and counseling, he spent 40 years in academy, college and university campuses as dean, dean of students, financial aid officer, director of personnel and patient relations administrator. Larry had a great love of outdoor life—mountaineering, canoeing, flying, backpacking and traveling in 21 countries. He retired to a 100-acre farm where an array of wildlife roamed the forests and hayfields. He is survived by his wife, **JoAnn Perkins '49 Stevens**; brother, **John '49**; and daughters, Cathleen FitzGerald and Dana Greenlee.

Gerald Williams '49, Apopka, Fla., died Sabbath, January 23, 2010. He interned in the Nebraska Conference and then went as a missionary to Venezuela, Columbia, El Salvador, Panama and Mexico. Gerald earned a doctorate in hospital administration and served at Washington Adventist Hospital and operated two nursing homes in the D.C. area. Gerald is survived by two sons, Dale and Dennis; and brother, **Royce '51**. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Evelyn Coultas ('49) Williams**.

Norman Baughman '50, Loma Linda, Calif., died Nov. 30, 2009, at age 86. He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Rock Springs, Wyo. His is survived by his wife, Bertha; sons, Gary and Ron; and four grandchildren.

George Pierson '50, Moberly, Mo., died Nov. 18, 2008, at age 85. He was born Aug. 24, 1923, in Wheatland, Wyo. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, receiving an honorable discharge. Prior to retirement, he was owner and operator of Hawkeye Book and Magazine Co. He is survived by his wife,

Alice Forste '50 Pierson; sons, Dave and Steve; daughters, Marilee Pierson and **Sandee Bales '69**; grandchildren; brother, **Paul ('53)**; sisters, Lula Master and Fern Helzer Partridge.

Merritt Schumann '50, Grand Junction, Colo., died April 13, 2010, at age 87. He was born July 26, in Montrose, Colo. He graduated with a degree in music from Union College and earned a master's from the University of Northern Colorado. Merritt served with the U.S. Army during WWII in the Europe. Later, he founded LaVilla Grande Care Center and the Schumann Singers. He was also a guest conductor throughout the United States and Canada. He had a deep love for the Lord and his family. He is survived by his wife, **Betty Dixon ('48) Schumann**; son, Merritt II; daughters, Linda Skidmore, Diann Cashell and Deb Warren; sister, Lillie Lorenz; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Doris Venden Sharp ('50), Loma Linda, Calif., died Jan. 28, 2010, at age 82. She was born Sept. 4, 1927, in Portland, Ore. She is survived by sons, Douglas and Walter; daughters, Barbara Melton and Nelda Woodin; 11 grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Gaston Wallace '51, Jefferson, Texas, died March 24, 2010, at age 88. He was born Jan. 20, 1922, in Burnett, Texas. He was a member of Jefferson Academy church. Gaston served as a book editor at Southern Publishing and as a pastor in Austin and Jefferson, Texas, as well as Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Karen Altwell and Linda Greene; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Merle Christensen '53, Bellevue, Wash., died April 6, 2010, at age 78. He was born Sept. 26, 1931, in Milford, Iowa. He was raised on a farm and loved shar-

ing stories about his adventures. He graduated from Union College and then served in the U.S. Army. Merle's business degree led him to accounting and earning a CPA. He started his finance career at Haskin and Sells, and then continued at the University of Colorado Medical Center and in healthcare administration at the University of Washington. Merle also loved to build model boats, work in the yard, fish, hunt and travel. He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Wendy Sefcik and Brenda Heflin; eight grandchildren; brother, Marvin; and sister, Geraldine Furne. He was preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Elizabeth Danna and sister, **Jean Johnson ('45)**.

Merle Rouse '53, Franklin, N.C., died Jan. 18, 2010, at age 81. He served the church for 40 years in the roles of education and pastoring. Before retiring in 1993, he was the pastor of Franklin Church for eight years. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, Stan, Byron and Gary; sisters, Wilma Gromer, **Dorothy Huenergardt ('42)**, and brother, **Raymond ('53)**; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

James Bradburn '54, Port Charlotte, Fla., died Oct. 14, 2009, at age 81. He was born June 29, 1928, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was a member of the Port Charlotte church for nearly 21 years. His 20 years of denominational service were spent at Punta Gorda Medical Center, Punta Gorda, Fla., in administration; and Shawnee Mission Hospital, Overland Park, Kan., as assistant director of materials management. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Muriel; sons, David and Gordon; daughters, Kathy, Karen, Sherry Hickman and Rena Gotschalk; sister, Joan; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Bill, and daughter, Linda Stephens.

Maxine Leonhardt ('54), Lincoln, Neb., died March 20, 2010,

at age 82. She was born Nov. 17, 1927. She is survived by her sister-in-law, **Vada Korgan Leonhardt '67**, and many nieces and nephews.

Frank Crawford ('55), Commerce, Texas, died April 22, 2010, at age 76. He was born Oct. 11, 1933. He is survived by his wife, **Jane Woicinski Crawford '56**; son, **Michael ('82)**; daughter, **Charlotte Bobek '88**; and brother, **Larry ('67)**.

Wallace Croak '55, Berrien Springs, Mich., died Feb. 4, 2010, at age 87. He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Willmar, Minn. He was a member of the Pioneer Memorial church in Berrien Springs. He is survived by his wife, **Ellen Widmer Council Croak ('47)**; sons, Randall and Lowell; daughter, **Linda Royal '70**; stepdaughters, Lona Chapman and Jo Ellen Conley; four grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Catherine Warrick Welch '56, Lincoln, Neb., died Feb. 14, 2010, at age 75. She was born March 29, 1934. She worked as a registered nurse, mostly in surgical recovery. She is survived by her husband, **Clifford '59**; daughters, **Brenda Fleming '78** and Susan Wooledge; and four grandchildren.

John Sandquist ('57), Kansas City, Mo., died Nov. 21, 2009, at age 72. He was born Oct. 22, 1937, in Goose Creek, Texas. John was a member, elder, Sabbath School teacher and chorister at Golden Valley Church in Missouri. He is survived by his wife, **Norma Yeager Sandquist '57**; daughters, Lisa Kraulik and Erica; son, Stephen; sister, Marilyn Leonard; brothers, Bob and Don; and six grandchildren.

Luis Lescay '58, Muskegon, Mich., died Aug. 17, 2009, at age 83. He was born Aug. 23, 1925, in Santiago, Cuba. He was a member of the Avon Park church in Florida. He is survived by his wife, Monica; son, Heernan; and two grandchildren.

Theodore Wade, Jr. '58, Berrien Springs, Mich., died Dec. 4, 2010, at age 73. He was born June 28, 1936. His life work was in education and writing. He is survived by his wife, **Karen Peterson Wade '69**; sons, Timothy and Melvin; and daughter, Dorothea Sarli.

Nadeen Nichols Hendricks '61, Silver Spring, Md., died June 4, 2010, at age 70. She was born August 16, 1939. She is survived by her husband, **Audley '61**; daughters, Cara Olson and Sheryl Middleton; and two grandchildren.

Evans Hagelgantz '62, Lincoln, Neb., died Feb. 19, 2010, at age 79. He was born May 14, 1930, in La Crosse, Kan. He was a member of Holland Church. He is survived by his sons, Michael and Mark; daughter, **Denise Polk '89**; sister, Althea Nazareus;

five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ray Herbel '62, Mishawaka, Ind., died April 14, 2010, at age 77. He was born Oct. 9, 1932, in Nekoma, Kan. He was a teacher for 33 years in the Michigan Conference and served as principal for many of those years. He was also a member of the Niles, Mich., Westside church. He is survived by his wife, **Le Anna Rodie '52 Herbel**; son, Brent; daughter, Kathy; father, Harry; mother, Eva; brother, Norman; sister, Elsie Hermann; and two grandchildren.

Beverly Fisher Schmidt '64, Chattanooga, Tenn., died Jan. 20, 2010, at age 65. She was born Oct. 17, 1944, in Benton Township, Mich. She graduated in 1962 from Maplewood Academy and married **Marvin '58** in St. Paul, Minn. on Aug. 14, 1966.

They moved to Tennessee in 1973 and were active in the Ogden Road and Graysville churches. Bev earned her LPN license in 1981 and worked for years as a nurse. Marvin and Bev also took care of foster children, including the medically needy. She also participated in evangelism in El Salvador, Central America, and in outreach to Tellico Plains, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, Marvin; sons, Clinton, Byron, and Vance; ten grandchildren; mother, Eldora Hatcher; brothers, Teo, Deryl, Earl, and Alvin; and sisters, Elizabeth and Marie.

Gary Burgeson '69, Alexandria, Minn., died Dec. 11, 2009, at age 61. He was born July 29, 1948, in Harvey, N.D. He graduated from Maplewood Academy and later attended Union College. Gary was a member of Wadena Church. He is survived

by his sister, **Bonnie '74**. He was preceded in death by parents, **Vernon '44** and **Helen Temple '39** Burgeson.

Clifford Morgan '71, Loma Linda, Calif., died March 28, 2010, at age 62. He was born March 15, 1948, in Painesville, Ohio. He is survived by his stepson, David Greenwood and brothers, **Timothy '76** and **Douglas '78**.

Alice "Midge" Thompson Olson '71, Clarkson, Wash., died Feb. 24, 2010, at age 88. She was born Jan. 14, 1922, in Colman, S.D. From 1947-1964, Midge and her husband served as missionaries in Lebanon and Iraq. Upon returning to the United States, Midge taught at Adventist schools in Colorado, Missouri, Michigan and Oregon, winning Teacher of the Year awards and endearing herself to

Adventist Communicator dies

Shirley Burton '49, Lincoln, Neb., died August 16, 2010, at age 83 after suffering a stroke. Born on May 5, 1927, in Lincoln to Jack Burton and **Verle Cowin Morris '26**, Shirley graduated from College View Academy and Union College before launching a communication career that encompassed her entire life. From serving as dean of women at Oak Park Academy and Milo Academy to teaching English, speech and journalism at Laurelwood Academy, Shirley became well known as an advocate for communication skills. After earning a master's degree in communication from Southern Oregon College, she was named director of public relations for the Oregon Conference and then at the Pacific Union Conference before moving to the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, first as news director and then as director of communication for the world church. She retired from

this position in 1994, but didn't retire from the communication arena. In retirement Shirley became director of communication for ASI (Adventist-layman's Services and Industries), served as a consultant for Christian Record Services and volunteered countless hours to her alma mater. She worked in Union's alumni office, taught communication classes and served for 17 years as class representative for her graduating class of 1949. Shirley's life, service for her church and her positive outlook on life will be remembered by many. She is survived by her sister-in-law, **Mary Morris '92**; nephew and his spouse, **Marcus '06** and **Rachel '05** Morris; niece and her spouse, **Karen '92** and Brady **Schroer**; half-sister, Jacquie Rallis and half-brother, James Burton. Memorials in her name may be directed to the Advancement Office at Union College.



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hundreds of students. She wrote four books about her life and two books about early pioneers in Turkey. She also led nearly 2,000 people on more than 60 world tours. She is survived by her son, **David '72**; daughters, **Ronnalee Netteberg '68** and Rebecca Gardner; as well as eight grandchildren, including **Megan Ferguson Danowski ('09)**; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Wayne '44**, and daughter, **Ronda Olson Ferguson ('82)**.

Barry Lauritzen '82, St. Louis Park, Minn., died Oct. 23, 2009, at age 51. He was born July 24, 1958, in Minneapolis, Minn. He was a member of the Minnetonka Church. He is survived by his mother, Evelyn and brother, **Jeffrey '74**. He was preceded in death by his father, **Adrian ('29)**.

Notice of the following deaths has been received:

Ruth Wasemiller Heinrich ('39), Wilsonville, Ore., died April 18, 2009. She is survived by her husband, **Emmanuel ('40)**.

Esther Heiser Slate '39, Arlington, Va., died Jan. 16, 2009.

Paul Kunce ('41), Owasso, Okla., died Sept. 9, 2009, at age 92.

He was born Aug. 29, 1917. **J Reynolds Hoffman '42**, Glide, Ore., died June 29, 2007.

Jeanette Hause-Miller ('47), Moreno Valley, Calif., died July 18, 2010, at age 83.

Peter Kostenko '49, Shreveport, La., died May 6, 2009, at age 89. He was born May 6, 1920. He is survived by his wife, **Joyce Long ('46) Kostenko**.

Kathryn Stevenson Soper ('49), Ooltewah, Tenn., died Feb. 16, 2008, at age 82. She was born May 18, 1925.

Gilbert Bader '50, Simi Valley, Calif., died July 5, 2008, at age 89. He was born Oct. 6, 1918.

Donna Burritt Aamodt '51, Star, Idaho, died April 13, 2008, at age 78.

Marion Brodie '51, Yucaipa, Calif., died March 9, 2007, at age 86. She was born Aug. 26, 1920.

Alice Tyler Wick ('51), Canby, Ore., died Jan. 13, 2010.

Masachika Mori '54, Oxnard, Calif., died Sept. 12, 2009, at age 90. He was born Nov. 25, 1918.

Mollie Hudson Blanscet '55, Salisbury, N.C., died April 16, 2009, at age 78. She was born March 6, 1931.

Daina Ramey Colby '55, Sorrento, Calif., died Nov. 10, 2009, at age 78. She was born Dec. 2, 1930.

Mary Jensen Edmister ('55), Lexington, Ky., died June 6, 2008, at age 72. She was born Feb. 5, 1936.

Clive Mercer '57, Hendersonville, N.C., died May 1, 2010, at age 88.

Jean Schunter Metzler '61, Cheyenne, Wyo., died Jan. 29, 2010.

Chikwendu Anyatonwu '65, Washington, D.C., died March 11, 2009, at age 76. He was born Feb. 8, 1933.

Spencer Lagro ('72), Loveland, Colo., died June 13, 2008.

Ruth Melsted '79, Sacramento, Calif., died Jan. 13, 2010, at age 64. She was born June 1, 1945.

Former Faculty:

Ken Spaulding, assistant professor of physics, died Jan. 1, 2010, in Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He

taught at Union College from 1960 to 1972. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Friends of the College:

Wanda Bell, wife of alumnus, **Robert '49**, died Feb. 8, 2010, in Fort Worth, Texas, at age 79. She was born Sept. 23, 1930, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She graduated from Champion Academy and Texas Christian University College of Nursing. She was also invited to be among the first members of the TCU honor society. In 1970, Wanda became a member of the Fort Worth Woman's Club, serving as treasurer, president, director of the club board and other departments. She also worked as a volunteer relief nurse in Malawi, Africa, in 1974. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah Silvera; one granddaughter; one great-grandson; and four adopted grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert.

Geraldine Dickinson, former Board of Trustee member, died May 25, 2010, in Meridian, Idaho, at age 89. She was born June 21, 1920. She served on Union's board from 1982 to 2003. She is survived by her stepdaughter, Farrel Chapman.



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Giving Back

by Rebekah Story '10



For alumni like Gilbert '48 and Rosella Hart '40 Jorgensen, fond memories make the choice to give back to Union College an easy one. "I love Union with all my heart and want to see as many students as possible attend," said Gilbert, who graduated in 1948 with a degree in history and religion.

He finished eight years after Rosella because a stint in the Navy during World War II got in the way. "I've got a whole lot of memories," said the nephew of the chemistry professor for whom Jorgensen Hall is named. "One of my favorites was traveling to all the camp meetings with Dr. Woods and the quartet.

Dr. Woods pulled a small trailer with a ham radio to draw people to the young people's tent. Then we'd tell them about Union College and the quartet would sing."

Gilbert earned a master's degree and taught at Union and Southwestern Adventist College before changing careers and working as a nurse anesthetist for the

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U.S. Veteran's Administration for 26 years. When they retired, the Jorgensens wanted to give back to Union. "I honestly believe Union College provides the best education in the denomination," Gilbert said. With the help of Todd Mekelburg, director of leadership giving at Union, the couple set up a gift annuity.

"The Jorgensens picked the best time to create a gift annuity," said Mekelburg. "In these uncertain

economic times, it is important to have a steady retirement income. An annuity provides a guaranteed income for the rest of their lives. When they both pass away, the principal becomes a lasting legacy at Union."

Union College is grateful for the alumni and friends who have established gift annuities. For information about gift annuities please contact Todd Mekelburg at Union College Advancement, 3800 South 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506, call 402.486.2503 or e-mail tomekelb@ucollege.edu.



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