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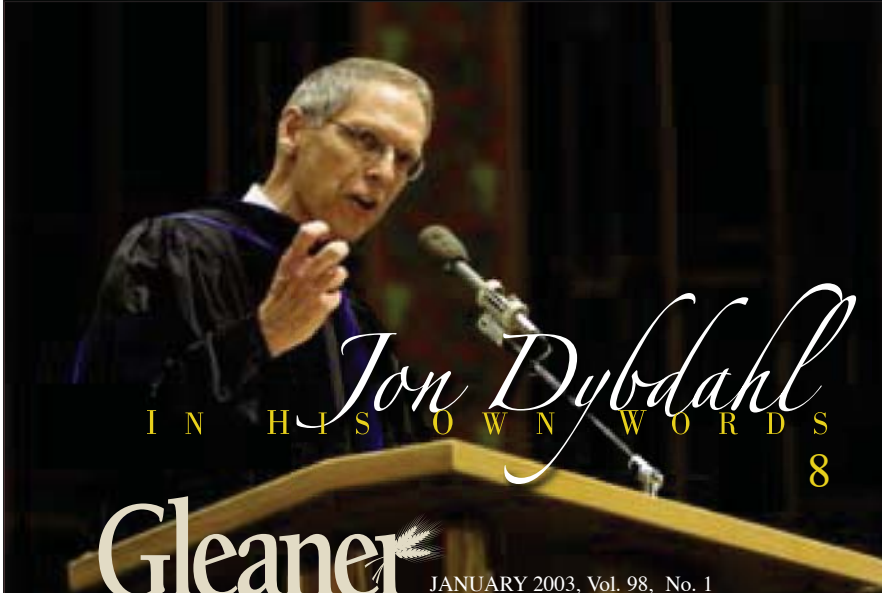
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WALLA WALLA COLLEGE *Now More Than Ever*

B Y J E R E D . P A T Z E R

As I attended the moving inauguration service last month for Jon Dybdahl as our new Walla Walla College president, I thought about a different gathering I had taken part in just a few months before.

In that meeting, North Pacific Union Conference and local conference administrators discussed some of the significant challenges facing the Church in the Northwest and beyond.

That meeting also gave us an opportunity to get better acquainted with Dr. Dybdahl and confirmed our belief that God has guided his selection as president.

He brings a unique and energizing blend of mission experience, teaching, and college administration. His love for the Lord and His Church are readily discernable.

Dybdahl gave an encouraging report on enrollment and then asked Church leaders to join him in praying for the College as it faces various significant challenges.

Specifically, he asked us to pray that God would give the school success as a truly Adventist Christian college and, second, that God would help it achieve its goal of academic excellence. Finally, he asked us to pray that God would bless the faculty and staff.

As Church administrators, we resonated with those simple requests. To hear the president of Walla Walla College share these desires of his heart then, once again in his recent inaugural address, and now in his interview in the pages of this GLEANER, makes us want to support our College even more.

I accept President Dybdahl's challenge. And I invite you to join me in praying for the success of our College. Walla Walla College has a rich heritage. With our prayer support it has the potential for an equally brilliant future.



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A Place So Nice They Named it Twice

- Walla Walla is home to the oldest symphony in continuous performance west of the Mississippi River.
- There is an average of 30 feet of top soil covering Walla Walla's farming land.
- There are 360 acres of parks in the valley—that's almost one acre a day for your outdoor enjoyment.

And Then There's the College...

- The first degree from Walla Walla College (WWC) was awarded to Herbert Flowers in 1909.
- Until 1911, each of the college dormitories contained only a single bathtub.
- The WWC Alumni Center currently has 24,080 living alumni in its address database.
- There are 156 returned Student Missionaries on campus this school year.

The average number of students involved in the Student Missions program at Walla Walla College each year continues to increase.

59.3 1980-1990

69.4 1990-2000

89.3 2000-2003

The Petersen Memorial Library wall contains a brick from THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA.

M A N O N A M I S S I O N

Jon L. Dybdahl

Bradley Nelson writes from the Office of Media Relations at Walla Walla College, in College Place, Wash.

Jon Dybdahl can remember exactly where he was sitting when God called him to ministry.

One Friday night at Pacific Union College, during vespers, he remembers feeling the strongest sense that he should be up front preaching. Although several people had suggested that he should consider the ministry, Dybdahl, a pre-medicine major, was planning to become a physician, like his father.

But the sense of God calling him to preach didn't go away, and in the middle of his sophomore year, Dybdahl decided to switch to theology.

"I felt a sense of peace that I'd never had before, so I've never really looked back," he says. "I've always had a sense that this was something that I didn't choose, but God chose."

When Dybdahl was invited last year to become Walla Walla College's (WWC's) president, he felt a similar sense that God was once again calling him. He arrived on campus in July and was formally dedicated in a Nov. 18 inauguration ceremony. (See page 31.)

Thoughtful and Compassionate

Fellow administrators, faculty, and staff describe Dybdahl as thoughtful, compassionate, and highly committed to the College and its mission.

Dybdahl's professional interests and expertise are founded on years of service in the mission field.

He has written two books and numerous articles on the subject of mission and recently chaired the board of directors for Adventist Southeast Asia Projects.

Shortly after he completed the seminary program at Andrews University, Dybdahl received his first call to mission work in Asia. Dybdahl remembers that he and his wife, Kathy,



Jon Dybdahl as a younger WWC professor

Dybdahl at his inauguration



Jon Dybdahl teaches in the mission field

didn't spend a long time debating whether they should go, it just seemed "the right thing to do."

For six years, Dybdahl and his wife worked in northern Thailand, facing one of their biggest professional challenges—learning a new language and culture in order to do their jobs effectively. Just three months into their time in Thailand, Dybdahl became the pastor of a church where no one spoke English. While in Thailand, the Dybdahls started Chiangmai Academy, still the only Adventist academy in Thailand. They later moved to Singapore, where Dybdahl was a teacher and pastor for two years.

"Living in Asia certainly changed me in many ways," says Dybdahl. "It has affected the way I look at life, how I teach, what I teach."

Easy-Going

Dybdahl looks to the easy-going culture of Thailand for inspiration in dealing with potential confrontations. "Sometime I think we do need to take action," says Dybdahl, "but we need to do it gently and work with people on an interpersonal level as much as possible."

In 1976, Dybdahl brought his family back to the United States, where he served as an associate professor and professor in the WWC School of Theology for the next 13 years. The move involved many changes, including readjusting to Western culture, but Dybdahl says he remembers the time with great fondness. "It gave me a chance to grow and develop," he says. "I remember many good friends and colleagues, wonderful discussions, and feeling that the college was very much alive."

Former students remember Dybdahl as being personable, knowledgeable, very spiritual, and an engaging lecturer.

In 1990, after a year at Thailand Mission College, Dybdahl joined the faculty in the Department of World Mission at Andrews University and enjoyed teaching and training Adventist ministers. When he received an invitation to return to WWC as its

22nd president last year, he was initially hesitant. Andrews University was a safe place, and coming to WWC as its leader and vision-caster was a bit daunting. In the end, however, after much thought and many prayers, Dybdahl and Kathy felt convinced this was God's plan for them.

School Spirit

When Dybdahl visited the campus last spring, he was impressed by a sense of school spirit. "I was pleased," says Dybdahl, "to find, even among students, a feeling that there's no place quite like Walla Walla College. Those kinds of convictions are priceless. They cannot be bought."

Dybdahl points to the tremendous loyalty faculty, staff, students, and alumni have for the College and observes that many of the strengths that he noticed as a faculty member still exist today. "The College has always taken academics seriously," he says, "and that's a valuable strength. The program of mission is strong, and there is an emphasis on spirituality."

In Dybdahl's inaugural address, he spoke of five specific areas that he sees as focus points for the next few years: a clear articulation of the College's mission and vision; an integrated strategic plan that addresses student needs and financial issues; building relationships among different constituencies, inside and outside of the College campus; growth in mission work, and promoting diversity among students; and completing the "Faith in the Vision" capital building campaign.

Source of Renewal

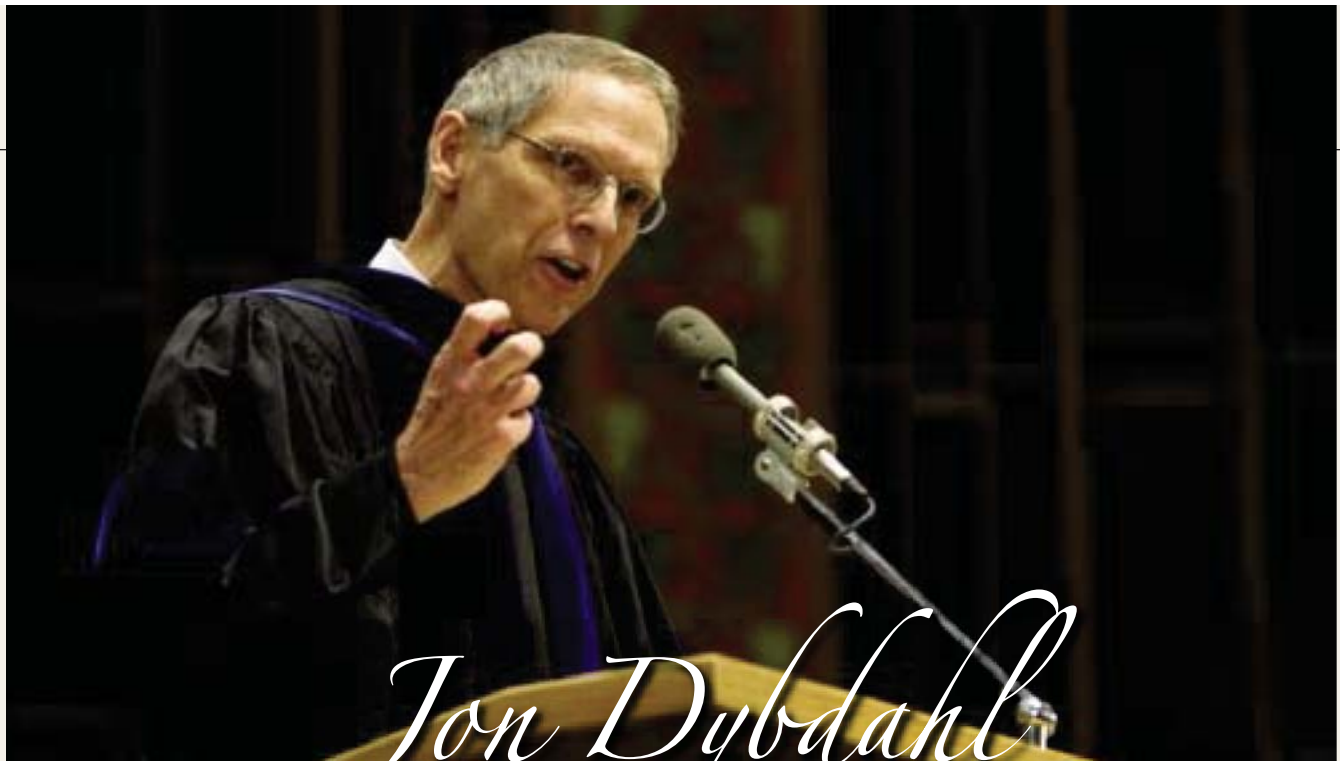
"At many times in history, colleges and universities have been a source of renewal for the Church and for the world," says Dybdahl. "We want to do that at our College. This is my dream."

"I'm not adequate for this call," says Dybdahl, "but God is. If we forget that this is God's business, then we become just like any other generic educational institution. Everyone at this college is called to serve, and the more we feel that sense, the more it brings purpose to everything we do."

"I felt a sense of peace that I'd never had before, so I've never really looked back," he says. "I've always had a sense that this was something that I didn't choose, but God chose."

The four living former WWC presidents symbolically surround Jon Dybdahl in a circle of prayer and support





Jon Dybdahl

I N H I S O W N W O R D S

GLEANER: Jon, you first came to Walla Walla College in 1976, where you taught for 13 years. Most recently you were a professor at Andrews University. What factors convinced you to leave full-time teaching and return here as president?

DYBDAHL: Teaching has been my first love, so I had never really given serious thought to becoming a college president. When the call initially came, we weren't certain that it was in God's will for us. So we turned it down and thought that was the last we would hear of it. But my wife, Kathy, had second thoughts. She said to me one day, "You know, Jon, if this opportunity should come again, we should at least think about it." I thought that would never happen, especially since I had also been diagnosed at the time with a serious medical challenge. The timing just didn't seem right. But then, the request came again. We spent a great deal of time in prayer, thinking through our own comfort zones and what God wanted for us. This call had not been anticipated. It was certainly nothing I had encouraged. In the end, God turned our thinking around to believe that accepting the call was the right thing to do. It still amazes and humbles me.

GLEANER: What are the major challenges facing the College right now?

DYBDAHL: We are challenged by how we can respond as a dynamic Seventh-day Adventist institution to the current climates of our changing world and the demographics of our Church. When our College was founded, our Northwestern Church had only 1,500 members. It took great faith then, and, even with more than 80,000 current members, it will take great faith now to meet these new challenges. We must be strong enough in our mission and vision to adapt without losing our core values. We need to find young, dynamic faculty and staff willing to serve, strongly connected to our mission and the ideals of the church. We must also maintain a high level of education while keeping our fees affordable for our students and their parents. I'm thankful for the current commitment I sense on our campus. By the way, regarding finances, we are not rich, but we are solvent, and we should have a modest budget surplus this year.

GLEANER: What is your personal mission as it relates to Walla Walla College?

DYBDAHL: We have a great group of administrators, faculty, and staff that work to specifically apply our vision and mission. So, as I see it, my role is to continue to set the overall tone and vision and nurture our team to carry it

out. I want to constantly ask the question, "What is the will of God for us?" And I want to set a wholistic tone. I believe that faith should impact all academic disciplines, and intellect affects all areas of faith. When the time comes for me to leave my current role here, I want to be remembered as a person who took Adventist higher education seriously and a commitment to God and the mission of our Church just as seriously. There doesn't have to be a discrepancy between a committed spiritual life and an intellectual curiosity and the scholarly work of our College.

GLEANER: Some might say, "Well, that's just Dybdahl's vision?" What are you doing to engage your entire team?

DYBDAHL: My goals are not new to this College—they're grounded in the mission of our founders and our Church. We need to hold with one hand to our past and with the other firmly grip the future. Our team knows the details of how to look after the specifics. My major goal is to look after the big picture of mission and vision. Before school started, we held an administrative retreat, specifically sharing how God had led in our personal lives, and sharing individual perspectives on where He is leading our College. We're blessed to have an extremely gifted leadership team, all reading off the same

page. This is not just my initiative—it's being recognized in all areas of the College.

GLENER: What are some of the major factors shaping Adventist higher education today?

DYBDAHL: Competition is growing between colleges and universities. That's partially because the overall number of students is decreasing, as the children of Baby Boomer parents move through the system. And, our people are much more mobile—they're not tied to any one geographical region. The demographics of our Church are changing, and Adventist higher education is no longer an automatic choice for some families—they are choosing other institutions. We will have to adjust. Overall, we will need to do a better job at articulating the vision and mission of higher education and strengthening the confidence of our people. Some members see higher education as a source for problems, counterproductive to the mission of the Church. We have to change that. We need to demonstrate that we are becoming centers for renewal and growth in the work of the church.

GLENER: What would you say to assure Northwestern parents and students of Walla Walla College's strong commitment to the Adventist mission?

DYBDAHL: Certainly, our heritage is strongly connected to our Church's mission. Over the years, our College has sent out more student missionaries than any other institution. And we have many excellent programs under way—some organized, others springing from student grassroots efforts—that show our students actively participating in service, worship and other spiritual growth. Sometimes we perceive holiness in direct proportion to the distance an institution is from us. If we look carefully enough, we can find good things as well as problems at all of our institutions. I'd like to suggest that our parents and students follow the Bible prescription to "taste and see." Come, visit WWC for yourself. Don't

just depend upon anecdotal information. I believe our continuing growth in carrying out the mission of our College and our church is bearing good fruit.

GLENER: How does your wife, Kathy, influence your leadership style?

DYBDAHL: Kathy is very sensitive to people and their needs. She is good at reminding me how important people and personal relationships are, and of the human implications of pending decisions. She's a great sounding board—she's definitely not at all afraid to say what she thinks. And I appreciate that.

GLENER: What areas of progress do you envision in the near future?

DYBDAHL: First, we need to keep our mission and vision vivid. Nothing can happen if we don't see a clear target. Secondly, we need an integrated, workable, strategic plan that addresses student needs and financial issues in a wholistic context. Third, we want to build human relationships, to communicate better within the College and without. Fourth, we'd like to find even greater ways to do mission, helping our students think and work cross-culturally, at home and abroad. And, fifth, we need to finish our current capital campaign. The good news is that we're over half way to our goal of raising the needed \$18 million. Our Rosario campus renovation is complete, but we need to continue the task of upgrading our campus.

GLENER: Do you have a favorite Bible passage that gives you personal direction?

DYBDAHL: The first chapter of Jeremiah has definitely given me courage through the years. It tells how the Lord had guided Jeremiah's life

from even before his birth. When God confronted Jeremiah with a special call, he recoiled—he didn't feel capable or worthy. And God responded by telling him not to be afraid for He would give him the power to do whatever He called him to do. It's been a constant promise to me whenever the going gets tough. It was an encouragement to us when we were deciding whether or not to take this position at Walla Walla College. Not only does God call us, but He enables us.

GLENER: In closing, describe your personal mission to invite people to pray for the College.

DYBDAHL: Well, I believe that prayer changes things. We've produced some little cards that invite people to pray for Walla Walla College. On the back of the card, there's a quote from Ephesians 1:16 "I have not stopped remembering you in my prayers" along with a space to write down a specific prayer reminder. Kathy and I have a prayer card stuck on our refrigerator and another one on our breakfast table. One of our staff members has taken the student pictorial directory, and, daily, during his break, he sends an email to students, letting them know he's praying for them. So I'd like to invite each of our Northwest members to join us in prayer that our college will become a powerful, life-changing experience for everyone on campus, that they will be transformed into the image of God and fit for service within His kingdom. I believe in Ellen White's characterization in *Evangelism* p. 271: "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a soon coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world." That's a mission we must all rally around in our families, in our schools, and certainly in our prayers.



Kathy Dybdahl

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Fresh Start

Just Two Things

Author Richard Carlson has made a fortune, reminding us in his “New York Times” bestseller that there are just two things we need to remember: Don’t sweat the small stuff, and it’s all small stuff.

It reminds me of something Dr. Jon Dybdahl has been doing at Walla Walla College, since his arrival this fall—telling us there are just two things we need to remember. No doubt his

administration will be marked by an unrelenting emphasis on these two things.

“I know some of you have heard me talk about these things before,” Dr. Dybdahl said recently at a meeting, “but I want to say just two things. Nothing is more important than these two things.”

Though it was the fifth time I’d heard the speech, my heart raced as he again envisioned our future at the College. Once again he landed on two platforms that I hope become the bedrock of this school.

Prayer

He gave everyone a card and asked us to keep it as a reminder of the first thing. The card is now displayed under the glass on my desk and reminds me often to “Pray, Pray for Walla Walla College.”

On the back of the card is this request: “Please pray for students, faculty, staff, parents, and board members.” Quoted also is Ephesians 1:16, “I have not stopped remembering you in my prayers.” So I’m doing just that and invite you to join me.

As I pray, I think of Mother Teresa’s take on the topic. She once said: “Prayer enlarges the heart until it is capable of containing God’s gift of Himself.” No wonder she often spent hours in prayer. For prayer is the practice of living in the presence of God.

News anchorman Dan Rather once asked Mother Teresa, “What do you say to God when you pray?”

“I listen,” said Mother Teresa.

“And what does God say to you?”

“He listens.”

Prayer, in its purest form, is simply being in the presence of Jesus. What better invitation could our campus leader give us? To live in the presence of Jesus is to fertilize the soil of the soul. This will no doubt result in Dr. Dybdahl’s second vision.

Life-changing Experiences

His second dream for Walla Walla College is that it will be a place where life-changing experiences occur. What’s the point of an expensive, Seventh-day Adventist education if students leave the same as when they arrived?

If that’s the case, let’s slap a “Closed” sign on the campus. As our president is prone to remind us, our College is here to facilitate life-changing experiences for all who attend.

Consider this counsel of Ellen White: “The follower of Jesus should be constantly improving in manners, in habits, in spirit, and labor. But this is done by keeping the eye, not on mere outward, superficial attainments, but on Jesus the model. A transformation takes place in mind, in spirit, in character. The Christian is educated in the school of Christ to cherish the graces of his Spirit in all meekness and lowliness of mind. . . . Every one who has to do with the education and training of youth, needs to live very close to the great Teacher, to catch his spirit and manner of work” (*Christian Education*, 200-201).

Just two things: prayer and transformation. That’s what we’re about at Walla Walla College. And that’s anything but small stuff.

Karl Haffner is senior pastor of the Walla Walla College Adventist Church and writes from College Place, Wash.



ALASKA YOUTH CHALLENGE

Reaches 26,000 Homes

Directed by college students Jonathan Kincaid, Stefan Kim, Hailu Gabriel, and Alisha Palmer, 16 Alaska Youth Challenge members this summer sold more than \$33,000 worth of Adventist Christian literature to homes in the Anchorage area.

Kincaid and Kim have been with the Youth Challenge program since its Alaskan inception four years ago. It was Gabriel's third year and Palmer's first.

Each participant received scholarships to Adventist academies and colleges, based on their sales for the eight-week sales period, which began in mid-June.

The students spent a total of 2,136 hours, visiting more than 26,000 homes. Besides selling books, they gave away 4,391 pieces of free literature, valued at \$2,844.

"This is my fourth summer with Alaska Youth Challenge," said Kim, a Walla Walla College student. "I've really enjoyed being a part of it. I feel that I have grown a lot and helped team members grow, as well. This has been a spiritual growth experience for each of the team members, as well as for those contacted."

The team also prayed with 1,457 of its contacts.

John Kriegelstein



ALEKNAGIK BAPTISM

Jasmine Kritz, 9, gave her heart to the Lord at summer camp, last year, and then faithfully studied each Sabbath afternoon for a year, preparing for baptism.

On summer camp Sabbath, this year, she publicly declared her decision to follow Jesus, through baptism.

As nearly 100 campers, staff, and community members looked on, Pastor Ken Reiswig of the Aleknagik Adventist

Church baptized her in the cold waters of Lake Aleknagik.

As a special highlight, Roland Moody, also of Aleknagik, dedicated Jasmine's brothers, Moses, Justus, and one-week-old Memphis, during the same service. It was a happy day for the children's parents, Eric and Kristy Gosuk.

Debbie Reiswig



PATHFINDER FOOD DRIVE

Vern Osborn, Anchorage Pathfinder director (back row, far right), rallied his troops for a traditional Halloween canned food drive, collecting 1,567

food items for Thanksgiving food baskets distributed in the area.

John Kriegelstein

MIDTOWN FELLOWSHIP

Reaches Out to Needy

Midtown Christian Fellowship, an Adventist congregation that meets at a public school in Anchorage, recently conducted a Halloween-night food drive, collecting nearly 300 cans in one hour.

They then used the canned goods and other food items to prepare 13 food baskets, complete with turkey, stuffing, fresh fruit, and veggies, for

needy families.

"It was awesome, and the responses were moving," reports Pastor Brant Berglin. "Our Junior kids' Interactive Small Group made cards for each basket as well. How delightful to be a part of Christ's ministry to those in need."

Reported by Pastor Brant Berglin

OASIS CHURCH

Sponsors 16 Summer Campers

Members of the Oasis Church, in Boise, Idaho, this year sponsored 16 children and youths to Camp Ida-Haven, on Payette Lake in McCall, Idaho.

It is the second year in a row the congregation has helped the summer campers raise all their expenses; this year, those helped ranged in age from 8 to 16 years.

Planning for summer camp started in February, when

prospective campers signed on to begin raising funds by participating in church-related community services activities.

To qualify for a scholarship, the young people participated in four different service activities, including greeting at church on Sabbath morning and helping church deacons during prayer-request time.

The young people also helped with Sabbath potlucks and served at the Oasis

Church's monthly community soup kitchen. In yet another activity, 16 young people and 10 adults picked up 17 bags of trash in Military Reserve Park. During the Trash-a-thon, they also hiked, sang, and enjoyed their time together. The City of Boise expressed appreciation for the effort; sponsors donated \$1,700 in sponsorships.

The young people also held a car-wash and garage sale,

raising a total of \$3,000 for their camping expenses.

"The Oasis Church is proud of our children, and we are glad that we were able to help them spend a week at Camp Ida-Haven," reports Beth Grinstead, GLEANER correspondent. "Sponsoring our youth to camp brought our children closer together and closer to God."

Reported by Beth Grinstead



Oasis youth and adults gather at Military Reserve Park at the conclusion of a Trash-a-thon, held earlier this year.

GEM STATE *Hosts Idaho's First Lady*

Gem State Adventist Academy (GSAA) bridged the generation gap on Friday, Nov. 8, during a special day set aside for grandparents (some adopted for the day) and their student-grandchildren.

More than 80 actual grandparents and adoptive seniors spent the day on campus, and Patricia Kempthorne, wife of the Idaho governor, gave the keynote address and talked about the importance her grandparents played in passing on values. She urged both students and grandparents to forge strong relationships and learn from one another.

"Grandparents' Day is

designed to take students back a generation or two and make grandparents feel like teens again," said Linda Klinger, GSAA development director. "We hope this event facilitates tighter bonds and a broadened understanding between seniors and students."

The day started with student-led tours, followed by a special seminar session on "Sharing Your Values with Teens."

Larry Blackmer, new Idaho Conference superintendent of education, then spoke on sharing spiritual values. Loren Dickinson, a well-known Walla Walla College communications professor,

then shared 10 communication essentials. Tim Smith, of Edwards Jones, spoke on how to pass on financial values to teens.

Grandparents enjoyed a banquet lunch with students, followed by a performance of the Gem State Academy Band, Choir, and Handbell Choir. A highlight of the day came during a performance of "The Grand March."

Many grandparents remained throughout the weekend and asked if the event could happen again next year.

Debra McCarver



Gem State Adventist Academy students and their grandparents (some actual grandparents, some adopted for the day) enjoy a highlight of Grandparents' Day, "The Grand March."



Grandparents Ed and Nordene Doherty enjoyed fun, food, and fellowship with grandsons Stephen, left, and Jeremy.

MERIDIAN MEMBERS *Change Nominating Process*



Among those licensed to serve at the Meridian Church, from front left, are Nordene Doherty (Greeting Ministry), Delmarie Null (Music Ministry), Irene Willis (Pastoral Support Ministry), and Pastor Tim Gray. From front right are Sylvia Douglas (Sabbath School Ministry), Chris Schaffer (Community Helping Ministry), Linda Sevison (Communication Ministry), and Les Sevison (Social Ministry). Not shown are licensees Cindy Schultz (Live Nativity) and Ed Schultz (Youth Ministry).

Meridian Adventist Church members in Idaho stepped out in faith this year and broke away from the usual method of nominating church officers.

Instead of fitting members into position slots (position oriented), members let the Holy Spirit lead members to find ministries about which they are passionate (people oriented).

Pastor Tim Gray helped promote the idea, based on his strong belief that the Church must use the talents of every member.

In applying the new approach, members first determine their ministries/passions, write down their visions and goals, and submit the documents to Pastor Gray, who in turn submits them to the Implementation Team.

If approved, the members receive "Leadership in Ministry Licenses," which permit them to recruit support team members for the ministries they are licensed to lead.

Linda Sevison

JORDAN ADVENTISTS

Host Tribute

Adventists in Jordan, Mont., hosted a Sept. 11, 2002, service to honor the nation's "Frontline Responders" and recognize those who serve locally. Seventy-five people

attended the service, nearly filling the local church. The program honored the Garfield County emergency

attending to the delivery of twins.

During the program, the name of each honoree was called, and those present came forward to be photographed. Each received a personalized plaque that reads, "This Award is given to...our front line responders, in recognition of their untiring service in Garfield County."

During the program, local Adventist Dan Eddy and three members of the Assembly of God Church led guitar-accompanied singing.

Because of the large turnout, the group took refreshments in the Presbyterian Church basement, a larger facility graciously made available by Presbyterian members.

Shirley B. Bilbro



*Like Father,
Like Son*

Members of the Custer and Hardin Adventist churches gathered Aug. 31, to witness the baptism of Mark and Spurr Watson. Pastor John Delinger baptized the father-and-son duo in the Yellowstone River. After the ceremony, members enjoyed a picnic lunch together.

Shaya Kyle



Members of the local fire department were honored.

medical technicians (EMTs), the local fire department and search-and-rescue group, the sheriff's department, and the work of Physician Dan Muniak, who could not participate because he was



A local incoming sheriff and dispatcher were honored during the Sept. 11, 2002, program.

GREAT FALLS HOSTS

Weekend Reunion

MONTANA

Members of the Great Falls Church recently hosted a reunion of former members from the 1940s, including some who traveled in from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Florida, Alaska, and Canada.

The Labor Day Weekend reunion began on Friday evening, as approximately 40 former members, friends, and current members met for family worship and

fellowship.

On Sabbath morning, Joyce Lund welcomed the group to Sabbath school, and Ken Iverson offered opening prayer and read Psalm 103. Juanita Kretschmar told a mission story about the blessings of Key Encounter Ministry she and her husband, Merlin Kretschmar, manage in Key West, Fla.

Peter Vanden Hoven led a Sabbath school lesson panel that included his wife, Sarah,

Floyd Iverson, Bernard Yanke, Joy Miles, Charlotte Irwin, and Paul Lund.

At church service, Pastor George Boundey welcomed worshippers, and Paul Lund led a responsive reading from Scripture. Charlotte Irwin offered the congregational prayer, and Phyllis Slaiz gave a message in song. Hali Hannah Fleming provided the offertory.

Merlin Kretschmar titled his sermon "The Ultimate

Reunion," and the service ended as the congregation sang "We Have This Hope." After fellowship dinner, some worshippers visited shut-ins.

After sundown worship, the group spent the evening together, remembering the past and catching up on the present. The reunion closed as participants joined hands and sang "Side By Side."

Ethel Iverson

OREGON YOUTH TEAM

Travels to Remote Alaska

For the third consecutive summer, last year my family and I participated in a mission trip to Saint Lawrence Island, in Alaska.

Some ask me if it was an exciting trip; all I can say is that “exciting” is an understatement. Primitive transportation, plumbing (if you’re lucky), prices soaring, limited communication—all describe the villages where we worked.

For the past nine years, the Oregon Conference has sponsored a vacation Bible school (VBS) team to St. Lawrence Island, about 140 miles from Nome, 40 miles from Russia. It has two villages: Gambell and Savoonga, with about 600 native Siberian Yupiks each.

Children and adults, alike, appreciate our ministry. We

were gone 19 days, including travel time, and our team of 11 provided VBS programs for about 60 children, daily, during our week on the Island.

It was a learning experience for the children, as well as for our team of eight youths and three adult sponsors. Our team consisted of my mom and dad, Jan and Dennis Jorgenson; my sister Marina Jorgenson; Cody Canada; Jeff Prine; Walter Spidal; Tasha Wold; Katie Schwartz; Caitlin McNabb; our wonderful cook, Amy Deming; and 12-year-old me, Jennifer.

Though our purpose was to present VBS to the younger children, we felt a need to reach out to teenagers, as well. So evenings, we would hold “Teen Nite.” Not nearly as structured as VBS, it provided a place for teens to hang out



The “Northern Exposure” team gathers with their young friends on St. Lawrence Island.

in a Christian environment. We sang, had worship, played games, and sometimes just sat and talked.

Some days, we took walks to the beach or around the village with the teens, learning a lot about the culture of the Siberian Yupiks. This helped immensely when it came to connecting with the younger children.

Ray of Hope

Children don’t get a lot of visitors on the Island. So they eagerly await summertime when VBS comes around. They love us and completely look up to us. With their adorable smiles, I wish I could take them home with me.

They enjoy taking us to their favorite spots on the beach or playground and showing us where they live.

Visiting Savoonga and

Gambell made me think of how fortunate I am to have the hope that God will come again and take me home with Him. We gave the villagers a brief look into God’s Word, but that bit of light offers them only a ray of hope.

It’s a real blessing to see 60 children, not much younger than myself, soaking up the good news about Jesus. I was moved to see young people 15, 16, even 17 years of age sitting in awe at the stories we told about.

Though Portland, Ore., where I come from is one of the larger cities in the Northwest and Gambell and Savoonga are two of the smallest, our friendships will last our lifetime on earth, and I hope for eternity in heaven.

Jennifer Jorgenson

Children enjoy a vacation Bible school program on St. Lawrence Island, just 40 miles from Russia.



CAA TURNS OUT

For Service

Paintbrushes, shovels, rakes, and strong backs recently became curriculum tools, as 99 students from Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) participated in an all-school, community service day.

Principal Berit von Pohle said the purpose of the yearly project is to help students understand ways they can make an impact in the area.

Students in grades 9-12 participated in eight projects around southwest Washington and Portland, including clearing brush at the

Vancouver Water Resource Center, helping residents at Fishers Landing Assisted Living Community, and doing maintenance projects at the Battle Ground branch of Head Start.

Columbia Adventist Academy students and staff participate in seven service days yearly, two with the entire school, one for each class, and one volunteer day each spring. About 75 percent of the students participate in the voluntary day, said von Pohle.

At the Head Start Center,

a federally funded preschool that works with low-income families, students filled sandboxes, weeded, gardened, spread bark dust, and painted a tool shed and cabinet.

Vice principal Ed Tillotson worked alongside the group from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m. — a regular school day.

“The kids are really enthusiastic about helping out,” Tillotson said. “They learn a little and get to give back to the community.”

Juniors Michelle Hamby, Heather Tavasci, and Brittany Prahl spent most of the

morning shoveling and carting sand for the school’s sandbox.

The morning felt hot, they said, but they enjoyed the work and working out their faith in a practical way by helping others.

“It makes you feel good,” said Prahl, wiping sweat off her forehead. “And the preschool kids will really appreciate it later.”

Marcus Brotherton, staff reporter for “The Reflector”



Columbia Adventist Academy juniors Heather Tavasci, left, Michelle Hamby, center, and Brittany Prahl recently worked at the Battle Ground branch of Head Start as part of an all school community service day. Photo courtesy of “The Reflector.”



SALEM CENTRAL CHURCH

Dedicates Teachers

Salem Central Adventist Church came alive with music, Scripture, and the spoken word as teachers of Livingstone Junior Academy were dedicated for the current school year.

Dennis Plubell, associate director of education for the North Pacific Union, and Gale Crosby, associate superintendent of education for the Oregon Conference, participated in the service. Music was provided by

the Salem Orchestra, Girls' Quintet, and Youth Handbell Choir.

Plubell asked the Lord's special blessing on the teachers, and Garland Dulan, General Conference director of education for the North

American Division, spoke on the Livingstone Junior Academy's "God-Sized Assignment" in Christian education.

LAURELWOOD ALUMNI

Donate \$80,000

Last year marked the 10th anniversary of the formation of Laurelwood Alumni's T Dub Club (named for the late Principal T. W. Walters).

Mostly comprising of alumni from 1946-1954, the Club has had camp-outs once or twice a year, and attendance has grown from 12 to 92.

The annual gatherings, held at Gladstone Campground, have become soul-winning tools, as alumni have remembered the God of their youth.

Merlin Fjarli (1947 Grad.) recently challenged the Club

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to build churches in India, where new congregations need "temples" to grow.

He promised to match any money raised during the 2002

camp-out. A freewill offering brought in an initial \$20,000, and this in turn was matched by an alumnus, bringing it to \$40,000. Fjarli then fulfilled

his pledge, bringing the total to \$80,000. The money has been sent to Maranatha Volunteers International, which in turn has matched the gift with its funds, for a total of \$160,000 for church-building in India, where 3,000 new congregations are awaiting chapels.

Those interested in the project can contact Merlin Fjarli by phone at (541)773-4046.

Nancy Paulson

GOOD NEWS FROM INDIA!



Members of the Cedar Creek and Woodland churches in Washington have financially underwritten the costs of evangelism in Munsunur, India, and now plan to provide funding to build a chapel for the new members.

As Weldon Mattison served as recent interim pastor at the Cedar Creek/Woodland Adventist churches, members were touched by his account of India's need for chapels and voted to raise funds to build one.

Dorothy Watts, who lives and works in India, sent an inspiring letter and photos of evangelistic services recently sponsored in the city of Munsunur by the two Washington congregations. Fifty-eight were baptized during the meetings.

Once a chapel is built on land now being purchased, Watts predicts Munsunur membership will double.

Miriam Kelly

ALBANY PATHFINDERS

Bear Up Well at Camporee

Members of the Albany, Ore., Bears Pathfinder youth club report finding great joy and spiritual fulfillment during their long, scenic experience at Glacier National Park, during the North Pacific Union Conference Pathfinder Camporee.

"It was an experience our kids and the adults won't soon forget," reports Tammy Hendricks. "We left on a Wednesday evening, drove all night, and arrived at 12:30 p.m. the next day."

"I expected that we would

have events like I've seen at the Pathfinder fairs and that we would do 'Pathfindery' things, but I was pleasantly surprised by the program," she adds.

"This was a huge evangelistic crusade, just for the Pathfinders, geared to their age group and designed to connect them with their Savior."

"As for Glacier National Park, what can I say?" she continues. "Breathtakingly beautiful! We hiked up Logan Pass (right on the

"It was an experience our kids and the adults won't soon forget."

Continental Divide) and got to see mountain goats, close up. The cry of the weekend was that everybody wanted to see a real bear, and while there were many sightings

in our camp before we came and occasionally while we were there, the Albany Bears were the only bears most Pathfinders saw during the weekend."

After the Camporee, she reports, "We were exhausted, but filled. We had a great time; we got to see sights we might not see in other circumstances; and some of us met God in Montana for the first time. A pretty successful Pathfinder Camporee, I'd say."

Reported by Tammy Hendricks

MILO CELEBRATES *Family Weekend*

The weekend of Nov. 15-17, 2002, at Milo Adventist Academy was filled with activities involving the family. The activities started Friday evening with a musical vespers, presented by Daniel Cobbs and the group "Eleventh Hour."

Daniel gave his personal testimony and shared with the students, parents, and staff how important it is to take the right road in life. Immediately after the service, everyone was invited to gather in the student center for refreshments and a

time of sharing.

Kay Dickey, director of development and marketing, presented the Sabbath school feature, "Role Reversal." After giving her personal testimony, she stressed the importance of building strong relationships with parents and children.

Todd and Tami Stebbeds then shared the hope Christians have in knowing their Savior, followed by Pastor Carl Wilkens's message, "So Utterly Ordinary," a reflection on the life of Jim Elliott.

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep in exchange for what he cannot lose." This famous quote from Elliott reminded the audience that Christians can become so caught up in the ordinary that they need the Holy Spirit to convict them of their real condition.

Music performed by the Milo Chorale, students, parents, and faculty played an important part in the weekend, and sunset meditation on Sabbath afternoon allowed the families to reflect on Him with

music and stories.

After vespers, Randy Bovee, Milo principal, presented eight \$1,000 scholarships. While most scholarships are awarded with "need" or "GPA" requirements, these were given to reward students who show an above-average work-and-volunteer ethic on campus.

Among factors the staff considered when nominating the students were consistent punctuality, honesty, on-the-job independence, following instructions, completing duties on time, positive attitude, taking their positions seriously, showing good judgment, and attention to duties while "on the clock."

Enabled by a generous donation, Milo was pleased to present the scholarships to Ayla Abbott, Stephen Bigelow, Don Kirk, David Rae, Scott Rae, Mary Rueter, Jesselle Stevens, and Kristen Winslow.

On Saturday evening, students performed the play "The Sound of Music," directed by Kim Miller. As part of their admission, audience members brought cans of food for baskets to be shared in the Academy's community outreach program.

The weekend concluded with an open forum meeting on Sunday morning, where parents could discuss questions with the administration team and staff.

Reported by Kay Dickey



Honoring eight students for their work ethic, honesty, and dependability, Milo Adventist Academy this year apportioned a special scholarship grant to the following students: standing, from left, are Don Kirk, Stephen Bigelow, Scott Rae, and David Rae; seated are Ayla Abbott, Mary Rueter, and Kristen Winslow. Not pictured is Jesselle Stevens.

ECA STUDENTS

Focus on World Cultures

The study of world cultures has led to an arrangement whereby Emerald Christian Academy (ECA) students can help out at Pearl Buck Center, a local support facility for families and children with developmental disabilities.

Emily Smith is shown as she helps a child develop motor skills.

Playing with the children, assisting them in learning skills, and guiding them into healthy social interactions, students visit the center each week for morning sessions.

"I just wish I could do more," says student Larissa Tetzler, summing up the experience for all.

Marcia Roberts





Wapato Adventist members surround their new brothers and sisters (those standing on the front row).

ALL NATIONS CENTER

Adds 20 During Seminar

Angels certainly were working on the hearts of those who attended a recent All Nation's Angel Seminar, in Wapato, Wash.

More than 120 visitors came, not only to hear the nightly messages, but to

"We feel comfortable and accepted here," was often heard by those who have built the facility.

see the inside of the newly completed Adventist Center.

The encouraging comment, "We feel comfortable and accepted here," was often heard by those who have built the facility for the Yakama Native people.

Pastor Monte Church, who oversees Adventist ministry for Natives in the United States and Canada, conducted the Seminar, introducing basic Bible teachings by focusing on the work of angels.

Of the more than 20 who asked to join the Adventist Church by the end of the Seminar, seven claim Native American roots.

"It's the beginning of a breakthrough we have all been praying for," says Pastor Peter Trzinsky.

Jeanne Barrett-Usher

NEW PASTORAL FAMILY

Leads Sandpoint Outreach

In one of their first outreach events conducted for the Sandpoint, Idaho, community since arriving recently as Adventist pastoral family, Matt Lombard and his wife, Judy, joined forces with local member Nancy Ward to lead a well-attended 9/11 commemorative Prayer Service.

Held at the Sandpoint Middle School, the event attracted 600 attendees, including members of other area churches, vocalists, bagpipers, and the Air Force Band of the Rockies.

Many firefighters, law enforcement officers, military personnel, and government officials received special awards at the Service.

Pastor Lombard has told the local congregation that he envisions the Sandpoint Church as a center of service and ministry to others, where

each member finds his or her area of outreach ministry.

He also wants the Sandpoint Church be a place where people find fellowship and friends and Jesus as their ultimate Friend.

The Lombards have been married 26 years and have three children: Adam, 24; Lindsay, 20; and Roni Lea, 15.

They love music and enjoy praising the Lord with the Sandpoint Church family, who are being blessed by the family's musical talents.

"We're country people, we love the country," says Pastor Lombard with a contented smile. The Lombards have helped draw the congregation together by promoting many outdoor activities, including church camp-outs, hikes, and canoeing gatherings.

Kay Drumwright



Lindsay, Roni Lea, Adam, Judy, and Pastor Matt Lombard

NEW MEMBERS *Visit Conference Office*

The phone rang this morning and woke us up,” said Keeta and Amanda. It was Pastor Roger Cain reminding them to come to New Member Day.

New members are invited to come to learn more about their new Adventist family.

Twins, Keeta and Amanda arrived early with their noticeably pleased grandmother. They had been baptized the day before at the Spokane Linwood Worship Center.

Randy and Lorie
Randy and Lorie Butler drove to Spokane, Wash., from Othello, Wash., to attend New



Pastor Roger and Helen Cain interview Keeta and Amanda.

Member Day, along with more than 140 other new members in the Upper Columbia Conference.

Each year, new members are invited to come to the Conference office to learn more about their new Adventist family.

“It’s a privilege to meet our newest members and share with them the resources available at the Conference

Office to enable and nurture them on their Christian walk,” said Max Torkelsen, Conference president.

Stories

Part of the fun was hearing stories of how the new members had decided to follow Jesus. Keeta and Amanda cited the influence of their grandmother and the friendship of Christian youth

at Spokane Junior Academy.

A major influence in the Butlers’ decision was television. When they discovered Three Angels Broadcasting Network, they were fascinated and enjoyed learning the truths of the Bible.

When asked what was her favorite part of “New Member Day,” Keeta said she liked the print shop most, because she loves to draw.

Amanda enjoyed the “shrunk head” in the president’s office, and Randy was a little overwhelmed by all the information and will enjoy looking through it more when he goes home.

Lori said, “You covered all the bases.”

That was the goal—to do everything possible to let the newest members know they are special to the worldwide Adventist family.

Kathy Marson

WWVA ANNOUNCES *Senior Officers*

Walla Walla Valley Academy recently announced election of senior class officers. Shown in back, from left, are Scotty Ray, spiritual vice president; Clark Bassham, sports coordinator, and Crystal Englehart, secretary. In front are Joseph Ringering,

executive vice president; Jonathan Thomas, president; Crystal Rose, historian; Raina Chang, social vice president; and Donovan West, sergeant-at-arms.

John Deming



FAMILY FESTIVAL

Features Aviator, College President

Jon Dybdahl, Walla Walla College president, challenged Upper Columbia Conference Family Fellowship Festival attendees to “love one another as Christ loved.”

Dybdahl keynoted the annual conference-wide convocation, held at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Wash., Nov. 8 and 9, 2002.

“If we are in Jesus Christ’s family, then every person in the world is our brother or sister. But we

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can’t truly love others without experiencing God’s love—a relationship with Him,” said Dybdahl.

On Friday night, missionary David Gates spoke about the

real power of the Holy Spirit to provide for all needs.

“If there is no money to operate your ministry, that’s not your problem, it’s God’s problem,” said the missionary aviator.

“There are times when we have run out of money to fly the planes,” Gates said of his ministry in Central America.

“When that happens, I tell everybody to stop the program and pray. What always happens

is, a few days later, the money is there. He always provides the resources for the job He asks us to do.”

On Sabbath morning, Richie and Timi Brower, church planters in Spokane, Wash., led the general Sabbath school lesson.

“We are responsible to warn the lost about God’s soon return,” said Richie Brower, “but we are not responsible for what they do with that message. That’s God’s responsibility in the process.”

Sabbath afternoon featured another presentation by Gates and a concert by Joedy and Judy Melashenko, associate speakers and directors of youth ministries for The Quiet Hour broadcast ministry.

Jon Dalrymple



Jon Dybdahl, Walla Walla College president, speaks for Sabbath worship service at the Upper Columbia Conference Family Fellowship Festival.



David Gates shares a missionary story.

ECHOES OF PRAISE

Church Activates its Outreach

Elders of the Echoes of Praise Adventist Church in Kittitas, Wash., have helped their members put into practice ideas they learned during last year's SPROUT conference.

When weather turned cold last year, members passed out 250 pairs of one-size-fits-all gloves, with cards inside inviting the new glove-owners to worship at Echoes of Praise.

Early this year, members prepared and distributed 225 Ten

Commandment Study Calendars, with a different commandment for each month and a Scripture for each day.

Then, last summer, local Adventist children distributed 100 "What Would Jesus Do?" chains at a favorite local swimming lake for youth and college crowds.

Each gift carried an invitation to worship, and those who gave them out shared where, when, why, and how Echoes of Praise conducts services.

So excited were the children by the many positive responses they received, the youngsters continued to stop



Local elders learned about fascinating outreach possibilities at last year's SPROUT Conference.

passersby and give them information about the church, even after the gifts ran out.

On Sept. 10, last year, members held a Candlelight Vigil for Prayer and Remembrance at the local city park. More than 60 attendees lit candles and took part in honoring

local firefighters, paramedics, and policemen.

Even more recently, children and Sabbath school staff have stuffed several large baskets with apples, cookies, flowers, and the 23rd Psalm/evangelistic series bookmarks, for various local families and individuals.

Echoes of Praise Adventist Church elders have just returned, again, from another SPROUT conference, and members are eager to find what new ideas and projects may be in store.

Meg Bartrand

Echoes of Praise members conduct a candlelight vigil on the anniversary of 9/11, 2001.



Children and Sabbath school staff prepare for distribution large baskets of food, flowers, and Scripture.



MY LIFE In Christian Puppeting

Puppeting has been a part of my life for about six years. I joined my local puppet team in seventh grade and loved being a “Foamhead” from the moment I began.

Though I don’t mind being up front or being seen by people, I found my real niche with the “Faithful Foamheads.”

Even the shyest person can do puppeting, for no one ever sees you. Through your puppets, you can be as crazy, unique, and self-assured as you want. No one even knows which puppet is yours, unless you tell them.

And through puppets, you can say things to people you probably would never be able to say in real life.

Performances

As I began this ministry, performances affected me more than anything else.

The smiles I saw glowing on the faces of young and old were what I began to live for. I wanted to go places, tell people, and share my God with others. The more I puppeted, the more fulfilled I felt. People were being touched by something I was doing for my God.

Leaving Grade School

Leaving grade school was a bittersweet accomplishment. I headed for Auburn Adventist Academy, an experience I’d eagerly anticipated. But by “growing up,” I was leaving behind puppeting. Every time I would go home and see my now-former puppet team perform, I ached to be up there with them.

Then, this year at Auburn, I decided things were going to be different. I was going to get more involved in my school and do something worthwhile.



Hidden inside Auburn’s rolling puppet stage, Courtni Mundy is once again using her hands and voice to share Jesus’ love with children young and old, through puppets.

Within my first few hours of being on campus, Auburn’s pastor, Jay Coon, spoke to me about a children’s ministry he was working on putting together.

So, now I’m back into puppets. It will be an awesome outreach opportunity for our school, and I’m really excited about it. We don’t know how things will work out, but I’m ready to pour my heart and soul into this, to back up Pastor Jay.

I thought I’d have to give up puppeting to “grow up,” but

now it’s become a life-long commitment. It combines my favorite things in life: God, children, and smiles. Through it I’ve discovered a great passion for children’s ministry. It’s something I’ll be doing the rest of my life.

For me, the most worthwhile thing in the world is to mold the lives of young children into a life of loving Christ.

Courtni Mundy

MEGABUCKS FOR MEGAHERTZ

Southwest Washington’s Christian radio station, 90.5 KACS, raised a record \$91,000 in faith promises during its recent Sharathon.

Hosts Loren Olson, left, broadcast director for LifeTalk Radio and original KACS general manager; Steven Vistauet, North Pacific Union

Conference communication director; and Lee McIntyre, lay pastor for Outreach at Riverside Community Church in southern California, praised God for bountiful blessings, with KACS general manager Chris Carey.

Phil White, Washington Conference communication director, joined the Sharathon team for one day, with many other volunteers, who helped the Sharathon succeed by answering phones, entering data, and making food for the

three-day, live broadcast.

Broadcasting in the Olympia, Centralia and Chehalis, Wash., area, KACS is the area’s only local Christian music station and is active in the community as the host of frequent family concerts, family skate nights, and other activities. Information on KACS and upcoming events can be found on the Web at KACS.org.

Barry Draggoo



ADVENTURER CAMP-OUT

Brings Solid Turnout

About 200 campers recently came to Sunset Lake Youth Camp, near Wilkeson, Wash., to attend the annual Washington Conference Adventurer Club Camp-out.

Adventurer clubs are active in many areas of the world and enroll Christian students in grades one through four. Activities feature the Bible, health and fitness, nature, and people skills through club meetings, field trips, nature activities, crafts, games, and events.

Surrounded by nature and peaceful ambiance, and with a variety of accommodations, everyone at the recent camp-out was set to learn something new.

The theme for the weekend was "Missions and Butterflies from Around the World." The



The Washington Conference Adventurer Club Camp-out attracted an unexpectedly large turnout.

Adventurers each received a "passport," which they used to collect "stamps" from different stations they visited.

Stations consisted of a Bible story, the life cycle of the butterfly, mission information from Jordan, a butterfly puppet presentation of how God

loves us, a butterfly craft, and the "Crocodile Hunter."

On Sabbath afternoon, other stations showed how God works in local churches and communities and around the world.

Presenters included family members, church members,

club directors, an academy teacher, a pastor, and the Washington Conference assistant youth director.

This year's Adventurer Club family camp-out will be held Sept. 26-28.

Elizabeth Lake



Adventurer Club practice paying tribute to their flag.



Will L. "Mr. Math" Walker

MATH ENTHUSIASM

Hits PSAA

More than 174 students from several Adventist elementary schools packed into the Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) gymnasium to attend a recent "Mr. Math" presentation, "Getting Kids and Adults Excited About Mathematics."

Host Willie L. Walker, "Mr. Math" himself, said students need to be able to do two things well in math: 1) Fluently multiply in their head, and (2) Focus, focus, focus.

The ability to multiply numbers 0-12 by numbers 0-10 speeds up a person's ability to do math, he said. And those who can focus, even though they may not have a burning interest in math, will have a much easier time solving problems.

Speaking of the need to focus, Nicole Kiger, a fifth-grade teacher at Kirkland Adventist School, said, "Miss it, you're lost." She said that students who lack the ability to multiply well often miss instructions while participating in a math game.

During the six-hour math convention, the fifth- through ninth-graders learned techniques and exercises to make

mental math easier.

Joey Lake, a ninth-grader from Bremerton, Wash., gave the workshop a try, though he felt math was not one of his strong areas.

By the end of the first day, however, he was convinced that Walker's teaching was an "excellent way of learning."

Walker's math style might never have reached the public, had it not been for the inspiration of his mother.

It was she who suggested that Walker become a teacher, after watching him tutor his niece. Walker then found that by using his own math games and techniques, he could make math exciting for those who found math textbook methods unappealing.

In 1990, Walker was named Miami's "Math Teacher of the Year" and eventually started his own math consulting company, "Project Motivational Math, Inc." Now in his sixth year of touring the United States, he helps take the fear out of math, as he equips students with skills to compute large equations in their heads.

Becky Dewey

PSAA STUDENTS

"Connect" at Camp

Students never know what to expect when they take part in the annual Puget Sound Adventist Academy (PSAA) "Connect" retreat.

Designed to help students develop a deeper connection with God, it also builds student friendships, aids in developing student/faculty trust, and provides opportunities for community service.

Washington Conference's Youth Camp, Sunset Lake, provided the setting for this year's "Connect." One of the most anticipated parts of any "Connect" retreat is the announcement of D-Teams—small groups of students who form year-long partnerships during "Connect."

"D-Teams are very important at PSAA. We spend a lot of time together and learn to help each other and to work together," said Becky Rode, PSAA senior. "Even if it means getting wet in the canoe relay race!"

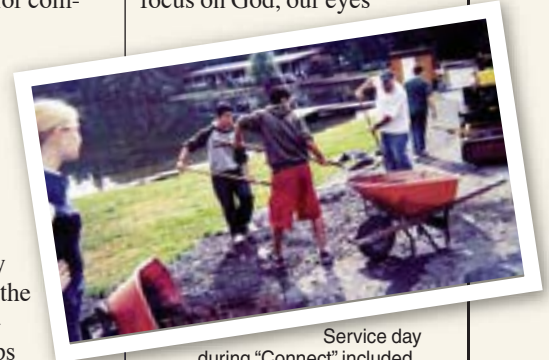
Service is also a major part of "Connect." Groups this year spent time at the Tacoma Community Services Center, where a large group of students stocked shelves, sorted clothes, landscaped, and prepared meals for street people.

Another group stayed at Sunset Lake Camp, removing gravel, placing topsoil, working on the completion of a log

cabin, and doing general camp cleanup.

Damian Chandler, Emerald City Adventist Church youth pastor, was guest speaker during morning and evening worships.

With his creative, metaphorical approach, he drove home the point that, "as long as we focus on God, our eyes



Service day during "Connect" included work at Sunset Lake Camp. PSAA students Jae-Yeol Shim and Peter Liu, with Principal Doug White, remove three-inch deep gravel from along a walkway. Another student team then filled in the area with topsoil.

will be turned from the things that tempt us—like those pistachios on top of the fridge!"

Friday night's sacred atmosphere, with candles, banquet tables, and the reenactment of the crucifixion, set the stage for communion service, praise singing, and personal testimonies.

"I will look back at the many memories made at 'Connect,'" said Alyssa Reiswig, PSAA senior, "I will treasure them for the rest of my life. It was a time of growth and renewal."

Kathy Fridlund

NEW PRESIDENT

Celebrates WWC Mission

Today is Walla Walla College's special day," said Jon L. Dybdahl during his inaugural address. "I believe in her mission, and I pledge today, to the best of my ability, to serve her faithfully."

Walla Walla College's (WWC's) new president was formally dedicated in a Nov. 18 ceremony, held in the Walla Walla College Church. Dignitaries in attendance included Brad Owen, lieutenant governor of the state of Washington; Mark Carlile, president of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce; Tom Cronin,

Whitman College president; Gerald Kovalski, vice president for education in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists; and Richard C. Osborn, president of Pacific Union College.

All living former WWC presidents—N. Clifford Sorensen, H. J. Bergman, Niels-Erik Andreasen, and W. G. Nelson—took part in the ceremony.

As Dybdahl cast his vision for the College, he emphasized the value of the College's 110-year history and the examples of many brave pioneers who struggled to make WWC what it is today.

"When our forefathers and mothers founded this College, the Adventist church in the Northwest had 1,500 members," he said. "If you are religious, you call that faith. Theologically, it is astounding."

Dybdahl spoke of many

individuals who have tirelessly served in mission work and in education and also reminded his audience that it was only by looking to the future that these people were successful.

Dybdahl brings a unique perspective to WWC, based on his experience as a teacher, preacher, and evangelist, as well as many years of missionary service in Asia. He received a master's degree in systematic theology in 1966 and a master of divinity degree in 1967, both from Andrews University. He completed a doctorate in Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary, in 1981.

Dybdahl taught in the WWC School of Theology from 1976 to 1989 and was called to be WWC's 22nd president while serving as a

professor of world mission at Andrews University.

Walla Walla College was founded in 1892 and today has an annual enrollment of more than 1,800 students and offers six bachelor's degrees in 36 areas of study, seven master's degrees, and an associate of science degree.

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Members of Jon Dybdahl's family enjoy the inauguration.



Jon Dybdahl speaks of his vision for WWC.



The Walla Walla College seal symbolically portrays the College as a Christian community of faith and discovery, committed to excellence in thought, generosity in service, beauty in expression, and faith in God.

"SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK"

To Appear Feb. 1

Grammy Award-winning a cappella group "Sweet Honey in the Rock" will perform Feb. 1, for the semiannual Walla Walla College Gala Concert to benefit the Thomas Hampson Humanities Merit Endowed Scholarship.

Since 1973, the group has

combined contemporary rhythms and narratives with a musical style rooted in the spirituals and hymns of the black church.

To date, 12 scholarships have been awarded to humanities students from the fund, which was established

by Hampson's first benefit recital in 1992. One annual recipient is selected by the WWC Humanities Committee, made up of faculty representatives from each of the humanities disciplines at Walla Walla College.

More information about the upcoming concert is available by phoning (509) 527-2364 or (800) 377-2586.

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ADVENTIST MEDICAL CENTER *Shares Mission With Church*

Adventist Medical Center (AMC) is passionate about sharing its mission of health and healing with the people of Portland, Ore.

And the facility is equally committed to ensuring that area Adventist pastors and church constituents are kept apprised of the hospital's commitment to Christ-centered service.

To that end, AMC recently hosted its annual Pastoral Luncheon, which gave a report of hospital operations and activities. The event, which drew 50 attendees, featured AMC's new Mission Video, a chaplain's activity report, financial data on the hospital and its joint-venture retirement center, CherryWood Village, and a special report focusing on AMC's efforts to recruit

Adventist nurses and other clinical professionals.

The report highlighted efforts to scout talent at Adventist colleges and universities. The hospital also paid special tribute to relief

chaplains — pastors from local congregations who voluntarily provide spiritual support at AMC.

"I appreciate this forum for keeping pastors informed," said Dan George, senior pastor at Hood View Adventist

Church in Boring, Ore. "The information shared at the event is always very helpful."

Keeping Church members updated about the hospital's operations is also a priority to AMC. For the past several

months, hospital executives have been presenting AMC's Mission Video to Adventist congregations throughout the area.

The 10-minute video features testimonials from hospital employees

and physicians that give constituents an overview of AMC's Christ-centered health care and commitment to mission.

Participants reflect on how they strive to nurture the body, mind, and spirit, reflect God's love, reach out to their community, provide quality service, and inspire trust and confidence.

Pastors and congregations that have not received this inspirational glimpse into Adventist health care can receive a copy of the video, or schedule a presentation, by contacting Monty Knittel, director of AMC Marketing.

Knittel can be contacted by email or phone at knitteme@ah.org or (503) 251-6162.

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Participants reflect on how they strive to nurture, reflect God's love, reach out to their community, provide quality service, and inspire trust and confidence.



Deb Pokorny, site coordinator for Project IntelliCare at AMC, speaks to the group about her mission and calling. Standing beside her are three corporate employees, from left, Lee Ann Sherring, Debbie Slye, and Sue Comparato.

AMC WELCOMES

Vice President

Carol Kunau, R.N., was recently appointed vice president of Patient Care Services for AMC, according to Deryl Jones, president and CEO of the hospital. In her new role, Kunau oversees all patient care areas of the facility.

“Carol’s selection was the conclusion of a thorough search that considered local candidates as well as prospects from throughout the nation,” said Jones. “Our administrative team, physician leaders, and nursing management team are pleased that Carol has decided to join our employee family and know that her many years of experience and commitment to the mission of Adventist Health will be a benefit to our hospital.”

Recently, Kunau demonstrated her commitment to the mission of AMC by holding a dedication service for her directors, managers, and educators. In all, 50 employees filled the chapel at CherryWood Village to revisit

their “callings” and rededicate themselves to Adventist Health’s mission.

Before joining AMC’s team, Kunau served as the vice president of Patient Care Services at CENTURA HEALTH, Penrose-St. Francis Health Services, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Previously, she was vice president of Patient Care Services for Florida Hospital, a sister Seventh-day Adventist Hospital in Orlando, Fla. She has also served as a nurse educator and the director of Florida Hospital School of Practical Nursing.

Kunau holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Southern College in Collegedale, Tenn., and a masters of business administration degree from the Florida Institute of Technology in Orlando.

Kunau and her husband, Rit, have two grown daughters, Teri and Pam who live in Orlando.

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Carol Kunau organized a recent dedication service for her patient care services directors. Shown, from left, are Joyce Goitein, Larry Popplewell, Sofia Costas, Kunau, Brian Baker, Janice Hogue, Patrick Cosgrove, and Gretchen Nichols.



INTERACTION

Good—But Not Perfect

Thank you for such a good GLEANER. In the November 2002 issue, in the “Mission Trip Unites” article, my name was spelled Schonemaker—it is correctly spelled Schoonhoven. I have been on 12 mission trips since retiring. Again, on page 27, the person in the bottom picture identified as Lenny Atkins does not look like our dear, former pastor. Thanks again for a wonderful publication.

Bill Schoonhoven—PLEASANT HILL, ORE.

Thanks for the clarification. Chalk up both anomalies to electronics, in one case a scanner that scrambled your last name and in the other an electronic photo that didn’t quite live up to its log number and caption. We appreciate your concern and assistance in making these corrections. We’re not sure who the person in the middle of the photo is (on Page 27), but believe it may be Charlene Furman, who assisted Pastor Atkins in studying with the candidates. E.S.



Brownlow 65th

Loren and Irene (Komm) Brownlow of Leavenworth, Wash., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, July 7, 2002, at a family reunion at Rocky Reach Dam Park. Many friends stopped by to wish them continued joy.



Married July 6, 1937, at high noon in South Bend, Wash., they journeyed to Leavenworth, where they made their home until their children were ready to attend secondary school. They then moved to College Place, Wash., where they lived for six years, while their children attended Walla Walla Valley Academy.

Loren was a sawmill sawyer most of his life, Irene a homemaker. Both have been very active in the Leavenworth Adventist Church, where Loren has been an elder for more than 55 years and a Sabbath school teacher. Irene has held many positions and now directs community services outreach. Loren helps her by tying quilts.

They have four children: Dolores Reed of Ellensburg, Wash.; Dennis Brownlow of East Wenatchee, Wash.; and Elouise Loss and Elaine Mashek, both of Leavenworth; eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Choske-Rose 90th

Members of the Pendleton Adventist Church in Oregon recently helped celebrate the 90th birthday of Merle Choske-Rose. About 50 family members, friends, and members of her Sabbath school class commemorated the special occasion with cake and ice cream, at a potluck luncheon.

She was born in 1912 in Spokane, Wash., and married Joe Choske in Michigan and with him settled in Pendleton, where for 27 years she worked as an emergency room nurse at St. Anthony Hospital.

As a church member, she volunteered to help with vacation Bible school programs and in Sabbath school departments. She also led weekly services at a nursing home, where residents enjoyed her friendship.

After the death of her husband, Joe, she married Stanley Rose, who has since passed away.

She is the third person in her Sabbath school class to reach the age of 90. All three 90-year-olds attend services nearly every week, study their Bible lessons, and take part in class discussions with teacher Herbert Bork.

Coffin 60th

Galen and Beth Coffin, of Clackamas, Ore., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, Sept. 19-22, 2002, with family at a Lincoln City, Ore., beach house.

Their daughter, Kathy Phillips, and her husband, Terry; the Coffin's son, David; Galen's brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Emma Coffin; and three of their four grandchildren hosted the surprise weekend celebration with other family members.

Children of missionaries, Galen and Beth began dating while attending Far Eastern Academy in Shanghai, China, and were married Sept. 20, 1942, in Portland, Ore.

After both graduated from Walla Walla College, Galen received his M.D. degree from Loma Linda University, and they entered mission service in 1950 at Youngberg Memorial Hospital in Singapore, where they served until 1976.

While Galen served as physician, anesthesiologist, and medical director, Beth taught school, worked in the Southeast Asia Union treasury, and served as associate director of the Voice of Prophecy Bible School.



Since returning from mission service, they have been active members of the Lents Church, in Portland. Galen retired in 1986, and since then they have volunteered as short-term missionaries in Malawi, the Pacific Islands, and among Navajo native Americans.

Hanson 60th

Otto B. Hanson and Geneva R. (Jones) Hanson, of Calistoga, Calif., were married Sept. 6, 1942 in Hillsboro, Ore., and celebrated their 60th anniversary on Sept. 15, 2002, with family and friends.



Both graduated from Walla Walla College and have spent their lives in denominational work—including seven years in South Africa at Good Hope Training College and in Zululand. They have also worked in Washington, Oregon, Tennessee, and California.

Pooley 60th

George and Beulah Pooley, of Oregon City, Ore., were married July 11, 1941, in Yuma, Ariz., and celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary with immediate family members at their favorite local restaurant.

Son Burt Pooley of Antioch, Calif., and daughter, Kitty, and her husband, Dan, and the couple's only grandson, Andrew, of Oregon City, joined them for the celebration.

After living in Scappoose, Ore., for 48 years, the Pooleys moved to the Oregon City area in 1995. They are members of the Gladstone Park Adventist Church.



BIRTHS

BLOOM—Jonica Renee Bloom was born Sept. 25, 2002 to Jon and Erica (Cate) Bloom, Walla Walla, Wash.

CORONADO—Anthony Huston Coronado was born Oct. 12, 2002 to Martin and Andria Coronado, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

ENGELHART—Collin Robert Lee Engelhart was born Sept. 21, 2000 and adopted on Oct. 7, 2002 by Andy and Charlotte Engelhart, Hermiston, Ore.

LAWSON—Destiny McKenna Lawson was born Oct. 26, 2002 to Dinn and Melanie (Olson) Lawson, Boise, Idaho.

MADDOCKS—Bowyn Kevin Maddocks was born Aug. 6, 2002 to Kyle and Celeste Maddocks, Milton-Freewater, Ore.

MCSHANE—Nakesha Lynn McShane was born Feb. 18, 2002 to Danny and Lisa (Vance) McShane, Walla Walla, Wash.

TUPPER—Silas Evan Tupper was born June 26, 2002 to Dave and Le Ann (White) Tupper, Walla Walla, Wash.

SCHWARZ—Katherine "KateLyn" Lynn Louise Schwarz was born May 26, 2002 to Tracy and Stacy (Howland) Schwarz, Walla Walla, Wash.

WILSON—Tifonna Star Wilson was born Oct. 18, 2002 to Trevor and Kama Wilson, College Place, Wash.

WEDDINGS

MCGRATH—Suzanne Weiler, Brian McGrath, Sept. 15, 2002, Seattle, where they now make their home.

WILKS—Cynthia J. Cornelius, James L. Wilks, Oct. 10, 2002, Vancouver, Wash. They now make their home in Battle Ground, Wash.

ZIEGELE—Sentga Mamarimbing, Bruce Ziegele, Sept. 1, 2002, Seattle. They now make their home in Tukwila, Wash.

CAMPBELL—Audrey, 79, born April 8, 1923, Great Falls, Mont.; died Oct. 26, 2002 Puyallup, Wash.; Surviving: daughter, Janice Stout, Puyallup; son, Doug Campbell, Auburn, Wash.; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

COMER—Ernest C., 98, born April 27, 1904, Walker, Ariz.; died June 12, 2002 Puyallup, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Orel Comer, Puyallup; daughters, Lajetta Atwood, Burien, Wash.; Mildred Forbes, Spokane, Wash.; Belva Moses, Carol Stream, Ill.; sister, Lila Smith, San Marcus, Calif.

DENNY—Rosa Josephine, 81, born June 4, 1921, Encampment, Wyo.; died Aug. 23, 2002 Wash.; Surviving: daughters, Robbin Campbell, JoAnn Krantz-Moritz, Nancy Krantz, and Patricia Thomas; son, Jackson Dean Krantz; a sister and two brothers; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren.

FORTESQUE—Lucy Alice, 74, born June 12, 1928, Scottsbluff, Neb.; died Nov. 13, 2002 Hood River, Ore.; Surviving: daughters, Evalene Baer, Gresham, Ore.; Paulette Rushin, Emmett, Idaho; Linda Sharkey, Spokane, Wash.; Debra Woods, Portland, Ore.; sons, James "Eddie" Fortesque and Timothy Wingerd, both of Hood River; sister, Lorraine Gonzales, Sacramento, Calif.; 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren.

FRISTAD—Harold K., 85, born Sept. 6, 1917, Veradale, Wash.; died Nov. 8, 2002 Centralia, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Beulah Fristad, Chehalis, Wash.; daughters, Bev Hochstetter, Caldwell, Idaho; Nancy Merickel, Chehalis; Lynda Schreiner, Salem, Ore.; son, Ned Fristad, Kalama, Wash.; 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

GILLILAND—Earl W., 91, Born Aug. 15, 1911, Atchison, Kan.; died Nov. 16, 2002 Moscow, Idaho; Surviving: daughters, Ruth MacKenzie, Langley, Wash.; Shirley Smith, Moses Lake, Wash.; Donna Thompson, Colfax, Wash.; 13 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild.

GRIMM—Linda A., 94, born Jan. 28, 1908, Wisner, Neb.; died Nov. 2, 2002 Echo, Ore.; Surviving: daughter, Eleene Davis, Adrian, Ore.; son, Dennis Grimm, Echo; sister, Marie Wilkinson, Wis.; two grandchildren.

A T R E S T

HALL—Bruce Edward, 81, born Jan. 5, 1921, Dadeville, Ala.; died Oct. 30, 2002 Portland, Ore.; Surviving: wife, Evie Hall, Bay City, Ore.; daughter, Bonnie Sanders, Canby, Ore.; sons, Larry Corley, Tillamook, Ore.; Tim Hall, Bay City; sister, Kate Monroe, Lafayette, Ala.; brother, Bill Hall, Manchester, Wash.; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

JURGENSEN—John Daniel, 73, born Aug. 6, 1929, Astoria, Ore.; died Nov. 9, 2002 Hillsboro, Ore.; Surviving: daughters, Nancy Fuller, Salem, Ore.; Mary Hettman, Vancouver, Wash.; sons, John Jurgensen, Vancouver; Steven Jurgensen, Astoria; sister, Yvonne Loeks, Rainer, Ore.; brother, David Jurgensen, Gaston, Ore.; 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

LAKE—Mary Snider Stevens Bradley, 87, born April 7, 1915, Russelville, Ala.; died Oct. 5, 2002 Hillsboro, Ore.; Surviving: Janet Gobel, Aloha, Ore.; Nannette, Calif.; seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

LODAHL—Christian, 101, born April 30, 1901, Hurup, Denmark; died Nov. 2, 2002 Walla Walla, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Kate Lodahl, Walla Walla; daughters, Shirley Leedy, Upland, Calif.; Marian Meyer, Westminster, Md.; sons, Arne Lodahl, Yakima, Wash.; Kenneth Lodahl, Kennewick, Wash.; two sisters and four brothers, all in Denmark.

NORTON—Merlyn L., 89, born Nov. 28, 1912, Dodge County, Minn.; died Oct. 25, 2002 Centralia, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Agnes Norton, Centralia; daughter, Lena Rau, Deer Lake, Wash.; sons, Dennis Norton, Portland, Ore.; Lyle Norton, Post Falls, Idaho; brother, Willard Norton, Ariz.; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

OAKES—Raymond F., 90, born April 1, 1912, near Spokane, Wash.; died Oct. 31, 2002 Sheridan, Ore.; Surviving: daughters, Ellen Gardner and Rosemary McMartin; sons, Raymond Earl and Vernon; brother, Elliot.

ROWE—Barbara Louise (Juckett), 85, born April 19, 1917, Cucamonga, Calif.; died Mar. 17, 2002 Tonasket, Wash.; Surviving: husband, Richard Sidney, Tonasket; son, James E. Mabe, Jr., Tonasket; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren.

SAYLES—E. Berniece, 84, born Jan. 31, 1918, St. Paul, Minn.; died May 9, 2002 Gladstone, Ore.; Surviving: daughter, Sandy Leavelle, Rochester, Minn.; sons, Doug Sayles, Hagerstown, Md.; Gary Sayles, Nampa, Idaho; sister, Anne Davis; brothers, Ben, Wallace and Warren Minder; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

SCHOEPFLIN—Erma Viola, 87, born Oct. 26, 1915, Heaton, N.D.; died Nov. 5, 2002 Portland, Ore.; Surviving: husband, Wilmer Schoepflin, Portland; son, Gerald Schoepflin, Portland; sister, Gladys Werth, College Place, Wash.; brother, Jim Leiske, Yakima, Wash.; two grandchildren.

SILCOX, SR.—Archie Alton, 80, born Jan. 13, 1922, Snohomish, Wash.; died Sept. 1, 2002 Port Townsend, Wash.; Surviving: wife, Beverly Jean Silcox, Couer 'd Alene, Idaho; daughters, Julia Jean Payaban and Sheri Shirleen Proctor; sons, Archie Alton Silcox, Jr., and Richard Wayne Silcox; sisters, Marjorie Carlson and Marydean Royal; 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

WALLMAN—Dorothy (Pester), 82, born Sept. 28, 1920, Bigmount, S.D.; died Oct. 19, 2002 Battle Ground, Wash.; Surviving: sons, Dennis Reed, Tillamook, Ore.; James Reed, Vancouver, Wash.; Ron Reed, Spokane, Wash.; sister, Lorraine Dexter, Arlington, Wash.; brother, Donald Pester, Idaho; 12 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

WARD—William H., 79, born Sept. 10, 1922, Ralston, Ky.; died July 14, 2002 Sun City West, Ariz.; Surviving: wife, Marguerite Ward, Surprise, Ariz.; daughter, Thora, Claremont, N.C.; son, Wayne Ward, Tucson, Ariz.; brother, Colin Webb, Morristown, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren.

Ward pastored in the Indiana, Southeastern California, and Upper Columbia Conferences and served as hospital chaplain at Paradise Valley and Walla Walla General Hospitals.

WRIGHT—Clara, 93, born Sept. 1, 1909, Butler, Okla.; died Nov. 13, 2002 Auburn, Wash.; Surviving: daughters, Annetta Melvin, Sumner, Wash.; Margie Morse, Creswell, Ore.; son, Marvin Wright, Renton, Wash.; sisters, Emma Hinton, Boise, Idaho; Leatha Wells, Roseburg, Ore.; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

IDAHO

GSAA Class of 1983

Members of the Gem State Adventist Academy Class of 1983 are seeking address information for the following classmates, in preparation for their April reunion: Curt Barker, Kevin Clark, Paul Cook, Amy Hamlin, Rob Kopitzke, David Moody, Patrick Pancoast, Denise Reed, Tawnya States, Brian Stiltz, Pam Tucker, Trudi Walkhoff, and John Walden. Information should be mailed or emailed to Jyme (Aime) Forshee, 61765 Tomahawk, Bend OR 97702, adgarcia_1@juno.com.

OREGON

Albany Missing

Members of the Albany, Ore., Adventist Church are attempting to locate the following fellow members: Ted and Roxanne Alekel, Aimee (Mrs. Scott) Anderson, Arthur (Tim) Fisher, Anthony (Tony) Fisher, Doug Grosenbach, Heather Hale, Beverly Hinz, Jennifer Humbert (Lyons), Susan Luton, Clifford Nimz, Jr., James Stover, and Marcia Dupius. Information should be sent to the Albany Church at 3085 Grand Prairie Road, S.E., Albany OR 97321-5808.

Baroque Ensemble

The South Puget Sound Baroque Ensemble, directed by Glenn Salisbury, will present a vespers concert at the Sunnyside Adventist Church in Portland, Ore., Saturday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m.

How-to Training

"God through Me" how-to events, sponsored by Oregon Conference Women's Ministries, are scheduled in several Oregon Adventist churches to help participants recognize their God-given opportunities, form spiritual mentorships, avoid spiritual pitfalls, and win your friends for Christ.

Events are scheduled Feb. 23 at the Santa Clara Church; March 2 at the Sunnyside Church, in Portland; March 9 at the Grants Pass Church; and March 23 at the Astoria Church. More information is available by phoning (503) 652-2225, extension 402 or 207.

Hood View Concert

A variety of sacred music, ranging from familiar favorites to modern and

country selections, will be featured during a concert by tenor Jerry Spainhower, at the Hood View Adventist Church, in Boring, Ore., Saturday, Jan. 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Spainhower and his sister, keyboardist Dona Klein, are well known across the nation for their sacred music. Admission is free.

Woodland Missing

Members of the Woodland Adventist Church in Washington are attempting to locate fellow members Harold, Shannon, and Corinna Hagedorn. Any information should be shared with Pastor Marty Jackson, 1412 E. 3rd Circle, La Center, WA 98629, phone (360) 263-1844, email mc2b@juno.com.

... If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

1 JOHN 4:12,13

Singles' Events

The following events are scheduled this month for single adults in the Portland, Ore., area; Jan. 10, Vespers at Sunnyside Church; Jan. 11, volleyball at Tualatin Valley Jr. Academy; Jan. 17, Vespers at Beaverton Church; Jan. 18, after-church potluck and afternoon/evening activities at Beaverton Church; Jan. 19, skating party at Beaverton; Jan. 24-26, Snowball Express at Big Lake Youth Camp; and Jan. 25, after-church potluck at Salem Central Church.

More information is available at Web site www.orsingles.org, by email at singleevents@juno.com, or by phone hotline at (503) 654-6054.

Springfield Spanish

Members of the Springfield, Ore., Adventist Church are attempting to locate and invite the following Spanish-speaking members to join a newly-formed Spanish church company: Esteban and Elva Ariga, Julio Bassani, Josefina Bocanegra, Fidel and Juan Castellanos, Armando and Eulia Conteras, Joel Diaz-Escalante, Víctor Gamaboa, Juana García, David and Eva Jacobo, Sergio Jiménez, César and Elizabeth Macavilca, Joaquín Olivárez, Elizabeth Pérez, Ubaldo Román, Miriam Villaboza, Lizuzette Villagómez, and Elizabeth Villegas.

Information about these members should be shared by telephone with the Springfield Church office, at (541)-746-8263.

WASHINGTON

AAA Class of 1953

The 1953 graduating class of Auburn Adventist Academy is preparing for its 50-year Reunion, May 1-3, and is attempting to locate the following class members: Don Calander, Lillian Clark, Martha Dahl, Dennis Dolan, Bob Jackson, Susan Johnson, Ida Looker-Kuhn, Rex McCleary and Donald Nicklason. Information should be shared with Juanita Tupper, by phone at (253) 833-6224, or Rich Roberts at email Roberts@northcoast.com.

WORLD

3ABN Live

Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) will feature the following guests and topics during two-hour live programs on Thursday evenings, 6-8 p.m. PST, this month: Jan. 2, Pacific Union College; Jan. 9, Gwen Foster; Jan. 16, Ron and Nancy Rockey; January 23, Linda Shelton music; Jan. 30, Behind the Scenes at 3ABN. Those interested in taking part in campaigns to place the 3ABN on cable in their communities should phone (618) 627-4651, extension 3104.

Berea Academy Alumni

Former faculty, staff, friends, and

supporters of Berea Adventist Academy are invited to its alumni weekend, beginning Friday, March 28. More information is available by contacting the Academy at email address berea_academy@hotmail.com, mail address 800 Morton Street, Mattapan MA 02126, or phone number (617) 436-8301.

NET 2003

Voice of Prophecy host Lonnie Melashenko will be the main speaker for satellite-evangelistic meetings, April 27-May 24, known as "NET 2003, The Voice of Prophecy Speaks." Adventist Communication Network is currently offering a special equipment package for as little as \$300 to churches and schools that cannot presently tune in the appropriate frequency.

The series will focus on the assurance prophecy provides in the end times. Melashenko notes that the 188 locally operated Discover Bible Schools in the North Pacific Union will play a vital role in NET 2003. Preparation for the series includes three interactive Sabbath-afternoon training sessions, Jan. 25, March 15, and April 19. Each live telecast will include time for viewers to phone in questions. More information is available on Web site www.net2003.com.

Union Homecoming

Union College alumni will celebrate their homecoming, this year, April 3-6. More information is available by phoning the Alumni Office at (402) 486-2503 or emailing alumni@ucollege.edu.

WALLA WALLA

Archeology Seminar

Douglas Clark, Walla Walla College professor of theology, with friends Lawrence Geraty (La Sierra University), Larry Herr (Canadian University College) and Gloria London (Burke Museum in Seattle), will present a seminar, "Archeology and Life (and Death) in Bible Times," Jan. 24-26.

The sessions, open to all, will be held in the Sunnyside Adventist Church, 10501 SE Market Street, Portland, Ore., and will convene Friday at 7:30 p.m., Sabbath at 3 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. The seminar is part of the Institute of Bible, Church & Culture, an outreach program of the School of Theology.

Sunset Table

Standard Time	Dec. 6	Dec. 13	Dec. 20	Dec. 27
ALASKA CONFERENCE				
Anchorage	3:45	3:41	3:41	3:46
Fairbanks	2:51	2:42	2:40	2:46
Juneau	3:09	3:06	3:07	3:12
Ketchikan	3:18	3:16	3:17	3:22
IDAHO CONFERENCE				
Boise	5:08	5:08	5:11	5:15
La Grande	4:28	4:28	4:30	4:34
Pocatello	4:56	4:56	4:58	5:02
MONTANA CONFERENCE				
Billings	4:30	4:30	4:32	4:36
Butte	4:24	4:23	4:25	4:29
Helena	4:41	4:41	4:43	4:47
Miles City	4:17	4:17	4:19	4:23
Missoula	4:48	4:48	4:50	4:54
OREGON CONFERENCE				
Coos Bay	4:41	4:41	4:44	4:48
Medford	4:39	4:39	4:42	4:46
Portland	4:27	4:27	4:29	4:34
UPPER COLUMBIA				
Pendleton	4:11	4:11	4:13	4:18
Spokane	3:58	3:58	4:00	4:04
Walla Walla	4:08	4:08	4:10	4:14
Wenatchee	4:11	4:11	4:13	4:17
Yakima	4:15	4:15	4:17	4:21
WASHINGTON CONFERENCE				
Bellingham	4:14	4:14	4:15	4:20
Seattle	4:18	4:18	4:20	4:24

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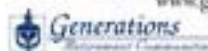


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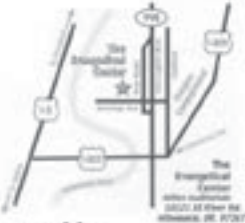
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