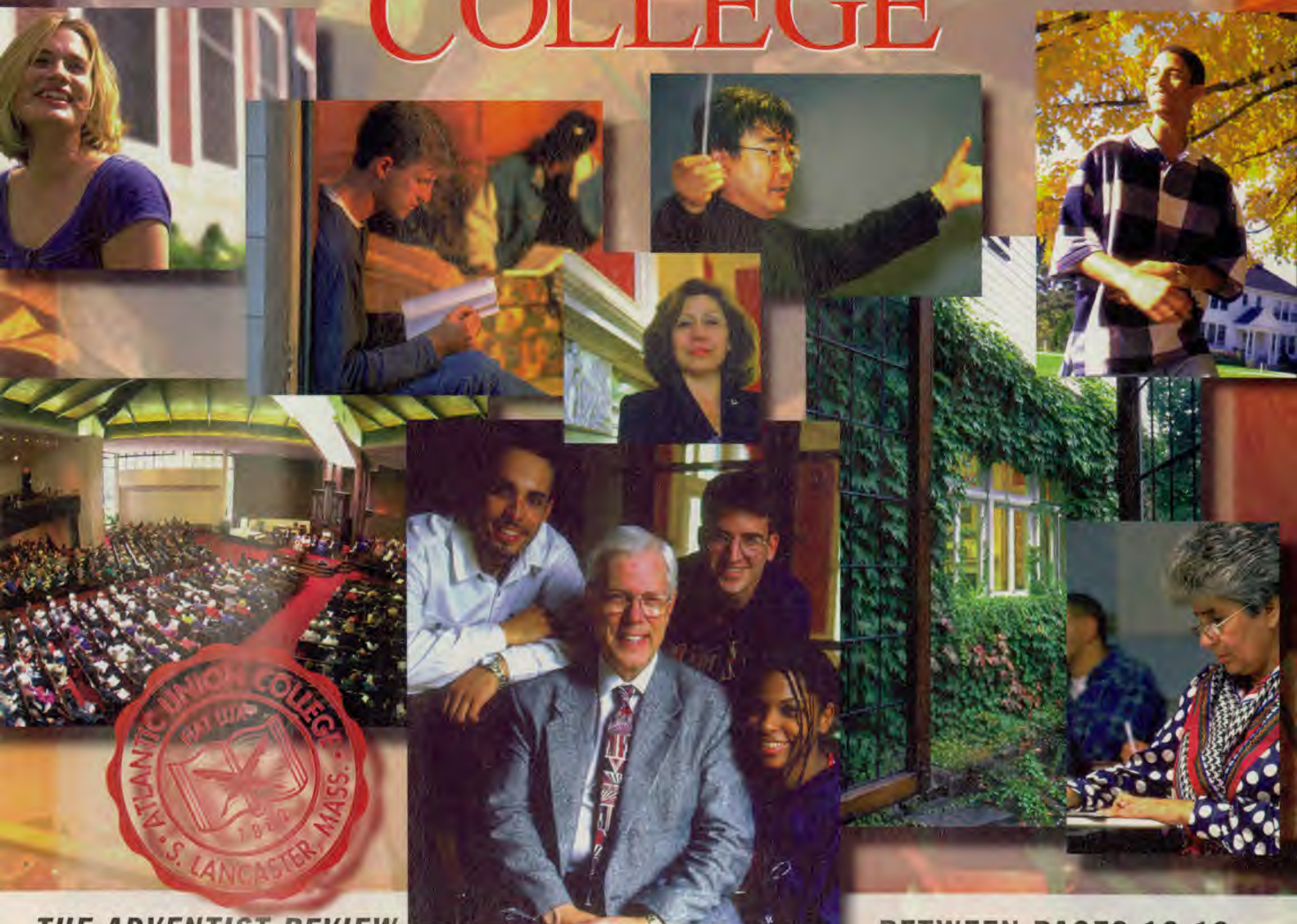


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A Mind to Work

ALFRED C. McCLURE

So we built the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work."

— Nehemiah 4:6

Every *Gleaner* reader who believes in Adventist higher Education ought to take courage from the story of Nehemiah. It's a Bible lesson that has particular meaning in this issue that features Atlantic Union College.

Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem at the end of the Babylonian exile. He found the city walls in tough shape. In those days, it was unthinkable to try to run a city without having a decent wall.

To speak frankly, I think it is as important for the Atlantic Union Conference to have a strong college as it was for Jerusalem to have a strong wall. Why? Because a strong college in South Lancaster means that your sons and daughters are more likely to remain in *Gleaner* country after they graduate. They will get jobs in Buffalo or Boston, or Bangor or Brooklyn. They will marry, raise families, and educate their children there. They will be among the local elders or Sabbath School leaders in your church. They will return tithe, support the local church budget and contribute to the worthy student fund. They will serve on conference committees. They will share their faith in their various professions. And in a thousand other ways, they will contribute profoundly to building up the Church in the Atlantic Union. That's what a college does for you.

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This isn't just nice theory. As I write, more than a third of all AUC's living alumni reside in *Gleaner* country. Just contemplate for a moment the tremendous cumulative effect of more than 2,000 Atlantic Union College-educated people influencing the Church in the Atlantic Union. That's a resource you can lose only at your peril. Lose your college and watch the church in your area lose the ones who should have been leaders there. You need Atlantic Union College.

Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem faced a big challenge in restoring the walls of their city. But the record says they did it in record time because "the people had a mind to work." They came together in adversity, rolled up their sleeves, made some tough decisions and went ahead doggedly about their Father's business. And God richly blessed them.

Church and educational leaders in *Gleaner* country face a similar challenge in securing the future of AUC. But I'm as hopeful about the outcome in South Lancaster as I am certain of the results at Jerusalem. Why? Because the Atlantic Union is populated by people who, like those in Nehemiah's Jerusalem, have "a mind to work."

In March, I attended a special Atlantic Union constituency meeting. We

Alfred C. McClure is president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America.





The College Church of Seventh-day Adventists at South Lancaster, Mass.

heard some daunting reports about the temporary struggles of the college. Yet your delegates voted overwhelmingly to keep higher education strong in your region by strongly supporting AUC. Clearly, those delegates "had a mind to work."

Since then, Clifford Sorensen has been willing to take charge at the college as interim president. He is one of our church's most experienced educational administrators. And I know he has "a mind to work."

Under Dr. Sorensen's leadership, the faculty and staff have redoubled their efforts this summer to make sure everyone hears the good word about AUC. They have spread out across the Union, attending campmeetings and visiting churches and Adventist homes. They have given extra time to call potential students on the telephone. At the same time, they have been willing to accept—if necessary—a temporary but significant reduction in pay in order to help the college through a tight time. Recently, one faithful employee liquidated an asset and turned over more than \$20,000 to the college. Clearly, the dedicated employees at AUC have "a mind to work."

In late April, amid the extra pressures of semester's end, AUC students sponsored a walkathon for student scholarships. They raised

more than \$5,000 because these students, too, "had a mind to work."

Don't think that *Gleaner* readers, AUC students or employees are the only ones who care about AUC. Turn to page 12. Read Winton West's brief handwritten note to the college. You'll notice that he lives in the home town of another Adventist college and graduated from yet another—far from AUC. I think you will be moved by his simple message. From my travels, I know there are thousands of fine people in the North American Division like Mr. West. They believe in Adventist higher education, wherever it may be. And when they know of a need, they, too, have "a mind to work."

Adventists in New York, New England and Bermuda have operated a school in the same place longer than any other group of Adventists in history. That's a remarkable record. Like them and Nehemiah and his friends, we too will leave a record behind us. I trust ours will show that at this important hour, *Gleaner* readers secured the future of their college—and their church—because they "had a mind to work."

For more information about Atlantic Union College, please call (508) 368-2255 or 1-800-282-2030, ext. 2255.

Academic Excellence at AUC: Moving On Up

I believe that AUC creates and shapes thinking people because it has the tools to do it," stated Erika Randall, president of the class of 1996, in her May commencement address. "It is hard not to be transformed at a college like AUC. A person is exposed to so many life-changing experiences socially, intellectually, and spiritually." Erika is now working as an intern at a major publishing house.

AUC's unique emphasis on a broad liberal arts education has traditionally produced well-rounded students who have succeeded in the nation's toughest graduate schools,

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including Harvard, Yale, Georgetown University, Claremont Graduate School, Cornell University, Loma Linda University, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. AUC's recent alumni are well on their way to continuing this tradition.

Elaine Pelley ('96) has accepted a full scholarship to Loma Linda University's M.D./Ph.D. program. The expertise and personal interest of her AUC teachers, particularly chemistry professor Donald Jones, helped inspire Pelley to continue her studies at Loma Linda University. "I would ask for classes, and Dr. Jones would teach them, even if they weren't being offered. That's

dedication."

Pelley also found that participating in AUC's honors core classes and retreats, and taking a broad range of non-science classes to be rewarding. "I didn't want to look at just one subject or at any subject from one angle," she said. "That's why I chose to study science at a liberal arts institution." Ileana Douglas, Vice

President for Academic Affairs and former director of AUC's honors program, agrees: "Elaine's full scholarship to this prestigious program at Loma Linda University is a significant academic honor, and an important statement about the value of a liberal arts education, especially at AUC. Even our accrediting association, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, has recognized that our program is one of New England's best."

When she completes the LLU



"AUC opened up my world"
—Laurielle Noel

program, Pelley will hold both M.D. and Ph.D. degrees, allowing her to practice medicine, teach, as well as conduct research. "I want to experience all three," said Pelley. "I can

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combine all the things I want to do in my career." Pelley's brother, Doug, also a graduate of AUC, just graduated from the Cornell Law School this May.

Joel Sommers ('95), who plans to complete an M.S. in computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in December, also values the liberal arts education he received at AUC in spite of the fact that he, too, pursued graduate work in science. "Undergraduates at WPI have equipment and technological opportunities that AUC

students don't have—but WPI doesn't have anything compared to the breadth of education I got at AUC," said Sommers. "I wouldn't trade my experience at AUC for anything." Joel has been at WPI on scholarship and receives a significant stipend, which goes a long way to helping meet living expenses while he's at school.

Like Pelley, Sommers was challenged and changed by his honors core classes. He also enjoyed learning about world politics in an international relations course in which AUC students studied at the United Nations in New York, and participating in the Harvard Model U.N. for two years. Perhaps more surprisingly, Sommers cited the men's

dormitory as a place special to him. "Everybody complains about dorms," he said, "but I have so many memories from living so closely with friends."

Sommers definitely wants to pursue a Ph.D., but may take some time off before continuing his education.

Laurielle Noel ('96) will join AUC graduates Jewell Elliott ('93) and Lorelle Anderson ('94) at Georgetown Law School in September. She also credits her teachers, fellow students, and diversity of extra-



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curricular activities available at AUC with helping to prepare her for graduate work.

Like Joel and Elaine, Laurielle also studied in AUC's Honors Core Program, where she experienced AUC's teaching excellence in concentrated doses. "They opened up my world, made me work hard, and helped me learn about what I can and must do with my life," Noel said.

"I believe that editing the yearbook, being a junior class officer, and the many other activities I participated in at AUC will help me to cope at Georgetown," Noel said. "I have especially appreciated the openness of the people at AUC," she added.

For more information about the academic program at Atlantic Union College, call (508) 368-2255 or 1-800-282-2030.



No Better Place to Be

Atlantic Union College president N. Clifford Sorensen takes time in a summer afternoon with returning students Luanna Isaac, John Hodson, and Eric Rodriguez. "Students are our reason for being. Of course—that should go without saying. Nevertheless, I try to say this to a student or two every day. No matter the circumstances, we are responsible to and for our students. 'Higher than the highest thought can reach' speaks not only to academic and intellectual excellence, it also speaks to the nature of our care for others. That's what Atlantic Union College is here for: preparing students and caring for them, academically, personally, and spiritually."



"I had to come back because I missed AUC so much," admits Eric Rodriguez from Dorchester, Massachusetts. Eric's family attends the Bethel Hispanic church now, but Eric was born in Brooklyn and attended Cedarbrook Academy. He left school for a year, but felt compelled to return because he missed his Christian friends and the spiritual atmosphere at AUC. "It's not the same out there. This is where I belong." Like Luanna and John, Eric is a member of AUC's singing group "Face 2 Face," who has been performing all over New England this summer.



"Bigger isn't better," says John Hodson, returning AUC business major. John is a Greater Boston Academy graduate whose family lives in Virginia. "I'm getting a little tired of hearing people say that it is." John says that opportunities for student leadership is only one advantage of attending a smaller school. "The size of the college and the school's various cultural groups have kept 'cliques' from forming on-campus. Everyone has space to be who he or she wants or needs to be—that's not common in some bigger schools, where what you drive and how you look seem to be more important."



"This is one of the best places I knew to study music," says Luanna Isaac, a member of the Arima Seventh-day Adventist church in Trinidad. She came to AUC on a music scholarship and is enthusiastic about being able to practice violin at the Thayer Center for Performing Arts. Thayer's small classes and individual attention are what kept Luanna here, but she is also thankful for the friends she has made at AUC. "If you need help, you can feel comfortable here asking for it—and you can know that classmates and professors will do anything they can to give it." Luanna plans to graduate next May but still likes to think about staying at AUC longer. "No matter: part of me will always be here."



Mission Service at AUC: Helping the Church Help Others

Surviving "island fever," living without good (any) tomatoes, and living with too many (any) cockroaches and rats is only a small part of student mission service to AUC senior history major Lorelie Osborn. The daughter of missionary parents now living back in South Lancaster, Lorelie knows that the greatest part of mission service is taking the Adventist message to those who desperately need to hear it.

Lorelie was one of ten student missionaries and two older volunteers who taught at Yap SDA School last year. She is returning to AUC this fall. "I'm glad to be home, but I wouldn't have exchanged this past year for anything," she says. Yes, it was hard being a ninth-grade teacher and a role model for dozens of young people, but the rewards of helping them learn were tremendous, she added. And for some reason, she says, she missed wearing sweaters—the regular ninety-degree heat at Yap was a bit much—but didn't mind wearing a uniform while she taught school, even though she had to wear a below-the-knee skirt while her male fellow teachers could wear shorts.

Although some student missionaries had to take an acute "learning curve" when they arrived in Yap, Lorelie was ready: "My classes and friendships at AUC prepared me for mission service—for living among and respecting people who think and live differently from me," she says. "I discovered quickly that I was getting a more valuable education at AUC than I knew. It was great to see how the college's unique program really works."

If it weren't for the hundred or so student missionaries—students from nearly all North American Division colleges—many SDA schools in Micronesia would have to close. And this is often true in the many other countries AUC students have served, dedicating a year of college to helping the SDA church help others. Atlantic Union College has sent out more than three hundred students into temporary mission service to the globe's five populated continents since the student missionary program began at the college in 1962.

For more information about the Student Missionary program at Atlantic Union College, call (508) 368-2255 or 1-800-282-2030, ext. 2255.

Taking Care of Our Friends: The Adult Degree Program at AUC

"It is the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Geraldine Fegan, a children's librarian in Lawrence, Mass., had wanted to complete her college degree for years, but simply couldn't find a program to fit her schedule. Encouraged to take action by her work supervisor, Fegan searched her library's resources to see what college-level programs were being marketed to working adults.

"I analyzed all of my options, and AUC's Adult Degree Program, all things considered, was number one," Fegan said. "And I was thrilled to find that it was right here in my backyard!"

Graduating from AUC with a B.A. in humanities in July, Fegan concluded, "It is the best thing that's ever happened to me."

Eileen Charbonneau of Holden, Mass., heard about AUC's Adult Degree Program while working as a nanny. Because her mother was a history teacher, Charbonneau always loved reading and discussing history, but was unsure of how to incorporate it into her career. Charbonneau graduated this summer with a B.A. in history, and has been working as a museum assistant in the research and collections library at Old Sturbridge Village since December.

"One of the reasons I got this job was because of being enrolled in the Adult Degree Program at AUC," Charbonneau said.

Like Fegan and Charbonneau, bank employee Nick Karellis of Trenton, N.J. graduated in July, completing his B.A. in theology. Karellis is now sending his resume out to churches hoping to work as an assistant pastor, and is



Carol Lee Trott, an incoming ADP student from Bermuda, already holds college degrees in communication and is studying education at AUC.

"One of my dreams from childhood was to be a pastor," said Rhone. "Now it is time for me to do something about it."



Dorothy Page, a member of the Worcester SDA Church, is a returning ADP student studying psychology.

contemplating pursuing an M. Div. or an M.A. in counseling in the near future.

Fegan, Charbonneau, and Karellis are only three of many successful scholars to graduate from AUC's Adult Degree Program. More than 25% of the baccalaureate degrees awarded by AUC in recent years are awarded to ADP graduates. Many students come to AUC to complete a second baccalaureate degree. The Adult Degree Program continues to assist working adults pursue their degrees and career goals by providing a flexible schedule, individual study supervisors, and a friendly supportive environment.

Stories of these and many other ADP graduates now serve as an inspiration and example for religion major Rudolph Rhone of the Bronx, N.Y. and the 30 other students who entered ADP in July. "One of my dreams from a child was to be a pastor," said Rhone. "Now it is time for me to do something about it."

The sense of purpose and determination most ADP students have is strengthened by the supportive atmosphere fostered by helpful faculty and friendly students. Teachers and students know each other on a first name basis. Professors are not only available to conference with ADP students during the January and July seminars, but also personally supervise study units through the rest of the year, regularly communicating (by phone, mail, and e-mail) to make sure that the projects are going smoothly. Students are quick to credit their professors, who help them in every step from application through graduation.

"My teachers are great down-to-earth people," said Karellis. "They worked with me to help me succeed. I tried to finish my degree in less than four years—and I did."

"The theology department helped me a lot with my admissions papers," new student Angel Jimenez of Puerto Rico said. "They were so friendly, and pleased to help me."



Margaret Attey, an Africa-Indian Ocean Division worker from Cote d'Ivoire who e-mails her work back to her AUC professors, is a returning Business Administration major.



New student John Burgos is studying computer science in AUC's Adult Degree Program while he continues his work in an international bank in Bermuda.



New ADP student Kathleen Walls from Alberta, Canada and returning student Nick Kanellis, originally from Greece, get acquainted at the ADP opening reception.

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Adult Degree Program Student Association president Eileen Charbonneau from Holden, Massachusetts and new student Karen Nicola engage other students in discussions about coping with the focused work of ADP's two-week seminars.



Incoming student Patricia Hicklin from Washington state, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees, came to AUC to prepare for elementary education and brought her two daughters to tour New England while she is in classes.

ADP students are also famous for helping each other. Student representatives and a student president are elected annually to answer student questions and assist scholars with their problems.

"My favorite thing about coming to seminars is that everybody is supportive, not competitive," said Charbonneau, who has served as student president since January.

"When we are here for a seminar we are like a family," said Karellis. "And those of us who have been here longer always try to help out the new students."

As a result of this atmosphere, the Adult Degree Program has been getting much of its promotion for free from present and past satisfied customers. Rudolph Rhone enrolled at AUC because Billy Jamil, an ADP alumnus and Rhone's friend from the Yonkers Seventh-day Adventist Church, recommended the program to him. Current students are ready to continue this tradition.

"I'm going back to Puerto Rico and telling all my friends about this program," said Jimenez. "Many of them are interested in theology, but don't know about AUC."

"People always ask me, 'How did you do this?'" Fegan said. "I've passed out many AUC bulletins. It's my way of paying the college back. I trust them to take care of my friends."



Theology major Angel Jimenez invited his wife to come along from Puerto Rico for two weeks of New England summer sunshine, historical sightseeing, and English practice while he continues his ADP unit at AUC.



Returning theology major Carlton Roulston of Toronto, Ontario, takes a break outside Haskell Hall with new student Andreas Mellas, a theology student also from Toronto.

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“Everybody Ought to Know”

RALPH O. DAWKINS



Over the past eight months my involvement with Atlantic Union College as president of our Alumni Association has developed in dramatic fashion—something like a whirlwind relationship, full of energy, but moving in more than one direction at a time. I could hardly stop for breath. I never imagined that the opportunity and privilege to serve the College and the community in this capacity would be so busy and multifaceted. I was also amazed at how much information I collected, and how much I still needed to know. Letters, phone calls, personal visits, and even e-mail could hardly keep me “up to speed” with my alma mater. AUC is changing and growing, and there is a lot about it that you need to know, too.

I have lived in the central Massachusetts area since I graduated from AUC in 1973. My family and I attend the College Church. I have had many friends through the years who worked at the College. But although I have felt “connected” to the school, I really didn’t know AUC the way I should have.

What I did know were the faces of a few students I just happened to meet in passing, some of AUC’s more outgoing faculty (especially the ones I went to school with), the name of the current president (and whether or not he was approved of by the general population). Basically, that is all I knew, except for the inevitable “juicy rumors” over the years. What is most embarrassing to me now, is that I didn’t want to know anything else. I

chose to believe that I had enough information to make an intelligent decision about one of the bastions of Adventist higher education. How wrong I was!

For me to say now that all I know are great and wonderful things would be inaccurate and extremely simplistic. I will, however, share some of the things that I see today that I did not look for in years past. I know, too, that most of these attributes have probably been there all along. First, I see a dedicated faculty and staff holding firmly to the spiritual tenets of our faith. Their loyalty to their

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students and to the institution cannot be questioned; their flexibility and willingness to adapt to uncertainty is remarkable. I see them exercising their faith on a grand scale, diligently and willingly facing their challenges daily.

Second, I see a united and focused student body. When I think of today’s students, I am reminded of the fervor I witnessed on campus in the later 1960’s and early 1970’s. Their sense of unity and their spirit are contagious. Recruitment has become a joint priority among both students and faculty.

Additionally, college administration is implementing a strong academic program for next year and planning for AUC to meet and be ready for the challenges of the year

2000. (Think of this: our incoming freshman will be the graduating class of 2000!) AUC’s new program has “put us on the map” of New England’s best schools this year. This is an administration that listens and acts. As a business person, I see fiscal responsibility in the way precious funds are allocated, spent and saved. This is not a pleasant task at times, but absolutely necessary.

Another phenomenon I see is a constituency who has taken charge and responsibility for their college. This is no minor issue. This is our college and these are our students. We have an obligation to prepare them for the work before them and to guide them to the Earth Made New.

I also see our local community, Adventist and non Adventist, supporting Atlantic Union College. There is also a reciprocal commitment by the college to serve the total community, the world and to prepare the way of the Lord.

Lastly, I see a Spirit—the Spirit Who is no stranger in this place, the Spirit Who calls the students, administration, faculty and staff of Atlantic Union College to service in faith. I assumed I knew AUC, but somehow I forgot Who was in control. Thank God the AUC community has not.

Ralph O. Dawkins is president of Staffing Dynamics, Inc., in Worcester, Mass. Actively involved in his community, he is the president of the Atlantic Union College Alumni Association, a member of the Southern New England Conference Association, and a local elder at the College Church.

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Enrollment at South Lancaster Academy last school year exceeded the projected figure and expectations for the coming school year are equally positive!

Many exciting plans are being made for the coming school year to continue to provide students with quality Christian education. The music department is expanding its program by starting an orchestra. The already state-of-the-art computer lab is being upgraded during the summer months to include Windows95 and Microsoft Office which will be incorporated into a new business education class entitled, Computer Applications, where students will learn to use software programs in word processing, spreadsheets, databases, presentations, as well as how to "surf the net."

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dents who qualify academically can earn college credits by enrolling in one college course per semester. "It was a tremendous opportunity," said Danielle Chaffee, a senior who will be attending Southern College this fall. "I am thrilled that I was able to participate in this program. I was able to complete two semesters of Freshman Rhetoric and two semesters of Anatomy and Physiology. I now know what is expected of me as a college student, and it has given me a great head start toward my degree in marine biology."

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WITNESS PLANS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

South Lancaster Academy's religious musical touring group, Witness, shared their ministry with numerous congregations throughout the past school year. In addition to visiting Seventh-day Adventist churches,



Witness also shared their faith through singing at the Lancaster Pre-Release Center, Pastor Bill Brace's evangelistic campaign, and the consecration service during S.L.A.'s graduation weekend.

Plans for Witness's touring schedule for the '96-'97 school year are presently being formed. Should you desire to have Witness share their ministry at your church, please have your pastor contact Patti Vandenbroek at (508) 368-8544 to schedule a date.

S.L.A. GOAL— EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Student industry is planned to be in place for the 1996-97 school year. Heavy market research and analysis are in process. Several options are surfacing. A group of business individuals have joined efforts to find business opportunities, investors, management, and a complete team ready to employ our students starting in August.

Mrs. Ellen G. White writes of industry, "... many students would gain a most valuable training if they would become self-sustaining. Instead of incurring debts or depending on the self-denial of their parents, let young men and women depend on themselves. ... The lessons in economy, industry, self-denial, practical business management, and steadfastness of purpose, thus mastered, would prove a most important part of their equipment for the battle of life." *Education* pp. 215-221.

South Lancaster Academy's goal is to provide employment for all students; however, realistically this industry will employ an increasing percentage of our students throughout the school year. These industry options, combined with other local job availabilities, will provide many of our students the opportunity to make Christian education affordable.

Jamie Daum

S.L.A. CHOIR AWARDED GOLD MEDAL

Members of grades 7-12 choirs from South Lancaster Academy participated in the M.I.C.A. (Massachusetts Instrumental Conductor's Association) Competition on April 2 under the skillful direction of S.L.A.'s music teacher, Sam Martinborough. Three choirs were entered in this year's competition.

There was some tough competition from the other 24 schools who participated, but all the hard preparatory work resulted in medals for each one of S.L.A.'s choirs. The Mixed Chorus (grades 7-12) received a Bronze Medal, Kaleidoscope (special touring choir) received a Silver Medal, and the Concert Choir (grades 9-12) received a Gold Medal.

One of the recurring themes in the judges' comments after the competition was the group's ability to change musical styles and their stage presence. An-



Concert Choir proudly poses with the gold medal received for its performance in recent M.I.C.A. competition.

other judge remarked that one of the biggest advantages he saw in S.L.A.'s choirs was their belief in the messages stated in the words of the songs and their love of those messages.

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GBA CHOIR CRUSADES FOR CHRIST IN NIZHNI NOVGOROD, RUSSIA

Southern New England Conference evangelist Bill Brace approached principal Bill Arnold about the possibility of Greater Boston Academy (GBA) choir accompanying him and two other pastors to Russia to assist with their crusades. Pastor Brace, choir director Laurie K. Redmer, and fellow teachers Rondi Aastrup and Kevin Worth, who were also choir members, prayerfully planned for the April 9 to 22, 1996, mission trip.

The choir members, excited about the trip and undaunted by the unknown, worked hard to raise the money each needed to make the trip, to learn new music, and to take in as much as they could about the new culture in which they would be living.

Before the group departed, principal Arnold surrounded them with classmates, family, and friends who had come to see them off and prayed for their safety and their witness.

In Moscow John Kantor, Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN) director of operations at Nizhni Novgorod, met the group. Host homes were located all over the vast city of Nizhni.

Friday morning, the group embarked on the first of 18 scheduled singing appointments. The first concert was at an orphanage. After the concert, the singers emptied the contents of two duffel bags full of gifts, inspiring the director.

Day engagements were in hospitals and schools; evenings at one of two crusade sites: a theater within city limits with Bill Brace, and in a gymnasium complex about 45 minutes away in the rural suburb of Bogorodski, where Stanley Michael of White Plains, New York,

and Ives Roberts of the Northboro, Massachusetts, district were in charge. Afterwards, Pastor Brace distributed Bibles to those who wanted them. These Bibles, or money for the purchase of new Bibles, had been donated by people all across America responding to an appeal of 3ABN or requests of the choir members. The Russian people were eager just to have a Bible in their possession. Most of the Bibles were written in English. The sight of so many reaching for something they could only hold was testimony to the power of the Word of God.

One afternoon, the choir taped a half-hour concert in the 3ABN studio to be broadcast throughout the

wanted to or because their parents forced them to. Every single choir member testified they attended GBA, a religious school, because they wanted to, because they wanted to be educated in Christ. The Russian students had a hard time understanding such free choice, but they also admired it.

For the young people, the trip revealed their eagerness to learn of and share with their Russian counterparts. They were enthusiastic to witness of their Lord through music and conversation. They were a blessing over and over.

When it came time to leave Nizhni on Saturday night, the choir members, teary-eyed and husky-voiced, said their good byes to the crowd of Adventists who had gathered at the train station to see them off. All in the group had been affected in ways they never expected. Pastor Brace said:

"This group of young people was as fine a contingency of kids that it has ever been my privilege to minister with and to travel alongside. They were simply outstanding in their music and in their conduct. [We had] nary a problem. . . . The school, the church, and their parents can feel that they have represented them well. And as pleased as I was, I know that Jesus was even more so. It shows that Christian education is well worth the investment."

And Kevin Worth wrote:

"I cannot adequately explain the blessings I received on this trip. . . . The Seventh-day Adventists we encountered made us all feel very welcome and hosted us as if we were their long lost brothers and sisters. . . . I, as well as everyone else, made friends that touched my life. . . . As one of our friends, Misha, so compellingly stated at the train platform just before we left Nizhni, 'How great it will be in heaven when we can all speak the same language!'"

Rondi Aastrup, English/Journalism



The GBA choir poses with Pastor Bill Brace (far right) and 3ABN Bible worker and TV hostess Julia Oetkina in the Central SDA Church (the only SDA-built and owned church in Nizhni Novgorod). Julia's brother is the Governor of the Nizhni Region, and a Yeltsin supporter.

Nizhni Novgorod region. Earlier that morning, the young people served 3ABN several hours working at the construction site of the conference office and broadcast center.

After a concert in a K-12 teacher preparatory school, the choir was surprised to learn this was the first time anyone had brought religion into the school. The Russian students wanted to know if the students attended GBA because they

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Greater New York

861 ENJOY GREATER NEW YORK CAMPOREE

For the four days of Memorial Day weekend, May 24-27, the grounds of Camp Kunatah in upstate Narrowsburg, New York, resounded with the laughter and footsteps of Greater New York Pathfinders. Though a number of Pathfinder clubs could not attend this year, 861 Pathfinders and support staff participated in the 1996 camporee.

Conference President, Charles and Evelyn Griffin, spoke on Sabbath, and presentations were given by psychiatrist Ben Abastillas and Eng Kong Liew, DDS, on caring for mental and dental health, respectively. The ABC sponsored a reptile show that drew enthusiastic response as well.

Overseeing such a large encampment of enthusiastic young people was made much easier, according to Conference Youth Director Dionisio Olivo, by the attitudes of the campers themselves. "The



Shown are campers and counselors working on some of the various events involving survival and other skills. (Top) Roman Chariots, a timed event in which campers must construct a "chariot" for conveying one person, using wood and ropes; and semaphores, communication involving special flags.

youth were very well disciplined. Though the buildings in this particular campground were very spread out, the clubs were on time throughout the weekend and both young people and staff had a very good spirit. God protected us—there were no incidents or accidents the entire time. The unity of the whole camp was a real blessing to us all," he said.

The work of planning and hosting the camporee and other Pathfinder activities is assisted in by five volunteers from churches around the conference. These include Chris Bramwell, Pastor Lloyd Scharffenberg, Nidia Howard, Antigua Townsend and Samuel Lopez.

Pathfinder clubs are increasing in Greater New York, with six added to date in 1996. Churches that have not had Pathfinder activity before are now involved, Elder Olivo reports, representing the wide spectrum of ethnic diversity within the conference.

OLD WESTBURY YOUTH INVITE MOTHERS TO VOLUNTEER BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

This year, youth of the Old Westbury church prepared a special treat in honor of mothers, in addition to their traditional morning recognition time when the youngest and oldest mothers (Elizabeth Nagy and Margaret Wishnevsky, respectively) were honored with special corsages, and each mother attending was given a carnation.

In the afternoon, the church's AY department, directed by Awilda



Mothers participating in the Bible game panel included (L. to R.) Gail Wooten, Jolan Horvath, Rosa Silva, Tina DeFranco and Evoy Phyll.

Claros, presented a warm and lively program. The church was filled with people who joined in the laughter as the young people called

for volunteer mothers to join them up front to be part of the program.

The young emcees asked questions about women in the Bible. Mothers rose to the challenge with enthusiasm, demonstrating that they really know their Bibles. The program concluded with songs, poems and a skit given by the young people. Younger children distributed a special gift to each mother present, and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Ana Burgio
Communication Committee
Old Westbury Church

New York

NEVER SAY NEVER!!

Meet Vern Roberson, a former Pentecostal who decided never to set foot in an Adventist church, much less join its ranks! Never say never! God had a different plan for this sincere individual.

It began with disenchantment with his childhood beliefs and culminated this spring with his baptism and joining God's family in the Dexterville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Various key elements such as the book, *The Great Controversy*, a cassette tape by James



Vern Roberson (left) during his baptism by Pastor Joel Nephew.

Bershire, a book by Dan Jarrard and weekly studies with Pastor Joel Nephew were instrumental in bringing about this joyful outcome.

We praise the Lord for Vern's decision and for his family who never stopped hoping and praying. May he remain faithful to his Saviour and Lord. Welcome, Vern.

Corina Nephew

NINA CELEBRATES 99TH BIRTHDAY

How do I introduce on paper a loving, caring Christian such as Nina Clute? When I returned to church about 15 years ago, Nina was one of the most active members in the church. Beside her church appointments, she always greeted everyone with a kiss and a smile. Her home was open to everyone, and she was visited by many friends and family. She still greets members and visitors at the door. She



loves life and people, but most of all, she loves Jesus.

Nina was born April 20, 1897, to George Phillip Baugh and Mary Katherine Bergner Baugh in Rockford, Illinois. She has two children, Elder William Menshausen II, a retired pastor who is very active in the Saratoga church, and Mrs. Ruth Johnson who is an elder and personal ministries leader in her church in Galex, Virginia.

Happy birthday, Nina, our sister and our friend.

Francine French

CAMPUS MINISTRIES PROVIDES SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

During the past school year, Campus Ministries provided several opportunities for spiritual growth through outreach and nurture. Weekly joint worships, Friday night vespers, Sabbath school programs, Sabbath afternoon hikes and Bible studies helped to nurture us spiritually. There were F.O.C.U.S. weeks (Focus On Christ's Ultimate Sacri-

fice), with such speakers as Merlin and Juanita Kretschmar and David Buttrick. A Student Week of Prayer was also coordinated. A Spiritual Emphasis weekend featured LeClaire Litchfield as speaker, and in coordination with the Conference office, Mark Witas spoke during our Youth Rally. Once a month, a group called "Reflections" presented the entire church service in conference churches.

Students had opportunities for outreach through the Rescue Mis-

sion in Syracuse by distributing food and clothing to the homeless and singing in area nursing homes.

For the next school year, F.O.C.U.S. week speakers include Ken Rogers. All of the "Reflections" dates are not yet taken, so if you wish your church service taken by teens, contact the Campus Chaplain as soon as possible. As students continue to provide input and participation, the spiritual atmosphere will continue to improve at Union Springs Academy.

Bulletin Board

Sunset Table

Eastern Daylight Saving Time

	Sept. 6	Sept. 13	Sept. 20	Sept. 27
Bangor, ME	7:00	6:47	6:33	6:20
Portland, ME	7:05	6:52	6:39	6:26
Boston, MA	7:07	6:55	6:42	6:30
So. Lancaster, MA	7:09	6:57	6:45	6:32
Pittsfield, MA	7:16	7:03	6:51	6:39
Hartford, CT	7:13	7:01	6:49	6:36
New York, NY	7:17	7:06	6:54	6:42
Albany, NY	7:18	7:06	6:53	6:41
Utica, NY	7:24	7:12	6:59	6:46
Syracuse, NY	7:28	7:15	7:03	6:50
Rochester, NY	7:34	7:21	7:08	6:56
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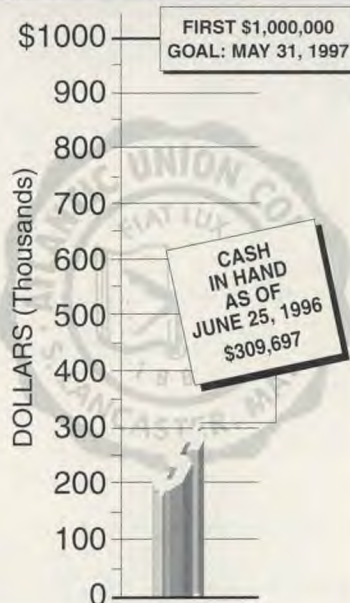
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Northeastern

NORTHEASTERN SCHOOLS HOLD GRADUATION

The metropolitan schools in the Northeastern Conference held their graduation on June 16, 1996, at the Lehman College auditorium in the Bronx, New York.

One hundred and sixty-two el-

ementary students and twenty-eight from Northeastern Academy received their diplomas. Judge Eardell J. Rashford of the Ephesus church, and Pastor Anthony Medley, Conference Youth director, spoke to the elementary and academy students, respectively. Mrs. Clara Reed, wife of Lebanon church

Pastor Willis Reed, received the Zapara Award for teaching excellence and NEA senior, Maxine Young (3.8 G.P.A.) gave the Valedictory address.

In attendance were Atlantic Union Education Department leaders Paul Kilgore and Rosemary Tyrell.

NORTHEASTERN CONFERENCE STUDENT TRIPLE HONORS RECIPIENT

Mattisha Marie Parham was the recipient of triple honors at her school during the week of June 10-14, 1996. Mattisha, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James F. Parham, pastor of the Jefferson Avenue SDA Church of Rochester, New York, is a junior at Career Magnet School of Math and Science in New Haven, Connecti-

cut. She was inducted into the National Honor Society on Tuesday, and again inducted into the Spanish National Honor Society on Thursday, and Thursday was also elected as Who's Who in High School Students of America.

Not only has Mattisha excelled academically, maintaining a 4.0 G.P.A., but she also runs track,



works as a part-time secretary for Griswald Special Care 15 hours per week, is a very active counselor and Master Guide in Pathfinders, sings in the young adult choir, and serves as an associate AYS director.

Mattisha's plans are to graduate and matriculate to Oakwood College where she wants to major in business.

HISPANIC CAMP MEETING WELL ATTENDED

On May 24-27 more than 1,200 Spanish-speaking members of the Northeastern Conference gathered at Camp Victory Lake in Hyde Park, New York, for their 1996 Camp meeting. The encampment, reduced this year to one weekend, was, nonetheless, a great success.

Services began Friday night and continued all day Sabbath and Sun-

day morning. A few members remained until Memorial Day, May 27. Principal speaker for the weekend was the dynamic Hispanic Coordinator and Evangelist for the Lake Region Conference, Hugo Gambets. His spirit-filled, energetic, and convicting gospel messages were much appreciated with many attendees asking, if not demanding, that he return at some future date. Camp meeting remains an important part in the spiritual life of the

Hispanic people. "It is always well attended and is a great blessing to our people," noted Northeastern Conference Hispanic coordinator, Ireneo Martinez.

In attendance representing the Conference were President Stennett Brooks, and departmental directors Larry Bailey and C.A. Murray, along with Selwyn Ash, associate treasurer.

C. A. Murray

NORTHEASTERN ACADEMY NOTES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Northeastern Academy celebrated its 50th Anniversary during services held May 17-19. Venues for the commemoration included the Academy, the Ephesus church, and Terrace on the Park in Flushing, Queens.

A service was held on Friday evening at the Academy; Sabbath morning at Ephesus; and the gala banquet at the Terrace Restaurant.

During the 50 years that the school has carried the name "Northeastern Academy," it has had 10 principals: Samuel Darby, Lester Williamson, Nathaniel Ashby,

Colin Pitter, Jonathan Roache, Lester Valentine. Edna Lett Williamson, Esmee Bovell, Pearl T. Bell, and currently Melcher Monk.

Chairperson for the weekend activities was Desmond Mahoney of the Lebanon church.

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