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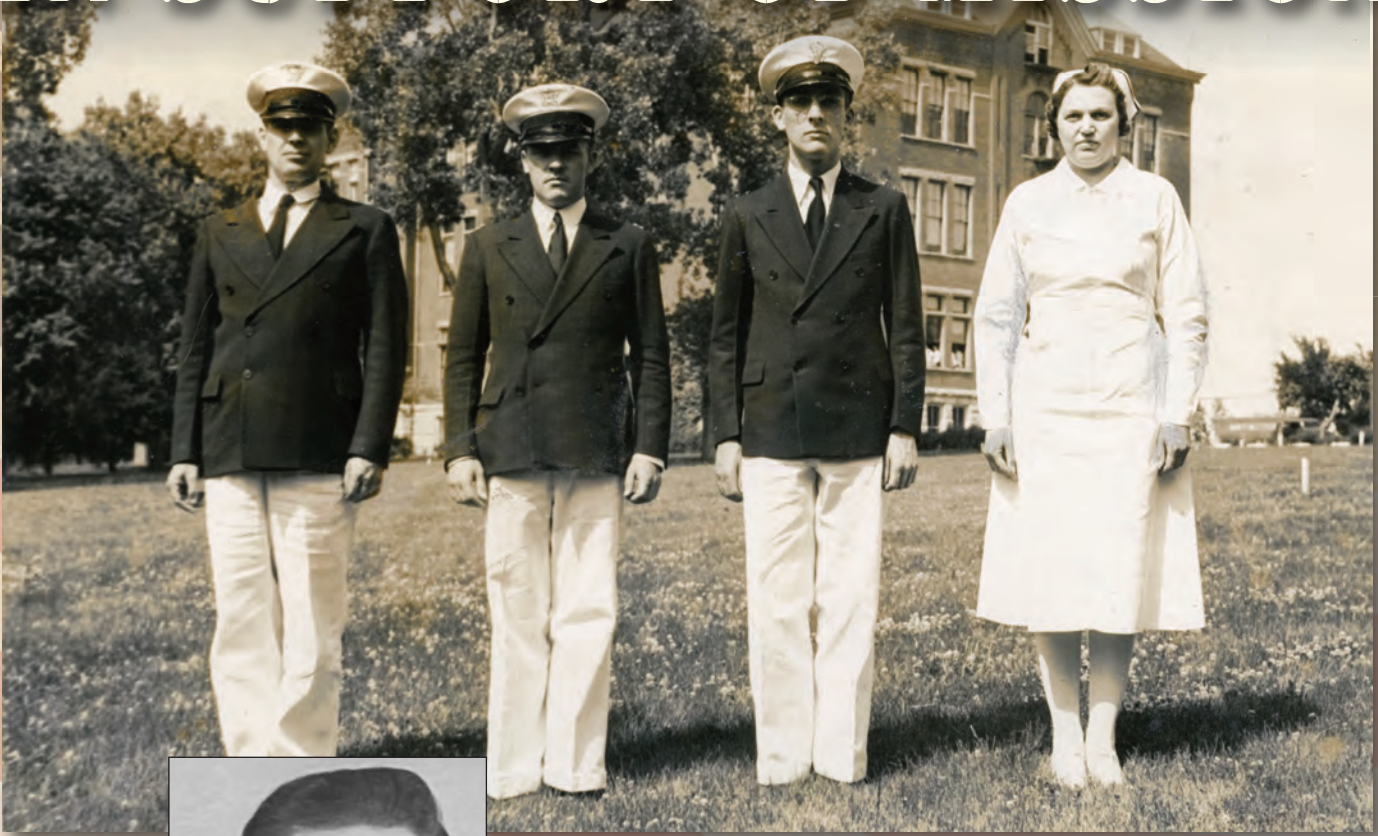
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## What Makes a Home?



# LORD LEADS ARMY MEDIC IN SUPPORT OF MISSION



**S**oon after Harold Dupper '50 drilled with the Medical Cadet Corp at Union College in 1943, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and spent the next two years as a medic during the final days of World War II. As a result, Dr. Dupper would spend the rest of his life supporting the mission through his medical skills as he followed his Lord's leading.

With his G.I. bill paying for college, Harold returned to Union and then went to medical school. He took the strong work ethic he gained growing up on the farm and applied it to his studies, and more importantly "The Lord was with me," he said.

After graduating, Harold and his new wife, Velma Lorenz '49, felt the Lord was leading them to become medical missionaries in Burma. "I wanted to be in God's work, using the abilities He gave me to serve Him," Harold said.

Later, the couple returned to the U.S. and opened a family practice in Ft. Collins, Colo. Harold continued to use his medical skills to serve God and his fellow man, but he also wanted to be a good steward of the financial blessings he had received. When approached by the Advancement staff at Union College to support the new Science and Mathematics Complex, he enthusiastically gave a modest gift and he wanted to do more for the college.

But Harold realized if he gave a larger gift he could not be certain he could keep up with his expenses while in retirement. What was he going to do? *(continued on page 37)*

*It takes  
ForeSight...*



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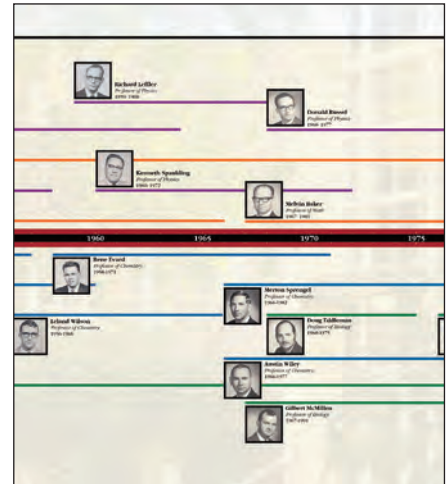
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## Home

The idea evokes feelings of warmth, love and security. Yet, I find the word difficult to define. I grew up in North Dakota and still have many wonderful ties to people there, but the state and my hometown no longer feel like home.

My parents moved to Mesa, Ariz., following their retirement. Now, after more than 20 years, the sunny southwest feels like home—because of my mother’s caring and love, not the house she lives in.

Lynn, Caitlynn and I have lived in the same dwelling for 11 years now. When I’m done with work for the day or return from a trip, it’s the place that feels most like home. Yet if we were to move, would I lose my home? No, we’d create a new household that would eventually become “home.”

As I get older, I sometimes dream about my retirement. I think it could be fun to make my home in a retirement community with planned activities, people to cook some of my meals and provide transportation to the mall. Will that idea of “home” be as appealing 30 years from now?

Even as Union undergoes many



significant changes, our goal is to continue to create an educational experience that will not only help our students feel at home here, but be able to create a home where ever they go. I hope you enjoy this issue of *CORDmagazine*, filled with stories about students and alumni who have done just that.

This year 881 students are enrolled in classes and more than 500 of them also call our campus home—either in the residence halls or campus-owned apartments. You too may share fond memories from the days you called Union home. Regardless of how much time you have spent on campus, I invite you to Union’s annual homecoming weekend April 4-7 when we will be *Opening Doors* to welcome you back to revisit a place you once called home.

Most of all, I get excited dreaming about my heavenly home. Daily I see students on our campus growing in their relationship with our Heavenly Father and I look forward to living with them and each of you in the home God has prepared for us. That idea of home will never lose its appeal. **A**

photo: Steve Nazario



## Learning communication for the digital world

By Joellyn Sheehy

**H**arrison Smith likes computers. In fact, that's what he decided to study when he arrived at Union College a couple of years ago. But through his job at a popular music blog he discovered that instead of learning the language of machines, he'd rather use them as tool to connect with people.

"I realized I wanted to change my major to communication in the middle of last semester," said Smith, a junior from Lincoln. "I talked with the chair of the Division of Humanities about what was available and when I mentioned that I work in social media she told me about the new communication emphasis in emerging media. I looked at the curriculum guide and thought, 'all right, this is awesome.'"

Smith is one of the first students at Union College to embark on the new emerging media emphasis in the communication degree program which will start in the 2013-14 school year. The emphasis incorporates classes that teach students to apply their communication skills to the online world by learning how to be an online journalist; use social media as part of a public relations or marketing campaign; tell stories using video, audio and multimedia tools; and understand how to leverage a worldwide audience and the immediate feedback of social media.

Already well immersed in the social media world, Smith works as an assistant to a local music blogger. "My friend interviews bands that come to town and then we post the videos on YouTube," he explained. "My job is to deal with the online community that has built up around these videos; replying to tweets, managing Facebook and posting stuff for fans to engage with. I talk about what's happening in the music scene and post articles from other websites."

Although only three years old, BryanStars Interviews boasts 120,000 Twitter followers, 50,000 Facebook fans and millions of views on YouTube. Smith has personally been involved only in the last eight months. "The blog had been big for a while, but recently it was growing so fast that my friend decided he needed extra hands and hired me," he said. "It's the coolest job on the earth, and I seriously cannot complain."

The new emerging media emphasis is perfect to assist Smith in developing the



*Junior Harrison Smith already works for a popular music blog. Now he plans to learn how to use social media tools more effectively by switching to the new emerging media emphasis—part of Union's communication degree program.*

proper skills necessary for his career. "I would love to help businesses grow their presence in social media," he said. "I want to show them how to better interact with their customer base."

The emphasis is aptly timed as employers increasingly demand greater social media competency from their young employees. "In the past few years we've been seeing graduates going into jobs or internships and being tasked with running the entire social media presence of the organization," said Ryan Teller, director of Public Relations at Union College and one of the developers of the new program. "People think 'oh, they're young, they know how to

Facebook,' but there's a pretty significant difference between Facebooking on a personal level and knowing how to use social media as an effective mass communication tool."

Six new classes will be offered to support the emphasis, including Digital Storytelling and Social Media Public Relations and Marketing. "Teaching these principles and skills is incredibly important for our communicators and marketers in getting jobs and being effective in today's market," emphasized Teller.

"The courses will mostly be taught by adjuncts who are practicing in the field right now," said Michelle Mesnard, chair of the Division of Humanities. "I think part of the strength of the program is that it will be taught by people who are doing these activities in their day-to-day work and are on top of the latest developments."

The new classes will also be incorporated in the curricula of both the business program and religion program, including contributing toward a completely new major called Social Media Ministry. "Pastors and people working in churches in the future are really going to have to be connected to social media and understand how to use it for the church and outreach," said Bob Fetrick, chair of the Division of Religion and associate professor of religion and communication. "This major will give pastors the skills to interconnect their churches and church workers with a new mode for evangelism. Ministry is ultimately about relationships between people and social media is a great tool to strengthen those connections."

"What I love about social media is that it's instant," said Smith. "You can get a response from somebody in moments — there's no waiting. If someone has been burning to talk to you they don't have to wait two weeks for a response, you can get back to them immediately. That to me is what's most rewarding: being able to help people right away."

To learn more about this new emphasis or any other program at Union College, schedule a free visit during one of our spring preview days. Learn more by calling 800.228.4600 or at [www.ucollege.edu/experienceu](http://www.ucollege.edu/experienceu) **A**

## Union students help with Hurricane Sandy cleanup *by Ryan Teller*

As Hurricane Sandy, dubbed a “super-storm” by the national media because of the unique and potentially dangerous weather patterns converging on the northeastern United States, churned across New York and New Jersey, a team of Union College International Rescue and Relief students packed their gear ready to help. A group of ten students and two instructors departed in the early hours of Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, before the storm had moved off the coast.

While they were initially invited to the East Coast to be a part of the search and rescue operation, the ten international rescue and relief students quickly learned that disaster response is about being ready for anything.

“You have to be very flexible to what the people need,” said Dan Meachum, a senior IRR major who plans to join a rescue service after graduation. Although trained as a paramedic, he, along with the rest of the students, had never responded to a disaster situation before. “Their needs were different than what we initially expected, but the people were very devastated by the storm.”

The search and rescue phase of the response had come to a close by the time the team had driven the 20 plus hours to New Jersey, so they spent a day helping families along the shore in Toms River clean up the mess. “They had a lot of water damage in their houses,” said Meachum.

Even though the students on the team had received extensive preparation for disaster situations, they discovered classroom experience and technical training can never replace working with real people in real life. “Most people knew the insurance company would be able to help them,” said Meachum. “But a lot of the items they lost went way beyond monetary value—personal or handmade items. They didn’t care about the dollar amount,

they cared about the item. That was something I never really understood until I saw it for myself.”

“As we were cleaning up, I found a lot of personal items in the debris,” said Sarah Steahly, a senior who plans to attend dental school and eventually work overseas. “I found a two year old’s birthday card dated October 2012. Someone had a birthday and it was just washed away. I found little kids’ art projects strewn about the yard, family pictures, all kinds of things. You can buy a lot of things, but you can’t buy things like that. That really hit me emotionally, but I’m sure for the person who actually lost it, it was much harder.”

A couple of weeks after the team returned, thankful Toms River resident Patty

I couldn’t even offer them a glass of water and they wouldn’t take any money. I told them God sent me three angels and I would pray for them every day for the rest of my life. Unfortunately, I cannot remember all their names, but I just had to email their school to let you know what fantastic students you are blessed to have attend your institution. I truly believe God sent them to me that day and I will never, ever forget their goodness and generous spirit during one of the lowest points of my life.”

The students, too, felt the long hours spent traveling were worth the experience. “I think we have a very dynamic classroom experience,” said Meachum. “But going out and actually responding to

a disaster solidified the education we’ve had thus far. I’m getting ready to graduate in the spring, and I’m very thankful to be selected to go on this mission. I feel like my classroom time has made a lot more sense as a result of this trip.”

The International Rescue and Relief baccalaureate degree program is designed for adventurous students who want to work in public safety or serve around the



Senior IRR major Matthew Russell and nine other IRR students helped clean up yards in Toms River, N.J., after Hurricane Sandy struck in October.

Kerr sent this note to Union President John Wagner:

“My entire neighborhood was flooded out due to a storm surge during Superstorm Sandy, and there is mass devastation everywhere. On Thursday, Nov. 1—All Saints Day for us Catholics—three young men walked up my driveway as we were beginning cleanup. They told me they studied search and rescue at Union College in Nebraska and offered their help in whatever way we needed. To say I was stunned is an understatement. These amazing students cleared a large amount of debris from my yard and then carried ruined furniture and destroyed appliances from my house to the curb. They were tireless, friendly and wonderful.

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.

Union College makes provision for IRR students to miss up to five days of classes to respond to disasters—including Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, the Haiti earthquake and the 2011 tornado outbreak in Alabama, so the team was not able to stay on the East Coast for long. “In the long run,” said Steahly, “I would have spent even more time in the van for just that one day.” **A**

## \$50,000 grant launches program to help students find “calling”

by Joellyn Sheehy

Malcolm Russell, Union College’s vice president for Academic Administration, doesn’t regret his career path, but wishes he had been more intentional about discovering and following his calling while in college.

“My father was a teacher, I did well in school yet faced a poor job market when I graduated from college,” said Russell. “The logical thing to do was go to graduate school. While there, I successfully interviewed for a job at the Department of State, but at the same time I was approached about filling a position at Andrews University. You may think of that as the Lord opening windows, but to me a calling is deeper than feeling the Lord has opened or closed doors. It should lead to a deeper sense of what we’re supposed to be doing with our lives.”

Russell has been working with a group of faculty and staff, finding ways to help Union College students discover their calling before leaving college and entering the workforce. “When we look for our calling, we look for the connection between the passion God built into us and the various avenues that passion can shine through,” said Michelle Velazquez Mesnard, chair of the Division of Humanities. “Discovering our calling impacts every area of our lives—our education, our social pursuits and our spiritual pursuits. It is multifaceted and has everything from daily to lifelong applications. When we are living our calling, we live a more fulfilled life!”

Union College was recently awarded a grant by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to develop a program on calling and vocation and will receive \$49,150 to use during the next two years. The cooperation of students, faculty and administrators played a crucial role in winning this grant.

The journey to receive the grant began in 2009 when representatives from Union were invited to a CIC seminar on vocation and calling, which later became the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE). Russell attended with faculty members in 2009 and then again in 2011 and 2012. “We’ve been trying to do something with calling ever since,” he said. “We came back from the conferences enthusiastic and inspired to explore the idea of vocation further, recognizing the first step was to create a core of people who understand the concept of calling and its value.”

In 2012, after reflecting the unique roles students play on campus, Russell persuaded NetVUE that Union’s students should join a regional conference, alongside faculty and staff. “The two Union students, Joellyn Sheehy and Michael Rohm, changed both the dynamics of the conference and the energy level at Union,” says Russell. “Our students gained the

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respect of the other attendees, and when we returned to campus, we had the critical mass to advance the discussion.”

“I have always had a passion for helping students discover their calling,” said Mesnard, the faculty attendee at the 2012 NetVUE conference. “Developing a campus focus on God’s calling connected so closely with my passion for helping students discover their

calling that I couldn’t resist attending. Our group actually walked away with the beginnings of a plan to implement a program on our campus. The workshop lit the fire. When there was a grant available, we couldn’t help but apply for it.”

Union College will use the money to launch an “Experience Your Calling” program in the fall of 2013 to help students discover their life mission. Planning and preparation for the campaign began in January. “This grant enables us to develop a more complete program, more than we could do in our own time,” said Russell. “It gives us the opportunity to fund directors, create a retreat for faculty and staff who are interested in exploring vocation, as well as to host guest speakers on campus.”

Faculty hope the new program will help students spend more time focusing on a plan for their lives. “My life would have been different if I had actually searched for my calling,” said Russell. “I accepted a vocation without really considering it. We need to challenge students to think about their calling, encouraging them to listen to God and helping them prepare to follow His leading.”

Russell believes helping students go beyond simply training for a career will help Union College take the next step in preparing students for service. “We’ve been the College of the Golden Cords for more than a century, and we need to remember all those missionaries were called to serve, maybe for a school year or maybe for a lifetime. This grant gives Union an opportunity to be a leader among Adventist colleges in addressing vocation and calling. We hope discovering vocation will soon become a part of our educational culture, much like mission service.” **A**

## Order Union Transcripts Online *by Ruby Ruano*

One click is now all it takes for Unionites to order official Union College transcripts. Starting Nov. 27, the Union College Records Office will use the National Student Clearinghouse to provide online access to ordering any time.

Previously, students and alumni could only order transcripts by filling out a transcript request form or by calling the Records Office. “We felt it was time to switch to an online

service,” explained Michelle Younkin, director of the Records Office. “Students will be able to order transcripts from anywhere and at whatever time they choose.”

The service also provides timely email or text alerts for tracking order progress and delivery status. “We are trying to provide better customer service and this is something we know will be helpful to our students,” explained Younkin.

Better service and more options also brings a change in the pricing structure. Now every transcript order will cost \$5, both for students and alumni. To place a transcript order or find out more about the new service, visit [www.ucollege.edu/transcripts](http://www.ucollege.edu/transcripts) starting Nov. 27 or call the Union College Records Office at 402.486.2529. **A**



## CAMPUS NEWS

### Film Festival challenges students to explore the world of the blind

by Jeri Lyn Rogge '94, courtesy Christian Records Services for the Blind

In October, Union College students received a media challenge: produce a short video for use on the Web and social media that answers the question, “Do we understand the world of the blind?” Six film makers rose to the challenge and on January 17, three were awarded cash prizes at the first In:Sight Video Awards event—hosted by Christian Record Services for the Blind and Union College.

First prize and a cash award of \$1000 went to Eric Bing, a senior biomedical science major, for his film, *Color*, about a woman who learned to appreciate the world even without sight. Second place and \$500 went to Benjamin Baugher, a junior physics major, for his film, *Ed Carpenter*; about a blind military veteran who finds fulfillment through creating in his wood shop. Third place and a \$250 cash award went to Elliott Moseley, a sophomore elementary education major, for his film *Staying on Key*, a stop motion animated film about a frustrated man who finally has his piano tuned properly by a blind piano tuner. The videos can be viewed on Union College’s Youtube and Vimeo channels.

“It’s nice to see organizations like Christian Record promote creativity,” said Bing. “I’m a science major, so I enjoy having a creative outlet completely different than what I normally do.”

Bing started dabbling in video around

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the time he arrived at Union College and appreciated mentorship from experienced filmmakers on campus. “I am hopeful when I see church organizations putting money into young people,” he explained. “I know many people back home in Washington have downloaded my film and showed it in their churches.”



Union College students Elliott Moseley, Benjamin Baugher and Eric Bing won the top three spots—including cash prizes—at the In:Sight Film Festival sponsored by Christian Record Services for the Blind and Union College.

The idea for the contest came from Rajmund Dabrowski, assistant to the president for marketing at Christian Record. “In creating the contest theme, I felt it was important to invite and involve the students themselves to communicate to us in their language,” he said. “Our hope is that we will be able to use the winning videos to bring awareness to a larger audience about the world of people who are blind.”

“I think it’s really exciting that Christian Record Services for the Blind is looking for new and innovative ways to communicate to new audiences and to tap into the incredible creative potential here at Union,” says Ryan Teller, director of public relations at Union College. Video entries were reviewed by a six-member judging panel, including filmmaker Terry Benedict and representatives from both sponsors.

The awards ceremony featured special presentations by Terry Benedict and Dan Weber, associate communication director for the North American Division of the

Seventh-day Adventist Church. Benedict, who directed an award winning documentary film, *The Conscientious Objector*, premiered his newest documentary, *The Economics of Poverty*, at the event.

Teller, who teaches video production at Union, said, “I work with students every day and I see the ideas they have, and to have somebody believe in those ideas and give them an opportunity to express them is fantastic not only for Christian Record, but also for our students. When they see what they create being used and valued by an Adventist organization, that helps them feel more connected to our church, and it helps them feel ownership in our church.”

Christian Record and Union College are already laying plans to hold the event again next school year. To learn more about the ministry of Christian Record, visit [www.christianrecord.org](http://www.christianrecord.org). **A**



## Our Promising Future campaign tops \$13 million

by Ruby Ruano

Union College's new science and mathematics complex is nearing reality—both physically and financially.

“With more than \$13 million committed for Union’s new science and mathematics complex, we have passed 90 percent of the campaign goal,” reported LuAnn Davis, vice president for Advancement. “In keeping with the legacy of generosity exhibited by the college’s alumni and friends, we remain confident others will join the donors who have already stepped forward to commit the final 10 percent of funding needed to achieve the \$14.5 million goal for the *Our Promising Future* campaign.”

Already the framework for the new, 58,000 square foot building towers over what used to be parking lots between Rees Hall and Larson Lifestyle Center on the north side of the campus, and the complex is well on its way to completion at the end of the calendar year.

On June 16, 2011, Union College officially launched a capital campaign to support the construction of a new science and mathematics complex to replace Jorgensen Hall, home of the Division of Science and Mathematics for 66 years.

Because almost 60 percent of Union’s student body are in programs requiring a significant number of science and mathematics classes: biology, chemistry, physics,

math, pre-med, pre-dental, pre-PA and Union’s two largest majors: nursing and international rescue and relief; the Union college faculty and board decided an up-to-date science complex should be the school’s top priority.



As of January, Union College had raised more than 90 percent of the \$14.5 million *Our Promising Future* campaign goal.

The new two-story complex will provide laboratory and learning spaces for biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, with additional labs specifically designed for student and faculty research projects. It will contain seven research labs large enough to house equipment necessary for faculty to guide students in research projects and for faculty to engage in their own research as well.

In addition to the generosity of leadership donors, Union alumni and the Lincoln community, the Union College family—employees and board—have backed up their decision with action. Nearly 90 percent of employees and all board members have contributed to the campaign.

“The new facility is more than steel and brick,” said John Wagner, president of Union College. “This building sets the tone for the future of education at Union College. It will facilitate our professors’ ability to continue to provide the highest level of education for our students and equip them to be leaders in their communities.”

You can watch the construction process live on our construction webcam at [www.ucollege.edu/constructionvideo](http://www.ucollege.edu/constructionvideo)

Be part of the last 10 percent. To learn more, visit [www.ucollege.edu/OurPromisingFuture](http://www.ucollege.edu/OurPromisingFuture) or call the Advancement office at 402.486.2503. **A**

## Attention military veterans

The Union College Alumni Association would like to identify all Union College alumni who served in the military so we can honor them during the 2014 Union Homecoming Weekend. If you, a friend or family member who attended Union College served in the military in any capacity, please send us the following information:

- Name of person who served
- Years at Union
- Branch of service
- Rank
- Years of service
- Please email the information to [alumni@ucollege.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollege.edu), call 402.486.2503 or mail to Alumni Office, Union College, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506.







# Maximizing

simplify

**M**inimalism. For most people, the word conjures up images of modern apartments with sparse decor. But for Union College graduate Lorilee Ross Lippincott '03, minimalism is a way of life that stretches beyond modern decorating.

"For my family, minimalism means living intentionally," she explains. "Technically, the term means buying and having fewer things. But we've taken an approach to minimalism that allows us to have fewer responsibilities and expectations in the negative sense of the words."

It's clearing these stresses and unnecessary responsibilities from their schedules that has allowed Lippincott, her husband, Bryon ('99), and children, Lily and Ian, to focus on the things that are most important to them: God, family, and health.

## Deciding to live simply

"It's amazing how much little things take up our time. Getting rid of things we don't need has allowed us to grow in different ways," she shares. "Now, we spend less time working, cleaning and taking care of our stuff. Instead, we have more time for family, traveling and hobbies we enjoy."

Lippincott says the decision to live more simply came long before she had even heard the word minimalism. "My story is one that everyone can relate to," she shares. "I was trying to make time for God, my husband, my kids, church and work, and take care of myself. I was feeling frustrated because I was juggling all of those things, and I wasn't able to deliver all that I wanted to give to each important area. We were running all of the time, but it wasn't getting us where we wanted to go."

Facing those frustrations made Lippincott realize she wasn't living the way she wanted to live.

Then, a look around their house gave her an idea. The family of four had a comfortable home, but it was full of toys and extra belongings that made it feel cluttered, which only added to Lippincott's stress. So she decided to begin by getting rid of some items the family didn't need in an effort to simplify their lives.

She started with her own bookshelf, and quickly determined she probably wouldn't ever reread most of the books it held. So she boxed them up and gave them away.

"I got rid of about 90 percent of my books, and it felt so good to clear them out that I decided to go through the rest of the house and look for other things we didn't need," she explains. "I discovered our belongings fit the 80/20 rule: we used about 20 percent of our things 80 percent of the time, and the rest was mostly unnecessary."

Their belongings were no more than what the average family owns, but Lippincott says she had an epiphany while clearing out the excess. "We did what most people do—we bought in bulk and picked up things at garage sales when we found good deals. We kept extra stuff on hand we didn't need immediately, but that

we might need later," she admits. "We thought we were being smart consumers. But I realized housing and maintaining all of those things cost money, time and effort."

Bit by bit, the Lippincotts pared down their excess possessions. Eventually, they made the decision to downsize their footprint and financial commitments by moving into an apartment and renting out the 2,000 square-foot home that was now much too big for their needs. Months later, they'd trimmed down their household goods even further and transitioned into a smaller apartment.

Their diets also changed. Lippincott says that one short phrase from Michael Pollan's *In Defense of Food* sums up her approach to eating: "Eat food, not too much, mostly plants." She adds, "For us, food is defined as something God or our grandmas would recognize as food. I like the idea of a vegan or vegetarian diet, but I think it's more important to eat unprocessed foods."

So the family eats mainly fruits, vegetables, beans, rice, lentils, potatoes and other simple and inexpensive foods. "It just comes down to cooking your own food with real ingredients instead of 'add water and microwave' types of meals," Lippincott says. "Not only is that healthier, it's much cheaper."

## Sharing the journey

Energized by the space, time and money she was freeing in her family's lives, Lippincott began to research her commitment to purging unneeded items. It was then she discovered she wasn't the only one trying to rid her life of the unnecessary. In fact, minimalism is an ever-growing trend with a bevy of blogs, books, magazine articles by and for people who are tired of modern consumerism.

Lippincott saw how much interest the topic generated, and she began blogging about her family's transition to a simpler life. As her blog, [LovingSimpleLiving.com](http://LovingSimpleLiving.com), gained readership, she decided to share her experiences in two self-published books, *3 2 1 Stop* and *Simple Living—30 Days to Less Stuff and More Life*. She also compiled and self-published *You Can Do it Too!*, an ebook that shares the experiences of 25 families who homeschool their children.

More than 80,000 copies of her books are in circulation; and in late 2012, she received word that Skyhorse Publishing wanted to publish *3 2 1 Stop*. The book, renamed *The Simple Living Handbook*, will be available in April 2013. Lippincott has also shared her story and minimalist tips as a featured speaker at a women's expo, and during an interview by KSBJ, a Christian radio station in Texas.

This career, which allows her to work from home and further simplify her schedule, was a surprise to Lippincott. She had majored in international studies with an emphasis in business while at Union College, and she'd planned to eventually enter the realm of international business.



# Life by Minimizing Stuff

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04

Still, Lippincott explains that her commitment to intentional living started when she worked in Union's Campus Ministries department. "Pastor Rich did a great job of teaching and modeling purposeful living," she says. "He and my teachers at Union encouraged us to try new things. That helped me think for myself and work toward intentionally living in a way that was meaningful to me, and I was able to build confidence in my own ideas."

## Choosing family over possessions

Lippincott admits that practicing minimalism isn't always easy—especially when it comes to explaining their lifestyle to others. "When people see the changes we've made, they don't always understand we're choosing to live with less," she shares. "They see we've downsized, and some think we're going bankrupt, are out of money or are being irresponsible. It's hard to explain we still have all we need, and we've cut down on our stress levels and wasted time."

Practicing minimalism while raising children brings special challenges, and the Lippincotts are constantly refining their approach to balance the two worlds.

"When we first decluttered, we gave away toys the children didn't play with, and they didn't miss them because they had so many," Lippincott shares. "But now, they are old enough to make their own choices, and decide what items are important to them and which just take up space. Letting them be in charge of their belongings helps them learn to make smart choices about what they truly need and want."

Still, holidays and commercial influences have an impact. "It's an interesting experience trying to live with less when you have children," Lippincott says. "For instance, we've taken care to make Christmas more about spending time together rather than about collecting more stuff. We're constantly weighing how much they understand and how much is too much."

How much is too much is an ongoing conversation, but the Lippincotts' devotion to simpler living means their two children have a nondebatable advantage when it comes to family time. Lippincott homeschools the kids, and the family's businesses—Lippincott's writing career and her husband's construction firm and photography business—allow them more auton-

omy than typical 9-to-5 jobs, as does their lower-maintenance apartment home.

That freedom means they can take longer vacations and educational trips to national sites. In the last three years, the family has spent more than 14 weeks on road trips across the country and Canada. This fall, they spent more than five weeks touring the Southeast Coast; and last year, they visited the Grand Canyon and Banff, Canada.

"Spending more time with our kids was much of the reason we wanted to cut back on the things that didn't matter," she says. "We knew we'd rather live simply in a smaller home and have more time to devote to family and experiencing life together than having to work too many hours to pay for a big, cold house full of stuff."

## Embarking on the next chapter

In January 2013, the family learned one of their biggest dreams was coming true: the chance to live and work overseas. Their applications to work at a school in China were accepted, and the family left on February 19. The Lippincotts will take turns teaching English and staying home with their children.

"Since we own very little, homeschool our kids and have no debt, we have more freedom to make such a move," Lippincott shares. "We are excited to learn more about the culture and the language, and we feel the educational experience will be an amazing opportunity for our kids."

The move will mean the family has to further minimize: this time selling their vehicles and their furniture, leaving them with little more than what they can carry on the plane as they start the next chapter of their lives.

But for Lippincott, it's all a part of the journey to a simpler life that she and her family started on years ago.

"The more I think about simple living and minimalism, the more I realize we can use more simple in all of our lives: simple stuff, simple space, simple food, simple money," Lippincott says. "Less is more is an idea that works in every part of our lives. It's just a matter of training ourselves to stop wanting more and learn to appreciate and be content with what we have." ▲



Lorilee Ross Lippincott '03 has written a book about living life simply.



# At home in a stran

Byard Parks '92 and his family have learned to enjoy their home in a Muslim country.

**H**ave you ever tried to picture Heaven—to truly imagine the sights, sounds and feelings that will come with finally getting there? For Byard Parks '92, Heaven is not some gold-plated, shimmery idea, it is a real place filled with laughter, music and the warmth of unique people sharing their experiences together. Heaven is home, and for a world-traveler like Parks, home is a sacred, treasured place—a place to create, to connect, to protect.

Parks, his wife and their two sons currently make their home in Turkey, though he spent much of his life growing up on Union's campus in the heart of the United States. Beginning first grade at Union's lab school, George Stone Elementary, the same year that it opened, Parks attended Seventh-day Adventist Schools of Lincoln throughout his elementary and academy years. He took advantage of Union's program for high school students (advanced enrollment) and began his freshman year at Union with 27 credits already completed. He graduated in December 1992 with a degree in both International Studies with a business emphasis (a degree he helped create along with Dr. Ward Hill, professor of religion) and Theology. Even though his family made their home in Lincoln, he still found a home away from home in the McClelland household, a place he describes as "transcendently calm." Parks recalled. "I felt more at home around the McClelland's dining room table than any other place on earth. Their home was a holy, beautiful place that



*Byard Parks, his wife, Ania, and their sons, Samuel and Elijah, enjoyed a trip to the olive oil factory on Christmas day 2012. The plant squeezed 11 liters of oil out of 70 kilos of olives the family picked that morning.*

was also rollickingly fun. It was there the thought of laughter in Heaven first occurred to me."

Remembering the multicultural nature of his own childhood home helps Parks understand and appreciate his ability to adapt to new cultures around the world. He recalls his parents were always part of the International Club at Union and international students were frequently guests in their home. A most unusual Midwestern upbringing, indeed, and it has certainly served Parks well in his endeavor to become a citizen of the world.

That adventure began the year he received his Golden Cord for serving in Pohnpei, Micronesia, as a student missionary. Parks remembers with time-tested accuracy the old, moldy house he was to call home for the year. During the first week of living in Pohnpei, he found a crab in his toilet—a far cry from the Nebraska plains home he was accustomed to. Hanging food labels from care packages he received from the States on the walls of his room, Parks tried to carve out some semblance of normalcy in this topsy-turvy world he found himself. But no amount of Quaker oats, Skippy peanut butter or Worthington Super Links labels could help his heart land where his body had taken him. Parks ruminates, "What really helped to make Pohnpei home that year wasn't about decorating the old and moldy physical structure I lived in, but about entering the Pohnpeian's homes and sharing what mattered most to them. As I ate bread and fruit

# ange land

by Nicole Onjukka Meharry '04

from their tables, celebrated with them at their weddings and feasts, received greetings from locals all around the island, only then did Pohnpei begin to feel like home.”

It was a lesson he has never forgotten. Since graduating from Union, Parks has enjoyed traveling to many parts of the planet as a writer, a pastor and a sought-after revivalist. Finding a way to make a home for himself wherever he goes has been an exceptional part of his journey. For the last eight years, that place has been Turkey. Parks says his family is “following in the footsteps of the great apostle Paul and making the most of the opportunities that living in a Muslim country affords.” He met his wife while speaking at a music festival in Poland and they moved to Turkey about a year after having their first son, so Parks explains their family traditions are a unique blend of favored Polish, American and Turkish customs. One tradition that stays the same, no matter where they travel, is keeping the Sabbath. “The constancy of Sabbath,” Parks intimated, “is the glue that holds together our global home.” This heritage begun here on earth is one Parks will no doubt celebrate in his Heavenly home.

No matter the constants that make life easier along the way, it takes time to become part of the fabric of a foreign-born life. Turkish evening meals, for example, begin around 9:00 p.m. and can last well into the night—not a great fit for a family with two young children who want to entertain in their home. Always ready to adapt for the sake of truly making a home, Parks and his wife began to invite guests to start their day with them; gathering friends and visitors for breakfast, usually an 11:00 a.m. spread of bread, a variety of olives, cut cucumbers, tomatoes, olive oil, boiled eggs, white cheese, jams, a tahini molasses mixture and honey with cream.

This skill of adaptation is one Parks does not take for granted. In fact, for his trilingual, inarguably multicultural sons, it is the trait he describes with the utmost pride. One of the best parts of seeing other cultures up close is being able to adopt practices and values that make sense, to absorb the good from different cultures and leave behind the undesirable qualities. Parks describes a true sense of joy from seeing his sons greet an older man or woman



*Byard Parks and his family enjoy meals like this typical Turkish spread of fruit, cheese, olives and other delicacies.*

by kissing their hand and putting it to their forehead—a Turkish symbol of respect. Incorporating the good and eschewing the bad isn’t the only benefit to making a home in a different culture. Parks says he has also been able to actually define his family’s values more clearly because the boundaries are so much more evident. He explains, “We don’t have other Christians near us; there are only a handful among the 3.5 million people in our city. This has made it possible for us to define life in our home very uniquely from the Bible alone.”

Of course, there are difficulties as well. The biggest of which,

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Parks laments, is maintaining strong bonds with those who are far away—grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins. It is a struggle to keep extended family present in the minds of young boys growing up in a country with no blood relatives.

But Parks says even in that they are fortunate. “Our families have encouraged our living in Turkey and make a great effort to keep the bigger sense of “home” alive for our sons.” He also credits his parents, as well as his in-laws, with the outlook that this world is not our home; that our real home is Heaven.

And that is why Heaven is so tangible to this Nebraska-born Turk. Because he and his family have created this joy-filled, Sabbath-celebrating, richly cultural existence that brings their hearts into God’s home no matter where they find themselves on Earth. **A**





# Creating the perfect home

By Ruby Ruano

## For Dean '68 and Sherri Johnson ('69) Fandrich, helping people create the perfect home has become far more than a way to earn a living.

Even though their business is to design and furnish home interiors, forty years of business—and before that at Union College—taught Dean and Sherri Fandrich that relationships are what matter both in business and in life.

“The reason we do this is really for the people, because we have met some of the most wonderful families and become really good friends,” said Sherri, who started Sutter Place Interiors with her husband in 1973. “I went through my old pictures and found a picture of Nora Krein, one of our first clients. She hasn’t lived in Lincoln for years, but she is like a sister to me.”

As the years pass, Sherri and Dean have found joy in building more than just a business relationship with their clients. “It’s people like Nora that keep you wanting to do what you do. Every year there are two or three families who make it worthwhile to be here,” Sherri explained. “They are upbeat and easy to get along with and you can do no wrong for them. Those kind of people keep you coming back.”

### Building Relationships

For Sherri and Dean, the process of designing the perfect home interior begins by creating a partnership with the client. “People sometimes don’t know how to get to the end results,” explained Sherri. “They know what they like, but they really can’t tell you. That’s where we come in.”

And that partnership continues as the plan comes to life—throughout the building process. “To me, every home interior we do has always reflected the client’s lifestyle, their tastes,” said

Dean. “It’s not about what we like. It’s about what our clients like.”

To provide the best for their clients, the Fandrichs have learned to build those same strong relationships with all the artisans who install countertops or sew the drapes, the carpenters who build the cabinets, and the suppliers who provide the furniture. They are able to work in collaboration with the building company to give homeowners control over their choice of designers and carpenters.

### Getting a hand

In the beginning, they had no choice but to rely on good suppliers. When the Fandrichs purchased the tiny drapery shop that eventually grew into Sutter Place Interiors, Dean was working at the Union College bindery. He had a degree in business, but didn’t know anything about drapes or interior design. Sherri had a small advantage. “We had a lot of interest in the business because Dean had always wanted to be his own boss,” she said. “It was perfect for me because my emphasis in college was home economics.”

The two found that connecting with people who were willing to help them along the way made all the difference in the success of their business. Their initial search for someone to sew drapes led them to a German couple in Colorado. “The man told me he couldn’t do business with me until he met me,” said Dean, who made the trip west to meet the immigrants who had survived World War II. “I learned how to hang draperies from him in three days. So that was our start.”



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When the couple retired a few years later, the Fandricks turned to the Omaha phone book in search of a supplier closer to home. Calling a randomly selected listing, they met Robert and Bessy Strickland, also Seventh-day Adventists. “They were like a mom and dad to us,” said Sherri. “Any time an order of ours came through, they always watched it and made sure there weren’t problems with it. They sewed draperies for us for more than 10 years until they retired.”

Clients also took a chance on the young business. When Dean attempted to bid on the draperies for the headquarters building for the Mid-America Union Conference being built in the late 1970s, the treasurer told the young man he was in over his head. “I told him that if he gave us the job, we would have those draperies in before they came to work on Monday morning,” Dean remembered.

With fervent work and collaboration with the Stricklands, the draperies were sewn in just a few days. The installations began on Saturday night and were completed by Sunday at noon—well before the deadline.

## Lending a hand

“Just because someone is young and starting out in a business you always need to give them that opportunity,” explained Sherri. Over the years, they have done the same by offering internships and jobs to students who have since built successful careers all over the country.

“When Dean’s brother [Arlie Fandrigh, former chair of the Division of Business], was at Union, we got some of the best students,” said Sherri. Sutter Place Interiors has given many Union students the opportunity to gain internship experience in the accounting and management areas while pulling double duty as an installer. Sutter Place also welcomes interior design interns from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln every year.

## It started at Union

The couple knows the importance of the college experience. Although they may not have prepared directly for the business they eventually built, they both feel their time at Union College helped equip them for success.

“Going to a liberal arts school helps prepare you for many things because you get a lot of different experiences in college, unlike a trade school,” said Sherri. “Even if you don’t work in the field you studied, all of your classes were not a waste of time because you always have the creative and problem solving skills learned in those classes.”

Dean credits tough professors like Dr. Eldon Christie ’49 and Dr. Earl Leonhardt ’50 with teaching him to persevere. “They were two challenging teachers,” he said. “I told myself if I can make it through those two, I should be able to finish anything. They gave me confidence to complete my degree.”

## It’s all about the people

But in the end, success comes down to a strong network of relationships. And even practices maligned by modern students such as assigned seating at meals helped Dean grow as a person. “For me it had a lot to do with building relationships,” explained Dean. “When we went to eat in the cafeteria, we ate with three different people every meal and got to know all the students and teachers. We were somewhat forced into broadening our horizon.”

For the Fandricks, the reward in their work comes from helping people make a place to call home—Dean and an assistant personally deliver and set up all furniture and apply the finishing touches. “There are so many stories,” said Sherri. “I love this so much. It’s not like getting up and going to a job. And the reason is really the people.” ▲



# Love of Family and Home

by Mindy M. Liebelt '11

**H**ome. A small word. Two consonants. Two vowels. Yet this humble word matters. This word counts. It can conjure up a million different images and evoke a thousand different feelings in all of us. Familial abode, physical space, or emotional solace, it connects us to what matters. For Kendra Carlson, who claimed the whole west coast as home growing up, this word has since come to evoke something much more specific. These days, a renovated old house in Lincoln, Neb., is the hub from which Carlson's world emanates.

An unconventional childhood spent traversing the west coast with her family, living out of a 35-foot trailer, and doing home school with her sisters, made her as a little girl long for the perceived normalcy of other people's homes. It was not until she was in junior high that her family settled in the Midwest, and Union became her logical choice for college.

Graduating in 2004 from Union College as a graphic design major, Carlson credits her teachers with providing her with a bigger worldview. It was while at Union that she met and fell in love with her husband, Brian Carlson, while they both were working at Christian Record Services. A Union College alum, he had graduated in 1998 with a public relations degree, and would later earn an education degree in 2006. It was when he began working at College View Academy during their engagement that Carlson realized she would be putting down roots in Lincoln.

"I've dreamed of making a home since I was a tiny girl. This dominated my grown-up imaginings more than wedding plans or babies," she shares. "Whether I was picturing my first apartment or a farmhouse, it was always warm, comfortable, safe and full of love."

Home has since become an older house bought and lovingly renovated—a dream that both Carlson and her husband shared. Accomplished with not much renovating know-how and four long months of constant hard work except during Sabbath hours, she calls the experience an "adventure with God" that required an initial leap of faith and then moment-to-moment dependence on divine help.

With her husband now the principal at College View Academy, Carlson currently is busy at home writing a blog she started this last summer ([havemercyat.blogspot.com](http://havemercyat.blogspot.com)), while undertaking occasional graphic design projects and homeschooling their six-year-old twins, Chandler and Cadence. With the family's living space, her office, and



Kendra Carlson '04

the children's school all under the same roof, Carlson has merged her love for design, home fashion and beauty to be both highly functional and deeply personal. She sees their home as a celebration of their story—as a family and as a couple.

"Decor shouldn't be impersonal," she said. "I feel as you look around your space, you should be reminded of the best parts of your story by seeing how much you're loved or how well you've loved. I use pages from special books, beach wood from vacation, and a door taken from the house where we first kissed to keep us focused on how rich we are—in a people way."

Referencing her nomadic childhood, she admits to not being able to attach the feeling of home to a particular house while growing up.

Now, more than just the warm and welcoming physical space she has created for her family, Carlson views her home as being an emotional space, "a safe place to grow." For her own children she wants a home where kindness is key, where there is a "willingness to be flawed and apologize, [and a] commitment to communicate honestly in a building up way—even when it's painful," she says.

Which means that an important guiding principle in the Carlson home is, "valuing and seeing everyone as wonderful, like Jesus does, regardless of the package—whether that be body or behavior," she shared. "I believe in goodness and beauty - that it's the light shining through sin that speaks to us of God."

Her philosophy on beauty is refreshing and illuminating. "I believe beauty is powerful for soul-deep good. It gets a bad rap and is called superficial because of how it's misused, but I think it echoes at time when everything was perfect and when we see it, it's like we've been here before..."

As a reflection of this, Carlson shares a Navajo prayer she plans to display in her home.

*May it be beautiful inside me.  
May it be beautiful before me.  
May it be beautiful behind me.  
May it be beautiful below me.  
May it be beautiful above me.  
May it be beautiful all around me.  
I am restored in beauty.*



In this prayer we can sense the essence of Carlson's vision for her home as a place reflective of God's love: a beautiful, safe and welcoming space. Home. **A**

photo: courtesy of Kendra Carlson



# Science Building Update

The new science and mathematics building is quickly taking shape, changing the landscape of the north side of campus. Here are some photos from February 2013.

**Left:** The west side of the building faces Rees Hall. This is where the main entrance and lobby will be located.



**Right:** The east side of the building faces Larson Lifestyle Center. Most of the steel and external framing is already in place.



**Left:** The steel framework outlines the shape and size of the roughly 58,000 square foot building.



**Right:** To make way for the new physician assistant and international rescue and relief facility, AdventSource recently moved into their new production and office building on the southeast corner of campus across the parking lot from Prescott Hall.





# Saying goodbye to an old home

After nearly seven decades, the Division of Science and Mathematics will say goodbye to Jorgensen Hall, but not without remembering the people who made it a place of learning and excellence.

For more than half of Union's 122-year history, Jorgensen Hall has been home to top-notch science and math education. The professors who filled the stockrooms and made their classrooms come alive created a host of memories for the thousands of Union students who have roamed the halls.

The marks on the walls and ceilings, the smells, the old equipment all tell stories of teachers and students past and present. "I was doing a chemistry experiment using a bomb calorimeter to determine the amount of calories in a substance," said Douglas Guerrero '86. "This is done under oxygen pressure and inside a water bath to keep everything at a controlled temperature. After pressurizing the canister and pressing the 'go' button, the top blew up, and black soot and water shot up all the way to the ceiling. My lab partner and I were dripping black water not knowing what had just occurred, and after freezing for a couple of minutes we ran to the restroom to clean up. When I came back to the lab, there was a black mark on the ceiling. Years later, I visited Union College and the stain was still there!"

For most, the professors made the difference. "Dr. Don Abbey really engaged me in General Biology and asked deep questions that made me think," said Dr. Frankie Rose '02, assistant professor of biology at Union. "It wasn't about rote memorization, but rather a pattern of how to think critically when it came to science. That has been invaluable. It has shaped my life and it continues to shape the way that I teach students today."

And those teachers also created many unforgettable moments for their students. "We were watching Dr. Freidline blow something up in our first General Chemistry lab," remembered Serena Stevens '12. "Whatever it was exploded all over the ceiling and caught something on the desk on fire. As soon as the fire was put out, a cockroach traipsed across the burnt pages. Quite a lab."

The timeline below shows the tenure of 30 professors who dedicated a significant portion of their career to Union College, and on page 21, there's a brief biographical sketch of the 10 who served (and continue to serve) Union the longest.

As Union's scientists and mathematicians prepare to move across campus to their new state-of-the-art facility complete with fully configurable lecture spaces and research labs for students and faculty, we want to hear about your memories from Jorgensen Hall.

Were you a science major, spending the vast majority of your days wafting the formaldehyde and chemical fumes that became a staple of life in Jorgensen? Maybe you had just one or two classes, but a passionate science teacher forever changed your views on covalent bonds or osmosis. We want to hear from you. What teachers made an impact on your life? Share the laughs, the lectures and the learning with us so that together we can remember the people of Jorgensen Hall.

Sharing your memories is easy. Here's how:

- 1) Send us an email at [alumni@ucollege.edu](mailto:alumni@ucollege.edu)
- 2) Mail your memories to: Union College Alumni Office, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506

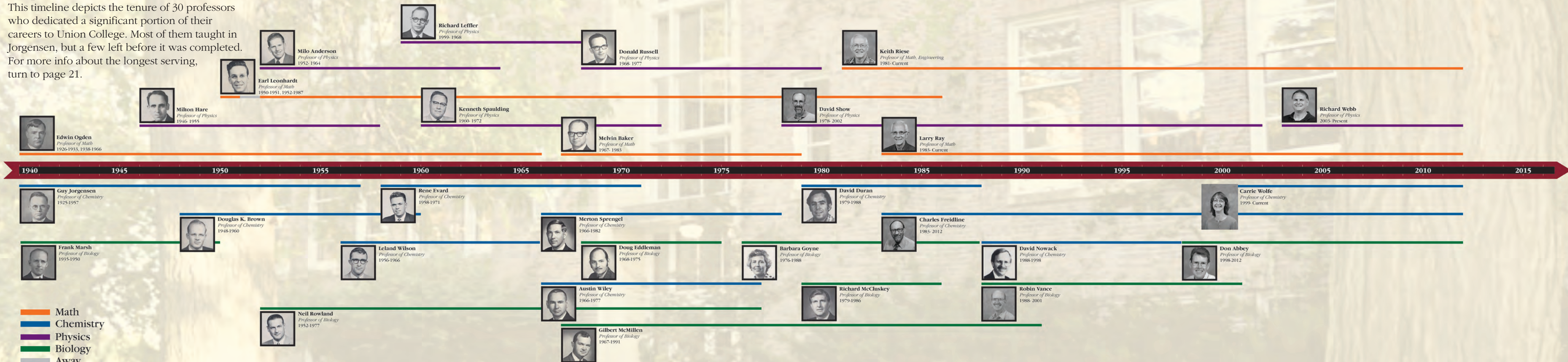
- 3) Post your memories on the Division of Science and Mathematics' Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ucollege.sci.math](http://www.facebook.com/ucollege.sci.math)

Better yet, make plans to visit Union during Homecoming Weekend, April 4-6, 2013. We'll be honoring the classes of 1943, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1973, 1983, 1988, 1993, 2003. But just as important, we'll be honoring the teachers who served and the alumni who studied in Jorgensen Hall before the Division of Science and Mathematics moves into the new building in early 2014.

If you visit in person, we would love to record your stories so future generations can relive the moments with you. Throughout the weekend, special video stations will be set up at different locations around campus. Please take a moment to stop by and leave a legacy of memories that will help Union College build a promising future.

## The professors

This timeline depicts the tenure of 30 professors who dedicated a significant portion of their careers to Union College. Most of them taught in Jorgensen, but a few left before it was completed. For more info about the longest serving, turn to page 21.





# Tribute to the teachers of Jorgensen Hall

by Linda Skinner

Although many professors have made significant contributions to learning in Jorgensen Hall, here are 10 who served the longest, touching the lives of countless students over the years.

## **Earl Leonhardt, Ph.D.**

Sound logic and reasoning were attributes that closely aligned Earl Leonhardt to his love of mathematics and teaching math to hundreds of students. Dr. Leonhardt knew he wanted to teach math from the time he graduated from Union in 1950—so much that he was hired upon graduation. He taught part-time for the next year while he completed a master of education degree. After teaching high school math for one year in Fairbury, Neb., he was hired to teach full-time in Union's math department from fall 1952 until his retirement in March 1987. Well known for his unique sense of humor and for serving as one of the marshals who led the faculty down the aisle at graduation time, Dr. Leonhardt was at Union for 37 years.

## **Edwin Ogden, Ph.D.**

Having the distinction of being the first chair of the mathematics department at Union College in 1938, Ed Ogden began his illustrious career as a math teacher in 1926 after graduating from Union in 1922. His class gave a gift of clock works for the clock in the clock tower so it would actually function and, in 1972 his class spearheaded a fund drive to build the new clock tower at their 50-year reunion. Dr. Ogden and Sam Reinholtz, a plant services employee, constructed the six and a half-foot stainless steel globe that is welded at the 50-foot level of the clock tower. He also served as academic dean from 1946-1958. A conference room located next to the president's office was named the Ogden Room in appreciation for Dr. Ogden's many years of service to Union College.

## **Walter Page, Ph.D.**

Devotion to Union College kept Walter Page in Lincoln for many years following his career as a biology teacher at Union. Beginning the summer following his graduation from Union until he retired in 1980, Dr. Page brought biology to life for scores of students. After his retirement he continued to volunteer time in the division as well as devote more time to his love of photography. He especially enjoyed copying and restoring old photographs. Earning a Master of Science degree only three years after he began teaching, he completed a doctoral degree in zoology in 1962.

## **Guy Jorgensen, Ph.D.**

When Guy Jorgensen came to Union College to teach chemistry in 1925, he was the only member of the chemistry staff. Chemistry was housed at the south end of the College Building basement and, as this department grew, Jorgensen grew with it, earning master's and doctoral degrees. Dr. Jorgensen was well known for his chemical mastery and held an unequalled record among SDA colleges for training pre-medical chemistry majors. For many years the acceptance rate into medical school was higher than other Adventist colleges. A new science building was built in 1947 and was later named for Dr. Jorgensen for his 30+ years of service. As an avocation, he played the piano and often played duets with Dr. H.G. Reinmuth, professor of modern languages.

## **Keith Riese, M.S.E.E**

Ask any student who has taken statistics (or any other class) from Keith Riese what kind of teacher he is and they will generally reply that he's one of the best. Known around campus as someone who truly cares about teaching, Keith has taught pre-engineering and math at Union since 1981. He enjoys researching sequential machine and ocular

movements in his spare time when he's not playing the organ at College View church or managing public address systems on campus.

## **Larry Ray, Ph.D.**

When Larry Ray first came to Union in 1983 he taught in the Division of Business and Computer Science. Not wanting that to be his only contribution to Union, he became chair of the division in 1991. From there he served as academic dean for two years before assuming his current role teaching mathematics. In September 1990 he was awarded the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching, a prestigious national award given to Adventist teachers. Upon winning the award, many students remarked, "It's clear he WANTS to help each student learn and he cares about the students."

## **Charles "Chuck" Freidline, Ph.D.**

Known across campus as a singing chemist, Chuck Freidline retired from full-time teaching in 2012, after spending 29 years at Union. Always a chemist at heart, he helped myriad students remember oxidation-reduction reactions through song, specifically the song "Leo the Lion." He is an avid researcher and has encouraged many students to study environmental research through the years. He earned recognition as a winner of the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1990. Freidline taught kindergarten Sabbath School for many years, bringing his chemistry expertise to the young children as well.

## **Neil Rowland, Ph.D.**

A son of missionary parents, Neil Rowland's academic career was interrupted by World War II and, after his discharge from the Army, he graduated from Union College in 1947. After teaching high school for a short time, he returned to Lincoln to complete a master's degree in ecology and began teaching biology at Union in 1952. His Ph.D. was earned in plant physiology in 1961 and he became a full professor through 1966 when he served as academic dean until 1975. An overseas call took his family to the Philippines until 1983, when they returned to Lincoln. In his retirement, he volunteered in various capacities on the college campus.

## **Gilbert McMillen, Ph.D.**

Just eight years after earning a baccalaureate degree in biology from Union College, Gilbert McMillen came back to Union to teach in 1967, teaching until his untimely death in 1991. In 1981 he helped establish and was the curator for Union's statewide arboretum site, the Joshua Turner Arboretum. One of his last contributions to Union's campus was the acquisition and planting of a tree that was a direct descendant of Isaac Newton's apple tree. The dedication service for this tree took place eight days after his death. Dr. Charles Freidline wrote a song in his honor that was sung at the service.

## **David Show, Ph.D.**

For 24 years David Show taught astronomy, origins and physics at Union after teaching math and science at Gitwe College in Rwanda. Always a favorite professor, he was granted the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1989. He served on the strategic planning committee and was well known for his intelligence, knowledge and humility. In his spare time, he enjoyed golf and tennis, always coming up with a new golf club to try. He succumbed to brain cancer in December 2002. **A**



# Building a home, not a house

by Mindy M. Liebelt '11

**I**t is a miracle really, when we think about it, how people meet, how lives merge, how a home is made; the journey, the love, the promises that make it so.

A house, well, a house is a different story all together. A house can be made relatively quickly. The process is fairly straight forward. Get the supplies. Get a crew. Hammer. Sweat. Work hard. Work really hard. And then, there it is, in a matter of months if all goes well.

Owner of his own construction business, Aaron Hulse ('98) understands this process well. But how he and his wife came to meet, fall in love, get married, have children, and build their life together—their home—well that is something just a little more miraculous. To those in the Hulse home, they attribute it entirely to God's divine leading.

Sheryl March Hulse ('94) grew up in Macon, Mo., and Aaron Hulse grew up in Oskaloosa, Kan. Both decided to attend Union College. It was while at Union that they believe God brought them together, and they fell in love and were married.

Aaron worked as an apprentice electrician in Lincoln, but when their first baby was born they hoped to move closer to Sheryl's parents in Missouri. Her mother decided to bring their situation up as a prayer request at church. When a job offer came from Missouri they took it. Since leaving Nebraska, they have moved three times. In each instance they share that they can see the hand of God leading them to where they are now.

Although they enjoyed Aaron's job and their church community in Lincoln, Sheryl believes it was providential they left when they did. Within a couple

years of moving to Missouri, her father was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. "After a battle of a little over a year, he passed away," she shares. "I looked back over the previous 3 1/2 years and realized God had brought us home in order to have that precious time with my dad."

In 2006, they decided to start their own business. At that time, Aaron had a great job and Sheryl was very hesitant this was the right decision. By now they had three small children, and as she puts it, "Momma wanted security!" But Aaron always had the desire to go into the construction business on his own,



*The Hulses have turned their passion for quilting into a business. Now Aaron has become known for his free motion quilting—not using a computer.*

their own quilting machine.

Initially it did not get much use, but once Aaron gave it a try they realized he had a God-given talent. He now has a reputation in the local quilting community for his work with free motion quilting—meaning without the use of a computer. Customers often tell him, "Whatever you think it needs, I trust you."

In addition to custom-made quilts and T-shirt quilts, they also offer wall hangings, table runners, and have recently begun making clothes for 18"-size dolls. Creating these unique, American

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***"On more than one occasion, we have been looking at the upcoming bills and wondering where the money was going to come from ... When surrendered to God, the work always came."***

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Girl-type doll clothes has been a venture that has paid off and the demand is growing quickly. They are thrilled to currently be working with AdventSource to produce American Girl doll Pathfinder and Adventurer uniforms. A recently created storefront on Facebook and a shop in Moberly, Mo., display their wares.

"Working from home has allowed Aaron to be there for the little things and the big ones involved in raising a family," Sheryl said. God has blessed them with Lydia, age 12; Joshua, age 10; Clarissa, age 8; and Julia, age 4. The children enjoy contributing when there are tasks they can do. Lydia even helps by crocheting tiny shawls to go with the doll dresses her mother makes.

The Hulses value honesty and integrity and seek to exem-



*Aaron Hulse and his wife, Sheryl, set up a quilting business and a construction business so he could be home more with the family.*

ply both in their family and in their work. “If we run our business in a way we like to be dealt with as a customer, and always produce work we are proud to have our name attached to, then we feel we are honoring God with our product,” they explained.

A quote by Dwight L. Moody hanging on the wall in their quilting area continues to inspire them, “If God be your partner, make your plans large.”

Realizing God is their partner has been a wonderful spiritual revelation. “On more than one occasion, we have been looking at the upcoming bills and wondering where the money was going to come from,” she admitted. “When surrendered to God, the work always came. Several times we needed to pay a bill by at say, 6:00 p.m. The phone would ring at 4:00 p.m. with a job and a pay advance in just the right amount.”

This partnership has also reaffirmed their belief in faithfully paying a 10 percent tithe. Whenever they prioritized a need or a bill first with plans to pay their tithe later, the work “dries up almost immediately.” But when they are committed to putting God first, God always pro-

vides for them abundantly.

When Elder Dean Coridan made an offering appeal for evangelism at campmeeting a few years ago, they both felt impressed they should give—even down to the same dollar amount of \$500—which they did not have. After praying about it they decided to pledge 25 percent of their quilting proceeds from that campmeeting until next year’s campmeeting to the offering.

One year later as they added up their profit they were amazed to discover that instead of the \$500 they had hoped to give, God had turned it into nearly \$1,000. “We walked away with the reassurance that God can do anything, and [that God] wants to use US to do it, if we are willing!” Sheryl said.

In 2013, the Hulses plan to continue growing their quilting business and are excited to see where God will lead next. Thankful for the divine construction of their home, they marvel at God’s miraculous timing in leading them each step of the way.

To learn more visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/customquilts](http://www.facebook.com/customquilts) and more. **A**



*Sheryl and Aaron Hulse with their children, Joshua (11), Lydia (12), Clarissa (8) and Julia (4).*





# Union employees

By Joellyn Sheehy

For many Union College students, finding ways to make Union a home keeps them coming back each year to graduate. But for Nathan Huggins, finding a place like home is what brought him to Union.

Stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nathan wanted to spend the Sabbath hours with people who shared his new faith. He had recently started attending an Omaha area Adventist church, but his search for a Friday evening vespers service led him to make the drive to Lincoln.

Looking for the service, he wandered into the Ortner Center. "I ended up meeting Crista Nazario, an IRR student who was working at the desk," he explained. "It was funny because her family planned to go see the Glass Cathedral near Omaha. Even though we just met, she basically invited me to go with them. I hung out with them that whole night and then later kept going back to their house."

Huggins ended up enrolling at Union 14 months later and has continued to maintain a close relationship with the Nazarios. "They're kind of like parents to me," said the senior International Rescue and Relief major. "Just to be able to talk to people outside of school and get advice is really helpful. I hardly ever get to go home to see family, so having someone to visit and a house to go

to is really nice. It's something that I think everybody needs."

Steve Nazario, director of visual communication at Union, and his family are notorious for welcoming students into their home. They are one of many Union employees who go out of their way to help students feel comfortable. "With Steve, it's like family," said Caleb White, junior theology major. "Their place is basically a home away from home."

Many staff find it fulfilling to entertain students and see it as a part of their Union experience. "The joy of being at Union College is the interaction with students," said Sharon Russell, conference and guest services coordinator. "It's important for them to feel welcomed."

Russell believes generosity to others is a calling from God. "One Sabbath morning, after we moved to Lincoln, my husband, Dr. Russell, had gone for a bike ride with Dr. Smith, then Union's president," she recounted. "When we were about to leave for Sabbath School he said he had invited the Smiths over for lunch. I simply lost it because he hadn't asked first and we were just going to have FriChik for lunch. It was a no-no in our house to not go to Sabbath School, so we left anyway and I couldn't plan anything more. Cherie, Dr. Smith's wife, gave the sermon that day and it was all about hospitality and opening your home with what you had. That was quite a clear message from God."

Russell has made it her personal mission to invite students over for Thanksgiving if they have to work or have no place to go. She also hosts all the graduating students who have worked for her and their extended families during graduation weekend.



*Sabbath afternoon at the Nazario's builds friendships for a lifetime in a home for all to enjoy. Students love the food, too.*

# help students feel at home

“God has given me the nicest home that I have ever lived in and I want to share it with others,” she said. “There are all kinds of things you learn from having people around. Mealtime is a sacred time when you really get to know each other.”

Union employees find they are equally blessed by the students who visit. “Ellen and I benefit so much ourselves just being able to hang around such bright young people,” said Frankie Rose, assistant professor of biology. “We sometimes get stressed when it’s just us for weeks on end, but having students come over is a break. There’s energy in college students that you don’t get elsewhere.”

The Roses frequently open their home for students and division events. The relationships are so relaxed that students have taken to calling them and inviting themselves over for games or a movie. “I think it shows just how much they care about us as individuals,” said Rachel Fernando, second year PA student. “We’re not just a grade on a paper, we’re people they like to have around. It honestly makes you want to try harder in their classes when you know the teacher and think of them more as someone you want to make proud.”

“Part of the wonderful thing about being at Union is that I learn a lot from students—sometimes even more than they learn from me,” said Rose. “We rub off on each other on a moment-by-moment basis and I think having students over has had a positive impact on my own spiritual journey, as well as in other aspects of my life.”

Probably the most famous of



*Nearly every Friday night Kathy Fogg whips up a large batch of cinnamon and caramel rolls to share with a houseful of students.*

Union’s generous hosts are Buell and Kathy Fogg, who religiously welcome students into their home for fresh cinnamon rolls every Friday night. “When Kathy and I attended Union, we would go to vespers, but then there was not a lot to do afterwards,” recalled Fogg, Union’s associate chaplain. “We always thought it’d be cool to go into a house and interact with friends outside of the dorm, so we decided to provide that. We want to give kids a venue where they can have meaningful conversations and enjoy

the Sabbath hours with friends.”

Kathy gets busy on Friday afternoons to make up to twelve dozen cinnamon rolls for as many as 100 students. “To have people call us years later and say ‘oh, I remember those rolls’ makes it all worth it,” said Fogg. “We get tired just like everyone else, but I think it makes a major difference to students to know there are staff members who care and will give of their time and money. Many of the kids thank us and some say ‘we’ve been waiting for this all week.’”

The hard work of faculty and staff to incorporate students into their lives does not go unappreciated. “It’s very supporting and comforting to have that place to go, kind of a safe haven,” said Huggins. “It just shows they’re very sacrificial for kids at school.”

“I love that about Union,” said Fernando. “When I come back [from a break or summer vacation] I feel like I’m home. I see all these people who look like family. It makes it easier to leave home because I feel like I’m going to a second home.” **A**





# I have to live where? With whom?

By Melissa Ratter

One student's story of figuring out how to make a home in a cold, bare dorm room with a complete stranger.

**A**s I turned the doorknob and walked in, I stared at the room I would be living in for the next nine months—or possibly four years—of my life. I was greeted by undecorated white walls, empty drawers and closets, and a stack of naked bunk beds.

*This is supposed to be my home?*



I had never left home before. Sure, there were the occasional sleepovers and camp visits, but nothing like going to college. I grew up with two brothers and a bedroom all my own. Now, I had to learn to live with a person I didn't know in a dorm full of dramatic girls. Honestly, it scared me half to death.

Earlier in the day, I finally met my new roommate, Sara, face-to-face. We both acted polite and sweet, still unsure of each other, but we knew we would have plenty of time to get acquainted. Over the summer, we discussed colors we both liked and hobbies, but now as we had both moved in, we never could have imagined that our stuff would blend together so well. The bright colors in our room practically slapped you in the face—it was perfect!

A few weeks rolled by. Sara and I had always talked about getting curtains in our room, but one thing stood in our way: a curtain rod—or more precisely—the lack of one.

Determinedly, I found the curtain rods at Walmart and picked one out, along with some brightly colored curtains. Sara and I spent the rest of the evening close to the ceiling hanging our new curtains. When we finally finished, we took a step back and reflected on our hard work.

*This room looks much better than when I first walked in, that is for sure.*

Then I looked at Sara. We had been getting to know each other for a couple months by now and it seemed like a pretty good match. Of course, there were always some things that we didn't agree on, but every pair has its issues.

*Maybe it won't be so bad living here after all.*

It was a Saturday night and I adjusted the pillows behind my back one more time. Movies had always been a Saturday night tradition at home and I was delighted to get one started. Then, Sara walked in.

"Whatcha doing?"

"Watching a movie," I answered.

"Oh" She stared at me a little while, thinking something I didn't care to question her about, and then walked to her desk. I discovered early on that if I asked Sara what she thought about, the conversation could go on for hours, so I just pretended like I just didn't notice something was on her mind. I struggled to get used to someone always in the room with me, because I liked to be alone most of the time. But as I pressed the play button, something nagged at my dusty conscience.

"Sara," I hesitated, "would you like to watch a movie with me?"

Her face brightened as she accepted my offer. I did my best to smile back. Maybe it's what all roommates do, but Sara knew exactly how to push my buttons. Talking during movies was the one thing that made me want to pull my hair out, and Sara seemed like the master of it. But I let out a deep breath and chose a movie I had seen about a hundred times so her talking wouldn't bother me. She snuggled comfortably next to me and I pressed play, trying to keep my cool.

Our laughter filled the room and probably bothered the neighbors at near the halfway point of our second movie. Pop, crackers

and candy littered the floor from our movie marathon, and it was well into the morning hours before we said goodnight.

In the dark, my mind wandered. Huh, *Sara and I actually had fun together. Maybe next Saturday night I will let her pick the movie.*

Months passed and Sara and I got to know each other better. We started talking about small things, such as classes and schedules and slowly our relationship developed into a friendship.

The room rested in darkness, the absence of sound filled it to the brim. Sara and I had said goodnight about five minutes before, but I couldn't stop thinking. Finally, I gave up and bent over the bunk bed, looking at her upside down.

"Sara! Guess what!"

Sara's eyes snapped open and her head jerked up like her pil-

low had suddenly turned to hot coals. I started laughing uncontrollably at her reaction and after realizing what had happened, her laugh joined in. We spent the next fifteen minutes laughing and talking about our day. In the midst of laughing so much it hurt, I thought, *it is nights like these that make me feel the most at home.*

One Sunday afternoon, I walked into the laundry room to retrieve my laundry and noticed a broken and battered full-length mirror by the trash chute. I felt a pang of sympathy as I examined the mirror's bumps and bruises. The upper right-hand corner was ripped from its frame and the lower left-hand corner looked like something had smashed into it, creating a spider web of broken glass. I was appalled, especially since it was still useable.

"Don't worry, little one," I spoke to it softly. "Just because you're a little broken doesn't mean you're a piece of trash. You're mine now, and I'm going to fix you up—there's nothing a little duct tape can't fix." I smiled.

As I carried it into my room, I remembered Sara had always wanted her own full-length mirror and I was sure she would love it. When I presented it to her, she reacted with delight and helped me nail it to her closet door. From there I cleaned up the streaks and dust the mirror had accumulated and grabbed my neon pink duct tape to fix the upper right-hand corner. Stepping back I addressed my handywork. "See, now you

have a nice home to call your own, little mirror." I chuckled at my own reflection staring back from the object of my affection.

When I arrived at Union, my past had left me broken and battered. Others had smashed my confidence, leaving the reflection shattered into pieces. But here at Union, God has found me, fixed me up, and given me a home.

I looked at Sara and thought back to all we had gone through together: curtain hanging, movie watching, late night laughing, and room decorating.

*Yes, at Union, God had given me a home away from home, because a home is not where you are, it's what and with whom you inhabit it. A*



*Melissa Ratter and Sara Allman made their room a home and became friends in the process.*



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## 1950s

**Gerald '53 and Naomi Jensen Fillman ('47)** celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary August 18, 2012, in Madison, Tenn., with family and friends. The Fillmans met when they were students at Union College and were married in 1947 in Nevada, Iowa. They began their 50-plus years of denominational service teaching church school together in Oak Grove, Mo. Following completion of his theology degree, Fillman pastored churches in New Mexico, Texas, Iowa, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania, many of them three-church districts. From the start, it was a



*Gerald and Naomi Fillman*  
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ministry partnership. Naomi loved helping with children's departments at church, camp meetings, and evangelistic meetings; and conducting Vacation Bible School, often writing songs and programs for them. In 1992, they "retired" to Madison Campus Church near Nashville, Tenn., where Gerald worked part-time as associate pastor for more than six years. Along the way they were blessed with four children: **Rita Wagner ('73)**, Debra Coyner, Gary, and Kathy Brummett. They have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They continue to be healthy and active in their church, serving people, giving Bible studies, and working in their garden.

## 1960s

**Robert Tan '63**, who composed the song "Hail to Union College" during his senior year, plans to attend the 50th class reunion in April. After college, he taught music at three different academies in the Northern California Conference. He retired in 2002 after 36 years of teaching. His last school was Lodi Academy where he taught for 22 years. Great experiences include taking his choir, the Lodian Singers, on tour to Hawaii, Hong Kong and Singapore in 1985, and two years later taking the choir to Europe, performing in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. His last overseas tour was to Greece. Presently he teaches private voice and piano lessons and directs the Lodi Children's Chorus and Youth Chorale. In 2012 he was awarded the Mayor's Community Service Award, and in 2009 was inducted into the Lodi Community Hall of Fame.

## 1970s

**Cindy Ray Davis '70** retired in May 2011 from teaching SDA elementary schools for 37 years.

Thirty-two years were spent at Madison Campus Elementary in the Kentucky-Tennessee conference. In addition she taught for three years at Greater Nashville Junior Academy in Tennessee and two years in Des Moines, Iowa.

## 1990s

**Hans Widicker '96** and his wife, Lindsay, welcomed Wyatt Rockne Widicker on November 15, 2012. Wyatt was 7 lb 8 oz and was 19 inches long. Hans is the operations manager and Lindsay is the meeting planner at *AdventSource* in Lincoln, Neb.



*Wyatt Rockne Widicker*

## 2000s

**Liv Pedersen Jacobson '02** has illustrated a book called *Sean Learns the Tummy Town Way*. Check it out at [www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://www.tatepublishing.com/bookstore) and purchase copies for the special children in your life.

**Kelly James '02** and Alexander Cramond were married Aug. 26, 2012, at Northstar Tahoe Resort in California. Kelly is a neuropsychologist at the Reno Veterans Administration. Alex was recently hired there as well. Also a neuropsychologist, he will conduct evaluations on veterans applying for disability and other benefits.



*Kelly and Alex Cramond*

Brooke Lynne Elizabeth Howell and Wyatt Casey Howell were born to **Greg '02** and **Melissa Palmer Howell '03** on Oct. 12, 2012. Brooke weighed 5 lbs 9 oz, and Wyatt was 5 lb 12 oz. Both were 18 inches long. Wyatt's middle name, Casey, is for Pastor Sylvester Case—who encouraged the friendship of Greg and Melissa in Greek class while at Union. The twins have two older brothers, Caleb, five years old, and Toby, three years old. Greg is a pastor in Mount Vernon and Stanwood, Wash. Melissa is a former Bible teacher and assistant girls' dean at Auburn Academy. Now she is "deaning a small dorm at home."



*Brooke and Wyatt Howell*

**April Nielsen Fearing '02** and **Justin Fearing '05** announce the birth of their son, Everett

Lincoln Fearing, Everett was born July 13, 2012, in Lincoln, Neb. He joins three-year-old sister Quincy to make their family of four complete. The photo of Everett and Quincy was taken by their friends and Union alums, **Josh '04** and **Aubrey Goble Leeker '05** of The Leekers Photography, when Everett was 6 days old.



*Everett Lincoln Fearing*

**Susie Reis Kahler '03** and **Brad Kahler '02** welcomed Alea Reese Kahler on June 5, 2012, at 5:23 p.m. She weighed 7 lb 3 oz and was 20 inches long. Alea joins Leyton, age 8, and Brannen, age 5, at home. Susie works at Anne Carlsen Center in Jamestown, N.D. Brad is an optician at Lifetime Eyecare.



*Alea Reese Kahler*

Elyssa Naomi Bascom was born Aug. 30, 2012, at 12:25 p.m. to **Josh Bascom '03** and Elina Camarena Bascom. She joins



*Elyssa Naomi Bascom*

big sister, Evelyn, at home. Josh is vice president of finance for Christian Record Services for the Blind in Lincoln, Neb.

**Heidi Hiebert Jones '03** and her husband Dustin are pleased to announce the arrival of Nolan Robert Jones, born Oct. 6, 2011. Heidi is a chaplain with Charter Hospice, and Dustin is associate director of public relations at Loma Linda University.



*Nolan Robert Jones*

**Mark '04** and **Stephanie Carlile Murrill '03** welcomed McKinley "Kiki" Joy Murrill on Aug. 3, 2011. She was 5 lb 10 oz and 18 inches long. She joined her big sis, Monroe "Rosie" Mary-Jean Murrill, who was born on Aug. 25, 2009. They live in Fletcher, N.C., near Asheville—enjoying the mountains and waterfalls. Mark is the business manager of the ED, ICU and surgery departments at ParkRidge Health. Stephanie enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.



*McKinley "Kiki" Joy Murrill*

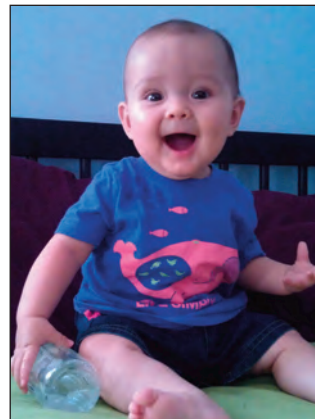
Gavin Eli Carlson was born Oct. 19, 2010 to **Steven '04** and **Daisy Ornopia Carlson '02**. He joins big brother Ian, who is

four. Steven is the youth director for the Ohio conference, and Daisy is a full-time, stay-at-home mom.



*Gavin Eli Carlson*

**Patricia McGuire Gomez '04** and her husband Robert welcomed Karlina Amalia Gomez on April 9, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs 10 oz and joined Pippin, the family dog, at home in Glendale, Calif. Robert is a civil engineer with Los Angeles County Public Works. Patricia quit her K-4 music teaching job at Glendale Adventist Academy to be a stay-at-home mom.



*Karlina Amalia Gomez*

Clifton Sumner Hiscock was born Sept. 9, 2012 to Jared and **Damie Elder Hiscock ('04)**. He was 8 lb 2 oz and 21 inches long. Clifton is their second child—their first was Ryann Serena (Nov. 4, 2009 – May 29, 2011). Damie is the administrative assistant to the vice president for Academic Administration at Union College. Jared is working toward a mas-

ter of music degree at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.



*Clifton Summer Hiscock*

**Jessica Casebolt Scharffenberg '04** and **Kenny Scharffenberg '04** are proud to announce the arrival of Maggie Lynn Scharffenberg, born on June 19, 2012. She weighed 9 lb and joins big brother Liam at home. Jessica is a mental health and substance abuse therapist at the state penitentiary in Lincoln, Neb. Kenny works at State Farm Insurance, with Solomon Halim, as his sales and service associate.



*Maggie Lynn Scharffenberg*

Jonah Bruce Prindle was born to **Amy Dolinsky Prindle '05** and **Cale Prindle '07** on June 21, 2012, at 9:23 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. and joined Vincent at home in Lincoln, Neb. After working as the managing editor of *Outlook* for six years, Amy has been a stay-at-home-mom and freelance copy editor since 2010. Her business is called *Flawless Documents*. Cale teaches English at North Star High School.



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*Jonah Bruce Prindle*

**Josh ('06) and Krissy Follett Loshman '05** welcomed Addelyn NaDean Loshman on Aug. 17, 2012. She weighed 8 lbs and was 21.75 inches long. Addelyn joins her big sister Aliya Michelle, age four, at home. Josh is manager of store operations at Hy-Vee in Lincoln, Neb. As a medication aide, Krissy works for Emerald Communities in their palliative care wing.



*Addelyn NaDean Loshman*

Levi Charles Manly was born July 7, 2012, weighing 8 lbs 3 oz. His proud parents, **Tara**



*Levi Charles Manly*

**Trewitt Manly '08 and Gary Manly '05** live in Temple, Texas. Gary is a medical photographer and Tara is an orthopedic spine physician assistant. Both work at Scott and White HealthCare.

**Patty Kimberly-Martinez '05** and her husband Jacob are pleased to announce the arrival of River Jacobo Kimberly-Martinez on April 18, 2012. River was 6 lbs 6 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Patty works in her own private practice as a licensed independent mental health practitioner. Jacob is a graphic designer at the Minnow Project, a local advertising firm in Lincoln, Neb.



*River J Kimberly-Martinez*

**Michael '04 and Angela Schafer Shofner '05** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Eliora Mercy Shofner on May 30, 2012. She was 7 lbs 3 oz and 20.5 inches long. The family lives in Nashville, Tenn. Michael teaches eighth grade and is vice principal at Madison Campus



*Eliora Mercy Shofner*

Elementary. Angela is executive director at Madison Christian Medical Clinic and is in law school.

Emily Mattison Roque was born Sept. 10, 2011, to **Matthew Roque '05 and Trista Peterson Roque ('08)**. Emily weighed 7 lb 11 oz. Matthew is a city planner in Lincoln, Neb., and Trista is a registered nurse.



*Emily Mattison Roque*

Calvin Scott Nordmeyer was born to **Marcia Ashcraft Nordmeyer '07** and Jeremy Nordmeyer on July 4, 2012, at 3:18 a.m. He weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz and was 22 inches long. Calvin enjoys car rides, bubble baths, and snuggling with his stuffed tiger, Hobbes. Jeremy and Marcia both work at Software Technology, Inc. in Lincoln. Jeremy is a senior technical support specialist, and Marcia works in the marketing department.



*Calvin Scott Nordmeyer*

**Casey Lee Prindle '07 and Sandra JoAnne Nazario Prindle '09** welcomed their baby girl, Charlotte Rain on Dec. 28, 2012, weighing in at 6 lbs 14 oz and 20.5 inches long. After maternity leave Sandy will go back part-time as an OB nurse at St. Marys Hospital. Casey is the principal of Inter-mountain Adventist Academy in Grand Junction, Colo.



*Charlotte Rain Prindle*

**Tori Ziegler Henton '08 and Mic Henton '09** welcomed Eden Hadassh Henton on Nov. 8, 2012. Born in St. Joseph, Mich., she was 7 lbs 15 oz and 19.5 inches long. Before Eden was born, Tori worked for Adventist Frontier Missions as an administrative assistant and now she will be a stay-at-home mom. Mic works for the Iowa-Missouri Conference while he is studying at the seminary at Andrews University. After his graduation in August 2013, the family will return to the Iowa-Missouri area.



*Eden Hadassh Henton*

**Amy Carlson Howard '08** and her husband David are pleased to announce the birth of Lincoln David Howard on July 20, 2012. He was 8½ lbs and 20.5 inches long. Amy is a full-time mom to him and his sister, Allyson, age two. Dave is a construction manager at Kettering Medical Center.



*Lincoln David Howard*

**Esther Shields Shaw '08** and her husband Tyson welcomed Abigail Larynn Shaw on August 21, 2012, in Durham, N.C. She weighed 8 lbs and was 20¾ inches long. In October 2012, they moved to Philadelphia where Tyson is an attorney for the Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. Esther is a full-time mom.



*Abigail Larynn Shaw*

## 2010s

**Jordan Higley Wittenburg '09** and **Caleb Wittenburg '10** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Judah Timothy Wittenburg. He was born Feb. 29, 2012, and weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Caleb works for the Community Mental Health Center in Lincoln, Neb., as a mental health specialist. Jordan is a stay-at-home mom.



*Judah Timothy Wittenburg*

**Shanell Laursen '09** and **Carl Norris Jr. '10** were married June 3, 2012, in Clear Lake, Wis. The Norrises make their home in Duluth, Minn.

**Amy Widicker '09** and **Johnny Thom '10** were married July 15, 2012. They live in Bismarck, N.D.

Michael Isaiah Tunnell Birth was born Sept. 28, 2012, weighing 8 lbs 2 oz and 19.8 inches long. Proud parents, **Ashley Tunnell Birth '11** and **Allyn Birth '11**, live in White Bear Lake, Minn., which is a suburb of St. Paul. Ashley is a stay-at-home mom and Tupperware consultant. Allyn is an operations analyst for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.



*Michael Isaiah Tunnell Birth*

**Rachel Maloney Halim '11** and **Andy Seiler ('08)** were married on Sept. 23, 2012, on

the Union College campus. They recently moved to Littleton, Colo., and love living close to the mountains. Andy works at Orion Entertainment as producer/editor for several outdoor shows aired on cable TV. He also continues to work at his own business, CueMotion, videoing weddings and commercial work. Rachel works at Anthropologie and recently accepted a nursing position on the Telemetry floor at Littleton Adventist Hospital. She also visits the mountains to snowboard as much as possible.



*Rachel and Andy Seiler*

**RaeLea Rebarchek '12** and **Zach Frishman**, current student, were married on June 3, 2012, outside at the Chapel Oaks Church in Shawnee, Kan. RaeLea says "God totally blessed our wedding! There was a 70 percent chance of rain that day with the highest possibility being during the time of the wedding. It sprinkled up to 30 minutes before the wedding started and then the sun came



*Zach and RaeLea Frishman*

out and it was beautiful!" They moved to Lincoln where Zach will finish his nursing degree at Union.

## People Placements

**Jody Detwieler** is the new field director for the social work program after spending the last six years as a social worker and therapist in St. Joseph, Mo. She graduated from Union with a bachelor's degree in social work in 2004. From there she continued to Walla Walla University and earned a master's degree in social work in 2005.

**Renan Gorski** is a new computer technician for Information Systems. He previously worked in the South American Division as a web designer and programmer and graduated from Union in December 2012.

**Jackie Halley** is the new nursing clinical instructor for the Medical Surgical II class. She previously worked as a nurse for Bryan Health in Lincoln. Jackie earned a nursing degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2009 and is currently enrolled in a master's program with University of Phoenix. She and her husband, Zac, are expecting their first child in April.

**Lisa Kaldhal** is the new records assistant in the Records Office. Lisa most recently worked at Kuehl's Midwest Distributor in Lincoln. She is married to Tim, the math and computer instructor at College View Academy, and they have two sons who attend College View Academy.

**Virginia Moreno** is the new Union Market T'torias cook. Before working at Union she worked as a cook in daycare and assisted living facilities. She has been married for 35 years and has three children and four grandchildren.



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**Cherie Needles** is the new head cook at Union Market. She most recently worked at Sunnydale Adventist Academy, but she and her husband, Jeff, associate director of Plant Services, moved to Lincoln so their two children could continue their Adventist education at Union and College View Academy.

**Deb Schultz** is the new program secretary for the physician assistant program. Deb graduated from Union in 1982 and then worked for the Adventist Media Center in Thousand Oaks, Loma Linda Hospital and Adventist Health System West in Sacramento. She spent the last four years working at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

**Wendy VanSkiver** is the new clinical director for the Physician Assistant Program. She previously worked as a family practice PA after earning a Master's of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She also has a nursing degree from Creighton University and worked as a nurse in various places. Wendy is married and has two boys.

*Transitioned:*

**Angela Heam** is transitioning from the annual giving director to program development and enrollment counselor for the Division of Nursing. After graduating from Union she taught at Platte Valley and Spring Valley academies as an English and substitute teacher. She and her husband, Tim, have a daughter, Abigail.

**Ben Yancer** is an academic coach at the Teaching Learning Center (TLC). He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Union College in 2005. Before his position at Union he worked in the TLC as Office Coordinator from 2005 to 2011.

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

**John Boyd '43**, Keene, Texas, died Jan. 19, 2013, at age 92. John attended Union College from 1938 to 1943 when he graduated with a degree in theology. He pastored in Texas, Wisconsin, British Columbia, and throughout the North Pacific Union. After retiring in 1980, he continued pastoring and preaching past his 80th birthday. His two younger brothers, **Larry '47** and **Elwood '51**, were also SDA ministers receiving their education at Union. He is survived by his son, **John W. Boyd Jr.**, former adjunct professor; sister **Fern Johnston (in the '40's)**; brother, Elwood Boyd; grandchildren, **Jeff Boyd '98** and **Lisa Boyd Bowen '94** and **'07**; and three great-grandchildren.



*John Boyd*

**Ken Brenneise ('45)**, Rapid City, S.D., died Sept. 17, 2012, at age 86. He was born May 5, 1926, in Greenway, S.D., to Henry and Kathryn Brenneise. He attended Plainview Academy and after attending Union College for one year, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. In 1947, he married Betty Binder and moved to Bowdle, S.D. where he built a brick hardware

store and a drug store. He moved to Rapid City in 1952 and built more than 500 homes and apartment buildings. over the next 56 years. Ken is survived by his wife, Donna; daughters, Kelly Commet, Robin Brenneise, Daena McKenzie, Carol Harrington, Holly Brenneise, Heather Andrews; eight grandchildren; two step-children and four step-grandchildren; brother, Nathan; and two sisters, **Ruth Duerksen '54** and Orpha Benson.

**Adrian Woods '45**, Paradise, Calif., died May 14, 2012, at age 93. He was born Feb. 17, 1919 in Minnesota. After graduating from Union College, Adrian served as a pastor in Arkansas, South Dakota and California. Retiring in 1980, he became an avid gold prospector and sold White's metal detectors for many years. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Ann Johnson Woods '45**; sons, Alan Woods, **Norman D. Woods '75**, and **Dale Woods '73**; daughter, Joanna Moore; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Arleen VandeVere Herr ('46)**, Keene, Texas, died June 18, 2012, at age 86. She was born in Lincoln, Neb., on Feb. 19, 1926. She attended Union College and was married to **John Herr '46**. During their first year they worked in evangelism in Rapid City, S.D. From 1947-73, she and John pastored churches in Spearfish and Madison, S.D., St. Joseph and St. Louis, Mo., and Anderson Cicero and South Bend, Ind. Arleen was always in charge of the music programs and was an accomplished pianist and accompanist. She gave piano lessons to children in all the cities where they lived. She is survived by her husband, John; son, Gary, daughter, Deanna; sister, Verla VanArsdale; and five grandchildren.

**Charles Allen '47**, Keene, Texas, died July 30, 2012, at age 88. He was born in Denison, Texas, on Aug. 9, 1923, to Minnie (Church) and Charlie Guy

Allen. Charles served his country in the U.S. army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Cordelia; sons, Larry and Jack; and six grandchildren.

**Meribelle Wood Burnett ('48)**, Greeley, Colo., died Oct. 5, 2011, at age 85. She was born May 26, 1926, to John and Gladys Wood in Enterprise, Kan., and attended classes for nursing while in college. While at Porter Hospital in Denver, she married James Burnett, Jr. After their marriage, they lived in Denver where she worked for Mountain Bell Telephone Company. Meribelle was the first woman supervisor in construction services for the company in the region. They moved to Greeley in 1970 and later Estes Park and Loveland. She retired in February 1981 after 18 years with the company. She loved cooking, crocheting, quilting, cross-stich, knitting, sewing and reading. Survivors include her husband, James; daughters, Amy Tregoning, and Barbara Dumler; six grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



*Meribelle Burnett*

**William Garrison '48**, Mills River, N.C., died Sept. 6, 2012, at age 98. A native of Wyoming, he grew up in Nebraska and had lived in Hendersonville for the past 34 years. He was preceded in death by two wives; Agnes Garrison, who died in 2005, and Violet Snow Garrison, who died in 2011. Bill was a lifelong employee of the church. As a finish carpenter, he decided

to go into education as an industrial arts and biological science instructor and then principal. Bill was also the maintenance supervisor for many years for Porter Hospital in Denver, Colo. He is survived by six nephews and nieces: **Gary James Shafer ('84)**, Rolland Shafer, **Jean Simmons ('58)**, **Darlene Morrison '56**, Lowell Rhodes and **Larry Rhodes ('87)**.

**Gilbert Jorgensen '48**, Grand Junction, Colo., died Oct. 24, 2012, at age 87. He was a nurse anesthetist. Survivors include his spouse, **Rosella Hart Jorgensen ('40)**; sons, Gary Hart, **Matthew Hart ('80)**, Daniel Hart, and **Michael Hart '81**; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Keith Wheeler '48**, Marsland, Neb., died Oct. 15, 2012, at age 85. He was born May 1, 1927, in Crawford, Neb., to Calvin and **Alice Malone Wheeler ('25)**. He married Aloha Morgenstern and graduated from Union in 1948, then taught in Denver, Colo. He later worked as a school administrator in Oshtemo, Ontario, and at Monterey Bay Academy in California. In retirement, he and his wife returned to the Wheeler family ranch in Sioux County, where Keith served as an elder in the Hemingford church and a school board member of the Sioux County District 43. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela, and his brother, **Gaylord '55**. He is survived by his wife, Aloha; daughters, Tamara Hansen, Kathleen Baker and Laurie; five grandchildren; brothers, **Karl '51** and **Glenn '56**; and sisters, **Merilyn Rainbolt '58** and **Mary Alice Goree '61**.

**Charles Grabill, Jr. '49**, Lincoln, Neb., died Aug. 3, 2012, at age 93. He was born May 31, 1919, in Lost Lake, Mont. In 1942, he and his wife, Helen, came to Lincoln, Neb., to attend college. After learning the electrical trade, he established Grabill Electric Service in 1952 and

continued in the business for five decades. In 1964, Charles married **Fern Wise ('64)**. They were active participants in the Piedmont Park SDA Church and in a variety of Maranatha projects. Charles is survived by his sons, Chuck, Roger, and Richard; daughter, Charlene Johnson; four step-sons, Gerald, Cleo, Dale, and Gordon Wise; seven grandchildren, 35 step-grandchildren; six great grandchildren, 16 step-great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

**William Ledington '49**, Paradise, Calif., died Aug. 18, 2012, at age 92. He was born May 26, 1920, in Hutchinson, Minn. William had a great sense of humor and loved sailing, traveling, photography and his family. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, **Ruth Hanson Ledington '49**; sons, Stanley and John; daughters, Anna Christianson, Becky Simmons and Barbara Plubell; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and his black lab, Thor.

**Shirley Boyer Anderson '50**, Saint Paul, Minn., died Aug. 27, 2012, at age 84. She is survived by her husband, Delbert; daughter **Mary Kay Anderson Porter ('73)**; son, **Kent Anderson '82**; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Dale C. Bower ('50)**, Cheney, Neb., died Sept. 30, 2012, at age 91. He was born Feb. 10, 1921, in Colome, S.D., to Harry and Pauline Bower. Dale graduated from Plainview Academy before serving as a medic in the Pacific Theater during World War II. and then attending Union College. For years he ran a front-end loader caterpillar, digging several thousand basements in the Lincoln, Neb., area. He and his wife, Alice, operated Bower Bees for 25 years. He was a lifetime member of the College View church. For many years, he served the church as a deacon and Sabbath School teacher. Survivors include his wife, Alice; daugh-

ter, Jeannie McCarter; sons, Rollin, **Russell ('74)**, and Randy; two sisters, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Beverly Huffines Denny ('50)**, Knoxville, Tenn., died June 9, 2012, at age 83. She was born April 12, 1929, in Houston, Texas, but had resided in the Knoxville area since 1954. She had worked for local doctors, many assignments for Kelly Services, and retired from the local office of Diebold, Inc. She enjoyed baking, cooking, sewing, entertaining and, when younger, playing her violin for special occasions. She is survived by her husband, **Edward Denny '50**; sons, Edward Jr., Stephen and David; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.



*Beverly Denny*

**Einar Berlin '51**, Boulder, Colo., died Nov. 10, 2012, at age 90. He was born Oct. 13, 1922, in Green Lake Township, Minn., to Herman and Johanna Berlin. Einar served as a sonar operator in the Navy for two years in the South Pacific Ocean during WWII. He then earned an English degree and met his future wife **Virginia Trout ('51)** at Union. The couple moved to Boulder, Colo., where he started Berlin Flooring, which he owned until 1991 when his son took over the business. Einar was active in the Boulder Church, where he was an elder, taught classes,

sang in the choir, quartet and sang solos. His other interests were golf, travel, reading, family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, **Jan Gates ('72)**; son, Steven, all of Boulder, Colo.; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Charles Cotham '51**, Spiro, Okla., died March 27, 2012, at age 83. He was born to Raymond and Mary Cotham on Sept. 18, 1928, in Shreveport, La., and he graduated from Loma Linda University in 1956. Dr. Cotham was a practicing physician for forty years. He also served in the Navy as a physician during World War II. He is survived by his wife, Margaret.

**Gordon Gerst '51**, Casper, Wyo., died July 12, 2012, at age 82. He was born Oct. 10, 1929, in Sperry, Iowa, to Albertine and Hugo Gerst. After graduating from Union College Academy and Union College, he served in Korea in the U.S. Army. On June 1, 1969, he married Ila Mae Gudath in Casper, Wyo. Gordon worked in Natrona County in pupil services for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Ila Mae; daughter, **Gina Pellegrini '93**; son, **Craig '99**; brothers, **Albert '47**, and **Martin ('57)**; sister, **Ruth Gerst '53**; and two granddaughters.



*Gordon Gerst*

**Gerald Miller '51**, Lakewood, Calif., died Sept. 6, 2012, at age 86. Dr. Miller served his country



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as an Army staff sergeant until 1942. He earned a medical degree from Loma Linda University in 1957 and continued to enjoy serving others all his life. He had his pilot's license and was part of numerous mission trips. He is survived by his wife, Betty; daughters, Cynthia Dobalian, Cathleen Steppe, and Patty McLennan; sisters, Maxine McDowell and Shirley Stewart; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Curtis.

**Donald Wetenkamp '52**, Tintah, Minn., died Dec. 11, 2011, at age 88. He was born July 22, 1923, to Theodore and Bertha Wetenkamp in Zenith, N.D. Don graduated from Campbell High School in Nashua, Minn., and married **Clara Heitzmann '51** in 1947. After attending Union College, they settled on a farm near Tintah, Minn., where they made their home and raised their family. Don obtained his pilot's license in 1951 and contracted as an independent crop duster from 1955 to 1996. One of the highlights of his flying career was taking three mission trips to Guyana, South America, between 1960 and 1963. He was active in the Wahpeton church, where he served as an elder and a board member. He is survived by his wife, Clara; daughters, **Viola Redick '76** and **Videll Ahrens '77**; sister, Alice Welharticky; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Edmund (E.B.) Blair, Jr. '53**, Fullerton, Calif., died Sept. 17, 2012, at age 83. He was born Feb. 27, 1929 in Rock Springs, Wyo. E.B. spent more than 45 years as teacher, principal and manager with the Seventh-day Adventist church education system in southern and southeastern California. Following retirement in 2003, he became a hospital and hospice volunteer. He is survived by his wife, Janice; two sons, Kelly and Kevin; and brother, **Mardian Blair '54**.

**Joada Marsh Korgan '53**, Claremore, Okla., died Oct. 17,

2012, at age 80. She was born July 5, 1932 in Pea Green, Colo. She graduated from Campion and met and married **Darrell Beyer '53** while attending Union College. Later she became a hairdresser and eventually earned a master's degree from the University of Tulsa. She and Darrell divorced in 1970, and in 1973, Joada married Dennis McGehee. Eighteen years later, Dennis passed away and Joada married **Julius Korgan '45**, who was already a longtime friend. Joada was a loving mother and grandmother to not only her biological children and grandchildren, but also to her extended family. Survivors include her husband, Julius; sons, Doug Beyer and Al Beyer; eight grandchildren; and sisters-in law, Margaret Marsh and Faye Marsh.

**Cyril Miller Jr. '53**, Burleson, Texas, died Oct. 13, 2012, at age 84. He was born Feb. 11, 1928, in Preston, Okla., to Cyril and Natura Roberts Miller. He attended Southwestern Junior College and graduated from Union College in 1953. He pastored for several years in Oklahoma and Arkansas before joining the conference office. He served as conference president in the Chesapeake Conference, Texas Conference, and Southwestern Union—as well as vice-president of the North American Division. He was preceded in death by his first wife **Marian Dailey Miller ('45)** and brother **Griffith Miller ('53)**. Cyril is survived by his wife, Joyce Miller; son, William; daughter, Janet Miller; sister, Marjorie Miller Wallace; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Don D. Dick '55**, Collegedale, Tenn., died Sept. 16, 2012, at age 80. Born in Lincoln, Neb., to history professor Everett and Opal Dick, Don graduated from Union College, earned a master's degree in speech from the University of Nebraska and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He married **Joyce**

**Tornow '57** in 1955 in Murdo, S.D. After eleven years of teaching speech and managing a radio station at La Sierra University, Don and Joyce moved to Collegedale, Tenn., with their three children. Don taught communications at Southern Adventist University for 37 years. Don loved traveling, museums, birds, music, books and his family. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Linda Gustad and Valerie Hunt; son, David; eight grandchildren; brother, **Art Dick '58**; sister,



Don Dick

**Lorle Stacey '57**; and many nieces and nephews.

**Crawford Pierce '55**, Lincoln, Neb., died Sept 15, 2012, at age 81. He was born Oct. 13, 1930, in Willmar, Minn. He married **Gloria Greig '55** in 1953. In 1960 they built Homestead Nursing Home in Lincoln. Later in his life, Crawford was the first person inducted as a Fellow into the College of Nursing Home Administrators. He also served on the Board of Trustees at Union



Crawford Pierce

College for 12 years. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Gloria; daughters, **Sylvia Penix ('74)** and **Sharon Vercio '76**; son, Greig; brother, Richard (Dick); eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Amyx Patterson '56**, Fallon, Nev., died May 27, 2012, at age 94. She was born Jan. 9, 1918, in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Margaret graduated from Union College with a bachelor's degree in education and was a teacher for many years. She loved the Lord very much. She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

**Gloria DeHerrera Garcia '57**, Canton, Mich., died Oct. 20, 2012, at age 70. She was born Sept. 17, 1940, in Saguache, Colo., to Lydia Ruybal and Edward DeHerrera. Gloria attended Monte Vista High School, Campion Academy, Union College, Pueblo Business College, Western Nebraska College and Oakland University in Michigan. She majored in sacred music with an emphasis on piano and pipe organ. Before this, she worked for many years in the banking and insurance areas. She traveled extensively in the United States and served overseas as a missionary. Gloria is survived by her mother; her husband, Erwin Garcia; son, David; daughters Kim and Carlene; three grandchildren and many other relatives.

**Joyce Miller Hensel '58**, Heron Lake, Minn., died Aug 20, 2012, at age 76. She was born in Boulder, Colo., on April 26, 1936. Joyce attend academy and two years of college at Southwestern Junior College in Keene. She transferred to Union College, where she met her husband **Donald Hensel '58**. They were married Aug. 3, 1958. After teaching for two years in Colorado and Michigan, the family moved to North Dakota, where Joyce assisted Don in ministry for eight years. In 1971, they moved to Iowa where Joyce worked 15 years as a certified

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nursing assistant. Because of the progressive hereditary atoxia disease she had, she became disabled and used a wheelchair since 1999. Joyce is survived by her husband, Donald; son, Latham; daughters, **Heidi Hensel '86**, and **Tina Bankhead ('84)**; brother, **Roger Miller '60**; and seven grandchildren.



*Joyce Miller Hensel*

**Robert Conway '59**, Laurel, Md., died Oct. 2, 2012, at age 80. He is survived by his wife **Charlotte Lehto Conway '58**; children, John, Sharon, Daniel and Robert; brother, Alan; and five grandchildren.



*Robert Conway*

**Marianne Underwood Hoag '59**, Redlands, Calif., died April 23, 2012, at age 74. She was born June 15, 1937, in Beach, N.D., to Arthur and Alice Underwood. She grew up on a farm south of Sentinel Butte, N.D. Marianne graduated from Sheyenne River Academy and

earned a degree in nursing from Union College in 1959. Marianne worked at the Johnstone Memorial Hospital in Beach before joining Sheyenne River Academy as a dean. She then became an instructor at Hinsdale Hospital School of Nursing and completed her master's degree in nursing from Boston University before taking a research position at Loma Linda University. While at Loma Linda, she met and married **Robert Hoag ('51)**. Marianne and Bob lived in Boise, Idaho, and in Illinois where she worked as director of nursing at Hinsdale Hospital. But she loved California and soon accepted the position of director of nursing at Glendale Adventist Medical Center. Survivors include her sisters, Alice Krueger and Cathy Underwood; sisters-in-law, Ilo Underwood and Bonnie Underwood; and nieces and nephews.



*Marianne Hoag*

**ValGene Devitt ('62)**, Meridian, Idaho, died Oct. 27, 2012, at age 72. He was born in Faulkton, S.D. He attended Sheyenne River Academy, Union College, University of Minnesota and Marylhurst University in Oregon. In 1959, Val married **Carolyn Stotz ('59)** in Leola, S.D. He served the U.S. Army's Project White Coat from 1961 to 1963 and then began his career in healthcare as a radiology technician, progressing to department director then senior vice president at Portland Adventist Medical Center. He then served as president at Charlotte Regional Medical Center in Punta Gorda,

Fla., and at Ukiah Valley Medical Center in northern California, oversaw the construction of Sonora Regional Medical Center in California. He ended his career by developing and managing the construction of the expansion wing at Glendale Adventist Medical Center in Glendale, Calif. Val is survived by his wife Carolyn; mother, Alta Devitt; daughter, Cheri Betts; son, Michael; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

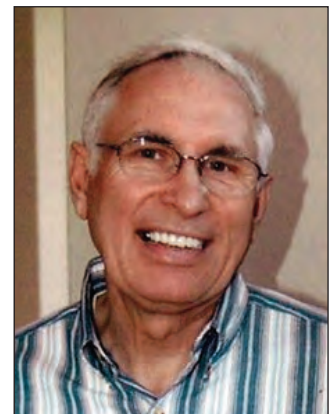
**Beverly Troyer Gifford ('63)**, Cleburne, Texas, died Oct. 30, 2012, at age 71. She was born in Ottawa, Ill., on Sept. 10, 1941, to Robert and Vera Troyer. On Aug. 18, 1963, she married **Steve Gifford '63**. Her husband became a minister, which took the young couple to several locations in the United States. Beverly became a registered nurse, earning a bachelor of science in nursing degree and a master's degree. She worked as director of medical-surgical nursing in Riverside, Calif. When they moved to Texas, she was director of nursing at two different nursing homes in Fort Worth. Beverly struggled with heart problems since 2008. Survivors include her husband, Steve; sons, Trent, Jon, and Michael; brother, **John Troyer ('63)**; sisters, **Patricia Reiner '64** and Marilyn Russell.



*Beverly Troyer Gifford with her husband Steve*

**Yvonne Scott Burgess Wright '63**, Bronxville, N.Y., died May 24, 2012, at age 72. She was born in Kingston, Jamaica to Cyril and Violet Scott in 1939. After graduating from Kingsway High School in Kingston, Jamaica, she earned a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's from Columbia University's Teacher's College. Yvonne taught English in New York City, but most of her career she served as a certified educational administrator. Yvonne was preceded in death by her first husband, Leonard Burgess. She is survived by her husband, Barrington Wright; daughter, Kimberly; and one granddaughter.

**Larry Karpenko ('64)**, Tilden Township, Pa., died July 15, 2012, at age 67. Born in Minot, N. D., to Fred and Anne Karpenko, Larry graduated from Campion Academy in Colorado, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., and earned a master's degree from the University of New Jersey. He worked as a choral and voice teacher at Sheyenne River Academy and Blue Mountain Academy before becoming a real estate investor. Larry is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Julie Reid; son, Larry II; one brother, Lyle; and five grandchildren.



*Larry Karpenko*

**Joan Kirkegaard Cooper '65**, Montrose, Colo., died Oct. 28, 2012, at age 69. Joan was born in Denver, Colo., to Philip and



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Elsie Kirkegaard on Sept. 3, 1943. She graduated from Campion Academy and then Union College. Joan and **Wesley Cooper ('62)** were married in 1965 just three weeks after her graduation from Union College and his graduation from Illinois College of Optometry.

**Clarence Dizárd II '66**, Pikesville, Md., died April 10, 2012, at age 67. He was born July 12, 1944, to Clarence and Dorothea in Neptune, N. J.—the firstborn of four children. Clarence graduated from Union with a degree in history. It was while studying at Union when he first met **Valeria Humphrey ('66)**, whom he married in 1968. A lover of history—particularly Black History—he taught in the Baltimore public school system for nearly forty years. He is survived by his wife, Valeria; children, Damian and Erica; and three grandchildren.



Clarence Dizárd

**Claralee "Clare" Kreutzer Pfeiffer ('70)**, Cleburne, Texas, died Sept. 10, 2012, at age 62. Clare was born June 14, 1950, in Washington, Mo., to John and Pearl Schunemeyer Kreutzer. She graduated from Sunnydale Adventist Academy in 1968. After attending Union College, she graduated from the University of Missouri—Columbia with a degree in medical technology in 1972. Working in that field for the span of her career in Madison, Tenn., San Jose, Calif., and a number of laboratories in central Missouri, she retired while

working in clinical microbiology at the UM-C Hospital. Clare enjoyed a lifelong passion for playing organ and piano. She played regularly at the Cleburne church, where she was also Sabbath School superintendent. She is survived by her husband, Bill and daughter, **Christine Pfeiffer Allison '02**.



Claralee Kreutzer Pfeiffer

**John Thomson '72**, St. Maries, Idaho, died Sept. 3, 2012, at age 62. He was born Nov. 25, 1949, to George and Evelyn Leffler Thomson at Fort Collins, Colo. After growing up in Texas, his family moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he graduated from College View Academy. After a bachelor's degree from Union, he earned a D.D.S. from Loma Linda University in 1975. He married **Bobby Childers '73** on June 9, 1974, and the two set up a practice in Libby, Mont. In 1982, they moved to St. Maries and opened a dental practice there. He was active in his local church, Kiwanis club, and Chamber of Commerce—serving in many capacities. John enjoyed fishing and running—he completed the Boston Marathon twice. He is survived by his wife, Bobby; daughter, Brenna Thomson; sister, **Mary Jo Brand ('70)** as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son, Jeremy in 2005.

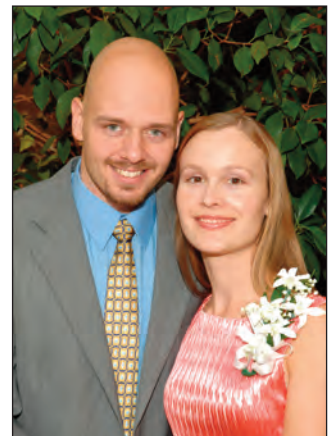
**Joan Watson Hamm ('77)**, Longview, Wash., died Sept. 27, 2012, at age 56. She was born July 31, 1956, in Lincoln, Neb.,

to Atwood and Arlene McClatchey Watson. Joan earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska and worked for Homeland Security as a federal customs and immigration service officer at the Lincoln Service Center until she retired in 2010 and moved to Longview. Joan loved decorating, remodeling and baking, and was known for her pies and cakes. She is survived by her husband, Allan Hamm; son, Jason Thomas; daughter, Justina Thomas; father, Atwood Watson; brother Atwood Watson, Jr; and two nephews.

**Cheryl Clark Spear ('80)**, Syracuse, N.Y., died Dec 11, 2011, at age 54. She was born in Harlem, N.Y. on Feb. 12, 1958. Although Cheryl lost most of her eyesight, she was a passionate advocate for human rights and disability rights, including service on the board of Women Organized to Make Abuse Nonexistent. In 1998, she obtained a bachelor's degree in clinical psychology from Brooklyn College, where she led a student advocacy organization in compelling the college to address the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. She earned a master's degree at Syracuse University in cultural foundations of education and a certificate of advanced study in disability studies in 2003. She was completing a Ph.D. degree at the time of her death. Survivors include her mother, Betty Robinson; father, Onus Clark; and nine siblings.

**Daniel Mark Burghart '02** and **Aimee Bennett Burghart '03**, Little Rock, Ark., died Jan. 24, 2013, at ages 32 and 33, in a tragic car accident. Daniel was born in Minnesota and moved to Little Rock, Ark., at age five. He earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Union College and a Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia degree from Texas Wesleyan University. He worked most recently at Howard Memorial Medical Center in Nashville, Ark., as a Certi-

fied Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Aimee was born in Orlando, Fla. and grew up in Denver, Colo. She earned a bachelor of social work degree from Union College and a master's degree in social work from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. She and Daniel were married on May 30, 2004. Most recently Aimee was a stay-at-home mom. Daniel is survived by his daughter, Lillian, age 2; parents, **Mark '72** and **Debbie Scott Burghart '74**; sister, **Becky Burghart Samuel ('03)**; and grandparents. Aimee is survived by her daughter, Lillian, age 2; parents, **Beverly Royal ('73)** and Terry Bennett; brother, **Brook Bennett ('99)**; and sister, Linnea Soriano.



Daniel and Aimee Burghart

Notice of the following deaths have been received:

**Russell Anderson ('49)**, Tulare, S.D., died April 15, 2011, at age 84. He is survived by his wife, **Cleo Speh Anderson '49**.

**Robert Conway '59**, Laurel, Md., died Oct. 2, 2012, at age 80. He is survived by his wife, **Charlotte Lehto Conway '58**.

**Annette Ross '62**, Chattaroy, Wash., died July 24, 2012, at age 71.

**Dassie Kisart Burch ('85)**, Clark, Mo., died May 16, 2011, at age 47.



# Investing in Union's Future

**W**hen Harold Dupper '50 wanted to give a gift in support of Union College's mission to empower students for learning, service and leadership, he needed to make sure he had enough money for retirement. So he turned to the Union College Advancement staff for help.

After speaking with the Advancement staff, it was apparent to Harold that a charitable gift annuity would make the most sense for his situation.

The annuity allowed Harold to make a gift that will benefit the college when he passes away while providing a guaranteed income stream to him for the rest of his life. "I like the payout rate and the income is mostly tax free," said Harold.

Harold enjoyed the benefits of the charitable gift annuity so much he has set up another five annuities, for a total of six, all of them undesignated which will direct the annuity proceeds toward whatever is the college's highest priority at the time.

Harold praises God for the lifetime of service in the medical field that started so many years ago in the Medical Cadet Corps, and looks forward to the day when he will hear "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

If you would like more information on how to set up a charitable gift annuity with Union College, please contact Scot T. Coppock, director of Leadership Giving by emailing [scoppoc@ucollege.edu](mailto:scoppoc@ucollege.edu) or calling 402.486.2503. Scot is eager to help those who want to find the best way to support the mission of Union College.

Want to learn more about Dr. Dupper's story?  
Visit [www.ucollege.edu/advancement/donor-stories](http://www.ucollege.edu/advancement/donor-stories)



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