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“Nunawading Adventist College, Victoria, is leading the way in technology as the first Adventist school to release a multimedia CD attached to their school magazine,” says deputy principal Jacques Calais.

School magazine goes digital

Bruce Manners

Nunawading Adventist College (NAC), Victoria, is leading the way with technology in Adventist schools with the release of a multimedia CD attached to their annual school magazine *Images*.

Deputy principal and school magazine editor Jacques Calais says, “We wanted to do something innovative and appealing for the students. For years we’ve taken video footage of the school year, but then it just gets stored in the archives. It was time to take a bold step into the unknown and try something different.”

The CD contains more than half-an-hour of video highlights from the year, along with a short video message of farewell from each Year 12 student and more photos. “Looking at a static magazine is great,” says Mr Calais, “but the CD has added so much more. The students and staff have been very receptive to the new format. Now they not only have a magazine to look back on, but they can actually see and hear what life was like at NAC in 2002.”

Under the direction of information technology department head Brendyn Hancock, NAC has worked hard over the past few years to build a technology infrastructure that provides a seamless learning environment between home and school. Mr Hancock says, “The *Images* CD is a continuation of our commitment to improve communication between the college and the community it serves.”

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● In a recent letter to the Avondale College Council (ACC), **Dr Geoffrey Madigan** (pictured) requested he be **relieved of the duties of president of Avondale College** at the end of 2003. After 13 years in this role, he feels that the time has come for a career change.



"While we understand and are supportive of his decision to relinquish his responsibilities at Avondale this year and move into another area of endeavour, we freely acknowledge the **tremendous contribution**

he has made to many aspects of Avondale during his long tenure," says South Pacific Division president and chairperson of the ACC **Pastor Laurie Evans**. "We also appreciate the long lead time he has given us to find a successor."

● The **Southlakes Refuge**, operated by Adventist churches in the Lake Macquarie area, NSW, was the **winner** of the "Not for Profit Organisation" section at the **Southlakes Business Excellence Awards** where it was chosen from 11 other community organisations nominated for the award. This award was introduced to acknowledge and reward local businesses excelling in business practice and community spirit. When local MP **Jeff Hunter** announced the award, he also



Record numbers graduate from Fulton

Some 1500 family, friends and community leaders watched a record 182 students graduate from Fulton College at the National Gymnasium in Suva, Fiji, on December 1.

Dr Nemani Tausere, South Pacific Division education director and guest speaker, challenged the audience at the 2002 Fulton College graduation service to live life enthusiastically and with integrity.

Fulton's principal Pastor Murray Chapman says, "A large number of the 84 Diploma of Primary Education graduates will find teaching positions with the Fiji Government Ministry of Education and add to the already enviable reputation enjoyed by Fulton-trained teachers."



added that considering the outstanding service given by the refuge he would match the prize money, **doubling it to \$A1000**. Refuge director **Adele Rowden-Johnson** (pictured), on accepting the award, specifically thanked the volunteers involved in the day-to-day running of the refuge.—*Brian Townend*

● **Have you forgotten to register?** In two weeks time youth from Greensborough church, Vic, are running their **free youth camp—TRUTHATTACK** (RECORD, November 16)—in country Victoria. Register now by phoning **Walter Agi on 0419 391 944**. More information can be found online at www.truthattack.com.

● **Safari's mother, Anne Kimanathi**, died of a snakebite in December 2002. Mrs

Kimanathi was making her way home in the late evening from the Kasaala market. She made a short cut toward her home, and along the path was bitten by a cobra snake. **ADRA Kenya assisted the family** to make necessary funeral arrangements and covered all expenses incurred.

● Federal Minister for Territories, the **Hon Wilson Tuckey, MP** (pictured), was a guest at the annual **Norfolk Island church thanksgiving day service** late last year. Regular church attendees were outnumbered



by visitors, friends and relatives. The message focused on how God offers comfort and peace in troubled times to those who have a personal relationship with Him. Mr Tuckey read a portion of Psalm 27: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"—*Rob Fraser*

● An exhibition of **137 miniature paintings and sculptures**—all with **biblical themes** and containing relevant **Scripture references**, is currently being displayed in New Zealand. These artworks will be available for viewing at the Te Manawa Museum, Palmerston North (until February 2), Canterbury Museum (March–April) and Auckland (April–May) before travelling to Australia.



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Sanitarium buys out Soyaworld

Julie Praestiin, Berkeley Vale, NSW

Sanitarium's CEO, Kevin Jackson, recently announced the company's successful purchase of Soyaworld in Canada.

"On entering the initial agreement we purchased half of the business and also negotiated an option to buy the remaining part of the company. We have now exercised our option to purchase the remaining 53 per cent of Soyaworld and, as such, we now own 100 per cent of the Canadian company" said Mr Jackson on announcing the takeover.

Since commencing the joint venture with Soyaworld two years ago—to produce So Good—the company has established a 60 per cent share of the soymilk market in Canada. Its current sales turnover is around \$A46 million (\$NZ53 million), with expectations for this to grow a further



Sanitarium's growth in the international market is set to expand, says CEO Kevin Jackson.

20 per cent in the coming year.

"This company is profitable, growing rapidly and is something we can all be proud of," says Mr Jackson. "We believe it will become a significantly larger part of our overall business in the coming years as we look at expanding the product range that the business currently offers, and also look at strategies to enter the wider North American market."

Fire victims benefit from ADRA funds

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) has provided \$A30,000 to assist victims of the NSW bushfires who may not be covered by other forms of government compensation.

As with previous disasters within Australia, ADRA officers will work with the NSW Department of Community Services to locate and assist those who fall between the cracks of insurance and other forms of government assistance.

Gary Christian, ADRA's national program director, believes that the fires could not have come at a worse time, but that ADRA was still able to offer some Christmas cheer for the people affected.

"There are always people with special circumstances who will miss out on various forms of government support, but whose needs are nevertheless very genuine," he said, "and these are the people we will seek to identify and then assist."

Close call for Adventist church in NSW bushfires



Only one year after shifting into their new premises—built after an arsonist burned their previous building to the ground three years ago—Toronto church, NSW, was again threatened by fire, only this time from bushfires. On November 26 a bushfire spread to residential areas west of Lake Macquarie and eventually

surrounded the Toronto church and school complex, burning within 50 metres of the buildings. Church members who lived nearby, along with firefighters, battled the flames for several hours before the danger was past.—Michelle Coltheart

Aussie accountants balance books in Papua New Guinea

Brenton Stacey

Twelve finance officers from Australia have voluntarily helped the Adventist church in Papua New Guinea (PNG) balance its books.

The team balanced the books of half the church's 10 missions, three of its educational institutions and two of its Adventist Book Centres. But they worked 1500 hours over two weeks to do it.

Doug Burns—an accountant at Signs Publishing Company, who travelled with three of the officers to Port Moresby, while others travelled to Lae and Kokopo—describes the state of the accounts as "disappointing."



Arch Braidwood, Dion Harvey, Bill Truscott, Brad Bolst and Graeme Drinkall (pictured from left with their host, Brian Brunton, centre) joined Doug Burns, Allan Butler, Devon Deppeler, Peter Dose, Troy McDonald, Glen Reed and Kingsley Wood to balance the books of the church in Papua New Guinea.

Four of the officers were visiting PNG for the first time. "The fly'n'account helped them experience some of the everyday frustrations, such as lack of banking and commercial documentation and power outages, our mission accountants have to cope with," says Allan Butler, the school finance and information technology manager for the Australian Union Conference.

Although the volunteers worked from 8 am until midnight every day but Saturday, "We enjoyed the experience and feel we made a tangible contribution," says Mr Burns.

LE sales rise during 2002

James Holman, editorial intern

Literature evangelist book sales exceeded expectations for the financial year ending in 2002, reports Pastor Terry Goltz, publishing director for the South Pacific Division (SPD). "Sales have been excellent; it's been our best year ever."

Literature evangelist (LE) book sales in the SPD have increased a substantial 8.3 per cent over the previous year, breaking the \$A2.8 million mark. That is an 82 per cent increase since 1996-97.

The year 2002 has been a strong one in Australia and New Zealand, with more than \$A2.2 million in sales. Pastor Goltz attributes these record-breaking achievements to several factors. A number of new career LEs have been recruited. They have been aided by a financial-assistance package available to new LEs. A direct-debit system has been utilised, meaning people can buy books and pay in easy instalments.

Major highlights during 2001-02 for the Publishing Department have included the introduction of three new products: an updated *The Bible Story* book set; new medicinal plant and nutritional book sets from Spain; and a series of *The Bible Story* audio CDs.

Pastor Goltz hopes these new products will bring increased sales during 2003, especially the new medicinal plants and nutritional book sets, because they cater for a growing desire in the community for natural remedy solutions to medical concerns.

The year has also brought a new presence

on the Internet in the form of two new web sites. The first, <www.hhes.com.au>, is the commercial online outlet for the Publishing Department, advertising books and evangelistic material for sale. The second, <www.see-le.com>, is a webpage for church members.

The second web site allows readers to read information about LEs, contains the latest LE stories and is kept up to date with current LE developments. "Hopefully," says Pastor Goltz, "this will also create a platform for recruiting new LEs."

He reports that during 2001-02 there were three "outstanding firsts" in the history of Australia-New Zealand literature evangelism. Eric Hoare, LE, delivered more than \$A212,000 worth of books, setting a new sales record for the SPD. In the western and central area, LEs in total delivered more than \$A700,000 of literature. Also the first area manager has been appointed for French Polynesia and New Caledonia.

Pastor Goltz also reports an increase in what he calls "second-mile service"—taking people the second mile toward Christ. The number of baptisms of customers during 2001-02 rose to 158. This, he adds, is only a reflection of how many people are influenced and are finally baptised. More than 1000 homes were opened for Bible study, and an increased number, 3038, enrolled in correspondence courses.

To illustrate the impact of LEs in the homes he tells the story of a woman who had bought several books from a local LE

and had showed an interest in the material she read. When the LE asked her if she would like to go to church she gave her a big hug and thanked her for the invitation.

She then asked if she could invite some of her friends as well. So, on Sabbath, two car loads of non-Adventists showed up to the church, thanks to the one invitation made by the LE.

In looking to the future, Pastor Goltz hopes that 2003 will see sales in the division break \$A3 million, and in five years time he expects that total sales will be more than \$A3.5 million. He believes that the introduction of new material, in the form of books, audio products and videos, will continue the steady growth at about 8.3 per cent per annum.

One of the advantages of new material is that they help retain existing customer interest while introducing others to Christ through new products. With the growing success of the LE program, he expects greater growth as more people discover that it is a financially viable ministry and want to become involved.

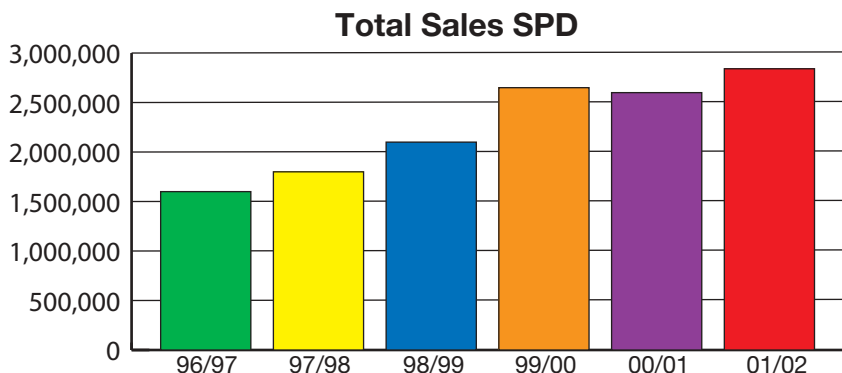
For the future, Pastor Goltz has a burden to see a strong LE work in Tasmania. Currently there are no career LEs on the island. He also wants to see the reintroduction of the student LE program—where Avondale College and university students worked as LEs during their holidays.

He feels it is important that the Publishing Department works toward keeping a well-defined presence on the internet, and providing products relevant to the market.

For the future, he says, "There are still places for literature evangelists to serve, and I believe that God is still calling people to the task."



Pastor Terry Goltz.



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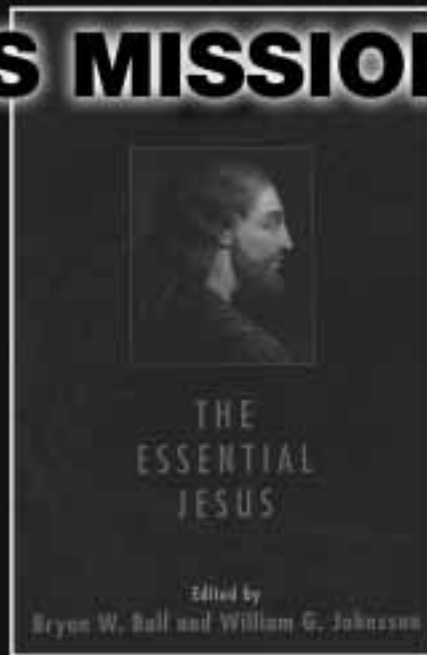
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More on old or young earth

ⓇThe following letters continue discussion on the age of the earth at Creation that began with the article “In the shadow of Galileo” (October 5) and the letter “An old earth: Theory or fact?” (November 2).

Ken Davey (Pastor), Qld

The concept of an old age for the earth lines up with a number of books that have, over the past 25 years, stirred up these so-called geological problems and undermined faith in the Bible for many. The Bible recognises no long ages in which the earth evolved. At the end of that first week it says, “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created” (Genesis 2:4, NIV, emphasis added).

Rapid geomorphological development, not evolution, can be seen in many world locations as in the volcanic island of Surtsey off Iceland, which was produced in an eruption during 1963. Within a period of months this sterile, virgin rock was transformed into a “mature” island.

Valda Parkinson, Vic

Is anybody really inferring that God, who is from “everlasting to everlasting,” did not have even a cold, wet cloud to sit on until 6000 or so years ago? What utter nonsense! What was the “deep” and

“waters” that the Spirit of God moved on (Genesis 1:2)?

Glyn Parfitt, Qld

While a considerable body of scientific data appears, at face value, to favour a long age for the substance of the earth, a growing amount of data is now pointing in the opposite direction.

Seventh-day Adventists have always believed that Scripture testifies of other worlds and galaxies created before our world. We have no need of theories of a change in the speed of light, which is far

it holy. . . . For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is” (Exodus 20:8, 11, KJV). The rocks, the dust and the clay.

R Siemienowicz, Vic

If the sun was in place when God came to work on the formless and void matter, just what was created on day four as related in Genesis 1:14-19? Our views shouldn't come at the expense of Scripture.

Is the writer aware of the work of Dr R Humphreys, a nuclear physicist who has provided a possible scenario to reconcile a

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from proven. However, many find it impossible to sever Genesis 1:1 from the rest of Creation week because of the wording of the Sabbath command, “For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth . . .” (Exodus 20:11, NIV).

Alec C Thomson, Qld

I cannot believe there is such a diversity of opinion regarding the age of the earth. We once believed that we Adventists were people of the Book. Why has no-one quoted what the Lord wrote on tables of stone: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep

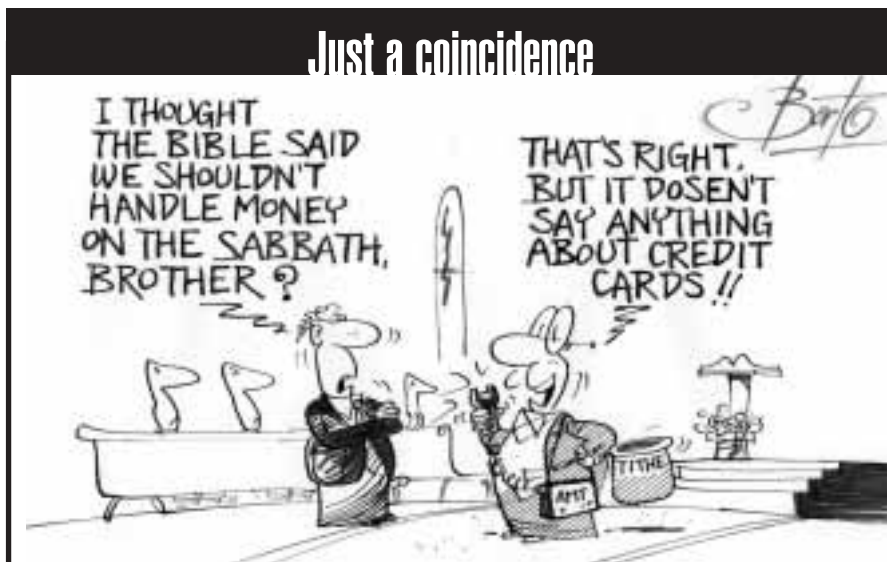
young earth with the “millions of years” needed for light to travel from distant galaxies? He provides an elegant set of relativistic equations to support his concept. Numerous scientific observations seem to negate a solar system being eons of years old: for instance, the decay of the earth's magnetic field, the influx of magma from the mantle to the earth's crust and polonium halos.

Colin Waters (Dr), NSW

I was fascinated to read the physics in the RECORD where the writer repeats an old but fallacious fiddle with the speed of light. Scientists bring light to a halt the same way as everyone else—with a light switch.

Simplistic statements attempting to link the age of the universe with induced changes in the speed of light are inadequate and misleading. Most experts believe the universe is around 15 billion years old. The opinion of experts does not guarantee the truth—this also applies to many theological details. Based on the available evidence, fiddling with the speed of light to arrive at a young universe is not the answer.

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Allum, Sonia and Craig extend heartfelt thanks to all who have supported them through the loss of their precious son, Zak. Your prayers, thoughts, gifts and hugs have lifted us a little closer to heaven. Thank you.

Hancock, Steve and Laurene, Joan and Max Hancock would like to thank all their friends for the love and care that was shown to them at the time of Steve's truck accident last February. Although he was very seriously injured and badly burned, God has miraculously healed him.

Stepniak. Wife Nina, sons Daniel, Marek, Michael-John, and families, would like to thank everyone for their support through prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and donations to Coronella, following the passing of Michael, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend.

Taylor: Rene Taylor, Helen and Carl Stone and their family, wish to thank sincerely everyone who phoned, visited, sent cards, flowers and messages of support at the sad loss of George, our beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Willis, Ross, Lois and family are most grateful for the love and comfort extended to them; for the beautiful flowers, cards and phone calls, on the passing of their mum, nanna and grandnan, Rita Willis.

Retirements

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- **Martin Brown**, South Queensland Conference (SQC) (38 years).
- **Marlene Clarke**, Sanitarium Health Food Company (SHF) (33 years).
- **Donald Hansen**, Avondale (36 years).
- **Peter Harper**, SQC (27 years).
- **Keith Hughes**, South Pacific Division (51 years).
- **John Jackson**, Sydney Adventist Hospital (30 years).
- **Neil Lawson**, South New South Wales Conference (46 years).
- **Jean Mack**, Victorian Conference (VC) (37 years).
- **Clifford Newman**, SHF (29 years).
- **Roderick Nixon**, Signs Publishing Company (SPC), (37 years).
- **Verley Nixon**, SPC (19 years).
- **Gordon Oaklands**, SQC (39 years).
- **Kirsten Quay**, Adventist Retirement Village, WA (21 years).
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Anniversaries

Bienewitz, Gunter and Esther were married in Germany on 16.10.52. They migrated to Australia in 1960. On 20.10.02 they celebrated their 50th anniversary at Trinity Gardens (SA) church hall. Their three children and families, as well as many of their friends of many years were present, to make it a memorable occasion.

Kendall, Keith and May commemorated their 60th wedding anniversary on 28.11.02. Married in Auckland, NNZ, in 1942 and longtime members of the Royal Oak church, they are looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Congratulations and best wishes from family and friends on the special occasion. *Pauline Davys*

McMahon—Borgas. Benjamin John McMahon, son of Raymond and Amira McMahon (Lilydale, Vic), and Nicole Joanne Borgas, daughter of Lindsay and Lorelle Borgas (Vermont South), were married on 1.12.02 at "Marybrooke," Sherbrooke.

Kylie Ward, Sandor Gazsik

Obituaries

Hancock, Philip James Arthur, born 23.2.1906 at Hackney, London, England; died 16.10.02 in the Geraldton Nursing Home, WA. He was predeceased by his wife, Bernice, in 1988. He is survived by his sons, Lawrie and Malcolm (both of Qld); his daughters, Marlene (Perth, WA) and Raema (Vic). Phil was a Christian gentleman; a very cheerful and well loved member of the Geraldton church since 1957. He loved his Lord and is sadly missed by family and friends.

Ray Giblett, Ted McQueen

Weddings

Blue—LARGE. David Michael Blue, son of Bob and Gwen Blue (Riverside, California, USA), and Katrina Brigette Large, daughter of Alan and Elaine Large (Mount Waverley, Vic), celebrated two wedding ceremonies: the first on 1.12.02 at Mission Inn Chapel, Riverside; and the second on 8.12.02 at the East Prahran Adventist church, Vic.

Elizabeth Talbot, Bruce Manners

Charles—Takase. Bruce John Charles, son of Harold and Gladys Charles (Japan), and Tomoko Takase, daughter of Minoru and Eiko Takase (Japan), were married on 15.9.02 in Mosman Uniting Church, Sydney, NSW.

Wayne French

Grosser—Hodge. Jamie Aaron Grosser, son of Kelvin and Cherylene Grosser (Perth, WA), and Prue Elizabeth Hodge, daughter of Stephen (Perth) and the late Margaret Hodge, were married on 23.11.02 at Willow Pond Reception Centre, Canning Vale.

Max Smith

Leuluaialii—Suaalii. Panapa Sene Leuluaialii, son of Tapua' Fata and Fotu Leuluaialii (Wellington, NNZ), and Jochebed Sofe Suaalii, daughter of Suaalii Itafafo (Auckland) and Talinoa Titimau Suaalii (Sydney, NSW), were married on 1.12.02 in the Samoan Adventist church, Mount Druitt.

Neone Okesene, Ativale Mulitalo

McCusker, Walter Francis James, born 23.10.1918 at Wellington, NNZ; died 11.9.02 at his home in Christchurch, SNZ. In 1946 he married Edna (nee Adam). He is survived by his wife; his sons and daughters-in-law, Ross and Denise, Bruce and Jenny, and Graham. He was very proud of his eight grandchildren. Walter was a well-respected Christian gentleman who gave many years to the Lord's work and was always friendly, helpful and deeply committed to the church he loved. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert Granger

Paynter, Rita May, born 8.11.1930 at Collinsvale, Tas; died 16.7.02 in Royal Hobart Hospital. She is survived by her husband, Max (Campania); her children and their spouses, Kaylene and Gary Absolom, Shayne and Lyn, and Colin and Tracey (all of Hobart); and her five grandchildren. Rita worked for the Sanitarium Health Food Company for over 20 years.

Rod Anderson

Sharpe, Edmund Keith, born 29.7.1915; died 28.3.02 at Maryborough, Vic. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathleen. He is survived by his children, Glenys, Neil, Lucy and Wendy. Keith committed his life to his Lord in baptism 70 years ago and went to sleep knowing his Friend Jesus would wake him when He returns. Peacefully resting for awhile.

Alwin Hilton



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R G Dale

Secretary, North NSW Conference

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