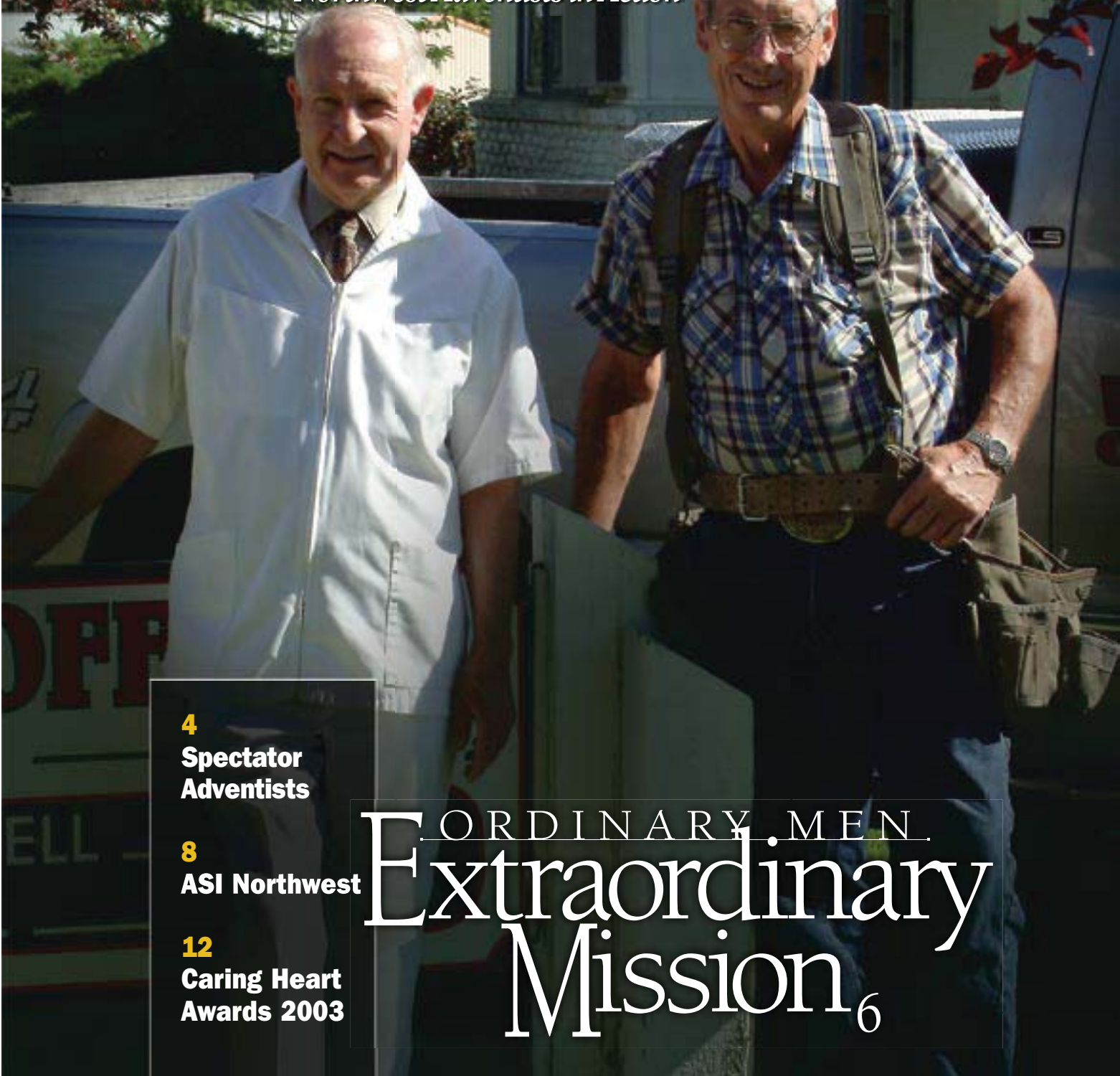


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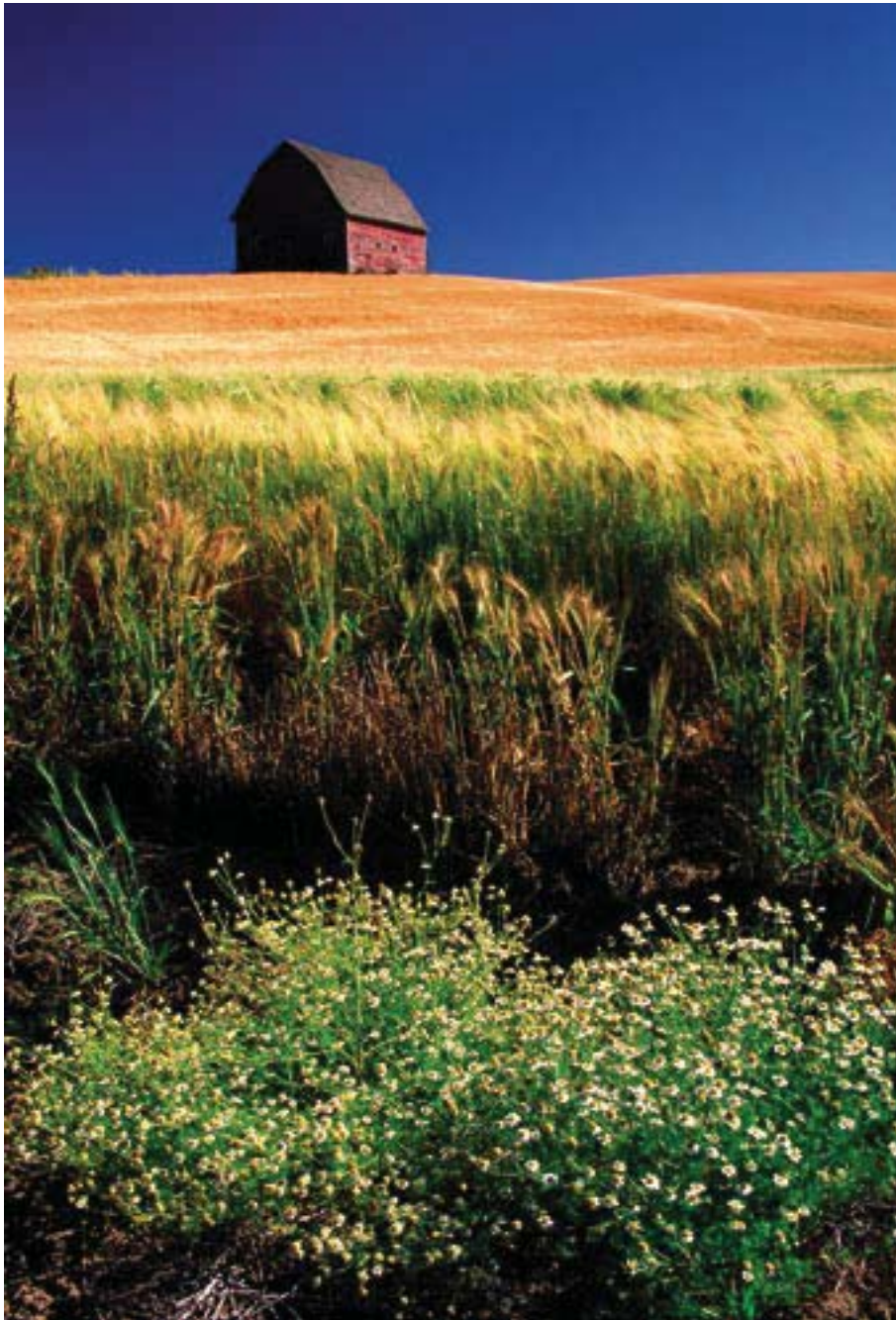
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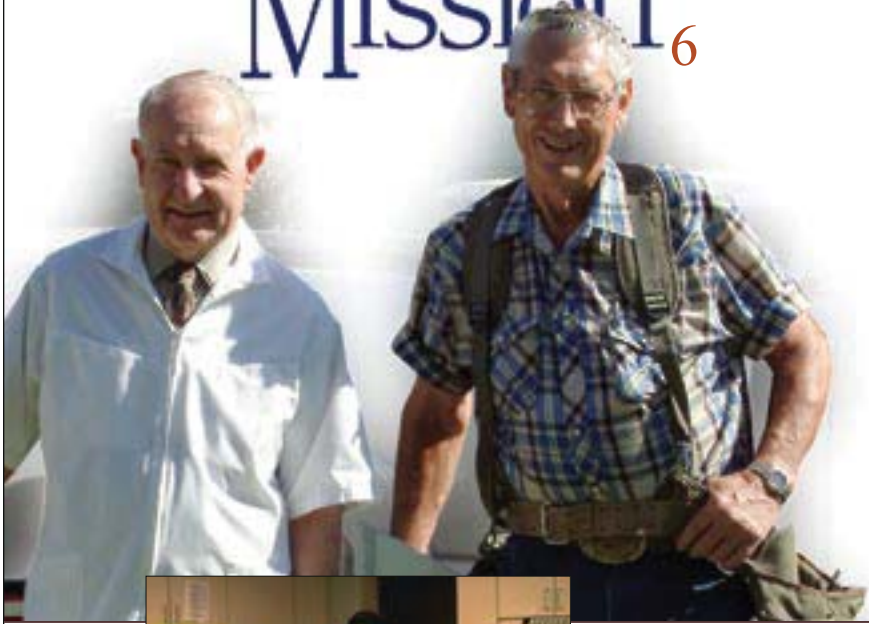
*“May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.
Then the land will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.”*

PS. 67: 5-6 (NIV)

Driving through the wheat fields of the Palouse country in eastern Washington makes you want to give praises to the Lord. Bryce Casebolt, Milton, Wash., was blessed with a beautiful scene when he took this picture with his Canon EOS 10 S, Tokina 23-70 lens and Fuji Velvia film.

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ASI members and brothers-in-law, Alvin Schnell, a dentist, and Melvin Wageman, a contractor, both from Caldwell, Idaho, were instrumental in planting a church in the small town of Middleton. GLEANER photo.

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*S*he reports swirl in from all points of the compass. “They say...” ... “She did...” ... “He what!?” Where they settle, the air is dank and heavy. You can cut it with a knife. Gossip, rumor, innuendo. If the latest stories involve the church or a member, it’s an excuse for some to avoid church altogether. At first blink this seems an amazing reaction to such an innocuous source, for the book of James refers to the human tongue as a “little member.” But these tongues of ours are duplicitous characters. They strike swiftly and often without much forethought.

James saw that the tongue, run amuck, could do great damage in the church. He observed hypocritical actions within himself and other church members. “Therewith we praise God... and therewith we curse men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not be so” (James 3:9, 10).

When problems occur within our church family, rumor often spreads faster than fact. As Mark Twain wryly observed, “Falsehood can travel halfway around the world before the truth has time to put on its trousers.” The unchecked tongue, free of any immediate accountability, is often guilty of misdiagnoses.

Trouble tends to show many of us as we really are—spectators sitting in the bleachers with time on our hands, critiquing the umpires and the players, when we ourselves have rarely hit the ball. The perspective from the left or right field stands is the same—looking down at those on the field.

Our church needs fewer spectators and more players out on the field at the grassroots level. We need fewer armchair missionaries and more people full of passion at how God is working through them in their own neighborhoods.

Recently I sweated through bumper-to-bumper traffic. At long last I caught sight of the problem up ahead. A tow truck on the other side of the freeway was pulling a car out of the ditch—on the other side! But each of us succumbed to the urge to slow down, take a long look and then speed on our way. The chain reaction backed us up for miles.

That’s the problem with spectator-focus. We slow to look or talk and, for the time being, lose sight of our destination. We create a literal traffic jam of Adventists, gawking at the side of the road, the ultimate goal far from our minds.

When it comes to our church, my spectator side watches and analyzes and waits for someone else to get it right, to evict the hypocrites, to deal with the “politics,” to meet my needs. And then it hits me: I’m the hypocrite. I’m the bottleneck. I’m the reason for the traffic jam. It’s then that I realize I have a choice in how I focus my time. We all do.

In the midst of that choice comes a clarion call, prophetically echoing over the ages about “fields white unto harvest” (John 4:35). Jesus calls us to pray that laborers will be sent to reap that harvest. The answer lies in our choice to leave the waiting, watching, loitering crowd in the bleachers and join the action on the field. There we’ll feel the wind of the Spirit, a gently powerful nuance seldom experienced by spectator Adventists.

Then these tongues of ours might become so busy with blessing there’ll be little time for cursing.

Instead, finally, we’ll have time to be about our Father’s business.

“The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace” (James 3:17, 18). •

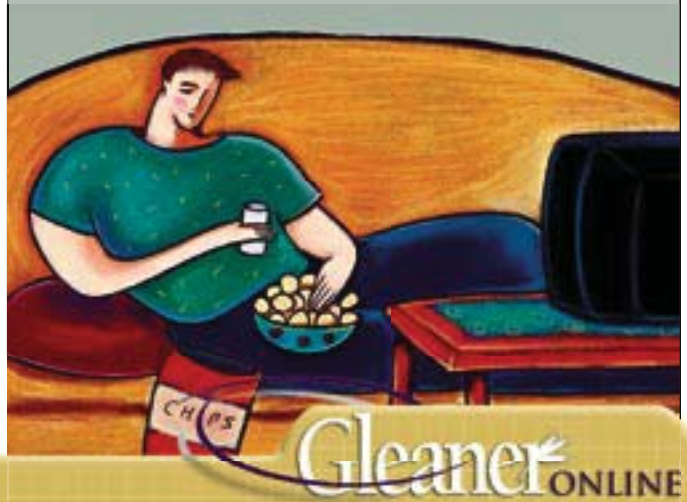
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Fun Facts

- In proportion to its size, the tongue is the strongest muscle in the body.
- Apples are more efficient than caffeine at waking a person up in the morning.
- The average person will spend two weeks of their life waiting for the traffic light to change.
- The average American will sleep a total of 24 years.
- During your lifetime, you will eat about 60,000 pounds of food.
- One quarter of the bones in your body are in your feet.
- Your brain weighs about three pounds. Only 10 ounces are "gray matter"—the rest is water.
- The average man will spend greater than 3,000 hours in a lifetime removing more than a total of 30 feet of stubble.

Television & You

- *The average human burns more calories sleeping than when watching TV.*
- *The average child spends 28 hours a week watching TV—twice as much as they spend in school.*



Northwest Spotlight on Mission

The GLEANER is a multi-media journal. Not only is there the print version of the GLEANER, which you are reading, but there is the online edition and a quarterly video edition. The video edition, called Northwest Spotlight on Mission, tells stories of Northwest Adventists in their outreach and nurturing activities. Northwest Spotlight on Mission is sent to

your church on DVD (digital video disc) or, by special request, on videotape. However, by visiting the GLEANERonline.org Web site, you can click on the Northwest Spotlight on Mission button and see the latest version plus previous editions. If you don't have the software necessary to see the videos, you can download it free from the Web site.

ORDINARY MEN. Extraordinary Mission

RICHARD AND
NADINE DOWER

Middleton, Idaho, is a small town of roughly 2,000 residents located just one exit west of Caldwell on Interstate Highway 84. Several storefront churches line its main street, including the Adventist church situated across the street from the busiest place in town—the Texaco gas station and Taco Bell Express. This church’s beginnings are as unlikely as its location.

Brothers-in-law Melvin Wageman, a general contractor, and Alvin Schnell, a dentist, of Caldwell, Idaho, are Adventist-layman’s Services and Industries (ASI) members. Leon Cornforth, a former Idaho ASI executive secretary, had encouraged Mel

Melvin and Evelyn Wageman, ASI members from Caldwell, helped to establish a 3ABN television station to serve Idaho’s Treasure Valley.

for years to join ASI, but Mel wasn’t all that interested. That changed when he became the Caldwell Church personal ministries leader. “I could see that being a member of ASI would enhance my ability to be better at evangelism, so we joined. Getting to know people just like us who are doing neat things with the Lord’s help made us realize we could do it, too.”

Alvin echoes that sentiment. “I joined ASI because of all the stories I heard of the fun people were having doing missionary work,” he explains.

“We’ve been going to the Northwest chapter meetings every year since Leavenworth [Washington] in 1999, and we’ve gone to a couple of the national conventions. ASI meetings are like a breath of fresh air.”

An Idaho native, Mel started out as a farmer, but many years ago the Lord directed him into construction, which offered direct contact with more people to whom he could witness. “Reaching someone for Christ not only enriches their experience, but my own as well,” he says.

As personal ministries leader, Mel worked with Alvin on various seminars and outreach activities, including getting a low-power television station for Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) that can be seen from Boise to Caldwell and beyond.

Several months after the Caldwell Church had

ASI members Alvin and Coral Schnell, also from Caldwell, are part of the leadership team of the church they helped to plant in Middleton.





Head elder Alvin Schnell conducts a Bible study session every Sabbath afternoon after the fellowship meal. Both members and community people attend.

participated in the NET '98 satellite series, Mel asked if the church was planning to participate in NET '99. After some discussion, the board decided that the church would not participate, and Mel asked if he might use the church's projection equipment to stage the series in Middleton. The board agreed and also financed the endeavor.

With only a few months until the beginning of the series, Alvin and his wife, Coral, began going door to door in Middleton as representatives of 3ABN, surveying who was receiving and/or watching the station and inviting people to attend the meetings. They were astonished at how many regularly watched or were aware of 3ABN. At each home, they left a copy of *Peace Above the Storm* with a *Discover Bible* study invitation card tucked inside.

They asked every church in the community about renting space to hold the satellite series to no avail. Church members asked Mel if he had found space, and he replied, "No, if the Lord wants these meetings to be held in Middleton, He'll find us a place to meet."

And He did. Just three days before they had to have the address for printed brochures, some of Alvin's patients offered the use of a storefront free of charge. The unoccupied building was full of cobwebs, spiders and partitions dividing the space. Alvin and Mel stopped by the place three times to peer through the windows, and just didn't see how it could be used.

Grinning, Mel says, "I don't know what got into me to do a thing like that. I realized when I walked out of there that we didn't have a building or anything. On my way home I called Alvin on my cell phone and said, 'Man, I got us in trouble.' He asked, 'What did you do?' And I told him what I'd done. He said, 'That's great!' and got all excited about it."

But the owners let them remove the partitions and, without being asked, people just started showing up to scrub grease off concrete floors and sweep away cobwebs. A fresh coat of white paint inside and out helped, but it still didn't look like much. While he was painting, Mel prayed, "Is this really the place you want us in?" Even fixed up, it was still pretty rough.

But Mel discovered it wasn't the building that was important—the people were. "People come here and they never say anything about the building," he reports. "Instead, they talk about the spiritual atmosphere here."

The NET '99 meetings brought unexpected results. "We didn't start out to plant a church here," Mel admits. "We were just going to have an evangelistic series. Then we started having Sabbath School for the folks that had come to the meetings. Pretty soon we added church to it, and then Coral and my wife, Evelyn, fixed a simple lunch for everyone who came. They stayed around and seemed reluctant to leave, they were enjoying themselves so much. Soon everyone started bringing food, and a weekly potluck became the routine."

Then a Caldwell church member, Peggy Alexander,

told them the Lord had impressed her to start a children's ministry in Middleton. Though no children were attending the church, the mobile home next door on the property was made available as a space for



Peggy Alexander of Caldwell, Idaho, was impressed to start a Sabbath School although no children had been coming to church. The very next Sabbath, children showed up.

a children's Sabbath School. The next week, much to their surprise, families with children showed up at church, and a children's division was formed. Mel just shakes his head and says, "Before we even ask, the Lord provides for our needs." •

Richard Dower and Nadine Platner Dower are the *GLEANER* editors and write from Vancouver, Washington.

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The Middleton Church is located in an old store on the main street. In the window, a television shows 3ABN around the clock.



Young Michael, son of Myron Iseminger, Montana Conference treasurer, makes a friend of Norman Klam, North Pacific Union Conference treasurer and ASI executive secretary. Don Schneider, North American Division president, joins in on the fun.

ASI NORTHWEST

Members With A Mission

C H R I S T Y R E I C H

Formed in 1964 with a fledgling attendance of 35 meeting in Gladstone, Oregon, the Northwest chapter of Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI-NW) now boasts 132 members from many different walks of life and places. Roland and Beverly Moody own a marina business in Alaska, Irwin Rogers an insurance company in southern Idaho. Jerry Eller operates a tree-

planting business in Montana, while Merlin Fjarli runs a construction business in southern Oregon. What do all these people have in common? An intent to see the gospel proclaimed globally.

ASI members are often referred to as "the movers and shakers" in the church. Not content to sit idle in the pews, these lay people from all seven conferences of North

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The newly elected officers of the Northwest chapter of ASI are, from left: Christy Reich, vice president for communication and recruitment; Ted Evert, vice president for evangelism; Dan Ross, president; and Mark Black, general vice president. Not shown: Ron Oliver, treasurer, April Hardinge, secretary, and Bob Nehler, past president.





During the Sabbath morning worship service at the ASI Spring Fellowship weekend, Don Schneider, North American Division president, urged the members to be faithful in their witness for Jesus.

Pacific Union Conference use whatever unique ability they have to share Christ.

ASI-NW members gather at their annual Spring Fellowship for a time of spiritual refreshment in beautiful locations like Newport, Oregon, and Leavenworth, Washington. Guest speakers willingly share the insight and experiences through which God has led them. David Gates inspired members and visitors this year in Chelan, Washington, with incredible stories of



his faith ministry to South America. What



At the ASI Spring Fellowship in May, Dan Ross, a residential architect in Eagle, Idaho, shown with his wife Dene Sue, was elected president of the Northwest chapter.

began as an outreach to a little village has grown to impact many countries through television ministry. After hearing his exciting stories, there was no doubt in the listeners' minds and hearts that God is real. When attendees leave an ASI Spring Fellowship, they are ready to challenge God with a personal partnership.

Each year at the Spring Fellowship, an opportunity is given to help fund special mission projects. This year \$46,000 was pledged to help in three areas. Bangladesh

Christian Schools were given help in the purchase of school desks, raising the children off dirt floors with respect. Gospel Outreach received help in their India ministry, especially in aiding the hearing impaired. ASI also began a fund to help sponsor individuals and youth in the field of evangelism. The intention is to encourage many lay people in the Northwest to use their undiscovered talents in soul-winning. Already Rick Claridge and Mike Tillay sponsor a youth group in Walla Walla Valley and go door to door preparing the way for Walla Walla Valley Academy youth evangelism this October.

The ASI-NW Spring Fellowship next year will be in Sun Valley, Idaho, and you are welcome to come and share this experience of hope in Jesus. •

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FAST FACTS

For more information about how to become an ASI member, write to ASI: 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Md., 20904; call (301) 680-6450; or visit the ASI Web site at www.asiministries.org.

The next ASI-NW Spring Fellowship weekend will be in beautiful Sun Valley, Idaho, April 30-May 4, 2004. Call ASI at the North Pacific Union Conference: (360) 816-1400.

NORTHWEST ASI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Vice President – Communications and Recruitment: Christy Reich, St. Maries, Idaho

Treasurer: Ron Oliver, Vancouver, Washington

Secretary: April Hardinge, Spokane, Washington

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Food Coordinator: Betsy Claridge, College Place, Washington

CONFERENCE LAY REPRESENTATIVES

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Idaho: Alvin Schnell

Montana: to be selected

Oregon: Bruce Farley

Upper Columbia: Jeff Reich

Washington: Bob Paulsen

NPUC/CONFERENCE SECRETARIES

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Alaska: Russell Johnson

Idaho: Bill Mansker

Montana: Myron Iseminger

Oregon: Randy Robinson

Upper Columbia: Jon Corder

Washington: David Wolkwitz



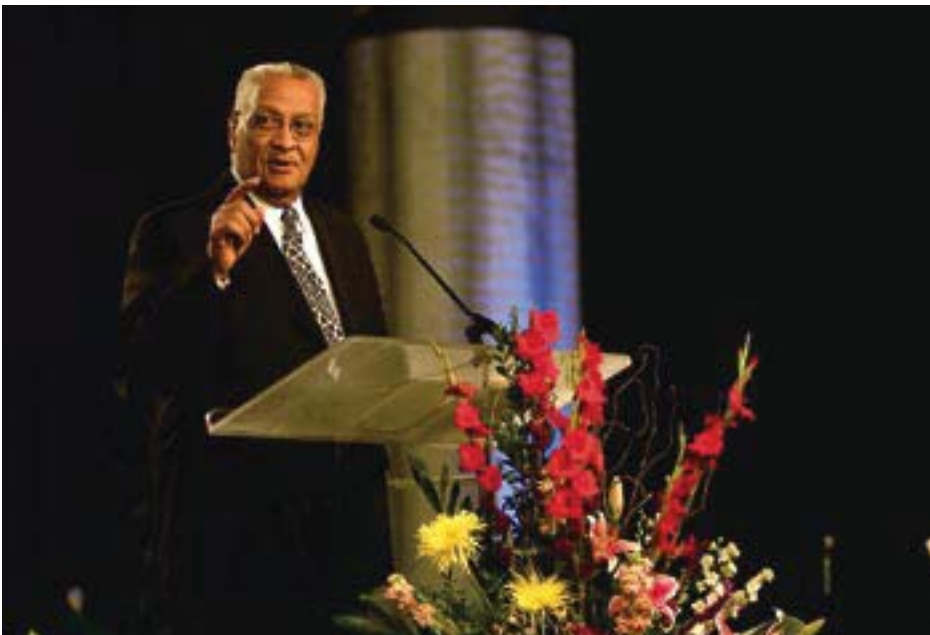
Each meeting during the convention features music. Large and small groups as well as soloists provide an atmosphere for worship.



Each national convention features a large exhibit hall filled with hundreds of ministry and commercial booths. During the 2002 convention, Ed Eisley from the Holbrook Indian School demonstrated the craftsmanship of the students.



Jim and Carolyn McHan, well known Eugene, Oregon, ASI members, greet Rick Espana of Campus Ministries from Ann Arbor, Michigan, during a reception for young adults.



National ASI conventions feature some of the best preachers in the Adventist church such as C. D. Brooks, former speaker-director of the *Breath of Life* television ministry.



Miranda Beerman from Rogers, Arkansas, and Joan Kang, Orlando, Florida, prepare to serve a spaghetti lunch to the residents of the Ronald McDonald House in Columbus, Ohio.



A choir of ASI kids sang on the main stage for the Friday evening meeting at the 2002 ASI convention in Columbus, Ohio.

ASI More Than Just An Acronym

J E F F R O G E R S

In the church organization we have many acronyms and names for the hierarchal levels. We throw around words like NAD, GC, PSI, WWC and NPUC. We even have subdivisions of each acronym such as the PCOEAC, or Potomac Conference Office of Education Administrative Council. Then, to make the details even more thorough and organized, we add official titles to everyone, so we have an assistant to the assistant treasurer.

So what is in a name? What is ASI, Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries? It is a word, like many other words in the English language, that has multiple connotations. Where one person identifies ASI with an annual convention of business people who share how they witness to their employees and clients, another person sees an organization of Adventist people with fundraising and employment networking opportunities. What these two definitions illustrate is that ASI is a multi-faceted group of Adventist lay people.

The third edition of *The American Heritage Dictionary of English Language* sheds some light on the subject.

Ad • vent • ist *n.* A member of any of several Christian denominations that believe Jesus's Second Coming and the end of the world are near.

Lay • man *n. 1.* A person who is not a cleric.

Serv • ice *n. 4. a.* Work done for others as an occupation or a business. **7. a.** Acts of devotion to God; witness.

In • dus • try *n. 1.* Commercial production and sale of goods.

ASI has had several facelifts since its birth in 1947. Initially called the Association of Self-supporting Institutions, ASI formed the foundation for the supporting work in the Adventist Church. Each of the original 25 members were involved in medical missionary or education work of one sort or another. Over the following two decades, changes were made to the membership of the organization. Gradually, business owners were invited into membership, partly because of a directive by Ellen G. White found in *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 4, p. 469: "When men of business, farmers, mechanics, merchants, lawyers, etc., become members of the church, they become servants of God; and although their talents may be entirely different, their responsibility to advance the cause of God by personal effort, and with their means, is no less than that which rests upon the minister."

In 1970, the name was changed to the Association of Privately Owned Seventh-day Adventist Services and Industries to reflect the new

trend in ASI membership. Finding that name too unwieldy, the current name was settled on in 1979.

Today's ASI members fulfill White's directive in their workplaces and ministries. It matters little what profession, occupation or ministry in which they are involved—members actively pursue the ASI motto of Sharing Christ in the Marketplace. Doctors witness to their patients regarding the health of their body and soul. Lay evangelists minister to people in places the organized church is unable to reach. Car dealers make an emphatic statement by closing their businesses during the profitable Sabbath hours. Builders and architects carry literature on the job to share with clients, vendors and employees.

Every August, ASI members from North America and other divisions gather for an energy-charged convention that rejuvenates, inspires and transforms the members. They return to their homes and, in turn, strengthen their local congregations and communities.

The ASI organization is not content to let their members do all the work. Every year funds are raised to assist with programs working to bring others to the Lord. The Magabooks program, initially an ASI endeavor,

has become a staple for literature evangelism work. The *New Beginnings* DVD series, produced by ASI in conjunction with It Is Written, is transforming the way evangelistic series are held. Using the DVD resource, lay people are boldly taking the stage to proclaim the soon coming of Jesus. "Sow 1 Billion," a plan to place one billion publications in homes around the world, is a joint initiative between ASI and the world church that has the potential to take the world by storm.

Within the Adventist family there are many who own businesses or are professionals in their respective fields or operate supporting ministries. ASI gives them an opportunity to see how others are witnessing and receive information on what resources are available. It also provides a platform for networking with other members.

For more information, write to ASI: 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, Md., 20904; call (301) 680-6450; or visit the ASI Web site at www.asiministries.org.

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Eleven Northwest academy students were recipients of the 2003 Caring Heart Award, which is funded by a private foundation and the North American Division. These students were selected by their schools for exemplifying the spirit of the Caring Heart—a willingness to serve others. Each student received a \$500 scholarship to be used toward tuition at an Adventist school or on a short-term mission trip.

Jesse Thomas is the first Caring Heart Award winner from the newest academy in the North Pacific Union Conference—Orcas Christian School. The son of Burke and Barabara Thomas, Jesse is bound for Trinity Western University next year. A mission trip to Mexico, care for the elderly and community clean-up projects were just a few of his many activities.

Desiree Danielson came to Cascade Christian Academy from British



Desiree Danielson, Cascade Christian Academy



Rebecca Rode, Puget Sound Adventist Academy

reaching others for Christ. Mission trips to Costa Rica and Africa and participation in her church's video ministry filled a lot of time for this bubbly, outgoing young lady.

Walla Walla College is the destination of **Tobi Foster**, daughter of Rick and Wendy Foster. She was a consistent

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Columbia. Daughter of Kent Danielson and Barbara Parzak, she is planning to study drama in college as a way of



Nichole Golden, Columbia Adventist Academy



Jesse Thomas, Orcas Christian School



Jason King, Mt. Ellis Academy

and very busy spiritual leader at Milo Adventist Academy and participated in Oregon Youth Challenge for two summers. Her

mission trip to Belize inspired her to become involved in mission work after graduation from college.

Jacque Giem's love for children has inspired her to attend Andrews University where she will major in psychology and eventually get a master's degree in elementary school counseling. She has been a Pathfinder leader, has helped with Vacation Bible School for three years, has taught handbells to children and has gone on two mission trips while at Gem State Adventist Academy. Her parents are Ross and Jodi Giem of Meridian, Idaho.

A degree in elementary education from Walla Walla College is the goal of **Nichole Golden**, 2003 graduate of Columbia Adventist Academy. She participated in three mission trips to the Appalachians sponsored by the Meadow Glade Church and has been an outdoor school counselor. Nichole is the daughter of Julie Williams and Gary Golden.

Jason King, son of Larry and Debbie King, plans to attend Southern Adventist University to prepare to be either a teacher or pastor. Throughout his years at Mt. Ellis Academy he served as chaplain of his class and the associated student body. He also

volunteered to preach in several area churches that had the services of a regular pastor



Phillip Sherwood, Upper Columbia Academy



Jacque Giem, Gem State Adventist Academy



Benjamin Morris, Walla Walla Valley Academy

only once a month.

Walla Walla Valley Academy's winner is **Benjamin Morris**, son of Robert and Monique Morris. His future plans include developing his musical skills and branching into areas such as psychology, sociology and aviation. He was a recognized spiritual leader on campus as well as being involved in the Big Brother/Big Sister organization.

Emily Peterson has made two trips to Peru where she has helped boys and girls in a Lima orphanage. She plans to major in social work and minor in Spanish so that she can return there or go to another country to help those in need. Her parents are Ken and Claudia Peterson, members of the Oasis Christian Center, and she is a 2003 graduate of Portland Adventist Academy.

Becky Rode, daughter of Emil and Phillis Rode of Vernonia, Oregon, attended Puget Sound Adventist Academy for the past two years. She spent three summers



Emily Peterson, Portland Adventist Academy



Angela Schurch, Auburn Adventist Academy



Tobi Foster, Milo Adventist Academy

in spiritual and musical activities on campus and her willingness to help others whenever needed.

Phillip Sherwood will be returning to Upper Columbia Academy this fall for his senior year and is planning to use his scholarship on a mission trip. He has been active in the prayer ministry, spoke for week of prayer and participated in other spiritual and musical activities. Has parents are Thomas and Doreen Sherwood of Pasco, Wash. •

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Fresh Start

The Hands of Time

Enjoy the little things,” Robert Brault reminds us, “for one day you may look back and realize they were big things.”

I was reminded of this perspective once at a funeral. After sharing the sermon at the service for a woman who died just a few weeks before her 52nd wedding anniversary, I stood by the casket as friends and family filed by. The last person in line was her husband. The sanctuary was empty, and I wondered if perhaps I should allow him to bid farewell alone. While I didn’t want to violate his privacy, I did want to show support.

I stayed, dropping my glance to their hands. His hand, polka-dotted with age spots, firmly clasped her hand, which appeared whitewashed with all the wrinkles stretched out.

Through a shower curtain of tears, I stared at their hands. In my mind, I replayed the stories he had shared with me in preparation for the service. I pictured the first time they held hands at a barn party in Idaho. “I was awestruck by her beauty,” he had told me. “When I asked her to dance, I was so nervous, I was sweating through my

pants. But when I took her hand in my sweaty palm, it was like we had known each other all our lives. We twirled around that dance floor ‘til three in the morning. I knew that night I had found my soulmate.”

Then I pictured them at the front of the church, holding hands before sliding a gold band

I pictured them in the hospital at the birth of their first child. Clutching her hand, no doubt he whispered words of support. “You’re almost there, sweetheart, and we’ll have a beautiful baby. Hang in there, honey.” In the years that followed, their hands sandwiched tiny hands. At first they were separated by two hands, then four, then six. It wasn’t long

Then I pictured their hands—now shivering with early stages of Parkinson’s disease—clutching a knife to cut their 50th wedding anniversary cake.

I pictured their hands in more recent months as he faithfully rubbed her hands and feet every morning and night as she courageously battled cancer. The doctor suggested the regular massages would stimulate her circulation. So he faithfully rubbed her hands and feet. But with time, the disease chewed away her life, and now he was back at the altar holding her hand for the last time.

In that moment, he looked up at me and whispered, “It seems like yesterday that we were twirling on the dance floor at the barn party. In a wink, it’s over.”

He’s right. The journey is over in a heartbeat.

So as long as you have this moment, milk it for all it’s worth. Live the counsel of Jeremy Taylor: “Enjoy the blessings of this day, if God sends them; and the evils of it bear patiently and sweetly: for this day only is ours, we are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to the morrow.” •

Karl Haffner writes from College Place, Wash., where he serves as senior pastor of the Walla Walla College Church.

on each other’s finger and vowing, “Til death do us part.”

and there were four, then two. Soon, the kids were gone and their hands were reunited.



ALASKA YOUTH CHALLENGE

Armed with prayer and good books, eight Anchorage students and their leaders braved moose, biting dogs and rude comments in order to present Anchorage and Eagle River residents with the opportunity to purchase spiritually-based books and be prayed for by Christian youth. Halfway through the eight-week long Alaska Youth

Challenge campaign, the participants had contacted more than 11,000 homes with sales in excess of \$12,500. The offer for prayer in each home is a part of every contact. One man offered to support one of the canvassers financially if she would go to a Christian school.

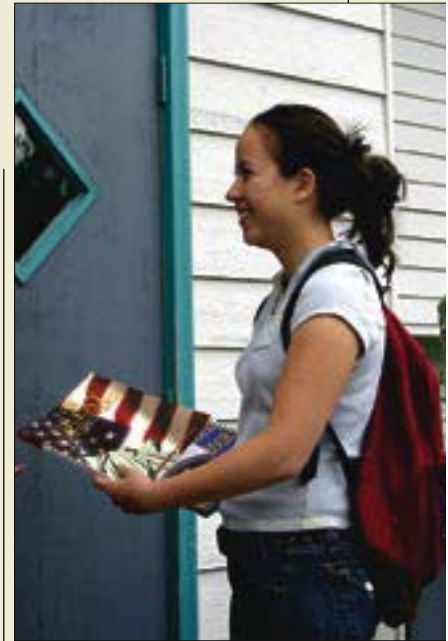
When asked why she joined the Youth Challenge, Sarah

Dobbins stated, "At first my mom forced me to do this, but now it is my choice. I guess I can see that my contact with these people has the potential to change a life."

Alaska Youth Challenge, part of the Magabook program, has operated for several summers in Alaska. Led by college-aged young people, it is an opportunity for teens and their leaders to experience a daily dependence upon God.

Ellen Hunter from Southwestern Adventist University is participating in Youth Challenge for her fourth year. Cosmin Ionita believes God was specifically calling him to help lead out in Alaska. "I could have earned considerable money at a construction company at home, but instead I left that and my wife to see how God would work here," he stated.

Alaska Youth Challenge team of eight Anchorage teens, under the leadership of Cosmin Ionita, right, and Ellen Hunter, center, begins each day with group worship asking God's blessing on each contact.



Alaska Youth Challenge participant, Sarah Dobbins, offers magabooks to residents of Eagle River, Alaska.

Ionita's wife joined him for the July 4 break.

Two of the teens are repeat participants, and the students often use their earnings to help with school costs. •

John Kriegelstein

BICYCLE TUNE-UP MINISTRY

Midtown Christian Fellowship, Anchorage's newest Adventist church, offered free bicycle tune-ups to cyclists on Anchorage's bike trail system in June during the annual Tour de Cure Ride for Diabetes. Fifty bicycles were serviced in just eight hours. Every person asked who the mechanics were with, and most were amazed the service was church sponsored. Many

cyclists suggested they were interested in knowing the location of the church and



expressed an interest in attending.

When one young man, the first tune-up of the day, found out the service was sponsored by a church group, he said, "Yeah, the Big Guy upstairs isn't done with me yet, but I've been kinda

Keith Olson, Midtown Christian Fellowship member, performs tune-up services on a bike while other Anchorage residents wait their turn.

running from Him." He was invited to church.

Three mechanics with two bicycle stands worked full-time through the day. Some people waited almost an hour to get the free tune-up. In the end, people had to be turned away. People were directed to the church Web site for the date of the next scheduled bike tune-up. •

Brant Berglin



Attendees enjoyed the Friday evening worship service on the lawn during the rally.

MID-SUMMER YOUTH RALLY

More than 100 youth from the Idaho Conference gathered on the campus of Gem State Adventist Academy July 11–13 for the

how to meet a fall and how to meet our Savior. VanHook declared, “There is nothing you can do to make God love you more. There is nothing you can do to make God turn His back on you!” He kept audience attention with illustrations from his own adolescent experiences.

Parents helped the rally with the food, a praise band and transportation. With temperatures above 100 degrees, the rally ended with a cool float down the Boise River. •

John Bryson, Idaho Conference Youth Department coordinator



Ryan VanHook, a pastor from northern California, spoke for Idaho Conference’s Mid-summer Youth Rally.

third annual Idaho Conference Mid-summer Youth Rally. Games, activities, good food and grand worship services marked the event.

Ryan VanHook, Orangeville (Calif.) Church associate pastor, was the inspirational speaker. He gave three talks about how to meet our giants,



A tug-of-war game provided an exercise outlet for rally attendees.

GIRLS’ DORM RENOVATION Causes Excitement

The girls cheered and Gena Cowen, girls’ dean, smiled as news was announced that the girls’ dorm at Gem State Adventist Academy would be refurbished. After more than 40 years of living, laughing, sharing and friendship, the home to hundreds of girls is being brought back to its earlier splendor.

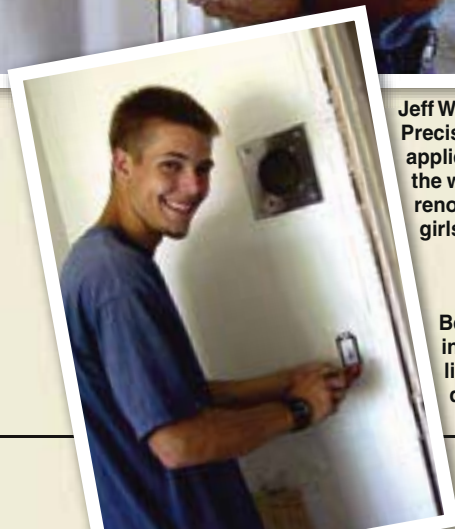
More than 25 volunteer alumni and friends of the school have pledged their time, skills and resources to make the project possible. Jeff Wade, owner of Precision Builders, has spent countless

hours heading up the construction end of the project. Linda Klinger, Gem State development director, is raising funds and finding volunteers. Principal Mike Schwartz spent some of his summer vacation working in the woodshop on new vanities for the dorm. “It’s exciting to see the improvements being made, especially as we look forward to a growing dorm population,” said Cowen. “I’m excited to see the girls’ faces when they see the ‘new’ dorm.” •

Debra McCarver



Jeff Wade of Precision Builders applies texture to the walls during the renovation of the girls’ dorm.



Ben Leake installs a new light switch in a dorm room.

LEWISTOWN HOSTS COMMUNICATION SEMINAR



Loren Dickinson presented a two-part seminar on how understanding the communication process aids in understanding each other.

Loren Dickinson, Walla Walla College communication professor emeritus and Comm Consultants president, recently presented a two-part seminar at the Lewistown (Mont.) Church titled, “Up with Bridges, Down with Walls.”

The seminar covered important topics such as the power of perceptions, communication differences

between the sexes, dealing with difficult people, and affirmation. Dickinson discussed hindrances to effective communication, eliciting nods from listeners as he hit upon problematic verbal habits. He offered thoughts such as, “It’s right to tell the truth, but it may be wrong always to be telling it,” and, “Since I already know what I know, why don’t I compel myself

to discover what you know?”

Dickinson offered ways to avoid communication barriers and work toward understanding each other. He encouraged the use of good communication skills in personal lives and in the church family, organization and mission. •

Elmer E. Dow, Lewistown pastor and communication leader

HEAVEN’S HARMONY CHILDREN’S MUSIC

God created special angels called children. In Montana, multi-denominational “special angels” ranging in age from four to 17 form Heaven’s Harmony Children’s Music (HHCM), an Adventist-based musical ministry. The group shares God’s gift of music through various community performances, including nursing homes, talent programs, malls and churches.

HHCM produced a musical CD in December 2002

featuring 36 children from Missoula to Darby. Most of the 28 songs on the CD were sung by the child who composed it. Plans are in progress for a second CD featuring children and their music from around the globe.

HHCM also offers music instruction for children, both in Montana and online. •

Jeanne Saunders



Mt. Ellis Academy Class of 2003 Graduates

They were a small class with lots of energy working their way upward to a closer walk with the Lord. They know the past can’t be changed, but the future has lots of opportunities for them.

Nine of the class had been at Mt. Ellis for all four years of their academy experience. The others joined them as the years went by, and five new students joined the class this year. Mt. Ellis is a family tradition for Christian education. Jason King was a fourth-generation graduate from Mt. Ellis, and three others had a parent that graduated from the academy. •

Juanita Starkebaum

A MAN FROM CADILLAC

Milo Welcomes New Principal

Clint Sutton has accepted an offer to be principal of Milo Adventist Academy. Interim principal, Randy Bovee, will resume his previous position of vice principal for student affairs.

Sutton arrives from Northview School in Cadillac, Mich., where he served as principal and taught grades seven to 10 since 1998. He previously taught in Tillamook, Ore., and Radford, Va., where he won the regional Wal-Mart "Teacher of the Year" award.

in English with minors in history, French and political science. He completed his master's degree in education at Washington State University Vancouver. He credits Jesus with leading him to this place in his life.

Sutton's wife Heidi is also a person of many interests, including Web site design, their "zoo" of animals, painting, sculpture, pottery and other art forms. She is finishing her bachelor's degree in business marketing and runs her own Web site business.

Sutton is looking forward to working with Milo's administrative team, which he calls "God's quad squad." He feels that together they can help the Lord lift Milo's students into "spiritually minded, outreach-oriented youth who are on fire to serve God."

He says that Milo interested him because it has a reputation for a positive, spiritual atmosphere. He envisions it as being like one of the schools of the prophets, and he wants to see every soul in heaven that crosses the campus bridge. "My greatest desire for Milo is to see the school be a training ground for students to find Christ, learn how to share Him with others, then leave to save souls for the Lord in the little time we have remaining. I believe there is no greater calling for God's people than that." •

Wendy Foster



Attendance averaged 30 people at the meetings conducted by Leroy Klein.

GLADSTONE PARK REVELATION SEMINAR

Fifteen thousand people received invitations to Gladstone Park (Ore.) Church's Revelation seminar held this spring at Denny's Restaurant and the church, leading to many new baptisms.

"I went when Bob was interested," Nelda Galatz remarked about the seminar. "It was the early part of the meetings that I decided to go all the way and join the church. It was a great bunch of people to associate with at the meetings and church."

Her husband, Bob, said, "I'm very thankful I came

Former church members Bob and Nelda Galatz re-joined after attending the Revelation seminar.



to the seminar. We received a handbill announcing the meetings from a list of former members who weren't coming to church."

Leroy Klein, who conducted the seminar, said, "I knew Bob 20 years ago when we had a business deal, and I never thought I would have the pleasure of rebaptizing him."

Another lady, a former Baptist who came into the church on profession of faith, said, "It was difficult to make the change from Sunday, but I thought that Saturday was the right day to keep."

"The average attendance was 30, and the idea for the seminar originated two years ago," Klein reported. He has been working as a chaplain for the past 25 years and is a church elder. Follow-up meetings are being held and more baptisms are planned. •

Richard Cook, Gladstone Church communication leader



Clint Sutton is the new principal of Milo Adventist Academy. He and his wife Heidi came from Cadillac, Mich.

Sutton is interested in sports (especially the Seattle Mariners), classic literature, cooking, gardening, history, travel and writing. He grew up in Los Angeles until age 10, when his family moved to Walla Walla, Wash. He finished his undergraduate studies at Indiana University, earning a bachelor's degree



The senior class at CAA with their “babies.”

SIMULATING PARENTHOOD

CAA Seniors Practice Parenting

Seniors at Columbia Adventist Academy became parents for 48 hours in April. As part of their Marriage and Family class requirements, seniors cared for the newest generation of computerized dolls, which simulate real babies. The RealCare Baby cries for several reasons, just like real babies—because it wants to be fed, burped,

rocked, or have its diaper changed or because it is held in the wrong position or roughly handled. For each of those needs, the student “parent” had to figure out why the baby was crying and then respond with the appropriate action so that the baby would stop crying.

Besides crying, the RealCare babies coo, cough

and make sucking, burping and fussy sounds. A control unit allows the teacher to know how many times the student performs each of the necessary activities, as well as how many times the baby did not get the proper care.

The purpose of this project was clearly explained by senior Nikki Jones: “While the babies aren’t as realistic as a real baby, they definitely make you realize how much time and energy a baby would take. Between getting up at any hour of the night to feed the baby, or being interrupted in daily activities to rock the baby for 45 minutes, you definitely get a feel for how much time and energy a real baby would take.” •

“... you definitely get a feel for how much time and energy a real baby would take.”

David Allen

For about 48 hours Nikki Jones and Shauna Phillips had to take care of their RealCare babies, even during class.



JEWISH ADVENTIST COMMUNITY OF EUGENE

Celebrates Arrival of a Sefer Torah

Congregation Beth B'nei Yehudah, a four-year-old Jewish Adventist community of Eugene, Ore., celebrated the arrival in July of a Sefer Torah, a scroll containing the books of the Bible handwritten in Hebrew.

For the first time since its restoration, the Sefer Torah was read in service on Sabbath morning, July 26, following a joyous dedication ceremony. The ceremony was standing-room only as the Beth B'nei Yehudah Adventist

community celebrated with guests from the Portland and Salem, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., communities. The dedication included a formal Torah procession, a custom initiated during the Middle Ages to let people of the community touch the Torah to assure themselves that they still had the written word among them despite its ban during

so lightly in our society, it is difficult to comprehend the permanence of God's covenant, but with study of His holy written word, the Torah (the Bible), we can grow in our relationship with God. The Sefer Torah is not to be viewed as a ritual object but as the written Hebrew Bible read every Shabbat (Sabbath) since the time of the prophet Ezra. This written Hebrew text has been passed down from generation to generation since the time it was given. •

Michel and Rivka Michaud

the Inquisition. The Torah dedication procession was done in the manner of a Jewish wedding ceremony with a canopy and the reading of a marriage contract called a Ketubah. The Torah is a Ketubah, a sacred and legal document of marriage between God and His people. The Jewish people have a tradition of signing a marriage Ketubah that outlines the responsibilities that each party agrees to fulfill in their marriage. With the marriage covenant taken

After the dedication service, Rabbi Bolotnikov and Michel Michaud read from the Torah.

Rabbi Alexander Bolotnikov came from New York to help dedicate this Sefer Torah and to speak on the topic, "The Gospel Made Kosher."

The Sefer Torah was a gift of the North American Division with the help of Jim Zachary of The Quiet Hour. The Sefer Torah was a rescued Torah, one that is a Holocaust survivor from Europe. The scroll still shows the scars of bullet holes restored by a Torah scribe.



The congregation's youngest child, Caleb Willoughby, led the dedication march and was given the honor to carry the children's Sefer Torah.

Members of the congregation viewed the Torah and learned of its history.



The Sefer Torah led a procession as part of the dedication service.



CAA HONORS STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

At the end of each school year, a Columbia Adventist Academy (CAA) senior boy and senior girl are chosen as “Student of the Year” by the faculty based on how well they exemplify the mission of the school, their level of involvement and their attitude toward peers and faculty. This year, four-year seniors Jamison Will and Amanda Hamby were honored.

Jamison Will was an active member of the soccer team from its beginning. His teammates knew him as the “ultimate cheerleader.” When he wasn’t playing sports, he was attending games and cheering the teams on. He was also a band, choir and chorale member during most of his academy years.

In addition to these activities, Will maintained a strong academic record and was a spiritual leader on campus. He was often asked by other students to present worship and was the senior class chaplain. Will’s deep spiritual commitment was

Principal Berit von Pohle with Students of the Year Amanda Hamby and Jamison Will.



evident in the way he treated all students at school. He was often found helping students with homework, and everyone knew that they could count on him for a smile and a hello in the halls.

Amanda Hamby volunteered during her senior year to be the coordinator for CAA Praise, a group of students who present church services within the local constituency. She was always on the lookout for students to involve in that program.

A strong basketball player, Hamby enjoyed the fast-paced game at CAA. Fellow teammates knew that she could be counted on as a leader on the court as well as off. She also participated in choir and held several student association and class offices during her years at CAA. She was class chaplain and spoke for student week of prayer. Her presence was the norm at school activities, and she sought ways to be helpful and involved.

The students at CAA seemed to agree that the faculty made the right choices for Students of the Year. Hamby and Will were respected by their peers for their involvement in activities and the spirituality seen in them. Other students at CAA learned a lot about a relationship with God by watching these two students. •

Adoree Hatton



The Westermeyer family at the CHIP graduation dinner.

HOOD VIEW MEMBERS

Improve Health Through CHIP

After years of planning, Hood View Church (Boring, Ore.) held its first Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP) for the community. Based on video presentations by Dr. Hans Diehl, CHIP is an intense, month-long lifestyle improvement program. Don Schafer, Hood View CHIP director, coordinated approximately 20 volunteers for this event.

The Program

The evening programs, which began April 6, were educational, motivating and just plain fun. Participants sat at the same table from night to night, and table hosts provided a hospitable touch. Having table teams was important for friendly competition.

Rick and Ann Westermeyer coordinated the exercise aspect of CHIP, and participants “walked” the Oregon Trail. Each table was named for a state along the trail, and each night the table that had logged the most miles achieved “lead wagon” status. A little model wagon, complete with oxen, went to that table for the evening. Participant Craig Church walked five miles a

day, so his table consistently won the trophy.

Heather Leno and her volunteer staff provided edible treats each night. Leno also offered a brief introduction to healthy cooking, emphasizing shortcuts and quick-to-do entrees.

The Results

Among these CHIP participants, cholesterol levels came down an average of 10 percent, triglycerides were reduced by 17 percent, and most lost weight. Above all, the 68 graduates felt supported, encouraged and empowered to continue to live healthier lives.

The Future

Well-attended monthly CHIP alumni meetings have been inspirational and motivating. Most importantly, they provide a forum for alumni to continue to support one another.

Following several informational sessions and a health screening, the next Hood View CHIP meetings will begin Sunday, October 19. •

Dora Sue Redford



The 2003 Teen Mission Adventure group traveled to the Ellensburg, Wash., area for their mission and outreach trip.

Amazing things happen when Pathfinder teens get together to provide assistance to a community. The recent Pathfinder Teen Mission Adventure to Valley Christian School, 12 miles west of Ellensburg, Wash., was no exception.

The teens worked on a multipurpose room in the school's gymnasium and did landscaping and cleanup

projects. A community Bible Story Hour program was conducted by several of the teens at the Ellensburg Church.

In addition to these activities, the Pathfinder group was actively involved in many community service projects. In the town of Cle Elum, Wash., the group raked the city's park and swept the sidewalks on Main Street free of the gravel and sand built up during the previous winter. In Ellensburg, the group provided general cleanup and maintenance on the popular Craig's Hill trail near the rodeo grounds and Caboose Park near the old train depot.

The group also tore down a dilapidated shed at the Ellensburg Church and constructed a new one, and poured a new sidewalk from the main building to

an adjacent Sabbath School room. Many appreciative elderly individuals near the school and in the Ellensburg area were given assistance with home and yard maintenance. Residents were pleased and amazed that the young people would be interested in coming to help them. The group conducted Friday night vespers service at the Cle Elum Church and the Sabbath worship hour in the Ellensburg Church.

Pathfinder Teen Mission Adventure, held annually during spring break and now in its seventh year, was created with the thought that there is a mission field right outside your back door. Criteria for each year's mission is that the project must be within a day's drive from the conference office

and cost participants \$100 or less.

Participating staff members agree that the mission is as much for the teens as it is for the projects that are accomplished. The comradery and rapport that develops between teens and staff while on the mission trip results in lifelong friendships that help cement these young people to the church and to service.

Through this program, young people have done an amazing amount of work demolishing old structures, constructing new facilities, remodeling, painting, landscaping, general indoor and outdoor cleanup, and outreach to the communities, especially with programs for younger children. •

June Cross

KEN LEBRUN

Ordained to the Gospel Ministry

It was on a mountainside beneath some sheltering trees where Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them out to preach. Ken LeBrun chose a similar setting for his ordination to the ministry.

This special service took place on Sabbath, June 28, at Fish Creek Meadows near Kamiah, Idaho. The park pavilion was crowded with church members from his present district and family and friends from around the nation. A carload of people from one of his previous churches in Missouri drove the entire distance to

surprised LeBrun.

LeBrun's family sang some inspirational songs written by him. Max Torkelsen II, Upper Columbia Conference president, along with Gordon Pifher, secretary, and Gerald Haeger, ministerial director, participated in a personalized service to confirm the call that God already gave to LeBrun. LeBrun's son, Caleb, provided a colorful and affirming historical record of his father's ministry, which

Newly ordained pastor Ken LeBrun was supported by family members (from left) Caleb, Paula, Kendra (front) and Isaac.

includes work as a teacher, literature evangelist, Bible worker, chaplain, musician and pastor in the Kamiah and Grangeville district.

LeBrun and his wife, Paula, married in 1979, and

he graduated from Southern Missionary College (now Southern Adventist University) in 1981 with a bachelor's degree in theology. •

Kathy Marson



A PERFORMANCE OF JOY

SJA Showcases Young Musicians

Spokane Junior Academy (SJA) students filled the air with their musical talent at the annual spring concert in May. Music director Loren Frost crafted a concert full of youthful energy and increasing talent.

Opening with a patriotic tribute, the fifth and sixth graders sang the "Grand Old Flag" in a salute to their love of country.

Frost introduced the current edition of SJA's bell choir, and the school choir, with 25 students in grades seven through 10, shared songs such as "You'll Never Walk Alone," "Shine Jesus Shine" and "If I were a Rich Man."

The beginner band, comprised of younger first-year music students, showcased their advances with a series of solos in a Ukrainian folk song.

Third and fourth graders performed "Michael Row the Boat" with hand chimes, a new experience for the eager children. Not to be left out, kinderschool, grade one and grade two students showed their budding talents and enthusiasm with a serenade to family elders, "This Old Man."

The band demonstrated their range of talents from "This Little Light

of Mine" to the popular big-band tune, "In the Mood." Vigorous trumpet solos highlighted their performance of "Bugler's Holiday."

Students in the Spanish class sang Psalm 121 in Spanish, and a violin solo rounded out the evening's music.

In addition to musical performances, the concert included honors to the tenth graders for completing their education at SJA. The principal also recognized parent and friend volunteers who contributed more than 2,100 hours to SJA this year.

Upper Columbia Academy band director Jerry Lange presented a \$500 scholarship to Joey Stratte to continue his high school education at the academy. He also presented a two-year tuba performing arts scholarship to Jessica Bryan.

Irene Kay, third- and fourth-grade teacher, received heartfelt thanks for her career

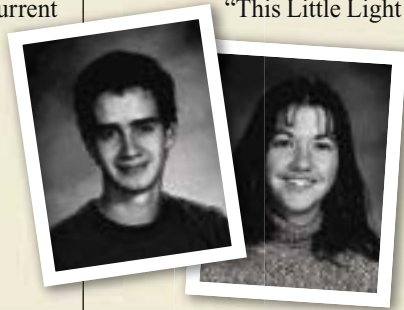


The SJA Choir closed the school year with their Performance of Joy.

at SJA as she prepares to move to Rwanda, Africa, later this year. The SJA gymnastic team, affectionately known as the "Gym Rats," also performed and wowed the audience with a dozen energetic routines.

Frost concluded the concert with an encore performance of a few bars from "In the Mood." •

David Wallace



SJA 10th graders, Joey Stratte and Jessica Bryan, were presented scholarships to Upper Columbia Academy by UCA band director Jerry Lange at the SJA Spring concert.

KEEP SCHOLARSHIPS

An Answer to Prayer

When school started this year at Adventist schools in the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC), prayers had been answered. They were the prayers of many parents whose children might not have been able to attend an Adventist school because of financial challenges.

For many of these families, the answered prayers come in the form of the KEEP (Kids Educational Endowment Program) scholarship. This special scholarship, founded in 2000, has helped

families keep their children in Adventist academies and elementary schools.

The endowment fund continues to grow with gifts from church members. The scholarships have provided funds for families with a range of backgrounds, including one family in southeast Washington that has a good income but, with four children, finds paying for private education a challenge. To add to the difficulty, the family is also dealing with a family member's serious

medical problem. "The only way we've managed is with the Lord's help," the father says, acknowledging the ways the Lord continues to bless the family. "People invest in the fund, but it is the Lord that prompts them," he says.

God works through humans to prompt His people to give. KEEP ambassadors are in every conference church and these special people serve as boosters for Christian education and provide first-hand advocacy for qualified students in their

area needing financial help. M.C. Torkelsen, College Place Village Church ambassador says, "Every Adventist child should have opportunity to attend an Adventist school."

The next opportunity for UCC church members to follow God's prompting to help KEEP kids in our schools will be on Sept. 27. Please pray that God will prompt many to join hands to KEEP kids for His kingdom. •

Rosa Jimenez, Walla Walla College college relations director

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

YACS Spring Mission Trip

The Yakima Adventist Christian School (YACS) ninth- and tenth-grade class and their sponsors joined Maranatha Volunteers International and several other schools for a two-week mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March. Three YACS students stayed in Yakima as the home mission group and led a prayer team for the missionaries and handled correspondence between the group and home.

After landing in the capital, Santo Domingo, the YACS group traveled 200 miles by bus to Mao. Bright and early the next morning everyone got up to meet the rest of the Maranatha team and begin work on a new Adventist school.

Students shoveled, made mortar and concrete, hauled



The quickest way to get the cement blocks from the outside to the inside was via "the block brigade."

cement blocks and tied steel in the walls. They felt the work went slowly at first, but after the first few days students were encouraged to see progress as the cement block walls grew. During their stay, a team completed the outside and inside walls, leaving only the roof for another group to complete.

Groups of students and adults also ran a Vacation Bible School and joined the nationals to visit door to door with booklets. YACS students made friends with the nationals and were able to learn new games and participate in activities with church members and local students. They also

participated in church services. While some YACS students preached in English, the bilingual students were able to interpret for them to the Spanish-speaking nationals.

Before leaving the Dominican Republic, the group enjoyed the beach and saw many historical landmarks, some from the time of Columbus. On the return trip, the class spent several hours in New York and enjoyed seeing the sights there, too.

Relatives, church members and family sponsored the students' trip. The missionaries received many blessings and hope to serve again in this way. •

Susan Bailey, YACS administrative assistant

UPPER COLUMBIA

A WORKING MAN

Jim Wright. We saw him in church every Sabbath, a slight man in a soft grey suit and a black bow tie. In fact, his car was always in the parking lot before nine o'clock.

Then one Sabbath, his daughter, Barbara Brown, asked us to pray for him. "He fell at work," she explained. "And although he didn't break any bones, he did pull some muscles, and he is in a lot of misery."

We knew about her dad's work. There had been an

article with his picture in the *Spokesman Review* last November: "At 94, this man's resumé just keeps getting longer. Retirement was no goal for James Wright and no reward when it finally arrived. So 30 years later at age 94, he's still happily pushing a vacuum, emptying waste baskets and collecting a paycheck . . ."

Recently I talked to Barbara about her dad.

"He is doing well," she informed me. "But he is very

concerned that he may not be able to go back to work because he is a little unsteady on his feet."

"Is his Social Security enough for him to live on?"

"Yes, he can get by on that," she answered.

"Then why is he so anxious to go back to work?" I asked.

"Well, the money he made by working went to many ministries of the church. And

Jim Wright, 94, does janitorial work so that he can contribute to the ministries of his church.

if he has to stop working, he will no longer be able to contribute to them."

At 94, his heart and effort are still in the spreading of the gospel. •

Ruth Anneke Edwards

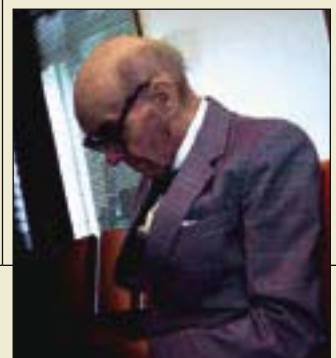


Photo: Ricardo Birmele



The 2002-2003 Auburn Adventist Academy Sylvan Chorale sang for the Auburn City Rotary Club.

GOD'S INSTRUMENTS

Sylvan Chorale Sings for Rotary Club

Auburn Rotary Club members reacted with a standing ovation and tears of appreciation after Auburn Adventist Academy's Sylvan Chorale performed "Lord Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" for them on May 21. The service-based club was overwhelmed and inspired by both the message

of the song and the medium used to convey it.

What an opportunity to witness and to share what Auburn Adventist Academy is really about! Weeks later while singing a patriotic song, the Rotary members recalled with fondness the presence of the young musicians and encouraged each other to "sing

it like the academy kids."

What was so powerful about this performance? Well, if you have ever heard Sylvan Chorale perform under the direction of John Neumann, you will understand the skill and talent that this group possesses. But what touched the hearts of these local leaders was more than

the students' ability to sing. "These kids know the One they are singing about," commented one grateful Rotarian. And that's what makes the difference. •

Amber Serns, Auburn Adventist Academy public relations director

North Cascades SCUBA

The Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure (SCUBA) brought 125 youngsters to the North Cascade Church in Burlington, Wash., June 29 to July 3.

Under the direction of Kristine Livingston and 80 adult and youth volunteers, the Vacation Bible School program featured singing, snacks and fun activities designed to remind kids that God is their friend and Jesus is their one hope for eternity. All participants received a special SCUBA T-shirt to wear.

According to Livingston, "Putting on this program is an extremely complicated process, yet I can't think of any better project than sharing Jesus with kids!" •

Pat Nehier



MONROE AND SAGE BUILD A CHURCH

Volunteers Honored for 100th Project

Monroe church members and friends celebrated their first church service in the shell of their new church on Sabbath, July 19. Dark green cedars pointed skyward beyond the framed walls, and puffy clouds drifted across a blue sky above the curving trusses of the sanctuary roof as the song “The Church Has One Foundation” ascended.

Tribute was paid to SAGE (Seniors in Action for God with Excellence) Washington and Upper Columbia members who, with local church members, contributed 2,400 hours of labor (equivalent to \$55,000 of paid labor) over three weeks to raise the walls and place about two-thirds of the roof.

Special thanks were offered to project director and SAGE Upper Columbia vice presidents Larry and Jacquie Goodhew, who headed up food preparation for the workers. This project marked their 100th volunteer project in the past 30 years.



Larry and Jacquie Goodhew received a gold hammer and whisk plaque in honor of their 100th volunteer project.

Larry, who previously taught school in the Washington Conference, has

headed up building projects in 17 foreign countries as well as in the U.S. When asked why he

does so much volunteer work when he could have become rich as a contractor, his answer was, “We *are* rich! Rich in friends, rich in experiences, rich in God’s blessings.”

The Monroe church presented Goodhews with a gold hammer and a gold cooking whisk mounted in a shadow box as a memento of their volunteer career and their work for Monroe’s new church. Other SAGE members received CDs by Simple Gifts, a folk music group in the Monroe Church.

Special music for the service was provided by Simple Gifts and a men’s chorus, and members of the Vacation Bible School sang songs they had learned during VBS.

Mike Maldonado, pastor, donned a hard hat and tool belt to give his message, “A House Fit for a King,” which challenged members to live lives of fidelity to our heavenly King. •

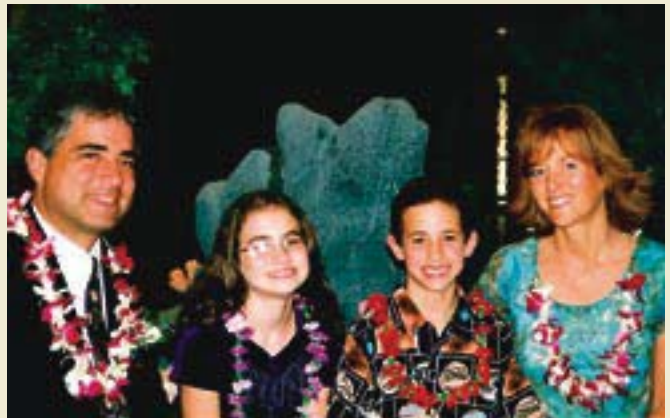
Carrol Grady

WASHINGTON

Enumclaw Welcomes New Pastor

Enumclaw (Wash.) Church members welcomed their new pastor, Bob Stephen, his wife, Cindy, and their two children with a presentation of orchid leis on May 3. Stephen enchanted his new congregation with his sense of humor and down-to-earth preaching. He and his wife showed their support for the local church school by enrolling their children for the coming year. •

Darla Riotto



POSITIVE LIFE RADIO HOLDS ANNUAL SHARATHON

Capping Fall Celebration

Volunteers look forward to a flood of calls pouring into their stations as Positive Life Radio (PLR) kicks off its three-day Sharathon event on Sept. 9 and brings Fall Celebration to a close.

Fall Celebration is Sept. 3–12 and includes special events each day. On Window Sticker Wednesday, listeners can pick up a PLR static decal. On Pastor Appreciation Days, listeners are invited to call in with a special message for their pastor. Praise stories are welcome during Praise and Prayer Day. Also on this day, Christian recording artist Bobby Michaels will be in the studio with guest hosts

sharing stories and talking with listeners as they call in. Other special Fall Celebration events include All Request Day and Artist Day.

The PLR Sharathon, held Sept. 9–11, is an annual event during which listeners call the station to pledge their support for the coming year and share prayer requests and personal stories.

“Sharathon is the craziest event of the year at Positive Life Radio,” says Kevin Krueger, PLR station manager. “It’s fun, lots of giveaway action, tons of prayer and thanksgiving! It’s totally unique—I’ve never heard anything like it.

It’s awesome to see God at work through thousands of listeners.”

From the very beginning listeners have supported PLR and participated in Sharathon, ultimately supporting PLR’s goal to emphasize the positive life God can give anyone who accepts.

Guest hosts include Jon Hull, program director of KSBJ, a top Christian music station in Houston; Todd Isberner, president of the fund-raising organization ShareMedia; Lauren Libbey, chief operating officer of The Navigators; and Mike Agee, general manager of KTSY in Nampa, Idaho, a two-time

Dove Award-winning station.

Five different stations and the Internet broadcast will participate in Sharathon. Those stations are: Walla Walla/Tri-Cities/Pendleton KGTS 91.3, including Moscow/Pullman KGTS 95.3 and Lewiston/Clarkston KGTS 105.5; Spokane KEEH 104.9; Wenatchee/Moses Lake KPLW 89.9, including Omak KPLW 91.7; Yakima KYPL 91.1

To participate in Sharathon, call your local station, or visit www.plr.org.

*Tara Jeske, Walla Walla College
GLEANER correspondent*

GOING OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH

During the 2003-04 school year, Walla Walla College (WWC) will have at least 68 student missionaries in far-flung places like Egypt, Namibia, Papua New Guinea and Thailand. A dozen of these volunteers are graduates. All of them have chosen to give one year of their lives in service.

Julia Gainer heads to Costa Rica for the school year to teach English and give Bible studies at the

Wanting mission experience, Julia Gainer will be a student missionary in Costa Rica for a year teaching English and giving Bible studies.

Adventist University of Central America in Alajuela. She wanted to have a mission experience, be a volunteer and help others. At least five of Julia’s friends have also been student missionaries, some even serving in Costa Rica. “It’s a really awesome experience to help somebody



grasp another language and to see it when they really start to figure it out,” she says, “It’s just really rewarding.”

Some student missionaries had to raise more than \$4,700 to cover their expenses, insurance and stipends. Some exhausted all their resources, even holding yard sales and bake sales, says Jeanne Vories, WWC student missions director. “I have witnessed some true miracles,” she says, “Some of our students who never dreamed it would be possible have accomplished everything, including fund-raising.”

One worried student with

more than \$2,000 left to raise couldn’t afford a round-trip ticket. She was on the verge of buying a one-way ticket when a faculty member donated a substantial sum of money to her cause. The teacher only remembered her as a child coming into the teacher’s classroom and drawing on the chalkboard.

These volunteers and their benefactors embody the spiritual mission of WWC by extending the love of God through discipleship, integrity and service.

*Tara Jeske, Walla Walla College
GLEANER correspondent*

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Learning on the Job at Adventist Health

At Adventist Health, we believe that learning goes beyond the classroom. In fact, we're convinced that on-the-job training is an essential part of the education process. Toward that end, the Roseville, Calif.-based organization—with 20 hospitals throughout California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington—offers internships to college students who want to put classroom theories to practice and gain real-world experience.

Marketing Her Future

Hannah (Raymer) Clegg has always worked hard to achieve her goals. After graduating from Southwestern Adventist University, Clegg wanted to pursue an opportunity that would showcase her talents. A self-taught graphic designer, she graduated with a bachelor's degree in corporate communication and started a two-year internship at Adventist Medical Center (AMC)—a position she was offered



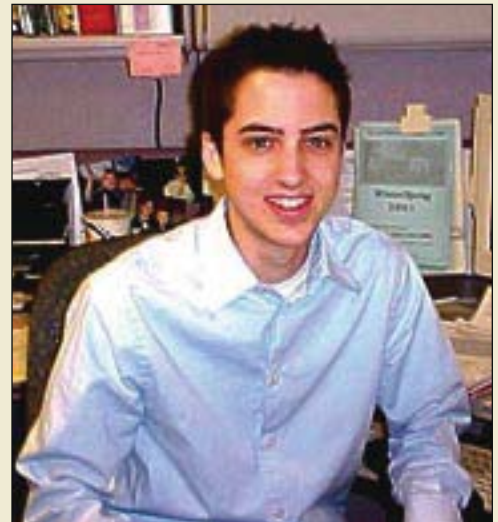
Hannah Clegg works at Adventist Medical Center where she is fulfilling a two-year internship sponsored in part by the North American Division.

prior to receiving her degree. An Oregon native, Clegg was happy to venture back home where she spends her days writing and designing marketing collateral for the Portland-based hospital.

According to Monty Knittel, AMC vice president for marketing and business development, Clegg is the kind of young professional Adventist Health seeks. "Hannah is eager to learn and willing to tackle any task we give her," said Knittel. "She came to us with so many invaluable skills, and she's already a wonderful asset to our department and this hospital."

Not Just Another Summer Job

Ever since he can remember, Cory Ferrier has known about Adventist Health. Growing up in the Northwest, his mother worked at AMC, and when Ferrier was in academy he worked at one of AMC's clinics. As a college student, he was excited



Cory Ferrier enjoys working for an organization that offers him career growth and the chance to help others.

to learn that the organization offered a variety of summer internships.

"Initially, I was interested in a finance internship, but when I was offered one in human resources, I decided to give it a try," recalled Ferrier. It was a choice that would change the course of his career.

After completing his junior year at Walla Walla College, Ferrier headed to Simi Valley Hospital in southern California for what he thought would be just another summer job.

"Soon after I began the internship, my supervisor started giving me projects that really exposed me to a lot of HR areas," stated Ferrier. "It not only made me realize how exciting the career was but also how vital HR is to a hospital."

Ferrier wasn't the only one who recognized his newfound passion. His supervisor, Barbara Reynolds, knew she had found someone special. In fact, Reynolds was so impressed that she offered Ferrier a job. He now serves as a full-time human resources assistant at the hospital and is completing his college degree at a local university.

Ferrier feels blessed that he was offered a job with Adventist Health. "Being a part of an organization that is big enough to offer me career growth but also has a strong mission and supports my religious background is great." •

Heather Preston Wheeler, Adventist Health GLEANER correspondent



I N T E R A C T I O N

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Thank you so much for putting the GLEANER online. I grew up in Bremerton, Wash., and regularly access Bremerton's newspaper online. To be able to do the same with the GLEANER brings me that much closer to home.

Vicky Duran—MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

In the Military and Lonely [April]

In response to Dola Farag from Spokane, Wash., who says NOT! for putting up a military "honor roll" in our churches: what about those members who still believe in the principles of the Adventist Church, but are going through a questioning time in their lives? Perhaps they have some growing to do . . . and even though they have joined the military, do not have a job that requires them to "kill and maim." Are we to ignore their service and sacrifice? Doesn't God say that we are to "love them back into the fold"? And for the others who have jobs that require them to carry a weapon—are they not worthy of our gratitude and respect for the protection that they give this country? I say post all names on the honor roll and post the honor roll in all of our churches!

Janine Haydon—[E-MAIL]

All our service men and women are fighting for Dola's freedom. This is not the time to honor some and leave some out. I assume Dola does not have any family or friends in the service. We are to pray for our service people and our enemies also.

Phyllis Walch—AUBURN, WASH.

Adventists and Labor Unions [June]

Diana Justice wrote a well balanced and fair article.

Being a union member is much like being a citizen of this great country. We pay dues, taxes and vote. Our own government might or might not support unchristian methods, yet we all hold our citizenship like a badge of pride. One has the choice to not join a union. With very few exceptions, a union centralizes workers' voice in a way a lone crier cannot.

Seeing a whole nursing department resign from a denominational hospital and successfully weathering a 56-day work stoppage at a union facility with no reported mob beating or other such violence, my experience tells me to look more favorably on unions and their activities.

Karl Tutsch, RN—PORTLAND, ORE.

Adventist Education [July]

As a former administrator in this union and a member of the NPUC staff, I was very interested in the emphasis placed on our school system. It again made me proud of what I see in all of them across the union. We do not take a back seat to any other parochial system and in my view, we are leagues ahead of most others. The impact on students and parents who have sent their students to our schools and to mission fields will carry them on into the kingdom because of the experience they had. Thanks for such a good report on that aspect.

Jack Harris—PORTLAND, ORE.

I read with keen interest the article "My Teacher, My Sleuth" by Edwin Schwisow. I wish so much I could have defined my mother's teaching career as did Bill Dixon, but our church was not ready for it, nor is it now. I became totally deaf at age seven through an illness. There was no place for a deaf child in our educational system then, and there really isn't today.

I did not realize until I read Schwisow's article that we do have a Special Education program. Unfortunately it does not include the deaf. To the shame of the American church, the first successful school for the deaf appears to be in India. I had to get my formal education mostly from Canadian provincial schools for the deaf.

At 83 I look back over the work for the deaf in our church and can see that it has grown mightily, but not in our educational system. There are very few practicing deaf Adventists who grew up in Adventist homes. Only one young man has attended the seminary, with the help of his wife who signed for him, and entered the ministry for the deaf entirely supported through private donations until his work demonstrated its value to his conference.

Why can't our church be the head and not the tail in helping prepare workers for the deaf? There is a certain rapport between a deaf pastor and his congregation that a hearing man can never fully duplicate—just as Jesus had to be a man to reach mankind.

Arthur Griffith—GRANTS PASS, ORE.

M I L E S T O N E S

Palmer 50th

Donald and Helen Palmer of Salem, Ore., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children at the East Salem (Ore.) Church, where they are members.

Donald Palmer married Helen Thrush on June 25, 1953, in Reith, Ore. Donald worked at Fairview Training Center as a manual arts instructor for many years. Helen provided day care in her home, touching the lives of many families. Both were very involved with the Pathfinder club and other church activities.

The Palmer family includes Connie and Jim Heinrich of Tolstoy, S.D., Karen and Jan Eric Kiele of Fairbanks, Alaska, Donald Palmer Jr. of Salem, Ore., and nine grandchildren.

Roper 95th

Edith Roper recently celebrated her 95th birthday with her son Don and friends from the Pendleton (Ore.) Church where she is a member.

Edith was born Feb. 16, 1908, in east Texas to a wealthy cotton farmer known as the Cotton King. There were no church schools in the area, but her parents wanted her to attend an Adventist school. So when she reached the age of seven, they sent her by train to College Place, Wash., to live with an older sister and attend Rogers Elementary School. By taking summer school classes, she graduated from the academy at the age of 15.



After completing some normal school classes, she taught in the Midwest for two years, then

took nursing at Loma Linda and became head nurse at Walla Walla General Hospital. She met Forrest Roper while working there and later married him. When he finished college, they went into evangelism. He preached the sermons, and she played the marimba and illustrated the sermons as a lightning artist using black light. Their first series was held in Wallula, Wash., where 33 people were baptized. They served in Washington, Florida and the Northwest for 39 years, retiring to College Place from the Pendleton Church. After Forrest died, Edith moved back to Pendleton, where she's still an active member.

The Roper family includes Don and Judy Roper and two granddaughters.

Dirk Wiersma married Arlene Achembach May 15, 1943, in Plainfield Township, Pa., where they farmed for a time. Dirk worked in data processing and Arlene was a dietary supervisor for Adventist Health in California for 20 years. They have lived in Elmira, Ore., for 17 years.



Wiersma 60th

Dirk and Arlene Wiersma celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by their daughters. They are members of the Everlasting Gospel Adventist Church in Veneta, Ore.

The Wiersma family includes Erika Hanson and Celia and Wayne Morrow, all of Eugene, Mary Mole of Woodbine, Ga., five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

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ALTMAN—Cindy A. (Ambuehl), 42, born Aug. 23, 1960, Tacoma, Wash.; died June 18, 2003, Seattle, Wash. Surviving: husband, Jon, Auburn, Wash.; daughter, Paris, Auburn; parents, Richard and Virginia Ambuehl, Federal Way, Wash.; sister, Christi Horton, Puyallup, Wash.; grandmother, Thelma McDaniel, Seattle.

AMMUNDSEN—Irene K. (Blehm), 85, born Dec. 19, 1917, Blaine County, Okla.; died June 24, 2003, Burlington, Wash. Surviving: daughter, Connie Carman, Mount Vernon, Wash.; brother, Walter Blehm, Portland, Ore.; 3 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

BROWN—Edith K. (Pate), 76, born Mar. 3, 1927, Fresno, Calif.;

died May 29, 2003, Parma, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Darrel and Charles both of Parma; brother, Charles Pate, Woodland, Calif.; 6 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren.

BROWN—Steve D., 53, born Apr. 5, 1950, Roseburg, Ore.; died, July 6, 2003, Kennewick, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joan, College Place, Wash.; daughters, Mechelle Trujillo, Fowler, Colo., Diane Bonjour, Colton, Calif.; parents, Farrell and Jeanne, College Place; brother, Gary, College Place; 4 grandchildren.

CARMACK—Leah "Naomi" (Mott), 78, born May 24, 1925, Parkin, Ark.; died June 23, 2003, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Peggy Buckles, Patsy Eccles

and Pamela Brophy all of Spokane; son, Larry, Mo.

CASTLE—Marion "Bill" D., 86, born Aug. 23, 1916, Cedar Edge, Colo.; died June 12, 2003, Hood River, Ore. Surviving: wife, Gladys; daughters, Lewella Robinson, Roseburg, Ore., Nila Hughes and Shirley Chandler both of Milton Freewater, Ore., Dora Maebull, Caldwell, Idaho, Virginia Hershall, Cottage Grove, Ore.; stepdaughter, Cheryl Chaichester, Hood River; sons, Ira David, Lakeside, Ore., Ted, Ferndale, Wash.; stepsons, Richard and Dennis Zeller both of Hood River; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CLARIDGE—David Errol, 81, born June 24, 1921, Lodgepole,

S.D.; died June 6, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Esther; daughters, Lucille Moore, Spokane, Wash., Lynette Dickerson, Milton Freewater, Ore., Joannette Heinrich, White Plains, N.Y., Sharon McDonald, Paradise, Calif., Susan Kruppa, Yucaipa, Calif.; stepdaughter, Elaine Cherry, Nampa, Idaho; sons, Tom, Red Wing, Minn., Ted, Kapowsin, Wash.; sister, Betty Schornstein, Myrtle Creek, Ore.; brothers, John, Falling Waters, W.Va., Charles, Sublimity, Ore., Larry, College Place.

CORSON—Andy, 90, born May 21, 1913, Hartington, Nebr.; died July 7, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: wife, Joy; daughter, Verna Sonntag, College Place;

Family
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sons, Alvin, Bend, Ore., David, Oregon City, Ore., Jerry, Lincoln City, Ore., Ronald, Clarkston, Wash.; sister, Pauline Papay, Oakhurst, Calif.; brother, Carroll, Oakhurst.

DAHL—Erik E., 31, born Oct. 21, 1971, Loma Linda, Calif.; died June 1, 2003, Meridian, Idaho. Surviving: wife, Kimberly J.; parents, Roy and Agnes, Gresham, Ore.; brother, Curtis A., Seattle, Wash.

ELDER—Doris O., 95, born Apr. 27, 1908, Lewis County, Wash.; died June 3, 2003, Centralia, Wash.

FRANKOVITCH-BROCK—Harriett Elizabeth (Blue), 88, born June 15, 1915, Richmond, Ohio; died July 12, 2003, Gresham, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Elizabeth Franz, Warren, Conn., Carol True, Phoenix, Ariz.; sons, Joe Frankovitch, Argile, Scotland, Jack Frankovich, Newport Richie, Fla.; brother, Jonah Blue, Marion, Ohio.

GEDDIS—Jenny S. (Sabat) Ilie, 68, born June 12, 1934, Warren, Ohio; died May 30, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: sons, Brian Ilie, La Center, Wash., Joseph M. Ilie, Gresham, Ore.; brother, Joseph, Warren, Ohio; 1 grandchild.

GRAHAM—Carolie A., 82, born July 20, 1920, Greeley, Colo.; died, July 12, 2003, Minatare, Nebr. Surviving: daughters, Carol Joyce Thomas, Minatare, Marjorie Schleenbaker, Apison, Tenn.; son, Thomas Graham, Nampa, Idaho; 4 grandchildren.

HAWKS—Raymond E., 84, born Dec. 5, 1918, Longmont, Colo.; died June 8, 2003, Klamath Falls, Ore. Surviving: wife, Jean; daughters, Sheree Fling, Missoula, Mont., Diana Davis and Kay Armentrout both of Klamath Falls; sons, Steve Davis, Maryland, Terry Young, Sacramento, Calif.

HINTZ—Ruby L. (Belz), 80, born May 6, 1923, Henrietta, Texas; died, July 11, 2003, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: husband, Phil; daughters, Sonya Hintz, San Diego, Calif., Maria DiFronzo, Lynnfield, Mass.; sisters, Olga Haynes, Fort Meyers, Fla., Tillie Foust, Sacramento, Calif.

JONES—Ron, 45, born Oct. 5, 1957; died May 4, 2003, Olympia,

Wash. Surviving: sister, Bonnie Tripp.

KAISER—Gayle L. (Van Houten), 89, born Jan. 31, 1914, Billings, Mont.; died June 16, 2003, Butte, Mont.

KROMREI—Stanley G., 73, born Dec. 22, 1929, Boise, Idaho; died May 19, 2003, Boise. Surviving: wife, Dorothy; daughters, Cindy Schultz and Shari Krall both of Boise; sons, Gary, Lenore, Idaho, Tim and Joel both of Boise; 8 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

KRUEGER—Winifred (Wendt), 80, born Dec. 8, 1922, Grand Island, Nebr.; died May 27, 2003, Wapato, Wash. Surviving: sons, Lenny, Wapato, Elvin, Port Charlotte, Fla., Rick, Yakima, Wash.; sisters, Wauneta Abbott, Oakdale, Calif., Wilma Everett, Toppenish, Wash.; brother, Woodrow Wendt, Puyallup, Wash.; 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

MASTERS—Beatrice Mae (Brown), born Sept. 10, 1922, El Paso, Texas; died June 18, 2003, Moses Lake, Wash. Surviving: son, Ron, Moses Lake; sister, Ruth Henry, Sacramento, Calif.; brother, Ben Brown, Moses Lake; 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

MATHIS—Clarice Arlene (Riggins), 59, born Apr. 4, 1944, Prineville, Ore.; died May 22, 2003, Americus, Ga. Surviving: daughter, Lisa Y. Burton, Clermont, Fla.; step-mother, Vera P. Riggins, Spokane, Wash.; half-sister, Berna Crosby, Collegedale, Tenn.; step sisters, Viola Peach, Spokane, Ella Jackson, Vancouver, Wash.; 2 grandchildren.

MAYES—Leta Mae (Bottom), 91, born Jan. 5, 1912, Mountain View, Okla.; died June 5, 2003, Hermiston, Ore. Surviving: daughter, June Martin, Port Hardy, B.C., Canada; sons, W. Ralph and Johnnie both of Hermiston, James, Elk Grove, Calif.; sister, Sarah Nugen, Pasco, Wash.; brother, Ed Bottom, Asher, Okla.

MCGHEE—Edwin D., 82, born Sept. 9, 1920, Pe Ell, Wash., died July 12, 2003, Longview, Wash. Surviving: wife, Naomi (Steele); daughter, Annette Koelsch, Longview; son, Fred, Battle Ground, Wash.; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

MCGILL—Marion Georgina, 84, born Mar. 26, 1919, Giroux, Manitoba; died July 2, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Marilyn Nelson, Bly, Ore., Dori Berg, Eagle Creek, Ore.; son, David Anderson, Eagle Creek; brothers, Alvin, Port Hardy, BC, Kenneth, Loma Linda, Calif., Donovan, Abbotsford, British Columbia; 6 grandchildren.

MEITZLER—Virginia F. (Feller), 91, born May 18, 1911, Canyon City, Colo.; died Mar. 30, 2003, Puyallup, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Erma Lamb, Dexter, N.M., Beverly Grant, Sequim, Wash.; sons, Neil, Walla Walla, Wash., Stephen, Orting, Wash., Leland, Salt Lake City, Utah; 16 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

OVERACKER—Clair, 86, born Sept. 19, 2003, Warsaw, Minn.; died June 1, 2003, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Louise McCullough, Upland, Calif., Joyce Bonlie, Calgary, Alta., Canada; 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

PRIDEMORE—Margaret E. (Van Houten), 85, born Dec. 3, 1917, Waco, Mont.; died Mar. 11, 2003, Butte, Mont. Surviving: daughter, Chere Fugate, Butte; sister, Gayle Kaiser, Butte.

RACE—Venitta (Kirklin), 84, born Mar. 10, 1919, Hillyard, Wash.; died May 13, 2003, Spokane, Wash. Surviving: sister, Norma Roberts, College Place, Wash.; brothers, Hubert, Grandview, Wash., Vaughn Kirklin, Spokane.

RAY—Jane M. (Freeman), 69, born Aug. 28, 1934, South Bristol, N.Y.; died June 11, 2003, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Wendy Burt, Okla., Rebecca Breese, Albany, Ore.; son, Nathanael, Dallas, Ore.; brother, Robert Freeman, South Wales; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

ROYAL—Marydean (Silcox), 75, born Jan. 19, 1928, Whidbey Island, Wash.; died June 27, 2003, Everett, Wash. Surviving: husband, Clifton; daughter, Lorinda Koller, Everett; son, Dan, Shoreline, Wash.; sister, Marj, Granada Hills, Calif.; 2 grandchildren.

SHOCKLEY—Ada, 98, born Apr. 7, 1905, Edina, Mo.; died May 31, 2003, College Place, Wash. Surviving: daughters, Marilyn Ochsner, Milton Freewater, Ore., Sylvia Richardson, Richland, Wash.

SILCOX—Jessie E. (Manley), 70, born June 27, 1932, Willamina, Ore.; died June 5, 2003, Bozeman, Mont. Surviving: daughters, Lyla Hunt and Lavonne Ringering both of Boise, Idaho; sons, Terrence and Anthony both of Shelton, Wash.; sisters, Joy Stuvenga, Sheridan, Ore., Melissa Mathis, Dillard, Ore., Verna Manley, Vancouver, Wash.; brothers, George Manley, North Bend, Ore., Wesley Manley, Grand Ronde, Ore.; 3 grandchildren.

STENTZEL—Loren T., 70, born Mar. 12, 1932, Spokane, Wash.; died Feb. 14, 2003, Spokane. Surviving: wife, Ruth (Ogden), Lewiston, Idaho; son, Martin, Paradise, Calif.; brother, Les, Deer Park, Wash.; 4 grandchildren.

STEPHENSON—Charlotte C., 90, born Apr. 22, 1913, Rathdrum, Idaho; died June 18, 2003, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Surviving: sons, Fred and Irving both of Coeur d'Alene; eight grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

TEETER—Margaret, 92, born June 22, 1910, Roscoe, S.D.; died Feb. 12, 2003, Corvallis, Ore. Surviving: daughters, Phyllis Parker, Scio, Ore., Joyce Shogren, Gleneden Beach, Ore., Edie Huenergardt, College Place, Wash.

TILLMAN—Wilbur C., 88, born Mar. 14, 1915, Goldston, N.C.; died July 13, 2003, Walla Walla, Wash. Surviving: wife, Charlotte; son, Kevin, Spokane, Wash.

VIXIE—Oscar A., 80, born May 14, 1923, Viking, Minn.; died May 21, 2003, Portland, Ore. Surviving: wife, Hilda, Milton Freewater, Ore.; daughters, Lynn Hansen, Modesto, Calif., Gail Gardoza, Escalon, Calif.; sons, John, Modesto, Robert, Ridgefield, Wash., Bill, Milton Freewater, David, Paradise, Calif., Douglas, Wenatchee, Wash.; brothers, Luverne, Gresham, Ore., Ernest, Walla Walla, Wash., 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



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

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Sept. 21–27—Jumpstart; **28**—ASWWC Welcome Back Bash; **29**—First day of Fall Quarter. **Oct. 13–18**—Week of Prayer; **22**—Service Day.

OREGON

Bob Bennett Concert

Christian songwriter and musician Bob Bennett will be presenting a concert Saturday, **Sept. 6**, 7:30 p.m. at the Pleasant Hill Church. Admission is free—bring a friend. Call (541) 744-0650 for more information.

Oregon Singles Events

Sept. 6—Movie night at Omnimax Theater at OMSI to watch “The Coral Reef.” Plan to be there around 8:00 p.m.; **12**—Vespers at Sunnyside Church at 7:30 p.m. Join us as we welcome the Sabbath with worship, fellowship and refreshments; **13**—Potluck/picnic and hike at Silver Creek Falls east of Salem. Meet in the day-use picnic area around 2:00 p.m. “Game night” following the hike; **19**—Vespers at Beaverton Church at 7:30; **20**—Potluck and afternoon activities at Beaverton Church. Bowling and pizza at Izzy’s in southeast Portland. Check the hotline and/or Web site for details on any of these events.

Oregon Retired Workers’ Fellowship

At the **Sept. 9** meeting of the Oregon Retired Workers’ Fellowship, microbiologist Lynn Creitz of Sandy, Ore., will speak on “Doomsday Scenario: Infectious Diseases—When Will These Get Us?” He will discuss, “New and strange diseases keep cropping up such as SARS, West Nile Virus, and Monkeypox. What’s next?”

This monthly 12:00 noon potluck meeting is held in the downstairs multipurpose room of the Oregon Conference office at 13455 S.E. 97th Ave., Portland, Ore.

The group is especially for retired denominational employees, although

other retirees are welcome to attend. Bring food and table service. For information phone Lorraine Juberg at (503) 618-8464.

Seminar on Conciliation

Sept. 13, at 2:00 pm, at Sunnyside Church 10501 SE Market St., Portland, Ore. Inquiries: (503) 252-8080. The seminar will feature Ginn Fourie, whose daughter, Lyndi, was killed in the Heidelberg Restaurant massacre in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1993, and Letlapa Mphahlele, commander of The Heidelberg Three, who gunned Lyndi down. Ginn and Letlapa have experienced the miracle of conciliation in post-apartheid South Africa. The presentations will cover aspects of their personal stories, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of such processes in the South African context and elsewhere.

Mike Bishop Concert

Mike Bishop will present a musical vespers program on Sabbath, **Sept. 13**, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lincoln City Church, 2335 NE 22nd St., Lincoln City, Ore. All are welcome to attend.

Work Bee in Brookings

The Brookings, Ore., new church volunteer work bee is scheduled for **Oct. 12–17**. The church construction is expected to be in the framing stage at that time. This event is sponsored by SAGE Oregon. Volunteers of all ages are encouraged to participate. For further information call Glenn Payne, project manager, at (707) 487-2180 or (541) 661-1649.

Michael Card Concert

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Official notice is hereby given that a Regular Membership Meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called for 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, **Nov. 19, 2003**, at Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash.

The membership is comprised of the members of the North Pacific Union Conference Executive Committee.

The purpose of this Regular Membership Meeting is to hear reports and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Anchorage	8:54	8:32	8:09	7:47
Fairbanks	8:55	8:29	8:03	7:38
Juneau	7:46	7:26	7:06	6:46
Ketchikan	7:30	7:12	6:53	6:35

IDAHO CONFERENCE

Boise	8:14	8:01	7:48	7:35
La Grande	7:23	7:10	6:56	6:43
Pocatello	7:58	7:45	7:33	7:20

MONTANA CONFERENCE

Billings	7:45	7:32	7:18	7:06
Haure	7:53	7:38	7:23	7:09
Helena	8:00	7:46	7:32	7:18
Miles City	7:35	7:21	7:07	6:54
Missoula	7:08	7:54	7:40	7:26

OREGON CONFERENCE

Coos Bay	7:45	7:33	7:20	7:07
Medford	7:39	7:27	7:14	7:02
Portland	7:41	7:28	7:14	7:01

UPPER COLUMBIA

Pendleton	7:26	7:13	6:59	6:45
Spokane	7:23	7:08	6:54	6:40
Walla Walla	7:25	7:11	6:57	6:43
Wenatchee	7:34	7:20	7:06	6:51
Yakima	7:34	7:20	7:06	6:52

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Bellingham	7:44	7:29	7:15	7:00
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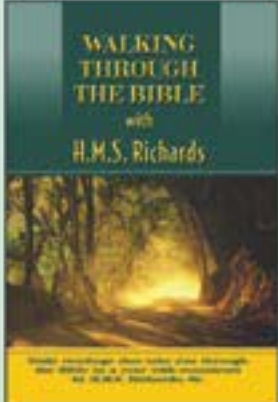
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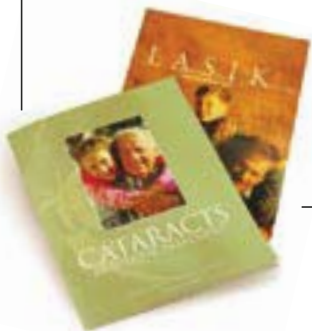


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