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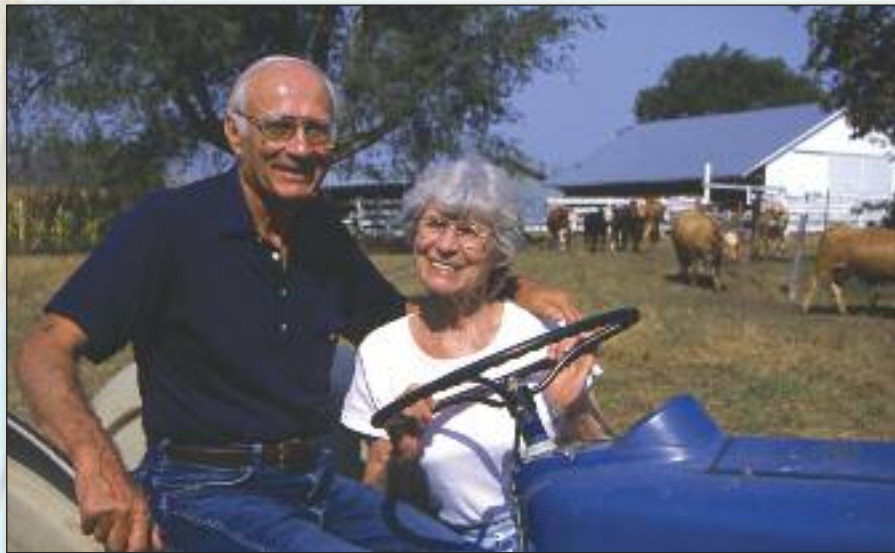
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Creating connections

CHARLIE AND NAOMA HENKELMANN



photos: Steve Nazario

After raising cattle for 30 years **Charles '56** and **Naoma '54 Henkelmann** knew it was time to sell some of their 250 acres of land, but they discovered it made more sense to give the land as a gift to Union College.

Managing 250 acres is not an easy task. Add in the responsibility of caring for a herd of cattle and you end up working a lot of very long days. When Charlie had worked enough of those long days and decided it was time to retire, he knew he would have to part with at least some of his land. He also knew he would need a steady stream of income, one that would be guaranteed and worry free.

Over the years Charlie and Naoma maintained a close connection to Union College and felt the need to give back to the college they loved; especially since Naoma had received a scholarship which allowed her to attend and graduate from Union. "We wanted to establish two scholarships; one to help nursing students and one to help music majors," Charlie said.

Charlie had heard about charitable gift annuities and thought setting one up would be the perfect solution for them. But Charlie quickly realized that if he sold his land to fund a charitable gift annuity, they would be left with a hefty tax bill.

The Henkelmanns hoped to downsize their ranch, receive a steady stream of income, endow two separate scholarships, and avoid paying a lot in taxes. Were they asking too much?

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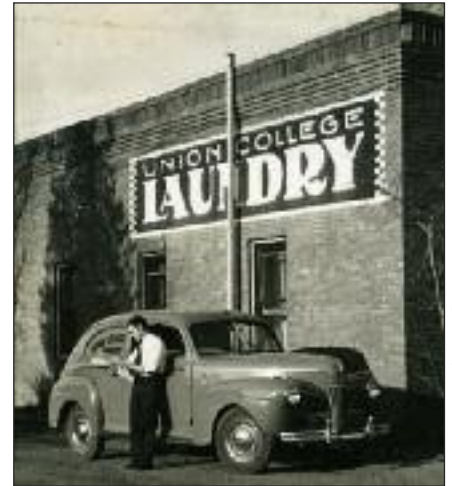


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College professors helped Jeff Peterson '87 build a personalized degree that proved to be the perfect preparation for his career.



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*Editorial by John Wagner,
Union College president*

As I write this, I am looking forward to having a wonderful time with friends and colleagues at our annual employee Christmas party. Events like this are an important part of forging a community. Even the ancient philosopher Plato advised communities to eat together, going so far as to recommend communal meals be a constitutional requirement for cities.

The connections we make spending time together in ordinary ways build the bonds we rely on in extraordinary times. Think of your true friends. How did you meet? It was probably unremarkable. It may be so ordinary you don't even remember it exactly—perhaps sitting next to each other in class, playing baseball, or maybe asking for a recipe after potluck. Little moments that formed lifelong bonds.

I am continually amazed at the countless ways my colleagues at Union College intentionally create a community for our students. Studying together, working together, playing together, volunteering together, worshipping together, and, yes, inviting students to their homes to eat together—connecting in unity.

Like the triple-braided cord in Ecclesiastes 4:12, our strength is owed to the diversity of connections we make, and with whom we make them. Constructive connections are at the heart of a Union College experience, and this issue of *CORDmagazine* is all about connections made at Union, with Union, or because of



Union. You'll read specific examples of how we are building connectedness, such as:

- Providing hands-on assistance to those in need
- Traveling abroad to gain new perspectives
- Studying students' own genes to understand the human genome
- Interacting with alumni to learn from your experiences

The process of building connections between ideas and each other doesn't stop at graduation. I am continually inspired and re-created by the connections I make and renew each day. I am grateful for the ways this school—and the lasting friendships I've made here over the last thirty years—contributed much to who I am.

I am equally impressed by the many ways Union alumni show loyalty to each other and their school long after leaving campus. My wife recently traveled to the west coast and met with several Union alumni. She immediately felt connected to these friends whom she had never met—enriched by the rapport of those who shared a common experience—a highly valued experience—the Union experience.

I truly believe Union College provides the environment, lessons and support our students need to create the syllogism they are meant to become. Please pray that Union College will continue to be a place where young adults grow and thrive and change the world, one little corner at a time. **A**

photo: Steve Nazario

Alumni directory update

Union College and the Alumni Association Board offer sincerest apologies to all alumni who have ordered an alumni directory from Alumni Research, Inc. (ARI). We are aware of the delay in the delivery of your directory from ARI and are disappointed because this experience is not reflective of the level of quality service we strive to deliver to our alumni.

In our ongoing desire to help alumni remain connected with each other, the alumni office selected ARI as the production partner for the 2013 Alumni Directory. ARI had good references and a good business rating when we entered

into our contract; unfortunately that is no longer the case. Although we have made numerous inquiries over many months, ARI will not confirm when they plan to deliver the directories.

Please understand that payment for your directory was made directly to ARI and Union College did not profit from your purchase in any way.

We will continue to do everything we can, and you can also contact ARI:
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Enrollment increases by five percent

by Joellyn Sheehy

This fall Union College welcomed 291 new enrollees, helping the college begin the academic year with the largest student population since 2007.

New students comprise 178 first-time freshmen, seven transfer freshmen, 30 returning students and 76 transfers, brought the college's fall headcount to 911, with a full-time equivalency of 843.5—an increase of five percent over last fall.

After reaching 1,015 (909 FTE) in 2007, Union's enrollment has mirrored national trends of decline in the last several years, but the recent increase brings optimism for a new antonymous trend. "The hard work and strategies put in place by the team led by Nadine Nelson, vice president for Enrollment Services, is really bearing fruit," said John Wagner, president. "FTE enrollment is up by about five percent, and this increase enabled us to present a balanced budget to the Board of Trustees in October."

In consideration of the national trend, Union budgeted for a decrease in student

population, anticipating a deficit for the 2013-2014 school year. "The influx of students has allowed us to now budget a small operating gain," said Gary Bollinger, recently retired vice president for Financial Administration. "However, the gain is being reserved, per board guidelines, to continue to build the college's financial stability."

Credited at least in part for the increased student population, Enrollment Services has implemented strategies to be more intentional about communicating with potential students. "We've been doing a few things differently that I think really helped tip the balance," said Becky Daniel, director of campus visits. "Aside from following up on every lead and doing everything in our power to give great preview day experiences, this year is the first that we've had online payment options, earlier confirmation deadlines and a strong communication plan."

Part of that plan included hiring student workers to help incoming students with

the process of enrolling and getting ready for school. "I stayed in touch with incoming students," explained Lelis "Yary" Jimenez, sophomore communications major, who worked through the summer to facilitate communication between academic divisions, enrollment and incoming students. "I could then contact their advisors to set up meetings over the phone or in person. But I always kept in contact with them in case they needed anything."

"Our goal is to make the path to registration as seamless as possible," explained Daniel. "Whenever someone hits an obstacle or can't get information they can get discouraged or feel as though God is shutting the door. By streamlining several processes we made everything more efficient and improved customer service for the student."

"This is a great way to start a school year as we see many exciting developments—including the opening of two new facilities," said Wagner. "Please pray that God continues to bless Union College. **A**

Gymnaire reunion planned for 2015

by Joellyn Sheehy

"I really like our theme: one team, one focus," said Cindy Spaulding '92, assistant coach of the Union College gymnastics team since 1988. "To me, we're always going to be one team no matter which year it is. If we're all one team and always keep Christ at the center of our lives, everything is going to be fine."

Alumni who participated in the Union College gymnastics team will be honored during Homecoming 2015. Long-standing gymnaire are encouraged to come visit their past teammates, view the current program and celebrate their connection with Union and each other.

Spaulding developed her passion for gymnastics during her time at Andrews' University, when a roommate suggested they try out together. Her petite build and athletic abilities soon secured her a position on the team and she discovered her



niche. "I love health and fitness, and for me gymnastics is a way to share what God has done for me by using it as a healthy lifestyle," she said. "This is my mission field: to teach these kids about Christ through gymnastics."

Despite being hassled by her family, Spaulding is still as active and dedicated to

the team as ever. "You don't see a lot of people my age on the mats," she said. "But if a kid doesn't show up I'll take their spot so we can keep practicing. I feel as though I was called to do this."

Throughout the years Spaulding has noticed a team camaraderie that keeps going. "We see a lot of former teammates and they always tell us what good memories they have," she said. "There's a lot of trust involved, and we really get to know each other."

If you were involved with the gymnastics team, please contact the Union College Alumni office at alumni@ucollege.edu, 402.486.2503 or write to Alumni Office, Union College, 3800 S. 48th St., Lincoln, NE 68506. Come reconnect with your former teammates in 16 months at Homecoming Weekend, April 2-5, 2015. **A**

Union College Red Cross Club responds to Nebraska tornadoes

by Joellyn Sheehy

“This was the first time I had actually done damage assessment,” said Connor Kraegel, junior international rescue and relief (IRR) major. “It was very good experience for me to be there with a veteran of the American Red Cross who walked us through the whole process. By the end we were doing it all ourselves.”

Kraegel, Jeremy Howard, senior IRR major, and Tyler Anderson, administrative assistant for the IRR program, responded with the Lincoln chapter of the American Red Cross to the towns of Bennet and Hickman after a tornado passed through the area on the evening of October 3. Active members of Union’s new Red Cross Club, the group left early in the morning on October 4 to help in the recovery efforts just 15 miles outside of Lincoln.

“The experience certainly highlighted the role that recovery takes after a disaster,” said Kraegel, who has an emphasis in paramedical studies. “Organizations like the Red Cross, and even neighbors, come in and are very important help for people to get back on their feet.”

A total of six volunteers traveled with the Red Cross to conduct damage assessments on homes and properties in the area. Evaluating destruction ranging from displaced shingles to flattened homes, the group visited some 13 houses, working from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. “Each assessment takes a while, and we also distributed food and water to the other volunteers helping,” explained Kraegel. “We put people up in shelters or hotels if they couldn’t live in their homes any longer, and I bandaged an individual’s arm who had cut himself on a nail.”

More commonly expected in the spring and summer, the tornado was one of several that touched down in Nebraska during the first week of October, and a second group from Union was dispatched the night of October 4. “We received a call about 8 p.m. on Friday saying a major tor-

nado had hit Wayne and Macy, Nebraska,” said Rick Young, director of the IRR program, referring to a small town and Indian reservation two hours north of Lincoln. “The Omaha Red Cross was going to cover the Wayne area and asked if we could open a shelter at the high school in Macy. I called for some students and got four responses immediately. We packed the Red Cross trailer that’s stored at the college and headed on our way.”

Young and students Emilian Grigore, Amy Matsuda, Nate Ingersol and Jonatan Rojas arrived around midnight that night and set up a small shelter for a handful of people needing housing. The next morning they fed breakfast to their clients and

help with the November tornadoes in Illinois,” said Young.

New to campus, the Red Cross Club began recruiting student participants this fall to assist in its local responses. “Disasters are going to become part of my life,” said Kraegel. “Joining the club was a way to gain real-world experience before graduation.”

A transfer student, Kraegel came to Union to study IRR after discovering the program through Google search results. “Union is the only place in the nation that has this degree,” he explained. “I had already earned a degree in business management in Maryland, but I didn’t like spending so much time on a computer in an office. I wanted something where I could travel and work in disaster management, so I typed those in the search and it came back with IRR.”

Union College’s International Rescue and Relief baccalaureate degree program is designed for adventurous students who want to work in public safety or serve around the world through humanitarian relief. Certified as emergency medical technicians during their first year, each student must also complete training in wilderness survival, search and rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and other disaster

response skills. Students can choose an emphasis in pre-professional or public safety.

Now settling into the program, Kraegel loves the opportunities on his horizon. “Union College has a great response program,” he said. “Anyone who is interested in international anything should consider IRR as a major.”

Though complementary to an IRR degree, volunteering with the Red Cross is available to everyone. “I’m very glad to have joined the club,” said Kraegel. “I would encourage other students and private citizens to do so; you don’t have to study disaster management to help.” **A**



Tyler Anderson '11 with IRR students Jeremy Howard and Connor Kraegel, part of Union's new Red Cross Club, assisted a Red Cross assessment team after a tornado touched down near Lincoln in October 2013.

the local Emergency Operations Center (EOC) workers, before performing a “windshield assessment” of damage in the neighborhood as they drove through. “We reported our findings to the national Red Cross and then helped a team talk to the families and do in-depth assessment,” said Young. Arriving back in Lincoln on Saturday evening, the team had been gone just over 23 hours.

In recent weeks, IRR faculty and students have started handling other local Red Cross relief tasks such as helping victims of house fires with immediate needs. “We will probably take on more of those duties as Red Cross volunteers are sent to

Bollinger retires, Leeper new financial vice president

by Ryan Teller '98

After 22 years as a Union College administrator, Gary Bollinger, Union's vice president for Financial Administration, retired in October and turned the financial reins of the college over to Jeff Leeper, who for the past 13 years has been the assistant dean for Financial Affairs at Loma Linda University School of Nursing.

Bollinger became the Union College business manager in 1989, and has held the position of financial VP since 1991. His diligent work helped lead the college out of financial difficulty in the early 1990s and he oversaw an array of new academic programs and building projects.

While Leeper took over as vice president in October, Bollinger has agreed to stay on as construction manager for the next few months to oversee the final touches on the PA and IRR facility renovation and the completion of the new science and mathematics complex.

Bollinger's legacy of service

A 1971 Union College graduate, Bollinger earned an undergraduate degree in business education and obtained a master's in school business administration from Seattle University. He worked in academy and elementary school business administration for several years, joining College View Academy as principal in 1979.

When he returned to his alma mater in 1989 as business manager, Union was experiencing severe financial difficulties, with large external debts incurred in the construction of Larson Lifestyle Center and the renovation of the Don Love Building, combined with a decline in enrollment. Despite such obstacles, Bollinger has been instrumental in securing operating gains at the college in all but two of the past 16 years.

"Gary worked tirelessly then as he has throughout his tenure to ensure college goals could be accomplished while maintaining fiscally sound and sustainable trajectories," said John Wagner, president of Union College both now and through the late 1980s and early 1990s, a time of financial hardship.

Despite the budgetary and financial challenges facing the college at the beginning of Bollinger's 22-year tenure as finan-

cial vice president, he successfully guided Union through numerous new initiatives including the renovation of the Student Center and Woods Auditorium, the development of the Union Scholars Honors Program and the Career Center, and Spiritual Journey program, the launch of the physician assistant studies program and the international rescue and relief program, the completion of the campus facilities master plan, the establishment of the office of Human Resources, a new investment strategy, the rebuilding and renovation of the Ortner Center, and the building of the new science and mathematics complex and the PA and IRR facilities.



Gary Bollinger retired in October after 22 years as Union College's vice president for Financial Administration. He has been replaced by Jeff Leeper, who most recently served as assistant dean for Financial Affairs at Loma Linda University School of Nursing.



Leeper joins administrative team

Jeff Leeper joins Union College with a wealth of business and educational experience. In his most recent role as an assistant dean for Loma Linda University School of Nursing, he led out in the financial management of the school as well as managing human resources, informational technology, the physical plant and other tasks typical of a financial administrator.

The School of Nursing faced a loss of \$1 million over four years before Leeper took over, and was in danger of being absorbed by another school on campus. But during his tenure, the school not only posted a profit every year, but also added several graduate programs including a Ph.D. in nursing and a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist program.

But more than all those accomplishments, he remembers the people. "Making students comfortable, helping faculty with personal issues and making their jobs easier—that to me was better than profitably running the school," he said. "It was making the difference for people."

A native of Southern California, Leeper graduated with a degree in accounting from La Sierra University, at that time a branch of Loma Linda University. He began his career as a corporate accountant, then an auditor and CPA. But in the late 1980s, he earned a master's in accounting from Auburn University and then spent several years teaching graduate and undergraduate accounting courses at La Sierra University.

In 1997, Leeper took an auditing position in the Loma Linda University system, then after teaching for a year in the School of Health Sciences, he joined the School of Nursing as assistant dean for Financial Affairs in 2000.

"We are thankful that Jeff and his family have chosen to join the Union College family," said Wagner. "I believe his unique combination of experience and his passion for Adventist higher education will serve Union well in the years to come."

Leeper and his wife, Julie, have two children: Stefani, who will attend Union College in the spring, and Jeffrey James, a junior in high school. **A**

Union announces a name for the new science and mathematics facility as fundraising campaign goes “over the top”

by Ryan Teller '98

For Sue Krueger, Union College runs in the family. “It seems like we’ve had family attending there forever,” said the 1954 alumnus who now has two grandchildren enrolled. “I got my husband, Calvin, at Union. My son, Rick, found his wife, Valeree, there. Valeree taught nursing at Union for 35 years. My sister-in-law, Marilyn McArthur, was chair of the nursing program for many years. All my children attended. We have a long history at Union.”

Now, thanks to her lead gift to the *Our Promising Future* campaign, the new science and mathematics facility will be named the Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics. “We have built churches all over the world through Maranatha,” said Krueger, who has worked in the land development business in Lincoln for nearly 30 years. “But we wanted to do something for Lincoln because Lincoln has been very good to us.”

But more than that, Krueger feels this investment will be one with exponential returns. “We wanted to create a facility that could help educate more students who could in turn go out and make a difference in the world. And besides, we are now into great-grandchildren. The oldest is in seventh grade, and they will be coming to Union soon.”

The \$14.5 million *Our Promising Future* campaign helped fund the construction of the new 57,000 square-foot building that will house the Division of Science and Mathematics. The campaign will conclude in May and plans call for the building to be completed in early 2014.

Going “over the top”

In early November, the campaign had topped the \$14.5 million mark by nearly \$70,000. “The generosity of our donors has put the *Our Promising Future* campaign over the top,” said LuAnn Davis, vice president for Advancement. “The money given now will help add needed extras to the new building.”

The college plans to keep the campaign open to help pay for things like additional technology, equipment and

building aesthetics. “The extra money will help pay for equipment and technology desired by the faculty, and fund artwork, outdoor seating areas, gardens and other things to make the building really look and feel polished,” said Davis.



Naming new spaces

Several rooms and other areas of the building have been named for the pacesetter donors who gave \$1 million or more to the building campaign.

The **Mid-America Union Conference Classroom (130)**—one of the flexible classroom spaces in the Krueger Center—is named in honor of the Mid-America Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Union College’s parent organization, which has also helped fund numerous campus infrastructure improvements and renovations.

The **Lang Amphitheater (200)**, a 126-seat high-tech lecture space, is named for Jerome '65 and Ramona Larsen ('65) Lang, longtime Lincoln business owners, whose lead gift was in addition to their support for many other Union College projects—including driving his private coach bus half-a-million miles over 46 years to transport school groups for academic and extra-curricular events.

The **Union Bank Classroom (230)**, another flexible classroom and lecture space, will be named for the bank right

across the street owned by the Dunlap family, longtime supporters of Union College who were among the first donors to the project.

The **DeCamp Reception Commons (221)**, which includes a welcoming lobby as well as offices for the division chair, office assistant, faculty/staff lounge and workroom in the Krueger Center, is named for Cary '85 and Pamela Gilbert '86 DeCamp, Kansas City business owners whose mid-campaign gift gave a significant boost to the campaign.

Leadership donors of \$500,000 have also been instrumental to the realization of these new facilities.

One of the labs within the Chemistry Suite (233) will acknowledge the support of Adventist Health System’s Rocky Mountain Region and Shawnee Mission Health, the Adventist hospitals in the Denver and Kansas City areas that lent significant support to the building project.

A second lab (243) within the Chemistry Suite will recognize Dr. Rènè Evard, professor of chemistry from 1958 to 1971. A group of his students have contributed collectively to leave a legacy in memory of their esteemed teacher.

The Periodic Table in memory of Beverly Troyer Gifford will be a feature wall just outside the main doors of the Lang Amphitheater. This project provided donors an opportunity to select an element on the periodic table for commemoration.

“Union College is deeply humbled by the transformational gifts provided by these donors,” said John Wagner, president of Union College. “We set forth an ambitious vision for the future of science and mathematics on our campus and these individuals and organizations helped us launch and complete a very successful capital campaign. I share my deepest gratitude to each and every donor who has chosen to help write this newest chapter in Union College’s 123-year history.”

It’s not too late to help the *Our Promising Future* campaign to continue going over the top. Find out how you can be a part of the finishing touches at www.uclol

Named spaces in the Krueger Center for Science and Mathematics

(201) Terrace—with appreciation to Pinnacle Bank

(219) Herber Hall of Recognition—with appreciation to Dr. Leo and Claudine Herber and Drs. Ray and Marilyn Herber

(232) Demonstration Prep area—with appreciation to Derald and Shirley Goetz

(233A) Balance Room—in memory of Edwin J. Elvins, Information Systems from 1966-1975

(235) Student employee work area—in honor of Dr. Ward Hill, professor and administrator from 1971-1991

(240) Mathematics classroom—with appreciation to Margaret L. Seacrest, Mark L. and Margorie Seacrest, and the Mark T. and Margaret L. Seacrest Family Foundation

(242) Seminar room—with appreciation to Ken and DeAnna Bacon

(244) Faculty office—with appreciation to Dr. Merlin and Chere Wehling

(245) Chemistry stockroom—in memory of Bob and Wanda Bell

(246) Faculty office—with appreciation to Dr. Andrew Boskind

(248) Faculty office—with appreciation to Bruce and Graciela Bacon

(249) Chemistry research lab—in memory of Dr. Charles Freidline with appreciation to Jeff and Shelly Peterson

(250) Faculty office—with appreciation to Dr. Jay and Andrea Miller

(251) Advanced chemistry lab—with appreciation to Mardian and Joan Blair

(252) Chemistry research lab—with appreciation to Dean and Trudy Johnson

(253) Advanced instrumentation—with appreciation to Roy Haines and Susan Reiswig-Haines

(255) Chemistry research lab—with appreciation to Loma Linda University Health

(101) Cellular research lab—in memory of Dr. Glenn and Helen Wiltse

(109) Seminar room—with appreciation to Abel Foundation

(119) Study area—with appreciation to Asurity Life Insurance Company

(123) Engineering classroom—with appreciation to Harold and Betty Koch and family

(132) Office—with appreciation to Drs. David and Janna Chacko

(133) Physics classroom—in memory of David Show, professor of physics from 1978-2002

(134) Faculty office—in honor of LaVern and Dorothy Huenergardt

(135) General biology classroom—with appreciation to Dr. Dalrie and Joan Berg

(136) Faculty office—with appreciation to the Reid-Lockhart families

(138) Faculty office—with appreciation to Dr. Dennis and Jolene Lang Hilliard

(140) Faculty office—with appreciation to Jim and Darleen Boyle

(142) Faculty office—with appreciation to Dr. James and Beth Wells Carlson

(143) Biology stockroom—in memory of Gilbert McMillen, professor of biology from 1967-1991

(145) Advanced biology lab—with appreciation to Kent and Sara Thompson

(146) Study area—with appreciation to Dr. Lowell and Elaine Hagele

(147) Biology research—in memory of Mary Kay Humann Christensen by Tammy Christensen Morris

(149) Biology research—with appreciation to Rick and Valeree Krueger

(150) Study area—with appreciation to Jerome and Jane Thayer

(151) Microbiology lab—with appreciation to Rich and Lynnet Reiner

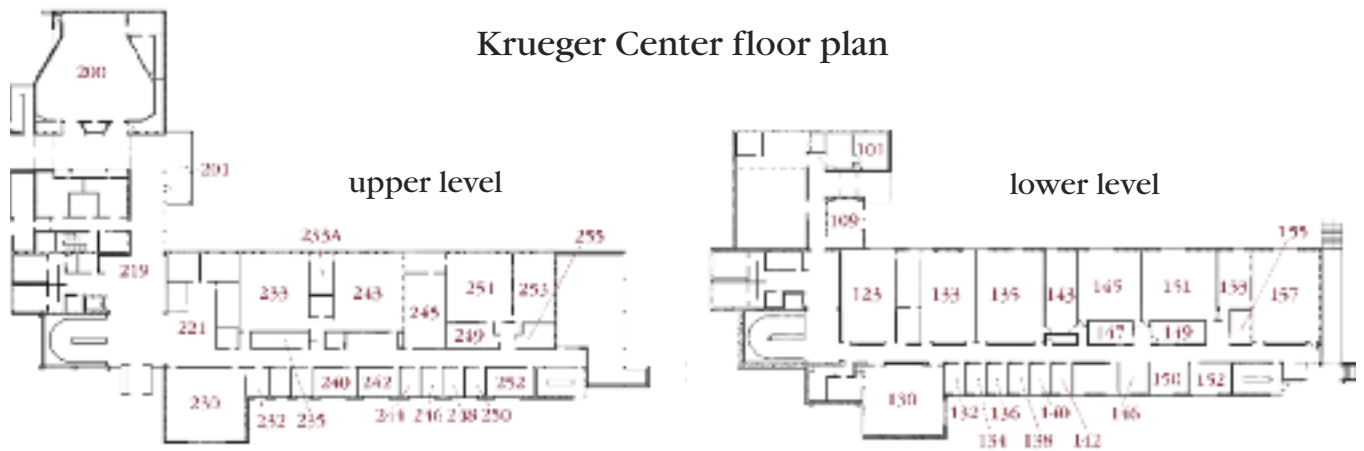
(152) Biology research—in memory of Dr. Bernard and Eunice Owen

(153) Advanced anatomy—in honor of professors of biology Barbara Goyne from 1976-1988; and Walter Page from 1948-1980

(155) Student employee work area—with appreciation to Jack and Edna Harris

(157) Anatomy and physiology—with appreciation to ForeSight member estate gifts

Krueger Center floor plan



CAMPUS NEWS

Union opens new PA and IRR facility

by Joellyn Sheehy

This fall, Union College's two newest programs began the school year in a newly renovated section of the Don Love Building. On Oct. 7, Union held a grand opening for the new facility that now houses the Master of Physician Assistant Studies program and the International Rescue and Relief program.

"These two academic programs are very involved in the Lincoln community in many ways," said John Wagner, president of Union College. "This new facility will increase the ability to serve our students and to equip them to serve Lincoln and beyond."

On a small campus where space is a premium, Union's two newest programs had been forced to use smaller spaces that did not provide adequate facilities for what quickly became two of Union's largest programs—both usually have 90 to 100 students any given year.

Training health care providers for a growing field

Started in 1998 as a baccalaureate program, physician assistant studies graduated its first master's level class in 2007. PA shared space with the nursing program in the upper level of Larson Lifestyle Center and also used classrooms elsewhere on campus. "Being in PA school is daunting and the students form quite a cohesive group," said Michelle Buller, director of the program. "Being together in one building will be wonderful and the improved technology will help them become better clinicians."

The increased lab space enables students to practice their skills in a more realistic setting. "We have five new clinical areas that can accommodate ten students at a time," said Buller. "In the past we shared lab space with the nursing program. They were great to work with, but it was cramped and hard to coordinate. I think this move will be good for all of us."

One of only three PA programs in Nebraska, Union College accepts 30 new students each year into the 33-month program. *Forbes Magazine* consistently names physician assistant studies as one of the best master's degrees for jobs in the country, and nearly all Union PAs have

found jobs within three months of graduation.

Third year PA students do clinical rotations in many clinics in Lincoln and throughout Nebraska and more than 100 medical professionals in the community provide guest lectures for a variety of classes in the program.

A growing program with unique needs

The International Rescue and Relief program was also in desperate need of additional space. Although the emergency medical and search and rescue elements of the program require storage for a lot of equipment, the program had to make due with a converted day-care center in a small corner on the first floor of Rees Hall, the women's residence hall.

"One of the most important changes is that we can actually have all our classes in one location," said Rick Young, director of the IRR program and chair of the Division of Emergency Management and Exercise Science. "This will bring us together as a division and place us closer to the rest of campus. The program has been around for nine years now and this facility symbolizes its proven viability. It will further help legitimize and professionalize the department."

With a decommissioned ambulance set up in the classroom and technical rope equipment on hand, IRR students will now be able to practice their skills indoors during winter months. "The old facilities were worn out and we had no place to store equipment," said Young. "Our new offices and classrooms look more professional, and we'll have everything in one place so we can be ready to deploy in the event of a crisis."

The International Rescue and Relief program is a unique baccalaureate degree that prepares students for careers in emergency management, public safety, the medical field or project development. It includes training in disaster management, and all students spend a summer in Colorado learning wilderness survival and rescue and a semester in Central America learning jungle survival and medical treatment techniques.

IRR students have also assisted with the



The renovated facility for the Master of Physician Assistant Studies and International Rescue and Relief Programs provides a variety of unique learning spaces—such as this classroom with a built-in ambulance box.

immediate response and recovery efforts following a variety of natural disasters including the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the tornado outbreak in Alabama in 2011, and Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

"This updated facility will help take two of our newest, yet strongest programs to the next level," said President Wagner. "And that will lead to a better educational experience for not only students in those programs, but all of campus."

The renovation brings a visible change to the campus as well. The tile exterior of the facility, formerly occupied by ministry resource supplier *AdventSource*, has been replaced by brick that matches the rest of the Don Love Building, the Ortnor Center and the new science and mathematics complex. The entry to the facility also features a smaller glass arch matching the large glass arch over the atrium. **A**

Connecting through tragedy

by Mindy Leibelt '12

Nursing professors did what it takes to help one injured student

A field of tall grass. A tree. An indescribably peaceful feeling. A bright light flashed in the sky. Suddenly, an EMT is holding his head, shouting his name. Spinning red strobes. Rough asphalt cradled him in an unforbearing embrace. Blood. His connection to life tenuous, he slipped back and forth between consciousness and unconsciousness.

Andrew Corbin decided to check out Union College's nursing program when his brother shared how much he had loved being a part of Union's Master of Physician's Assistant Studies degree program. After two years of attending a large, impersonal university, Corbin was immediately impressed with the personal connections that Union instructors made with their students.

"Before, I felt more like a number [and] not necessarily a person," he said. In contrast, Union faculty made him feel seen and respected as an individual when he visited. "For me this was extremely comforting. . . . I knew Union College was my choice in colleges for my nursing degree."

Corbin began classes in fall 2011. One year later on September 11, 2012, as he was driving away from the Nebraska Heart Institute and Heart Hospital, a failure to yield led to a head-on collision with another car traveling 60 mph. In the space of a heartbeat, Corbin's life suddenly hung in the balance.

"Upon impact I do not remember what occurred. I was completely unconscious if not gone from this earth. . ." he recalled. What followed would be a surreal blur between a peace-drenched out-of-body reality where he sat by a tree in a field of tall grass, and a blood-drenched in-body reality where he was lying on the side of the road instructing the EMT to squeeze his gushing head even tighter.

Suffering from cuts to his face, a serious laceration to the back of his head from which he lost over a liter of blood, a torn meniscus, and a broken spinous process from his T1 vertebrae, Corbin could not recall his own name when asked.

But incredibly, despite never having been in a car accident or crisis before and repeatedly losing consciousness, Corbin's training from Union College kicked in. He continued to calmly state nursing interventions whenever he regained consciousness, both to the EMTs and later to his emergency room nurse.

"The most emotional part in the whole situation was when, at the hospital I realized what had happened and I was afraid I had hurt someone," he said. He was extremely relieved to discover that the other driver had escaped the crash without a scratch.

Once his condition stabilized, he quickly realized just how

meaningful it was to have a strong, supportive connection with his nursing instructors. It meant a great deal to have Jackie Halley, his clinical instructor, and Theresa Stimson, director and chair of the Division of Nursing visit him in the hospital. "So many staff at Union College went above and beyond to help me emotionally, physically and personally," he said. "All of them played a huge role in my recovery."

Corbin remains especially grateful to Nicole Orian, assistant professor of nursing, who provided continual support throughout each step of his recuperation; including his stay in the hospital, the

process of reorienting his memory with a speech pathologist, his physical therapy, and his return to classes while still on crutches.

"Nicole lives on the opposite side of town and she dropped off all the class notes for me," he said. "Once I was able to attend Union again, I was on crutches and she would carry my books for me. She had students help me out. She always opened the door for me." Her dedication in helping him and his family throughout this critical time has had a profound effect on him. "I have NEVER, EVER seen such a loving and caring person in my life," he said.

Now more than a year after the accident, Corbin takes nothing for granted. "I do still have neck and

knee pain as well as no feeling in the back of my head, but honestly having another chance at life is worth any amount of pain and suffering," he said.

This experience has strengthened his relationship with God, reaffirmed his desire to live each day to the fullest, and taught him the kind of nurse he wants to be. Throughout his hospital stay he experienced both the good and bad in nursing care. This firsthand knowledge confirmed to him the incredible impact a nurse can have on a patient's recovery.

In 2014 Corbin will graduate. In a full circle kind of synchronicity, he plans to return to Nebraska Heart Institute and Heart Hospital to work as a nurse. "I want to help others through their recovery both physically and emotionally like I was helped," he says. "After two years of intensive care unit experience, I plan on moving forward to graduate school and becoming a certified nurse anesthetist."

Today, Corbin is just thankful to be alive and for the strong connections that enabled him to recuperate after the crash while still keeping up with his class work. "It's not your typical college that you attend; it's more like a family who wants to see you succeed," he said. "I have never seen teachers go more out of their way for you than at Union College." **A**



When nursing student Andrew Corbin suffered serious injuries in a car accident, he discovered his teachers' commitment to his success extended far beyond the classroom. Here he participates in a simulation exercise with instructor Debbie Eno and fellow student Luciana Sufficool Dale '12.



Staying connected before Facebook

How two groups of students chose to stay connected long after graduation

by Joellyn Sheehy 14

For many Unionites, the friendships formed during their time in Lincoln turned out to be something worth holding on to for the rest of their lives. Before Facebook, Twitter and cell phones, classmates had to find creative ways to stay in touch as they spread out across the country and the world.

The Laundry Letter

Ann Gruzensky Bauer '36 came to Union in 1935 for her pre-nursing requirements and got a job in the college's laundry to pay for school. "I loved my two years at Union," she recalled. "I have great memories and I wish I could have gone back to finish my degree, but I didn't have the money. The first year my parents gave me \$100 for college and only \$50 the second. I worked a lot, but I got through without owing any money."

The summer between her freshman and sophomore years Bauer stayed at school to make money for the next academic year. Under the direction of Vernon Dunn, the laundry supervisor, she and six other students processed laundry from local businesses in Lincoln. The friendships that developed between them carried on through the year and the rest of their lives. "We worked together closely for long hours every single day," she said. "We really got acquainted; it was more like a family."

After two years at Union, Bauer was accepted into a nursing program in Boulder, Colo., and the group of friends began to disperse. Before they parted ways, they determined to stay in touch and devised a plan to keep connected. "We decided that wherever anyone went, we would just keep writing to each other," she said. "We made an alphabetical list of everyone's name and sent it to each person."



A group of students who worked in the Union College laundry in the summer of 1936 decided to stay in contact by circulating a letter for several decades. Ann Bauer lost track of the letter and wonders if she is the last one of the group still alive.

In what was later deemed the "laundry letter," the friends circulated a communal letter among them. Whenever someone received the letter, they would remove their old information and put in updated news before sending it on to the next person. With this approach, everyone would receive the same information and the group stayed connected. "It was so much fun," said Bauer. "We kept in touch for years and years with that letter."

The letter circulated around the group for many years, recording important life-changing events. "At first everyone was getting a job, then getting married and then having babies," Bauer recalled. "We'd put in pictures of the babies and just keep in touch like that."

Bauer finished nursing school in Colorado and married Albert Bauer, a theology major and one of the laundry delivery drivers she worked with over the summer. "He finished college at Union while I took nursing," she explained. "We'd write letters and see each other about every six months. I had a happy marriage for 65 years and enjoyed the work we did together."

The Bauer family would often write to the others about their ministry and various travels. "My husband was a pastor for five years and then worked in the conference office as head of the Sabbath school and lay activities department," Bauer said. "It was interesting to write about because every Sabbath we went to a different church."

Bauer stayed in contact with everyone for many years through the Laundry Letter. "Whenever we could, all through the years, we knew where everybody lived," she said. "My roommate also worked in the laundry and settled in Colorado. Seven or eight years after I got married we happened to be nearby for a convention and stayed with her. I never did get to everyone's homes, but whenever we could we would

stop and see each other. We kept in touch for years and years with that letter.”

The letter took a couple months to reach each member, but was delayed even longer if someone forgot or misplaced it. “As we got older, we moved to different places and had different jobs,” Bauer explained. “I wish I would have kept track of when it completely stopped, but we had it going for more than twenty years. We were a pretty dedicated bunch.”

The letter eventually petered out and Bauer wonders if she may be the only surviving participant. “Somebody would forget to send it and then we would hear that a member of our class passed away; it just deteriorated,” she said. “I really don’t know who got the last one. We were waiting for it and waiting for it, but it never came.”

Bauer looks back with fondness at her time at Union and the friends she made there. She hopes to visit the campus again soon, though the old laundry and familiar buildings now no longer exist. “I will always have a soft spot in my heart for Union College,” she said. “I just hope that everybody who attends enjoys it as much as I did; it was two wonderful years of my life. I’m glad I had a chance to be there.”

The 50-year newsletter

“The newsletter is the one thing that has really bonded us through the years,” said Joyce Hagele Heim ’63. “Whenever we get together it’s like we just pick up from the day we graduated.”

Until 1955, nursing students at Union College traveled to Boulder, Colo., for their last two years of classes at Boulder Sanitarium; and after that a Union College Nursing Department building was built at Porter Memorial Hospital in Denver. As a small group on an isolated campus, students grew close to each other throughout their intensive coursework.

Fifty years later, the nursing graduates of 1963 still maintain their special bond thanks to a newsletter begun when they graduated fifty years ago. Despite the distances between them they continue to keep in touch and look on each other like family.

“None of us wanted to lose contact with one another, so we decided to have a newsletter,” said Lenora Wagner Werth, a Walla Walla transfer student originally from North Dakota. “Then it just kept going.”



Ann Gruzensky Bauer met her husband, Albert Bauer, when the two worked together at the Union College laundry in 1936. He was a delivery driver that summer.

interested in what everyone was doing,” said Werth. “I saw my roommate every once in a while, but didn’t see much of my other classmates.”

Each year a different person acted as editor to collect the information and compile it into a letter. “Originally somebody would type it up and photocopy it,” said Joan Krause Denny ’63. “Sometimes it would be just a few pages, but then other times it could get rather lengthy. Sometimes we even included pictures.”

“Some girls would send in a full page and others would just write a half page or paragraph,” explained Heim. “It depended on what they wanted to say and what they did. You kind of just did a catch-up of what happened since the last letter.”

Contents and methods for sending the letter have changed throughout the years. “We’ve sent it by email maybe the last three or four years,” said Loella Reile Johnson ’63. “There are a couple people who never did get computerized, so we still print it off and send it to them by mail.”

In the letter, the class shared news about their lives and coordinated reunions. “When we first started out it was all about the weddings,” said Heim. “Then it was the babies, then their weddings and then the babies from those weddings. So what was involved in the newsletter kind of went in cycles and changed with the times.”

“We always put in the newsletter if we were going to class reunions,” said Werth. “Some of us would also call one another and just keep in contact that way.”

After fifty years of sending out *The Mile Squeezer*, the retired nurses have decided to let it rest. “Fifty years is long enough,” said Heim. “Being the editor is a lot of work. We never even thought that it would last an entire 50 years.”

“If we continued on then we could send it via iPad,” joked Johnson.

“I’m going to leave that for the young and energetic here,” retorted Heim. “It’s been fun and we’ll probably continue to keep in touch via email.” ▲



The Union College nursing class of 1963—pictured at their 50 year reunion last April at Union—stayed in touch for 50 years by publishing a yearly newsletter. Each class member took turns organizing the publication.

Building Lifelong Connections

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz 04

Graduate finds lifelong relationships, a personalized career path and business connections at Union



The connections you make in college often shape the rest of your life. Union College alumnus Jeff Peterson is proof of that. Thanks in part to the educational and personal bonds he formed while attending Union, the 1987 graduate is now a shareholder and executive manager in a number of companies supplying chemicals, metals, equipment and logistical services starting from a base outside Nashville, Tenn.

After graduating from Union College and then earning a Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska, Peterson practiced law for five years in Colorado and then seven years in Tennessee before joining Palm Commodities International, a privately held supplier of specialty chemicals and metals used in the electronics, battery manufacturing, catalyst materials and surface finishing industries.

“We don’t make iPhones, build satellite batteries or refine petroleum, but we produce and sell a number of specialized materials that are used to produce these products and many others,” explained Peterson.

Peterson, his longtime business partner and their management team have acquired other related companies in Chicago, New Jersey and Tennessee, including Novamet Specialty Products, Apex Material Technologies, Wegener Welding, LLC and Music City Logistics.

These separate-but-connected companies produce nickel, cobalt, copper and rare earth solutions and powders for use by chemical companies or other producers of industrial catalysts, coatings, batteries and airplane parts, and the electroplating and mining industries, among others. The group of companies also provides customers with equipment, other distributed products and logistical solutions; and offers reclamation and recycling of metal-containing solutions to turn otherwise wasted metals into new products.

Peterson acknowledges that his position requires a variety of skills and education that aren’t typically found together, especially not when it comes to choosing a pre-packaged college degree. Instead, it was while enrolled at Union College that he found he could unite his varied interests—accounting, science and business—into a personalized degree which ultimately led to a personalized career path.

Connecting degrees for a personalized career path

Peterson, an Omaha native and Platte Valley Academy graduate, enrolled at Union College in 1982. He started out working toward a business degree with an

emphasis in accounting, and added math and science courses including calculus, general chemistry, general biology and organic chemistry in the mix.

It was through Union's guidance services in his second year of college that Peterson discovered he had an interest and aptitude in law. Union's handbook offered him the flexibility to connect seemingly unrelated fields to create a personalized degree that allowed him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree from Union that uniquely fit his career path and enabled him to move across town to complete a Juris Doctorate at the University of Nebraska.

Even during this new phase of his education, Peterson lived close to Union's campus and stayed affiliated with the school and his college friends. It was during law school that he met his future wife, Shelly Johnson, who was attending Union at the time.

After graduation, he and Shelly married and moved to Colorado, where Peterson practiced law in Fort Collins and then Denver. Five years later, he accepted a job offer at a law firm in Nashville, Shelly's hometown. Shortly after his arrival in Nashville in 1993, Peterson met Bill Fields at the Boulevard Seventh-day Adventist Church in Madison, a suburb of Nashville, and began providing legal services as an outside attorney for Fields' growing chemical business, Palm Commodities International.

Peterson liked the combination of business, science and law involved in the operations, and he joined with Fields in 2000 on a full-time basis as an officer of Palm and a shareholder in a new venture they founded, Sulfuric.com, selling metals and chemicals over the Internet.

Eventually they merged the online business with Palm Commodities International and grew that business together. From its base, they made acquisitions of other industrial operations in Tennessee, California, New Jersey and Illinois.

In his current position, Peterson travels extensively to see business contacts and work with his team. He travels across the United States, Asia and Europe, and admits that traveling is a mixed blessing. "Spending so much time in airports and away from family is a sacrifice," he said, "but it's also very rewarding to be with our customers, suppliers and team members and gain the perspective of seeing how the rest of world lives and how the materials our companies create are used across the planet."

Still, family connections keep Peterson rooted, despite his hectic schedule. Peterson and his wife, Shelly, are parents to 16 year-old twins, Austin and Ashley, who attend Madison Academy in the Nashville area. Peterson, who fondly remembers his own academy and college days, is grateful his children have a chance to get their start with the loving staff offered in the Adventist school system. "I appreciated how my education grounded me, opened doors and set the stage for lifelong relationships. I hope my children have a similar experience," he says.

Connected to the past, building the future

Peterson says the foundation for his career was laid in both the science building and Division of Business at Union, and he credits the hours he spent in both areas for opening doors to a career where he could pursue his interests and give vent to his entrepreneurial spirit.

"I am a product of Union's science and business programs, and what I learned in those classes fits my job perfectly," he said. "I'm running commercial enterprises that are scientifically-based and heavily regulated. My education at Union helped me put those areas together, and it prepared me for what I do every day."

The connections Peterson made with Union's faculty and staff inspired and influenced him as a student, helping to create the person he is today. "We had so many good teachers at Union, but I was especially influenced by Grover and Joy Barker, Drs. John and Lilya Wagner, and Dr. Chuck Freidline," he says. "They were great instructors and teachers, took extra time with students, shared their personal lives, and were solid Christian examples," he said.

Like other science majors, many of the memories that Peterson still holds dear from his college days happened in Jorgensen Hall. "Taking chemistry from Dr. Freidline was the highlight of my science studies," he said. "He had just started at Union and was overcoming a serious medical problem, yet he was a wonderful teacher with a strong sense of humor. His work ethic and kind disposition were inspiring to many of us, and he will be missed."

Peterson laughs when he remembers his reaction when Dr. Freidline encouraged him to continue taking science classes despite Peterson's evolving interest in business and law. "He told me to work on a chemistry minor because I may want to work for a chemical company one day. I remember asking him, 'Why would I want to do that?'" Peterson recalled. "Now here I am, working in an industry that deals with chemicals and metals, and I'm so glad I have the background I do. I probably should have pursued the extra classes as he suggested."

Recently, Peterson's Union connection helped him find the ideal candidate for a job opening at one of his companies. On a trip back to Union, Peterson was introduced to Ryan Peters, who is married to Taleah Valles Peters '10, a recruiter for Union. "I had been looking and praying for the right person for

the job, and it seemed God put him right in my path," he said. "A few weeks later, Ryan and Taleah were moving to New Jersey so he could start his career as an engineer at Novamet."

Peterson still keeps alive his connections to Union College. He maintains a relationship with Dr. Lilya Wagner and his close friends from college. From time to time, he has stopped by the campus to see the changes over the years. "I'm always amazed by how the campus has grown and developed in the years since I've graduated," Peterson said. "The school's commitment to investing in improving their capabilities is obvious to everyone who sees the changes."

He adds that he's especially excited about the investment in the future the school and its supporters are making through building the new science and math facility. "As a former student for whom the science program at Union helped lay some critical blocks in the foundation for my career, I want to support the continued investment in that area to better equip future students with an improved learning environment," he shared.

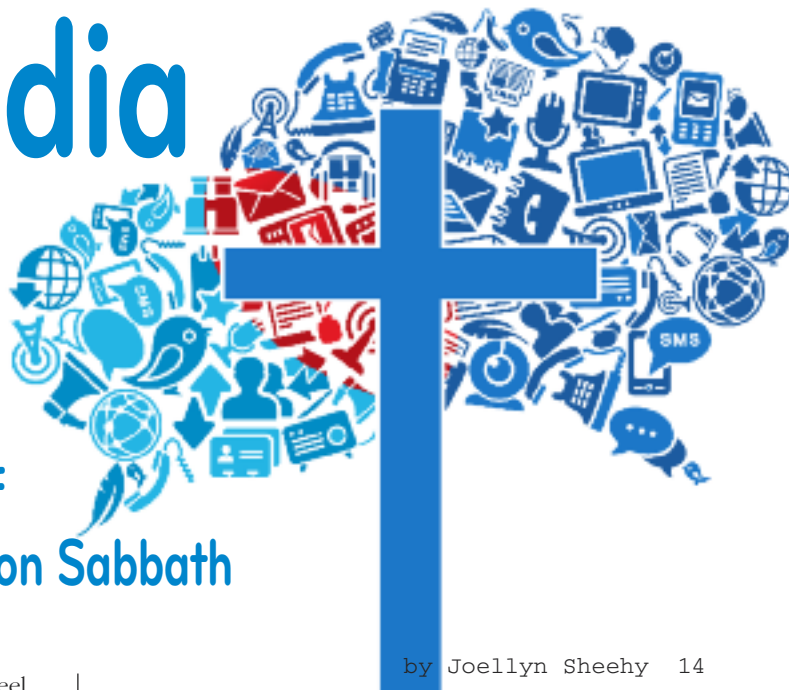
For Jeff Peterson, like many other graduates, the decision to enroll in Union College continues to impact daily life long after graduation. The personal relationships, career decisions and business connections made while at Union help alumni shape their lives and their world. **A**



Jeff Peterson, with his wife Shelly and their two children, found that connections made at Union helped build a successful business.

Social media ministry

How a new youth pastor discovered the importance of staying connected—not just on Sabbath



by Joellyn Sheehy 14

“We spend so little time together on Sabbath, it doesn’t feel like enough time for me to disciple and mentor the youth I work with,” said Anna Romuald ’12, assistant pastor at the Southview Adventist Church in Minneapolis and assistant young adult ministries director for the Minnesota Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. “Using social media, I can spend quality time communicating one-on-one to help spiritually disciple them.”

From the beginning, Anna Romuald struggled to answer God’s call into ministry. As a senior in high school, she knew she wanted to study architecture and asked God to bless her well-formulated plans. So when she preached for the first time at her home church and the congregation suggested she study theology, she simply laughed it off. “I knew Jesus was calling me, but I didn’t want that,” she said. “I kind of ran away with my own ideas.”

Romuald intended to go to college, anywhere but at Union, and pursue architecture. But in the summer between high school and college, all of her plans fell through, leaving her confused and frustrated. “I thought God did want me to be an architect, and it was only when I stopped running that I heard His voice,” she explained. “I said ‘I’ve tried my way and it didn’t work, so I’ll try Yours, but I need You to clearly tell me.’ As soon as I said ‘yes’ to Union, I knew exactly what He wanted from me. He put the perfect people in my path, gave me the right opportunities and even crafted this amazing pastoring position.”

Although facing numerous challenges and much work, Romuald loves her job. “I wouldn’t do anything else,” she said. “If

God asked me to do something else, it would be very difficult. I know I could have been happy on another path, but I could never have been as happy as I am now, following what He intended from the beginning.”

Primarily a youth pastor, Romuald strives to build relationships with young adults and involve them with the church. Interacting with a generation that has grown up with social media, she quickly



Anna Romuald '12, went home to Minnesota after graduation to be a youth pastor for the Southview Church in Minneapolis and assistant young adult ministries director for Minnesota Conference.

realized the importance of connecting with the youth on their terms. “It caught them off guard at first that I was ‘tech advanced,’” she said. “I don’t think I am at all, but they thought it was so cool to have a pastor who can connect in the avenues they usually use.”

Utilizing social media, Romuald and her youth group plan events and interact all week long. “I have a video app to send video messages about upcoming events, a group app to send mass texts, Instagram and many more,” she said. The youth can update prayer requests, text one another, pray for each other and take part in our weekly challenges; we have very high participation.”

The platform created by social media has enabled the groups’ relationships and purpose to advance.

“When I use it consistently, they know it’s a way to get a hold of me,” said Romuald. “So a lot of youth will call, text or Facebook seeking help or counsel in an emergency situation. When I’m faithful in communicating with them, they’re faithful in



Anna Romuald has discovered that social media is an essential tool to connect with the youth and young adults both in her own youth group and across Minnesota—a connection that often leads to a stonger bond to the church through baptism.

communicating back, and I get more of a handle on what's going on in their lives."

But the connection doesn't exist only on screens or via cellular devices. "Social media has only enhanced our face-to-face communications," said Romuald. "Since we're connected all week, when we come to that hour on Sabbath we've already heard what's happening in each other's lives and can follow up on it. We can pray more urgently or just pick up where we left off."

The new interactions have also opened up leadership positions for youth to be involved. "They communicate with each other all week long without my participation: asking for prayer requests, giving updates on Pathfinders, sharing Bible verses, responding to questions, etc.," said Romuald. "It's become a platform for them to be leaders. We have several who maintain, manage and administrate some of our pages, and I only post and approve members. We actually use their technical skills and put them to work."

In an age of swift technological development, church leaders everywhere are struggling to reconcile the communication divide between younger and older generations. "It's as though the youth have a culture of their own, and there's not a great bridge to the adults," said Romuald. "There's a distance, especially with older people who have minimal or little acceptance for social media. If they don't accept how cul-

ture is changing, they become more standoffish and hesitant to have meaningful relationships with youth."

With modes of communication changing, young people also find it challenging to reach out to older adults. "Email is almost passé to the kids I work with," she said. "They feel further away because they don't communicate through email, snail mail or telephone, perhaps because they're untrained in how to. A big part of what I do is to be the bridge between youth and the larger congregation."

Age by itself is no excuse for the divide. "My mom, who is ac-

tive in youth ministry and Pathfinders, has had to be taught how to use social media, but she's very accepting of it," said Romuald. "She's taken a stand not to be irrelevant. She's asked the kids to teach her, and the more she learns, the stronger her relationships with them are. Accepting the progression lays a good foundation for establishing good relationships."

When people question her on the connection between social media and the church, Romuald draws from her own journey. "Whenever God tells me to use something in a way I haven't thought of, I try to be open," she said. "I don't want to limit avenues for Him to reach others, especially youth. As a church, if we continue to turn our backs on social media, we'll lose a lot of adults. Knowing how to use it isn't becoming the world; it's following Christ's example to be in the world and use its resources for Him."

In response to the changing ministerial demands facing the church, Union College began its new Social Media Ministry major at the beginning of this school year. Incorporating elements of religion, graphic design and emerging media communication classes,

the major will equip pastors and future church workers for online evangelism.

"Everywhere I go I tell people: 'if you want to know how to use social media and ministry, check out Union,'" she said. "I'm so proud to be an alumna of a school that has explored opportunities to

use these programs and see what they can offer the church. I wish I could take some of the classes."

Romuald encourages the church to see the vast potential of using social media to spread God's Word. "I grew up with parents devoted to Christianity who modeled the importance of communing with Christ," she said. "Now we have tools that help us spread what we've been given with others, why not use them? I'm not saying there isn't also a lot of junk, but it's His mission field as well. It's about time we start claiming back what He has given us, instead of handing it off to the devil." **À**

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The teacher connection:

Ongoing contact with education graduates helps ensure success in the classroom

by Amy Prindle '05

“Mrs. Mac, I’m not from America. I’m from Nebraska! Just wanted to let you know.”

Courtney McCrain McLachlan’s ’12 job was cut out for her. These adorable and amusing youngsters in McLachlan’s K-2 classroom at Wichita Adventist Christian Academy needed not only a geography lesson, but also a well-rounded education in all subjects, demonstrated through a Christ-like example of leadership and compassion. And all 17 kids in this multi-grade classroom needed to be kept in line while she simultaneously instructed them in reading, writing and arithmetic. Easy, right?

Becoming a teacher requires a courageous leap in role reversal. As a college graduate transitions from behind the desk to the front of the classroom, a whole new world unfolds. And despite the abundance of observation, practicum and student-teaching hours, taking ownership of one’s own classroom will always be a daunting task. Fortunately, Union’s education faculty and staff realize that it’s a multifaceted road to quality education and hold fast to the idea of connection. This connection involves a process that spans throughout a student’s college career and extends beyond graduation. And it starts with connecting college students to the classroom almost immediately after they select education as their major.

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Kelly Ree Fernandez ’11 was able to observe the importance of this connection almost immediately after landing her first job teaching fifth grade at Everett Elementary School in Lincoln, Neb. She noticed a major difference between herself and her fellow first-year coworkers. Though she had a year of substitute teaching under her belt to equip her with teaching experience, she also found out that her total undergrad hours of classroom observation and participation were significantly higher (and experienced much sooner) than those of her colleagues.

“The biggest difference I’ve seen between Union’s education program and [other colleges and universities] is the number of hours spent in actual classrooms, even before your senior year,” Fernandez explained. “I found out that most of my coworkers had not seen the inside of a classroom until their third year, while Union’s program has you in a classroom during the second semester of your first year. And I didn’t just sit there and watch. They eventually had us prepare educational activities for the class and spend some time up front. Being in the classroom early on helped make me confident that I chose the right major.”

Fernandez noted how much more comfortable she was with her current classroom management because of that fact—and also because Union’s education curriculum includes a required class dealing with special education.

“Most of my coworkers weren’t required to take a course in special education before they graduated,” she continued. “And I used that information a lot, especially when I was working as a

substitute teacher. I ended up filling in for several special-ed teachers, I had special-ed kids in my fifth-grade classroom, as well.”

The education program provides mock interviews, résumé preparation and also arranges for employed graduates to return to Union as guest speakers, giving students a glimpse of what is to come. But even while Union reaches out to connect with the community around it, part of that same connection principle lies in the graduates also being able to reach back.

McLachlan is grateful that Union indeed prepared her well for her first job. Previous experience with multi-grade classrooms and exposure to public classrooms helped frame McLachlan’s expectations so she could better establish her classroom management. “Without the education faculty and staff’s support, my practicum experience and my wonderful advisors throughout my student teaching experience, I would not be a successful teacher,” she explained.

McLachlan was able to find a job right after graduating, but her education didn’t end there. “I received a lot of communication from my former advisor, Kathy Bollinger, during those first few months on the job. And I had endless amounts of questions! I also kept in touch with the division office manager, Amy Webb, through Facebook. I appreciated both their friendship and helpfulness. It helped make the year go much more smoothly.”

This continued connection after graduation is especially important concerning such an influential and demanding line of work. Starting a teaching career definitely throws one into the deep end, and recent national statistics for new teachers are far from inspiring. According to the National Education Association (NEA), 50 percent of new teachers leave the profession during their first five years.

“Nobody’s perfect, and we all need to be bolstered up from time to time,” said Kathy Bollinger, associate professor of education. Because of the high demands placed on teachers, faculty and staff in the Division of Human Development strive to remain approachable for recent grads to contact them for advice or encouragement. “We have a burden on all our hearts to stay connected with our grads. We feel it’s important for them—especially those who start out teaching in multi-grade classrooms in small towns. We want them to know they’re not alone.”

“We also try to visit them on site within their first or second year of teaching,” Bollinger continued. “We’ve traveled to Tennessee, Colorado, Oregon, Florida—we take it seriously!”

Additionally, recent education graduates automatically become part of an online community through Union’s education division’s website, “Teacher Features.” Its home page lists new teachers for

the current school year who have recently graduated from the program. Teacher Features also provides links to relevant news stories, campus updates and blog posts.

“We want to share the progress of our new teachers and keep them connected,” explained Amy Webb, office manager for the Division of Human Development, who also maintains contact with many recent education graduates via email and Facebook. “We can keep track of them pretty closely through different methods of communication. We like to broadcast their successes to the rest of the campus through our website and on the TV screens across campus.”

And the feedback on these efforts has been incredible. Both Bollinger and Webb have received several glowing messages of appreciation for their continued contact and support.

“We also send them a checklist after their first year of teaching,” Webb continued. “It assists with accreditation, and it gives them a chance to personally evaluate their first experience as a professional. It gives them an opportunity to be honest, give suggestions and note any aspects of their educational experience that were particularly helpful.”

Through these many efforts in making and maintaining connections, recent graduates are coming away from their experience with not only appreciation, but with a recognition of the true value of connection. McLachlan, who now teaches Pre-K at Vista Ridge Academy in Colorado, stays in contact with many others who graduated with her, creating even more links in a supportive professional network. “Several of my former classmates and I exchange helpful suggestions and advice, as well as websites or articles, etc., we come across that have helped us as we teach.”

These exchanges are a ripple effect of the endeavors of the faculty and staff, continuing the growth of the many teachers they have worked hard to prepare and support. This can facilitate limitless growth in professional development and self-esteem for the graduates, and mutual enrichment of the education program as well.

Working through school and through life, there’s always more to learn. For kids it’s exciting, fun and amusing, but for adults it can be stressful and frightening at times as there is more at stake.

“People like to know you’re interested in them and care about their success,” Bollinger reflected, and Union’s existing connections demonstrate just how valuable that interest can be. As students evolve into educators and as young teachers develop into seasoned professionals, the graduates of Union College begin a new wave of teaching and a new generation of making and sustaining connections. **A**





STUDENTS RE NEW WAYS TO

When students in Frankie Rose's biology classes are asked to finish all of their Brussels sprouts, they can say with scientific certainty why they dislike them, thanks to new teaching methods developed by Rose and a team of Union College students and alumni.

Dr. Rose, graduate assistant James Fernando '11 and students Brad Carlson, Tim LeBard, Michael McCarthy and Fini Umali '13 spent the last school year conducting original research in Jorgensen Hall. Their work integrates biology and pedagogy, establishing an effective laboratory experiment for small colleges to teach basic principles of genetics.

"A lot of people are predicting an oncoming tsunami of genetic information that will inundate all of us," explained Rose. "With that knowledge in mind, I think about how I need to equip my students for their careers working with this information."

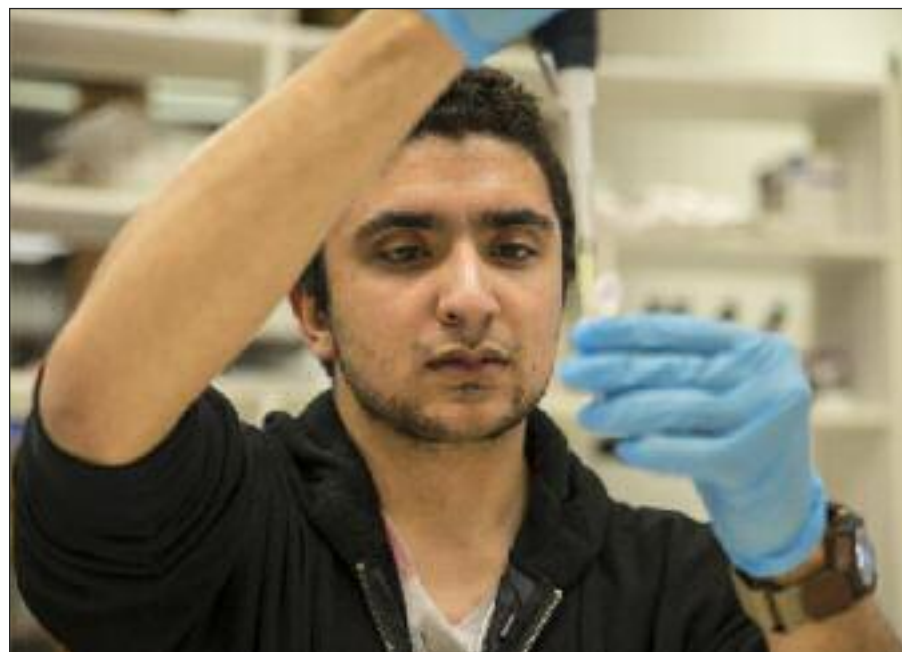
Rose could not find an existing student lab exercise that demonstrated messages about genetics well, so he embarked on a journey to establish one. "Genetics and genetic information are becoming more important in our society," said James Fernando, a 2011 Union College graduate. "There's a lot of new technology, and the cost of sequencing a genome has plummeted. It's not just science students who need to be aware of all the emerging information, but everyone should have some genetic literacy."

Fernando, a second-year medical student at Loma Linda, took

a break from medical school to marry his wife Rachel, a second-year PA student at Union College, and oversee much of the footwork and literature review for the project. "I have to give a lot of credit to James," said Rose. "He took a year out of medical school for a very modest stipend and has essentially been my right hand man in running the project. He orchestrates the students' work, and it's been spectacular."

The journey began in spring semester 2012, when Rose decided to create a lab exercise to demonstrate key principles of genetics for his small developmental biology class. "We isolated DNA and actually sent it to a company to sequence," he explained. "The class loved it and said 'why aren't we doing this for more students?'" The test was very similar to Rose's current project, only more expensive and took longer to process. Using the new method is much cheaper and gets results back in an afternoon.

The test looks at two genes from participants' DNA. "One codes for a protein that is part of taste buds on your tongue," explained Fernando. "We can take DNA from cheek cells and look for a single base pair change in that gene. Depending on what that one base pair is will determine if you can taste a certain bitter substance. Those with a change in their sequence can't taste it and so are more likely to enjoy some foods like Brussels sprouts."



The test is 80 percent predictive, meaning that a person with this change is highly unlikely to taste the bitterness. "It shows a fatalistic side of genetics," said Fernando. "I have the genes, so I am a certain way."

The group wanted to contrast this message with another gene that codes for a protein in fast twitch muscle fibers. A single change within the gene will determine whether or not a person has a structural protein that holds muscles together. "Some people don't have it at all," said Fernando. "You'd think that, if you didn't have it, there'd be some kind of a disease like difficulty walking, but that's not the case. In truth, you can't tell who has it or who does not. Even in the Olympics there are some people missing the protein."

Senior Michael McCarthy, along with three other students and a graduate assistant, conducted a genetic research project in Jorgensen Hall last school year.

RESEARCH AND TEACH GENETICS

by Joellyn Sheeby '14

The second test demonstrates a completely different lesson from genetics: that the course of one's life is not determined solely by genes. "Basically, for this protein it doesn't matter," said Fernando. "You may or may not have it; it's training that gets you to the Olympics. Genes alone don't determine how athletic you are, it's partly your choice."

The tests display the range of importance that genes play in physical traits and scientists' difficulties in understanding why. "Perhaps there's another gene that turns it on, we don't know," said Fernando. "Contrasting the genes together shows students the complexity of genetics and gives them a glimpse at the spectrum of diversity."

Genetic testing has the potential to reveal insights about a person's predisposition to certain medical conditions, information that could be dangerous without proper medical counsel. Determined to avoid such difficult situations, Rose and Fernando were careful to choose traits to study that tell participants information about their own genome, but are not medically significant. "This is a safe genetic experiment, and you don't learn anything dangerous about yourself," said Fernando. "Genetic privacy is very important, and it's something that people are very bad about. However, the results of this test have no medical bearing that the literature indicates."

The students involved in researching the tests have benefited greatly from the lesson on genetics as well as the research experience. "I have gained a lot of knowledge about the inner working of DNA and single nucleotide polymorphisms (the single base pair changes that these tests assess) and also a huge respect for science," said Fini Umali, a 2013 international rescue and relief graduate. "Learning how much time and effort goes into doing research has really opened my eyes, and I've gained a lot of lab experience. It's given me many opportunities, and I'm more interested in integrating research into my future now."

"I really enjoyed the research actually," said Michael McCarthy, senior chemistry major. "It's probably my favorite thing to do, and I do it too much. I went to work when I should have been studying, but I don't regret it in the least."

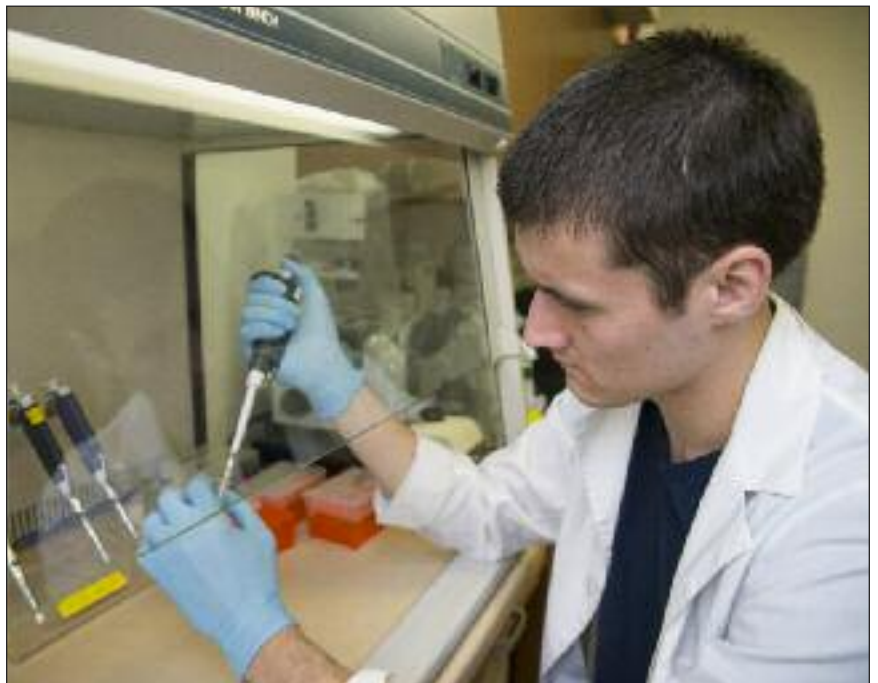
Sophomore Brad Carlson learned key problem solving skills while participating in a genetic research project at Union last school year.

Not only does the experience help students' resumes, but it aids them in their present college goals. "It's expanded on a lot of information from classes," said Brad Carlson, sophomore biology major. "It took what I knew about genetics and then blew it out of the water. There are also a lot of applications to this stuff in biology, which has definitely tied over into other classes."

Rose hopes to continue expanding research opportunities for students at Union College. "I'd like to have as many undergraduates participating as possible," he said. "Someone asked me why we do any research at all and not just focus on teaching, but science textbooks aren't eternal like the Ten Commandments. Science isn't just facts, it's a process of discovering knowledge. I think it's imperative to show students that process."

"This experience definitely expanded my ability to think critically and communicate with other people," said Carlson. "We continually have to take a situation, look at it and try to figure out what might have caused the problem. It's been great, and I've learned a lot."

"I'm actually doing something new and not just going through labs that others have done over and over again and that we know should work," said McCarthy. "With any research, you'll have disappointments, but you also get excited when things actually work out. It's the real deal." Å



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1940s

Andrew ('47) and Julia "Judy" Thomson ('47) Snyder celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 8, 2013, with a reception hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren at the Pioneer Memorial Church Commons in Berrien Springs, Mich. They have been members of the Pioneer Memorial Church for 26 years. Andrew Snyder and Julia Thomson were married May 30, 1948, in Beatrice, Neb., by Pastor Dan Venden. Andrew has been a cement contractor, and has poured cement floors, driveways, etc., all around the world. Judy has been a teacher in Benton Harbor and Berrien Springs, Mich. They are active in their church and have participated in more than 100 volunteer projects in the U.S. and abroad. The Snyder family includes Denise and Seigfreid Grentz of Douglasville, Ga.; David and Renate Snyder of Stephenville, Texas; Rebecca and **Mark Becker '77**; Rachel Snyder-Kroncke of Douglasville, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1950s

Al '52 and Arlea Lippincott Stern '52 celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on July 14, 2012, in Estacada, Ore., with a festive gathering of sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Al Stern met Arlea Lippincott at Union College. Al remembers the pretty girl with brown eyes and red hair. Arlea remembers shyly smiling back at the returning WWII vet. The rest is 65 years of family history. After they were married, they returned to college and lived in married student housing—the trailer park. After Al graduated with a degree in religion, he served as a colporteur, pastor, Bible worker, and ordained minister in Nebraska, California and Washington. Arlea earned a nursing degree and worked until retiring. Now she helps manage the Estacada Community Center. Both are active members of the Estacada Church, and Al pens the "Ask Al" Bible question-and-answer column in the local newspaper.

1960s

Charles '66 and Lois Resler Smith '64 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 22, 2012, with a sit-down dinner for 135 friends and family at the Lents Activity Center in Portland, Ore. In 1960 Charles met Lois Resler in Sterling, Colo., where she was attending college and he was working in the oil fields. He was baptized that fall, and they both attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. They were married on July 22, 1962, and returned to Union College to finish their degrees. Charles spent his entire working career as a specialist in information systems, first at Hinsdale Hospital in Hinsdale, Ill., and then at Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore. From 1978 until his retirement in 2000, he was with the North Pacific Union Conference information systems depart-

ment. Lois worked in various offices at AMC, as secretary of the Sunnyside Church in Portland, and to finish her career, in the administrative offices at AMC.

1970s

Carol Barker Huenergardt '70 is the new administrator at Tabitha's GracePointe Assisted Living & Memory Care Suites in Lincoln, Neb. She comes to Tabitha with extensive experience in elder care and health care administration. Previously she was administrator at Heritage Estates, a nursing and independent living community in Gering, Neb. In addition to receiving her certification in assisted living and skilled nursing administration, she is a certified dementia practitioner, a skill applied through GracePointe's memory care suites.

1990s

John Larson '90 and his wife DJ welcomed Zara Janelle Larson on Sept. 4, 2013. She was born at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore and weighed 7 lbs 13 oz. Zara joins brother Johan Lucas, 18 months, at home. Since graduating from Union, John has worked at Springs Adventist Academy in Colorado Springs, teaching grades one and two. Then in 1994 he took an opportunity to work at a non-denominational Christian school in



Zara and John Larson

Jakarta Indonesia where he taught second grade. As Sabbath issues arose, the Lord provided a job at the Singapore American School in Singapore where he has been teaching grade two since December 1998. It is the largest K-12 American school in the world with just under 4000 students. He met Doresa Jane Balambao at the Jurong SDA church, and they were married in June 2011. She is a civil engineer by training but is now busily engaged in homemaking.

Jeanie Drake '93 and David Valdenegro were married in Whittier, Calif., on June 6, 2012. After honeymooning in San Diego, the couple moved to Alabama where Jeanie teaches at Montgomery Adventist School.



Jeanie and David Valdenegro

Tanya Spilovoy '97, has begun a new job as executive director of educational technology, distance education and K-12 initiatives for the North Dakota University System. She will graduate with an Ed.D. degree in higher educational leadership and organizational change this fall. She has also been appointed to the Emerging Leaders in Online Education Institute.

Ramona Rose Air Fike was born to **Toby ('98) and Allison Rosette Fike '03** on Oct. 15, 2012. Allison works at Parker Hospital in Parker, Colo., as an advanced practice nurse in cardiac diagnostics. Toby teaches art for Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. He is also a freelance graphic designer.



Ramona Rose Air Fike

Jon ('98) and Rachel Taber McElvain ('99) welcomed Kaitlyn Michelle on Dec. 21, 2012. She joins Simon Paul, who is two years old. Jon is an engineer at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. Rachel is a physician assistant at North Kitsap Family Practice in Poulsbo, Wash.



The McElvain family

Kim Hill Cole '99 and Daryl Cole (former staff) are pleased to announce the birth of Kyla Faith, born Jan. 14, 2013. She weighed 6 lb 3 oz and was 19 inches long. Kim was the accounting manager for Pointe General Contractors before Kyla was born. Now she is a stay-at-home mom. Daryl is the strategic communications manager at Hamilton Health Care System.



Daryl, Kyla and Kim Cole

2000s

Becky van den Hoven Krueger ('00) and Kelly Krueger ('01) welcomed Kellan Alexander on August 5, 2011. He joins big brother, Kent, age six, and big sister, Keara, age three. Becky is a dentist in Lincoln, Neb., and owns Krueger Family Dentistry. Kelly is the owner of Rainwood Interiors, a flooring and coun-



Keara, Kent and Kellan Krueger

tertop store. Arianna Love Rumsey Poblete was born to **Allen '01 and Laura Rumsey Poblete '03** on Feb. 3, 2013. She weighed 7 lb 4 oz and was 20 inches long. She joins big brother, Isaac, who is four years old. Laura is a registered nurse in oncology at Florida Hospital-Altamonte, and Allen is an art director at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University



Isaac and Arianna Poblete

in Daytona. Zoey Quinn Davis was born to **Tyson '05 and Jenny Stricker Davis '01** on May 13, 2013. She weighed 7 lb 10 oz and was 19.5 inches long. She joins big sister, Lexi, who is two years old. Tyson is director of finance for the Florida Region of Adventist Health Systems, and Jenny stays at home with Lexi and Zoey. Credit to Heather Rice Photography for



Zoey Quinn Davis the photo of Zoey.

Don and **Christine Pfeiffer Allison '02** are excited to welcome Hannah Christina Allison into their family. Hannah was born December 20, 2011, and weighed 8 lb 3 oz. The Allisons live in southwest Washington state and in their free time enjoy outdoor activities, especially hiking and snowboarding, and being involved in their local church--and now spending time with their daughter. Don is a family physician in a local rural health clinic, and Christine works part-time as a family physician assistant at an-



Don, Hannah and Christine Allison

other nearby rural health clinic. **Frankie '02 and Ellen Broseghini Rose '02** welcomed Emma Lucille Rose on July 21, 2011. They are also excited to announce Emma will be getting a little brother in De-



Emma Lucille Rose

cember 2013. Frankie and Ellen are both employed at Union College, where Frankie is assistant professor of biology and Ellen is a nursing instructor.

Shane '02 and Kate Rea Flowers '04 welcomed Mark Steven Leslie Flowers on Oct. 8, 2012. He joins his sister, Mara Bonnie, who is two years old. Shane works as the systems/network manager for Information Systems at Union College. Kate is a certified K-12 art teacher but stays at home



Mark Steven Leslie Flowers

full-time with Mark and Mara. Arya Jade Moses was born to **Jason Moses '03 and Michelle Singh-Moses '03** on Sept 3, 2013, weighing 7 lb 1 oz. After Michelle completed a master's degree and Jason completed a doctorate degree at Loma Linda, they returned to Burleson, Texas, where Jason grew up. Michelle is a physician assistant, and she works at CareNow, which is an urgent care clinic in Arlington Texas. Jason is a physical therapist and works at his own practice, Summit Peak Physical Therapy in



Arya Jade Moses
Arlington, Texas.

Michelle Mohr Williams '03 and her husband, Bob, are pleased to announce the arrival of Emma Hope, born Jan. 16,

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2013. Emma weighed 7 lb 8 oz. She joins big sisters, Hannah, age five, and Olivia, age three. Michelle is a stay-at-home mom, and Bob is a heavy equipment operator for Kissick Construction. They live in Ams-



Emma Hope Williams
terdam, Mo.

June Iona Leeker was born to **Josh '04** and **Aubrey Goble Leeker '05** on Nov. 30, 2012. Both Josh and Aubrey are photographers for their photography business, The Leekers. Their website is



June Iona Leeker
theleekers.com.

Brad '04 and **Asheley Quirindongo Woodruff '06** have moved from Idaho to Maryland. Brad has accepted a position at Adventist Risk Management as database administrator in Silver Spring, Md. Asheley is a professor of psychology, licensed counselor, and published writer. Besides spending time with their three children, Brad is finishing a master's degree in computer security. They are looking forward to exploring the Washington, D.C., area.

Nick '05 and **Megan Ahrens Eliason '10** are pleased to announce the arrival of Kalinin Crixus "Crix" on April 13, 2013. She weighed 4 lb 5 oz and was 18 inches long. Megan

works at Nebraska Internal Medicine and Bryan Health in Lincoln, Neb., and Nick works at Sutter Place Interiors in Lincoln, Neb., and Tammy Lin



Kalinin Crixus Eliason
Fisheries in Alaska.

Lori Gibbs Brown '06 and her husband Eddie welcomed Edward Nehemiah Brown III ("Eddie") on February 18, 2013. He weighed 8 lb 15 oz. Lori is a technical illustrator for L-3 Communications in Salt Lake City, Utah. Eddie is a graphic



Edward Nehemiah Brown III
designer for iPrint & Design.

Henry O'Neil Fraser was born to **Robbie ('08)** and **Lauren Carrico Fraser '06** on March 5, 2013. He weighed 8 lb 14 oz and was 21.5 inches long. Robbie is a bill of work clerk at American Airlines. Lauren has worked as an educational sign language interpreter, but she is



Henry O'Neil Fraser

taking time off to raise Hank. **Randi Beck Wolf '06** and her husband Michael are pleased to announce the arrival of Charlotte Leann Wolf, born April 9, 2013. She weighed 7 lb 6 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Randi is a registered nurse at Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center in Lincoln, Neb., and Michael is a machinist with



Charlotte Leann Wolf
BNSF Railway.

Andrea Faith Miller was born to **Jared '06** and **Katie Kaiser Miller '06** July 12, 2012. She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was 19.75 inches long. She joins two-year-old sister Angela Grace at home. Jared is a pastor in the Iowa-Missouri conference, and Katie is a stay-at-



Andrea and Angela Miller
home mom.

Travis '06 and **Mindy Mekelburg Morrell '06** are pleased to announce the arrival of Zebulun William, born Jan. 26, 2013. He joins big brother

Talus, who is two years old. Mindy is the associate director of continuing medical education at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. Travis is a family and preventive medicine resident physician at Loma



The Morrell family

Linda University Medical Center.

Landon Michael Liebelt was born to **Michael '07** and **Rachel Lehman Liebelt ('09)** on Dec. 22, 2012. He weighed 7 lb 3 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Rachel is a registered nurse on a surgical unit at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, WA. Although she works full time on the night shift, she enjoys her days off when she works as a full-time mom. Michael has a mental health counselor's license and



Landon Michael Liebelt

is a mental health counselor at Coyote Ridge Corrections Center.

Jocelyn Collett Aalborg '08 and her husband Chase welcomed Charlotte "Charlee" Collett Aalborg on August 25, 2012. She was born 11 weeks early

and weighed 2 lbs 7 oz and was 15 inches long. She spent 62 days in the NICU and came home weighing 5 lb 14 oz. Jocelyn is a stay-at-home mom, and



Charlotte Collett Aalborg

Chase is director of finance at Littleton Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colo.

Lisa Kemper '09 and **Bryan Venteicher '04** were married on June 9, 2013, in Lyons, Colo. Lisa is the science teacher for grades 7-12 at Mile High Acad-



Bryan and Lisa Venteicher
emy in Denver, Colo. Bryan works as a Java developer at Elavon in Denver, Colo.

Google™ has selected **Chris Webb '09** as an attendee at the next Google Teacher Academy, to be held in Chicago, Ill., on July 24, 2013. Webb is one of only 50 educators from around the world selected for their passion for using innovative tools to improve teaching and learning. (Go to www.youtube.com/

watch?v=uGot2sYvgk0 to see his winning application video). The Google Teacher Academy is a two-day intensive program that recognizes educators who are doing innovative and exciting things in their classrooms with technology. Fifty participants will get hands-on experience with Google's products and technologies, learn about innovative instructional strategies, and receive resources to share with colleagues. Upon completion, Academy participants become Google Certified Teachers who share what they learn with other K-12 educators in their local regions and beyond. Chris, the senior English teacher and Technology Coordinator at The Primacy Collegiate Academy, an Adventist high school in Taipei, Taiwan, was honored to be among the few selected. "This was actually the fifth time I've applied, and I almost considered not throwing my hat in the ring," he said, "but I decided to give it one last shot,



Chris Webb

and I was thrilled to be chosen to represent my school and my church."

2010s



J.C. and Ashley Lynch

Ashley Groeneweg '10 and J.C. Lynch were married on Oct. 7, 2012. J.C. attends Loma Linda medical school, and Ashley is finishing a master's degree in biology. She also teaches math to grades 7 and 8 at La Sierra Academy junior high.

Luis '10 and **Crystal Cannon Torres '10**, are pleased to announce the birth of Noah Daniel on Sept. 24, 2012. He weighed 6 lb .5 oz and was 19.25 inches long. Crystal is a registered nurse while Luis



Noah Daniel Torres

works in patient financial services at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Jaxson Michael Brawner was born to **Angela Newman Brawner '11** and her husband, Bryant, on July 12, 2012. Angela is a cashier at Sam's Club in Lin-



Jaxson Michael Brawner

coln, Neb., and Bryant works in shipping and receiving at Stanley Medical.

Betsy Norton '12 and **Justin Woods '11** were married on

June 7, 2013, at Camp Round Meadow in Southern California. They live in Loma Linda where Justin has started his third year



Justin and Betsy Woods

of medical school, and Betsy works as an nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

People Placements

Sarah Fredregill '10 is the new office manager for the Division of Nursing. Originally from Lincoln, she graduated from Union in 2010 with a degree in elementary education. She is married to Aaron and most recently worked at a pediatrician's office.

Scott McIntosh is the new painter for Plant Services. Born and raised in Missouri, he moved to Lincoln when he married his wife, **Misty '02**. He has worked in construction for a number of years and also spent time doing factory work. Although an avid sports fan, his favorite pastime is spending time with his wife and four children: Hailey, Olivia, Adelyn and Eli.

Tyler Anderson '11 is the new administrative assistant for the international rescue and relief program. Born in Sacramento, Calif., he moved to Idaho when he was two. Having spent most of his life exploring the outdoors, he pursued a degree in IRR and graduated in 2011. Excited to return to campus, he will also assist the program in coordinating the disaster response team, managing the summer program and certifying students in CPR and as EMTs.

Chris Johnson '08 is the new

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annual giving director for the Advancement Office. While new to his post, he fulfilled many of the duties in his previous position as special projects coordinator. Originally from Eau Claire, Wis., he graduated from Union in 2008 with a degree in business and an emphasis in marketing.

Shawntae Horst '07 is the new assistant professor of health and human performance. Born in North Dakota, she earned an associate degree in pre-allied health from Union College before moving to Loma Linda University to obtain a doctor of physical therapy in 2011. She returned to Lincoln after graduation and most recently worked at Midwest Physical Therapy and Sports Center.

Corraine McNeill is the new assistant professor of biology in the Division of Science and Mathematics. Born in Clarendon, Jamaica, she moved to the U.S. to study biology at Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Virginia. Originally torn between pursuing medicine and teaching, she eventually found her calling in entomology and obtained her master's from the University of Florida. She continued her studies in entomology and urban pest control, earning a Ph.D. in December of 2012. She met her husband, Seth, while studying in Florida and the two were married in May 2009.

Gary Walter is the new emergency services coordinator for the international rescue and relief program. He spent most of his young adult life as a paramedic in his home state of Oregon until he returned to college in 1995 to complete a bachelor's degree at La Sierra Adventist University. He attended seminary at Andrews University where he met his wife, **Jennifer Mix '92**, and the two began a church plant in Colorado Springs, Colo. After several years in ministry, Walter returned to emergency medicine and is now pleased to

combine both interests in his new position with IRR. He and his wife have two children, Scarlett and Truman, and a dog and cat.

Kalie Saunders '13 is the new assistant director for guest services. Born in Minnesota, she grew up in Illinois where her parents worked for 3ABN and she was a regular face on their programs. A 2013 international rescue and relief graduate with a minor in religion, she is pursuing her master's in international development with her husband, **Andrew '12**, through Andrews University.

Kurt Miyashiro is the new associate professor of music in the Division of Fine Arts. Raised in California, he earned a bachelor's degree at Pacific Union College and then taught at Mile High Adventist Academy, where he met and married his wife **Beth Welch '89**—who now works in the Teaching Learning Center. Since completing his Ph.D. in composition at the University of Minnesota, he has worked at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg, Ill. Desiring to share his Christian faith more openly, he is pleased to come to Union College and feels strongly led here by God.

Transitioned:

Taryn Rouse is the new director of Student Financial Services. Born and raised in southern California, she graduated from William Penn University in Iowa with a degree in social work. Married to **Tony '03** she has worked at Union for eight years. Their children are Carson and Connor.

Richard Henriques has transitioned from the network manager to director of Information Systems. Originally coming to Union as a student, he has worked in the department for 30 years.

Jeniene Kriegelstein has joined the Division of Human

Development as the teacher for grades five through eight at George Stone Elementary School. Raised in upstate New York, she graduated from Atlantic Union College and began her teaching career with her husband, John, in Anchorage, Ala. After working in schools throughout the North Pacific Union Conference and earning her master's in curriculum and instruction, she came to Union to teach in the English as a Second Language program (since renamed English for Academic Purposes) four years ago.

Peggy Wahlen '70 is now an associate professor of English in the Division of Humanities. Formerly the director of the English for Academic Purposes program, she has worked at Union College for 16 years. A Union graduate, she obtained her master's in English from Loma Linda University (now La Sierra University) and has taught at various Adventist schools and colleges across the country. Her husband and children are also all Union alumni.

Julie Escobar '08 is the new director of special projects for the Physician Assistant Studies Program. Born and raised in Cleveland, Tenn., she graduated with a B.A. in biology from Southern Adventist University and came to Union to pursue physician assistant studies. Having completed the program in 2008, she returned as the interim clinical director in 2012 until transitioning into her new position last December. She and her husband, Raúl, have a Great Dane, Dixie.

Donene Braithwaite '00 has transitioned to her new role as dean of women for Rees Hall. Born and raised in upstate New York, she graduated from Union College in 2000 with a degree in psychology and religion. Having task forced at an academy during college, she knew she wanted to work as a dean and accepted several academy positions before coming back to

Union College. She met her husband, **Torrey '00**, upon returning to Union and they have a three-year-old son, Zeke.

LeAnn Merth '86 has transitioned to assistant dean of women for Rees Hall. A 1986 graduate of Union College, she earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Nebraska—Omaha. She returned to Union in 1992 to work as the assistant dean of women and had been head dean for the past eight years.

Jonathan Rickard has transitioned from being student accounts manager to assistant director of Student Financial Services. A native of California, he obtained his B.S. from Pacific Union College and an M.B.A. in management from the University of California. He came to

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

Union College in 2010 after working for the U.S. Census Bureau and loves exploring nature with his five-year-old son, Ben.

Lester Trubey ('27), Union City, Mich., died Dec. 11, 2012, at age 104. He was born Jan. 18, 1908, in Glen Elder, Kan. Lester was member of the Burlington, Mich., church. Survivors include his sons, Charles and Edward; daughters, Eva Badger and Jeanette Bissell; 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Albert Eisenman ('32), Republican, Wash., died Dec. 15, 2012, at age 99. He was born May 31, 1913, in Glenham, S.D., and was a member of the Loveland church. Survivors include his wife, Bertha; daughters, Donna Hartenstein, **Crystal Konner '62**, **DeEtta Burr ('62)**, **Lititia Coleman '66**, **Aldine Klein '70**, **Joanne Rea ('71)**, and **Robin Howard '78**;

one sister; 21 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren.

Daniel Cornforth '38, Ukiah, Calif., died June 26, 2013, at age 97. He was born December 29, 1915, in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada. Daniel served in World War II for two years. He spent most of his working life as owner of Silver State Plastics in Colorado. For the past 25 years, he has resided in the Ukiah area. He will be remembered for his volunteer work at the Ukiah Valley Medical Center, his sense of humor, positive outlook on life, friendliness, and of course, his famous bow ties. Dan is survived by his daughter, **Ruth DeBooy ('69)**; sons, **Don ('62)** and James; brother, Joe Deters; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Chester Martin ('38), Port Charlotte, Fla., died Oct. 28, 2012, at age 94. He was born Sept. 5, 1918, in Veblen, S.D. Chester was a member of the Port Charlotte church for 28 years. He retired in 1983 after 25 years in the printing business at Washington Adventist University (Columbia Union College) in Takoma Park, Md., and the Review & Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Md. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Camilla Bochek Martin; one daughter, Sharon Dickson-Kadel; three grandsons and six great-grandchildren.

Martha Cook Wasemiller ('38), Loma Linda, Calif., died May 2, 2013, at age 97. Survivors include her sister, Dorothy Hauser; and daughters, Shirley Field and **Janet McKeehan '63**.

Joseph Beckner '40, Ukiah, Calif., died Nov. 17, 2012, at age 93. Born in Iola, Kan., Joe graduated from Union College with a degree in math and physics. He married, **Mavis Ching '44**, on May, 29, 1942, and was drafted into the army

six months later. He served overseas for three years, returning to study dentistry at the University of Nebraska. He worked as a dentist in Loveland, Colo., for 35 years, before retiring and moving to Ukiah, Calif., in 1984. He was an artist, photographer and avid reader and was known for his humor, kindness and intelligence. He volunteered at his church and hospital for many years. He was preceded in death by Mavis, his wife of 65 years. Survivors include his daughters, **Judy Beckner Hindman '73**, and **Jan Beckner Woesner ('73)**; sisters, **Carolyn Beckner Raff '48** and **Eileen Beckner Dirksen ('43)**; and four grandchildren.

Ralph Juhl ('40), Drayton, N.D., died Oct. 1, 2013, at age 95. He was the third of nine children born to Henry and Christina Juhl in Bowsmont, N.D. He graduated from Sheyenne River Academy in 1939 and was drafted in 1942 while a student at Union College. After WWII, Ralph returned to Lincoln where he met and married **Betty Fischer ('45)**. Ralph farmed in the Red River Valley all his life. The couple worked on 30 projects constructing churches and schools.



Ralph Juhl

Ralph was a devoted man who loved his God, family, church and country. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Betty; son, **Jerry '70**; daughters, **Caren Davis '71** and **Charlene Hansen ('75)**; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Sharon Waggoner ('40), St. Joseph, Mo., died Mar. 15, 2013, at age 91. He was born Oct. 23, 1921, to Everett and Reva Campbell Waggoner in Dairyland, Wisc. He married Marion Francis Kantz in 1941. Dr. Waggoner served in the medical corps and was in officer candidate school during World War II. He served in the European theatre and flew 71 missions over Italy, Germany and the Baltics. Sharon finished as a major after active duty and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the army air corps. He graduated from Loma Linda University and began his career as a general practitioner and surgeon in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1951 and retired in 1998. Survivors include his wife, Marion; daughter, Marcella Hassen; son, Ken; brother, Lee; and three grandchildren.

Glenn Wiltse '43, Albuquerque, N.M., died June 15, 2013, at age 93. He was born near Modale, Ia., to David and Grady Lea Wiltse the oldest of three children. As an eighth-grader, he did a presentation on what he wanted to be—a physician like his grandfather, Dr. Edward W. Wiltse. As a result, he was nicknamed “Doc” during his high school years. After graduating from Modale High School in 1937 as valedictorian of his class, he graduated from Union College in 1943. He married **Helen Johnson '43** on June 14, 1943. After studying medicine at College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University), he served in the U.S. Army spending a little over a year in Germany in a field hospital in Wurzburg. In July 1950, he and his family moved to Wahpeton, N.D., where he joined Drs. **Elmer Wasemiller '41** and **Melvin Beltz '43**, forming the Wahpeton Clinic, where he practiced medicine for 42 years until June 1992. Glenn conducted programs to stop smoking in the U.S., Iran, Qatar, Lebanon, and Russia. He and Helen gave health lectures,

held vegetarian cooking classes, and teamed with a group in founding the Black Hills Health and Education Center in South Dakota. Glenn



Glenn Wiltse

enjoyed gardening, woodworking, history and archeology, piloting his own airplane, photography, water skiing and boating. He is survived by his daughter, **Charlene Zeelau '67**; sons, **Curtis '70** and **Doug ('84)**, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Albert Hehn ('43), Cheney, Neb., died Aug. 27, 2013, at age 92. He was born July 21, 1921 in Jordan, Mont., to Carl and Caroline Haas Hehn. His family remembers his telling of when he helped build the gymnasium building while a student at Union. He taught school in North Dakota and was a tile and carpet installer for floors in Lincoln, Neb. He was a member and deacon at Piedmont Park Seventh-day Adventist church in Lincoln, Neb. Survivors include his wife, Violet; sons, Randy, **Bruce '78**, **Daryl ('79)**; daughter, **Lisa Truax '90**; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Raymond Weikum ('44), Harvey, N.D., died Aug. 6, 2013, at age 86. He was born to Jacob and Katherine Opp Weikum on August 30, 1926. Ray attended Elbowoods High School where he was a starter on the 1942 State Class B

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Championship basketball team. Following his high school graduation in 1943, he attended Union College in Lincoln, Neb. In 1947, while visiting his brother Albert in Des Moines, Iowa, Ray met Phyllis Greene. As his wife tells it, he took one look and stayed. The following year on July 13, they were united in marriage in Des Moines. Making their home in Walla Walla, Wash., Ray enrolled in college and studied theology. In 1958 they returned to North Dakota and settled on a farm near Harvey in 1963. Ray and Phyllis moved into Harvey in 2009. He was a member of the Manfred Seventh-day Adventist church and often preached in churches throughout North Dakota. He was a talented artist, painting and drawing landscapes from all over the country. Ray and Phyllis were once avid snowbirds, taking their camper down south for the winter. They enjoyed bird watching, hiking and scenery. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Roberta Evans and **Dessa Kreiter '73**; son, Marlin; and four grandchildren.

Arlene Boyko Zabolotney ('45), Ogden, Utah, died Feb. 20, 2013, at age 85. She was born to Harry and Mary Boyko on Feb. 14, 1928, in Ruso, N.D. She began a teaching career at age 18, and then married Paul Zabolotney. They started a farm and family while she continued with teaching and her education—eventually earning a Ph.D. Arlene enjoyed missions—participating in several extended volunteer mission projects to Africa, Finland, Russia, Mexico, and various U.S. states. The majority of her education career was in Adventist schools. Her last position was as principal in the Texas Conference. After retiring and moving to Ogden, Utah, she volunteered for Deamude Christian School. She is survived by her children; Arla, Terry, and Desta; four grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters and one

brother.

John Herr '46, Keene, Texas, died July 17, 2013, at age 92. Pastor Herr was born in McClusky, N.D., on March 27, 1921. He worked 41 years for the Seventh-day Adventist church as a pastor in South Dakota, Missouri, and Indiana; and in 1973, he served as field representative for the wills and trusts department of the Texas conference. The last job took him to churches all over Texas, where he preached and made many acquaintances. After retiring in 1988, he found part-time work at Rubbermaid for 12 years. Pastor Herr was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, **Arleen VandeVere Herr ('46)**, who died June 18, 2012. Survivors include his son Gary; daughter, Deanna Herr; five granddaughters; five great-grandchildren; brothers, **Ben, Lloyd '52**, and **Jim '57**; sisters, **Elsie Lehmann ('53)**, **Helen Rice ('49)**, Lenora Copsey, **Darlene Rouse '57** and Shirley Anderson; and dozens of nieces and nephews.

R. Lee Kretz '46, Temple, Texas, died Feb. 2, 2013, at age 88. Lee was born June 4, 1924, in Shattuck, Okla., to Jake and Clara Ehrlich Kretz. He married Bertha Rodgers in 1944. After graduating from Southwestern Junior College in 1944 and Union College in 1946, he spent 40 years in ministry working for the church as a pastor, boys' dean, Bible teacher, and various conference positions. He was a conference ministerial director at the time of his retirement in 1986. After his retirement, he was an active public speaker. Survivors include his sons, Kenneth and Lawrence; and one grandson.

Effie Fisher Birch '47, Chanute, Kan., died July 6, 2013, at age 89. She was born March 10, 1924, in Stanley, N.M., to Chester and Rebecca Fisher, who traveled by wagon from Oklahoma. Effie attended school in Stanley, N.M., and in

Keene, Texas, where she met **Howard Birch '47**. They were married on July 13, 1946 in Stanley, N.M., and continued their studies at Union College. After both graduated in 1947, they taught elementary school in Texas and Missouri. Through the years, Effie worked in the cafeteria and taught home economics, typing and shorthand at Sunnydale Academy in Centralia, Mo., Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minn., and Georgia Cumberland Academy in Calhoun, Ga. After retiring in 1982, they moved to a home in the country near Sedan, Kan., which had been her parent's home. She may have been best known for her wheat bread, gooey cinnamon rolls, or a handmade blanket. Effie is survived by sister, Reba Mooney; daughters, Linda Lynch and Beverly Tasche; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Douglas K. Brown '48, Columbus, Wis., died June 7, 2013, at age 88. He was born on Dec. 21, 1924, in Selma, Ala., to Harry and Mary "Tiny" Davis Brown. Doug served in the U.S. Army during WW II. He was married to **Ardys Bodtger ('40)** on Sept. 30, 1945 in Fletcher, N.C. His career as a college science professor and administrator spanned forty years of service to Seventh-day Adventist colleges—in the U.S. for 24 years and overseas in East Asia and the Caribbean for 16 years. Doug was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. He and Ardys looked forward with eager anticipation to the soon return of Jesus. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and would brag about their accomplishments to anyone who would listen. He was a master gardener and loved growing anything from fruits and vegetables to nuts and flowers all the while battling the local critters for his crops. Survivors include two sons, Doug and Steve; two daughters, **Julie**

Mowry '70 and Kathy Bricker; eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ted and Ken; sister, June Thompson

Faye Hendrick Brun '48, Shreveport, La., died July 31, 2012, at age 85. She graduated from a college preparatory school in Boston before coming to Union. Faye married her college sweetheart, **Edwin Brun '49**, after being tardy to a college class and forced to take the last available seat in the lecture hall—next to him. After graduation, she earned a master's degree in education and an Ed.D. Faye taught history and served as a guidance counselor in high school for 25 years. A lifetime lover of nature, she could name all the species of wildflowers native to Maine by early childhood. She often recounted memories of the wonders of growing up in New England to her children and grandchildren. Faye also loved travel and spoke fondly of several trips—to Italy, the Galapagos, Kenya, China, the Amazon, and the former Soviet Union. She is survived by her husband; two children, Roy and Sylvia; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edwin Brun '49, Shreveport, La., died Feb. 2, 2013, at age 88. After graduating from Fair Park High School in Shreveport, La., in 1944, he joined the army. He served in the Solomon Islands, Guadalcanal and Bougainville, caring for the sick and wounded amid fierce combat in the area. After the war, he returned to complete a bachelor's degree in biology from Union College. He met **Faye Hendrick '48** one day when she was running late to class and had to take the last available seat, which was beside him. Shortly after graduation, they were married. He continued his education at Northwestern State University with a master's degree in education. He spent many years in the pharmaceutical industry and later joined

Caddo Parish Schools as a science teacher, a career he loved and cherished. He retired as a counselor in 1986. He had a vibrant personality and many interests, including music, barbershop quartets, travel, bird watching and astronomy. Survivors include his children, Roy and Sylvia; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Gordon Engen '49, Hamburg, Pa., died Oct. 20, 2012, at age 85. He was the husband of the late **Blossom Church Engen '48**. They had been married 61 years when she passed away in 2010. Born in Thief River Falls, Minn., Gordon was the son of Ole Benoni "Benny" Engen and Serena Larson Engen. He graduated from Maplewood Academy, from Union College with a degree in theology and from Michigan State University with a master's degree in journalism. Working as an educator and administrator in the Seventh-day Adventist Church for most of his life, he served as the boys' dean and teacher at Adelphian Academy, public relations director at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University), and editor of the Lake Union Herald. Before his retirement, he worked for 17 years in the General Conference. Gordon loved to travel. Freelance photojournalism assignments took him to India, Nepal, the Azores, South America and extensively throughout North America. In the late 1960s, he produced a multi-media program involving 11 screens, 27 slide and movie projectors, and a narrated sound track, all controlled by two computers built for this purpose. Gordon was also a commercial pilot and used his expertise to support and guide the missionary work of the church throughout the world. He was instrumental in helping build an airport at Andrews University, which today offers degrees in aviation technology and aviation maintenance. During his time in Michigan, he provided leadership for Your Story Hq

organization that produces Bible stories as well as character-building radio drama programs for boys and girls. Gordon is survived by two sons, Eric and Del; a half-sister, Beverly Olson; and two grandchildren.

Florence Oss Doss '49, St. Joseph, Mich., died Oct. 16, 2012, at age 89. She was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Mich. Survivors include her husband, **Norman Doss '51**; son **Gorden Doss ('71)**; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Harold Heidtke '49, Berrien Springs, Mich., died Jan. 1, 2013, at age 88. The only son of Lily and Ernest Heidtke, he was born May 27, 1924, in Rochester, Minn., at the Mayo Clinic. After graduating from Rochester Senior High School in 1942, he enrolled at Pacific Union College. His education was interrupted when he was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943. While in service he was introduced to Dorothy Cushing, and they were married in August 1944. After his honorable discharge from the army in April 1946, Harold enrolled at Boston University. But when he encountered Sabbath difficulties, he transferred to Union College. In 1949, he earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Union. In 1951, he earned a master's degree in biology with an emphasis in parasitol-



Harold Heidtke

ogy from the University of Nebraska. Harold then taught at Emmanuel Missionary College

and Andrews University until he retired after 46 years of service. After retirement he had more time to enjoy his various hobbies—model railroading, raising daylilies, photography, stamp collecting, classical music and golfing for exercise. He is survived by a niece.

Ruth Hanson Ledington '49, Paradise, Calif., died May 23, 2013, at age 85. She lived to serve others. She worked as a nurse for many years and had a very active life raising her children. She is survived by her five children; ten grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and her black lab, Thor.

Donald Kirkwood '50, Powhatan, Va., died March 28, 2013, at age 91. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy and two daughters.

John Parobek '50, Lodi, Calif., died Dec. 14, 2012, at age 91. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and lived there for many years. Twenty-five of those years he was principal of inner-city schools in Cleveland. John and his wife, **Mary Sue Jones '49**, served as missionaries at Spicer College in India from 1952-1957. For the past few years, he has lived in Lodi, Calif., to be near his family. In 2006, he married **Ethel Reynolds Cole ('65)**. He raised and loved horses. He also loved the outdoors and had a landscaping business on the side. In Ohio, he always had a large garden. He loved music and played the musical saw beautifully. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; daughter, Sharon Bowen and three grandchildren.

Barbara Versaw Pogue '50, Prescott, Ariz., died July 29, 2013, at age 85. Barbara graduated from Union College Academy in 1946 and from Union College in 1950 with a mathematics degree and an accounting minor. She married **Oliver Pogue '49** in 1950. They served as missionaries to British

Guiana from 1955 to 1966 and then returned to Lincoln, Neb., to raise their family. For many years she was the bookkeeper for the Piedmont Park church and ran school fundraising projects. From 1981 to 1985 she taught remedial math and tutored in the Teaching Learning Center at Union College. In 1987 she earned a master's degree in education from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. In 1988 she and Oliver once again answered the call and went as missionaries to Korea where she taught at Sahmyook University until 1991. From 1991 to 1993, she again taught



Barbara Pogue

math at Union College. In 1993 Barbara and Oliver made their last mission trip, spending three months in Rwanda. That year they retired to Arizona where she continued to be active in education and volunteered her assistance to many causes. She is survived by her sister, **Wanda Krein '59**; sons, **Maynard ('74)** and **Roy ('84)**; daughters, **Carol Pogue '77** and **Pamela Emerson '84**; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Max Torkelsen '50, Portland, Ore., died Dec. 8, 2012, at age 86. Born in Nebraska to farmers, he served as a medic in Germany during World War II. Following the war, he began his ministry career in North Dakota pastoring a five-church district. He later moved into educational work as a principal and

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superintendent, and continued in conference administrative posts. He served as president of the North Pacific Union Conference from 1976-1980. This long-time church administrator and educator also served as vice president of the Seventh-day Adventist church. In retirement, he worked as a visitation pastor for the college church at Walla Walla University. He is survived by his wife **Ardis Carle '47**; sons, Max and Monte; daughter, Myrna Smith; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Billie Ann Wright Case ('51), Sonora, Calif., died July 10, 2013, at age 81. She was born in Mullen, Neb., to Billy and Mildred Wright. In 1951, Billie moved from Nebraska to California. She was a career nurse with acute care training and certification. She also worked in nursing administration after earning a master's degree in business administration from Sacramento State University. Billie settled in Sonora twenty years ago to work at Sonora Community Hospital. Although she retired in 2010, she continued to volunteer until March 2012. She also volunteered at the Seventh-day Adventist church where she was a member. She enjoyed reading, learning and gardening. Survivors include her husband of 61 years, Marvin; her children, Carol Moses, Cynthia Ackerman, Steve, and Pam Railsback; brother, Wayne Wright; sister, Susie De Shon; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren

Martha Benson Laffoon ('51), Vivian, La., died Jan. 11, 2013, at age 85. Martha worked as a bookkeeper until her parents became ill. She then cared for them and other elderly friends. She was a lifelong member of the Adventist church. She spent many happy hours with her family and with her hobbies—sewing, knitting and painting porcelain dolls. Survivors include four nieces and nephews and numerous

cousins.

Royce Williams '51, Lenoir City, Tenn., died May 28, 2013, at age 85. Pastor Williams was a longtime evangelist who throughout his career served as manager, global evangelism coordinator, director of field services, and special projects coordinator for the It Is Written television ministry, and also worked extensively in the Far Eastern Division. Royce was born on a farm northeast of Greeley, Colo., on Feb. 15, 1928, the youngest of four brothers. When he was four, his family moved to Nebraska, where he grew up on a cattle ranch. In 1946, he was drafted into the Navy, and was discharged a little more than six months later when World War II ended. But that was enough for him to qualify for the GI Bill, enabling him to attend college. In 1947, after a few months at Union College, and after falling



Royce Williams

in love with soon-to-be wife, **Frances Sundeen ('47)**, he decided to be a minister. After graduating in 1951, Royce served as a pastor in Missouri for two years before accepting a call to the Philippines. During the next 23 years, he served as a mission director, union evangelist and Far Eastern Division ministerial secretary, before returning to the United States to work with "It Is Written." He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frances; his children Marlin, Sheryl, Terry and Darlene; ten grandchildren and two great-

grandchildren.

Bobby Roberts '52, Granbury, Texas, died Sept. 27, 2013, at age 85. Bobby was born Jan. 23, 1928, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Percy and Lillie Belle Kincannon Roberts. He graduated from Trimble Tech High School in Fort Worth and from Union College in Lincoln, Neb. He became a minister, missionary and evangelist to Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico and Central America for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Bettye; children, **Lindy Thomason '76**, John, Randy, Mary Ellen Winegardner; eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Peggy Gordon Crandall ('53), Potsdam, N.Y., died July 7, 2013, at age 80. She was born May 12, 1933, in Mountain Grove, Mo., to Lew and Thelma Gordon. After attending Fairgrove High School in Missouri, she studied nursing at Union College. As a young teenage girl, she raced stock cars, which was a rare sport for girls at the time. She taught one year of school in Cassville, Mo., and later in Canton, N.Y., to teach at the Adventist school. There Peggy met Donald Crandall, and they were married on June 9, 1955. Peggy also worked as a home health aide for a number of years. She is survived by her six children; Mark, Ralph, Kristen Benson, Alan, Terry, Sean; eleven grandchildren; brothers, Pat and Gary; and sister, **Vivian Ludolph ('60)**.

Donna Goins Kibble ('53), Albany, Mo., died Sept. 27, 2013, at age 81. She was born Aug. 1, 1932, in Pocatello, Idaho, to Edward and Ethel Steward Goins. Donna attended Union College and graduated from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., with a degree in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse in several locations. She married Harvey W. Kibble, Jr. in 1953 and had a family of four children. She has resided in Albany the last few years. She is sur-

vived by two daughters, Rachel "Ruth" Kibble and Donna Seaman; son, Gerald; two sisters, Ruth Bookhardt and Jeanne "Tiny" Hartsfield; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Marlene Stevens Behr '54, Kailua, Hawaii, died May 16, 2013, at age 81. She was born to Eunice and Fred Stevens on Nov. 21, 1931, in Oswego, Kan. She graduated from Altamont High School in 1949 and attended Union College, where she earned a two-year degree in teaching. While teaching at the junior academy in Hutchinson, Kan., she met **Bob Behr '49**, who was the principal there. After one year, she returned to Union College to complete a bachelor's degree. In the meantime, Bob had been drafted into the service during the Korean War and served for two years. On June 16, 1954, they were married in Lincoln, Neb. Marlene spent 51 years teaching in one public and six different Adventist academies, as well as teaching early childhood development courses for both La Sierra University and Pacific Union College. She served various capacities in those years including registrar, secretary, and girls' dean. She taught P.E., history, English as a second lan-



Marlene Behr

guage, child development, family relations, and home economics. She impacted thousands of students over the years in the following schools: Oak Park Academy, Champion Acad-

emy, Golden Gate Academy, Orangewood Academy, and Hawaiian Mission Academy. She formally retired in 1994, but she continued teaching for Pacific Union College and did substitute teaching at both Adventist and Presbyterian schools on Oahu for many more years. She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughter, Cindy Nylen; one grandson and one great-grandson.

Patricia Rushold Davis '54, Dayton Ohio, died Sept. 7, 2013, at age 82. She was born on June 20, 1931 in Minneapolis to Iona and Willie Rushold. She graduated from Maplewood Academy in 1949 and from Union College in 1954 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. After working at various health care institutions in California and Minnesota, she moved to Dayton, Ohio, in 1964 with her young family. She was a founding employee of Kettering Memorial Hospital, working on the pediatric unit. After a time she transferred to the surgery department and completed her career many years later in that department at Sycamore Hospital. Pat was a longtime member of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Kettering. She enjoyed years of volunteering for the Good Neighbor House in Dayton and was involved with the Montgomery County literacy program for adults. Pat is survived by her son, Bill; daughter, Barbara Guenterberg; three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; sister Iva Dawn Perry; and brother, Warren Rushold.

Howard Runck '54, Deary, Idaho, died July 26, 2013, at age 80. He was born Dec. 8, 1932, in Dolores, Colo., to Bill and Lorena Schlegel Runck. He graduated from high school at Champion Academy in Loveland, Colo., and earned a degree in nursing at Union College. Later he earned a master's degree in public health education. Howard was the first male nurse commissioned (lieutenant) in the United States Air Force in

the 1950s. During Howard's nursing career, he spent 22 years as a health and safety coordinator for Tri-County Head Start Program in southwestern Colorado, officially retiring there. After full retirement, he became the caregiver for then two-year-old Allan Howells, who is the grandson of his friend, Steve Howells. Howard dedicated his last eleven years to making Allan's life with autism as rich and full as possible. Survivors include his brothers, Rodney and Merle; sister, **Joyce Bates ('59)**; and his good friends Steve and Allan Howells.

Marieda Blehm '55, Wellington, Kan., died April 2, 2013, at age 93. She was born in Cashion, Okla., to Henry and Katherine Bernhardt Blehm. Marieda graduated from Cashion High School and served as a missionary for several years in both the Philippines and Indonesia. She taught elementary schools for many years in Iowa, Illinois and Kansas. She was very involved in her local church. Survivors include her sister, Elota Watts; nephews, Steven, Richard and Darryl Watts; and niece **Susan Watts Dunn '70**.

Cecil Conquest, Jr. ('57), Walla Walla, Wash., died May 1, 2013, at age 83. He was born Feb. 4, 1930, in Ketchum, Okla., to **Cecil Lee ('26)** and **Mildred Hubbard Conquest ('26)**. He graduated from Maplewood Academy and attended college in Keene, Texas, and then at Union College. On June 17, 1956, he and **Jennifer Butherus '58** married in Hutchinson, Minn. She passed away in December 1988. In June 1993, he married Donna Kohetek Lanz Swandby in St. Paul, Minn. She passed away in January 2009. His interests included family, music, fast cars, airplanes and watching television. He had served as a medic during the Korean conflict. He is survived by two daughters, Terri Bleh and Carri Balk; step-

daughter, Candi Kreyer; stepson, Doug Lanz; sister, Fonda Johnson; four grandsons, two step-grandsons, four step-granddaughters; and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Edward Lee Haffner, Sr. ('57), Lodi, Calif., died April 20, 2013, at age 77. Edward was born in Hitchcock, Okla., on May 23, 1935. He attended Southwestern Junior College and Union College before completing his post-graduate work in physical therapy at Loma Linda University. He served on the board of United Cerebral Palsy and the Lodi Academy school board. He retired as supervising therapist at San Joaquin County Public Health Services in 2005. He was known for his gentle kindness and loving spirit. He enjoyed traveling, being with friends and family, and spending time in the garden. Ed is survived by his wife, Carol; brother, **Harold '61**; sisters, **Erma Webb '57**, and **Carol Hayes '64**; sons: Eddie, Rick, and Jon; daughters, Heidi Nieuwenhuis and Lisa Kooren; and seven grandchildren.

Barry Siebenlist '57, Killeen, Texas, died July 16, 2013, at age 78. Barry was the eldest of five boys born in Shattuck, Okla., to parents Carl and Eloreen Siebenlist. During his life, he was an OB/GYN physician and provided health care services for women at Hillandale Hospital and Metroplex Health System in Central Texas. He enjoyed the outdoors as a cattle rancher and horseman at JBS ranches. He was honored to serve his country as a physician in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Joan; daughter, Shelly Villanueva; son, John Barry; brothers, **Bud '58**, Don, **Dick '69**, and Lou; aunt Josephine Steiner; and many other dear relatives, friends, colleagues, and patients.

David "Rodger" Stenbergh '58, Lincoln, Neb., died July 8,

2013, at age 80. He was born May 9, 1933, in Floodwood, Minn., to Einar and Anna Lindstrom Stenbergh. He worked for many years in the parts/service department at Gottfredson's Motors and Russwood in Lincoln, Neb. Rodger was a member of College View Church. Survivors include his wife, Verla and son, Jon; nieces and nephews.

James W. Carlson '59, Ardmore, Okla., died Aug. 25, 2013, at age 75. He was born Dec. 6, 1937, in Lompoc, Calif., to George and Dorris Cloninger Carlson. He attended boarding school in Keene, Texas. One of his favorite classes was wood-working. At Union he met **Beth Wells '61** and they were married on Dec. 23, 1962 in Hemingford, Neb. After graduating from medical school at Loma Linda University, he completed an orthopedic surgery residency in 1968 at the Los Angeles County Hospital. He practiced in Bangkok, Thailand, for three years and in Provo, Utah, for one year. The family then moved to the Ardmore community, where he worked for more than 30 years, retiring in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Beth; son, Jay; daughter, **Jill Carlson '89**; two grandchildren; brother, **George ('58)**; sister, Janet; and several nieces and nephews.

Ernie Clifton '59, Clovis, Calif., died Sept. 20, 2012, at age 84. He taught for 55 years in the Adventist school system. He was awarded the Zapara Award for excellence in teaching. Ernie is survived by his wife, **Louise Chavan Clifton '56**; sons, Ryan and Craig; and four grandchildren.

Genevieve Dickerson, '60, Collegedale, Tenn., died June 23, 2013, at age 94. Born July 31, 1918 in Fort Scott, Kan., to Lloyd and Nina Bell Dickerson, she was the fifth child in a family of eleven. Genevieve graduated from Enterprise Academy in Kansas and spent her whole life working for the church. She served as a Bible worker in

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Kansas and taught elementary school for four years. She worked as a dean of women for both Enterprise Academy and Campion Academy. In 1957, she became the assistant dean of women at Union College—a position she would hold for 17 years. While at Union she finished her degree and graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts in Religion. She is survived by her sister, **Eva Nordgren '49**; brother, Robert; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Glen Farnsworth '60, Cookeville, Tenn., died July 16, 2013, at age 86. He was born March 7, 1927 in Noble, Okla., to Velmer and Odessa Farnsworth. Glen's higher education at Southwestern Junior College in Keene, Texas, was interrupted while he served in the army stationed in South Korea. He then completed his education at Union College and married **Charlene Ewing '60**. Charlene died in 2004 after 49 years of marriage. He pastored several churches across the nation in his 46 years in ministry. After taking "early retirement" at age 72, Glen was called back into action to pastor the little Chapel Valley Church in the woods of southwest Arkansas until he finally retired in 2009. In 2005, Glen married Blanche Orser. He has been an active member of the Cookeville Church since moving back to Tennessee in 2009, and was still teaching a Sabbath School class, greeting visitors. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Blanche; children, G. Randall and Cynthia Higgins; and two grandchildren.

Duane Krueger '61, Clackamas, Ore., died June 14, 2013, at age 76. He was born on March 9, 1937 in Heaton, N.D., to Gideon and Olga Askim Krueger. He graduated from Sheyenne River Academy in 1956 and from Union College with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1961. Duane married **Angie Vietz ('57)** on June 6, 1960. He

served in the U.S. Army where he participated in Operation Whitecoat while in Washington, D.C. Duane was an Adventist book store manager for most of his career. He lived in Washington, D.C., Lincoln, Neb., Madison, Wis., and Seattle, Wash., before moving to the Portland, Ore., area. Survivors include his loving wife, Angie; son, Kevin; daughter, Tracey; four grandchildren; sister, Delores Gedrose and brother, Larry Krueger.

Erling Schroeder '62, Fallbrook, Calif., died Jan. 19, 2013, at age 76. He was born Sept. 15, 1936, in Gackle, N.D., the son of Alice Heinrich and Carl Schroeder. He attended Sheyenne River Academy in Harvey, N.D., and graduated from Union College in 1962. Erling made his home in California until 1974 when he returned to Lincoln and took over ownership of the family owned Alice's Restaurant until 1987. The restaurant was originally founded by his mother, Alice Schroeder, in 1958. He is survived by his sister, Bernice Bryant; brother, Cordell Schroeder; and fiancée, Deloris Brooks.

Don Maples ('63), Morganton, N.C., died Feb. 15, 2012, at age 92. Don honorably served his country in the army as an engine lathe operator, mechanic and driver. He spent many years as a painter and carpenter before teaching industrial arts and Bible classes for fourteen years. In retirement he continued with painting and carpentry, and was a master at creating special order furniture for family and friends. He is survived by three daughters: Gwendolyn Maples, Joyce Maples, and Donna Duke; three granddaughters and five great-grandchildren.

Joanne Carcich Rasco '63, Albion, Wash., died Jan. 13, 2013, at age 72. She was born Sept. 13, 1940, to Pastor Theodore Carcich Sr. and Louise Carcich in Syracuse, N.Y. Her childhood years were spent in

New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington and Nebraska. Although Joanne had always wanted to be a nurse, she decided after two years of college to major in elementary education. On June 2, 1963, she graduated from Union College in the morning and was married to **Jimmy Ray Rasco ('62)** in the afternoon. Together she and her husband started their teaching careers in Arlington and San Antonio, Texas. They also taught in Washington, Oregon and Idaho during their 40 years of service in Christian education. She is survived by her twin sons, Ron and Don; brother, David Carcich; three grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Kristine "Kit" Swanson Seltman '65, Rochester, Minn., died Aug. 29, 2013, at age 69. She was born Nov. 7, 1943, in Saskatoon, Sask., to **C. H. J. Swanson '39** and Eleanor Abbey Swanson. She graduated from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minn., and then studied science and mathematics at Union College, graduating in 1965. In the following year, she completed training in medical technology at Washington Adventist Hospital in Maryland. In 1965, she married **Kent Selt-**



Kristine Seltman '64 in Wayzata, Minn. They lived in Takoma Park, Md., Angwin, Calif., Orlando, Fla., and Redlands, Calif., before moving to Rochester, Minn., in 1992. Kit's 43-year career as a

medical technologist involved work in clinics and hospitals in each community where she lived. She retired from Mayo Clinic in 2009 after 15 years in the transfusion medicine laboratories. Kit was an accomplished pianist who played for pleasure most days throughout her life. Kit was a choir musician in several large churches and sang for 13 years with the Choral Arts Ensemble of Rochester. She is survived by her husband, Kent; two daughters, Lee and Ann; five grandchildren; and sister, **Kathleen Taylor '68**.

Ruth Johnson Rankin '67, Lincoln, Neb., died Jan. 15, 2013, at age 85. She was born on April 3, 1927, in rural Phelps County, Neb. She graduated from Platte Valley Academy before going to Union College. After taking some time off from her studies to teach elementary school in Fort Lupton, Colo., she then returned to Union College. It was there she met and married **William I. Rankin '48**. Together, they worked at Maplewood Academy, Sunnydale Academy, Oak Park Academy and Wisconsin Academy before returning to Union College for Ruth to finish her degree, and continuing at the University of Nebraska to obtain a master's degree in business. She joined the Union College faculty and taught business and secretarial science classes from 1969 to 1978. Next, they answered a call to serve in the ministry for the region around Hemingford, Neb. After a year, they were invited to Platte Valley Academy, where she finished out her career teaching at her beloved PVA. Upon their retirement in 1989, Ruth and William returned to Lincoln. After Bill's death, Ruth volunteered in the community and cared for her father until his death. She could always be found cutting out felts for the mission field or piecing quilts that she made to donate to the Good Neighbor Center. She is survived by her son, **William R. '83**; daughters, **Fauna Dean**

'76, and **Paula Tompkin '82**; four grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; sister, Verla Stenbergh; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Judith Brodersen Page, '70, Florence, Mo., died Dec. 24, 2012, at age 64. She was born Nov. 26, 1948, in Sedalia, Mo., the daughter of the late Leo and Lucille Brodersen, of Florence, Mo. On July 9, 1972, in Sedalia, Mo., she was united in marriage to Robert Page. She passed away following a brave battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband **Robert ('67)**; son, **Brent '00**; daughter, **Lindy Liepke '02**; and brother **Gary Brodersen, ('73)**.

Roy Nelson '74, Louisville, Colo., died of a stroke Dec. 24, 2012, at age 61. He was born Nov. 9, 1951, to Gunnar and Ingrid Nelson in Hinsdale, Ill. Roy graduated from Campion Academy in 1970. While attending Union College, Roy married his high school sweetheart, **Nancy Brackett '73**. After completing a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Union College, he completed a medical degree, with a specialty in pediatrics, from Loma Linda University in 1977. Roy and Nancy started their lives together in Louisville, Colo., where Roy began a private practice, Flatirons Pediatrics. As a lifelong Seventh-day Adventist, Roy was a church elder and he was actively involved in a church plant and in assisting with several evangelistic series. After Nancy's death in 2002, Roy married a fellow Unionite, **Heidi White Steinkraus '73**. He loved children, music, singing, reading "Spirit of Prophecy" books, and being young at heart. He is survived by his mother, Ingrid; wife **Heidi White Nelson '73**; siblings, Eric and Roseanne; children, **Lisa Evenson '03**, **Julie Ramirez '06**, and **Kevin Nelson '07**; stepchildren, Rashell Rogers and Ryan Steinkraus;

and six grandchildren.

Kelly Stolz '74, Bismarck, N.D., died Aug. 1, 2013, at age 61. She is survived by her mother, **Viola Voth Stolz '45**; brother, **Larry '84**; and nieces and nephews: **Desiree Gottfried '04**, **Darin Gottfried '05**, Michael Stolz and **Jordan Stolz, a current student**.

Esther Beck Flemmer ('75), Brighton, Colo., died May 26, 2013, at age 81. She was born Sept. 24, 1931 in Tenvik, N.D. to Jacob and Rosa Beck. Esther graduated from Valley City State College in Valley City, N.D., and spent most of her career as a teacher. She retired in Lincoln, Neb., and subsequently moved to Brighton, Colo., the home of two of her daughters. Survivors include her siblings, Lydia Beck Brekke and **Daniel Beck ('52)**; four daughters, **Jacqueline "Jackie" Dunkin '74**, **Janice Rasmussen '77**, Arleen Opp, and Ardyce Flemmer; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Alexander "Ron" Achtziger '76, Sundance, Wyo., died March 26, 2013, at age 63. Ron was born May 15, 1949 in Belle Fourche, S.D., to Alexander and Beatrice Andersen Achtziger. He served in the U.S. Army in the medic unit during Vietnam and continued in the medical field as a registered nurse after being honorably discharged. Ron and his wife, Anna, moved to Sundance, Wyo., in 2005, and Ron began the life he always wanted—a life on the range with horses and other animals to care for. Survivors include his wife, Anna; daughter, Kelly Polston; grandsons, Evertt, Aidian, Rhys and Cary; sisters, Becky Bowen and Vicky Buchholz.

Bernice Solomon-Redd ('78), St. Louis, Mo., died June 13, 2013, at age 54. She was born Oct. 25, 1958, in Peleliu Palau, Micronesia to Pastor Mokokil and Sadami (Koshiba) Solomon. She grew up in the Philippines and graduated from

Palau Mission Academy in 1974. She then moved to Lincoln, Neb., where she attended Union



Bernice Solomon-Redd

College. While there, she married Anghenio "Andy" Ngirchoimei and raised their three children. Bernice moved to St. Louis where she worked in the medical field. In 2009, she married Jesse Redd. She was a member of the Capitol View Adventist Church in Lincoln, Neb., and the New Jerusalem Adventist Church in East St. Louis, Ill. She became a travel agent. Bernice loved traveling, camping, fishing, gardening, and was famous for cooking fried rice and egg rolls. Survivors include her husband Jesse Redd; children, Jed Ngirchoimei, Jennifer Fischer, and Pearlene Foreman; eight grandchildren; father, Pastor Mokokil Solomon of Airai, Palau; two brothers, Dunton and Amos; two sisters, Smyrna Ngotel and Sulisang Solomon; and numerous other relatives.

David Avila, Jr. ('79), Dayton, Wash., died Mar. 26, 2013, at age 55. Dave was born April 16, 1957, in Scottsbluff, Neb., to David and Sara Escamilla Avila. He graduated from Campion Academy in Loveland, Colo., in 1975. After attending Union College for three years, he took a job as a correctional officer at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He worked there for three years before relocating to Walla Walla to be near his family. Dave was forced to retire due to declining health on Nov. 1, 2012, and died of complications from diabetes. He was an avid fisherman and collector of coins, sports cards

and guns, among other interests. He looked forward to taking his fifth-wheel to the river and on trips with his family to his favorite vacation destination—the Oregon coast. Many trips were made over the mountains to Seattle to see his beloved Mariners and Seahawks. Dave is survived by his father David Avila, Sr. and mother Sara Avila; his honey, Megan Gilbertson and her son, Eric Gilbertson; three sisters, Carol Elder, Diana Ghaffari, and Nina Carter; two brothers, Solomon and Gabriel; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Nicole Johnson-Hamling '95, Columbus, Neb., died Feb. 21, 2013, at age 40. She was born April 1, 1972 in Columbus, Neb., to Dale and Shirley Wilhalm Johnson. She graduated from Platte Valley Academy in 1991. On July 3, 1994, Nicole married Randy Hamling in a garden wedding at her parents' home. She was a real estate agent and also the office manager for Dale R. Johnson Enterprises. Nicole was very active in the church and held many different positions including founding the Pathfinder Club in Columbus. Her traditional Christmas solo was, "Mary Did You Know." Nicole loved singing, cooking, going on family vacations and spending time with family and friends. She worked alongside Randy building spec homes at Perfections Builders. She loved horses and was a life member of the Nebraska Quarter Horse Association. Nicole is survived by her husband, Randy; daughter, Ashley; son Zachary; father, Dale; mother, Shirley; brother, Avery; and numerous relatives.

Mildred "Millie" Moline, (Former Employee), Greeley, Colo., died March 29, 2013, at age 98. She is survived by daughters, **Suzanne Johns '69** and Nancy Oster; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Notice of the following deaths has been received:

Gladys Cross Will, (37), Loma Linda, Calif., died March 24, 2013, at age 96.

Rodney Dale '49, Redmond, Ore., died Feb. 11, 2013, at age 90.

Ray Frederickson '49, Valle de Angeles, Honduras, died June 10, 2013, at age 87.

John Parobek '50, Lodi Calif., died Dec. 14, 2012, at age 91.

Naomi Rohde Hill (51), Saint Helena, Calif., died March 11, 2013, at age 81.

Joan Rasplica Wilson '51, Hendersonville, N.C., died March 8, 2012.

Samuel Elie '52, Brush Prairie, Wash., died Feb. 21, 2013, at age 93.

Roger Adair '53, Denison, Iowa, died March 21, 2005, at age 74.

Marvin Stephens '55, Dallas, Texas, died Sept. 15, 2012.

Richard O. Heston '57, Loma Linda, Calif., died

Nov. 29, 2012, at age 99.

Former Union president Robert Brown dies

Jannie Belz Kraft '57, Otisville, Pa., died Aug. 11, 2013.

Robert "Jean" Gordon Moseley Ludoph '60, died Feb. 13, 2013, at age 97. He was born Aug. 27, 1915, in Sasser, Ala., the eldest child of Harry and Isabelle Moseley. He worked in a broom factory while earning a degree in physics from Union College.

Leon Saunders '66 completed a master's degree from Loma Linda, Calif., and a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Washington. During World War II, Bob was employed by the Sylvania Electric Co. to do research on proximity-fused artillery, radar and secure radio communication. He also worked for the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory.

Vance Bouchard '74, Dickson, Tenn., died Oct. 31, 2012, at age 67.

Esther Powell Laurel '80, Nipishon, Wis., died Jan. 20, 2012, at age 80.

He received a Superior Accomplishment Award in 1960, he worked as a physics professor at Canadian Union College and Walla Walla College. After 12 years as a physics department chairman, he moved into college administration and served as dean of administration, vice-president and acting president of Walla Walla College. He became president of Union College in 1970 and served until 1973 when he became the director of the Geoscience Research Institute for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. After retirement in 1980, he continued for eight years as a GRI senior research scientist. He was trained in radioisotope techniques at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies; and is the author of over 20 published articles and technical papers on radiometric dating, as well as many other articles. Bob met his wife, **Frances Miler '40**, at Union College, and they married on May 26, 1942. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Judith Silver; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings and by his daughter, Becky Morrison.



Robert Brown, president of Union College from 1970-73

Union students need your unused Adventist study books

by Joellyn Sheehy

"I know there are many people downsizing or reorganizing their libraries," said Rich Carlson, vice president for Spiritual Life. "Sometimes they don't know what to do with the large concordances or Ellen White collections. My dream is to connect them with students who need those books for ministry."

Carlson is encouraging anyone with extra sets of Adventist concordances or Ellen White books to pass them on to Campus Ministries to distribute to students. "These books are practically essential for theology majors or others entering ministry, but can cost hundreds of dollars to buy new," he said. "It's like passing on our Adventist heritage."

Anyone can donate their old con-

cordances or used Ellen White sets to students through Carlson and the Campus Ministries team. "I've already handed out three sets just by word of mouth, and have about eight students on the waiting list," he said. "You can get many of them on your phone or other electronic device, but when you're studying, there's something about holding it in your hand."

Alumni or friends of the college can give their copies to the college at any time or bring them for Homecoming weekend. "I have have seen interest on the part of the students, and I'm guessing there are many resources on the part of the alumni," said Carlson. "So if you're coming to alumni weekend, just bring them along with you." A



Charles '56 and Naoma '54 Henkelmann wanted to downsize their ranch and use the sale proceeds to endow scholarships at Union College, while creating a steady stream of income for their retirement and avoiding any unnecessary taxes. Was this asking too much? After talking with the development staff at Union College, Charlie realized he could have everything he was asking for and more by setting up a charitable remainder unitrust.

With the help of Union's development staff and Charlie's attorney, the Henkelmanns established a charitable remainder unitrust which allowed them to gift their land to Union College, who then sold the property and paid Charlie and Naoma (now deceased) a quarterly distribution ever since.

"I really like the quarterly payments," Charlie said, "I don't have to think about the income; it just comes on its own."

The added bonus to this gift is Charlie could now focus his time on serving the Lord, "Now I can involve myself in volunteer mission projects with Maranatha and the local City Mission," Charlie said. Plus, it provides a level of comfort and peace of mind that he wouldn't have otherwise. "I don't lay awake nights checking the stock market."

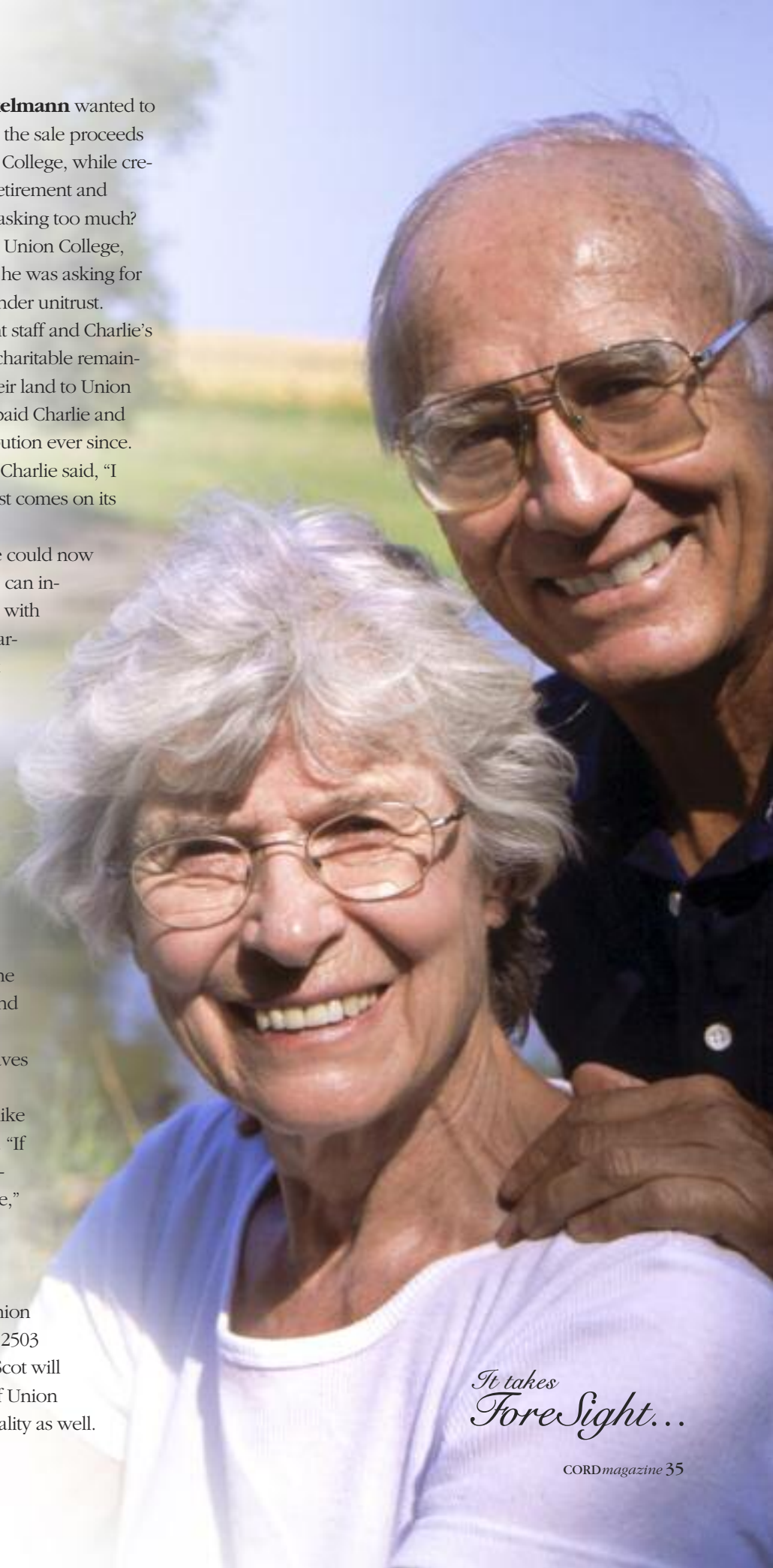
In the end it will be the students at Union who benefit from the trust. Upon Charlie's death, the remaining balance in their trust will go to Union College to further fund the Henkelmanns' two scholarships.

He liked the charitable remainder unitrust so much Charlie set up another one the following year and gave Union a second piece of property. "The Lord has been my real estate agent," Charlie exclaimed, "It saves on commission!"

Charlie believes others could benefit like he has from giving back to Union College. "If people have some extra farmland or property, just give it away and get some income," Charlie said.

If you would like to take Charlie's advice, please call Scot Coppock in the Union College office of Advancement at 402.486.2503 or email him at scoppoc@ucollege.edu. Scot will help you evaluate your situation and see if Union College can make your wishes become reality as well.

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